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OFFICE OF THE SPOKANE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATOR
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Ms. Callie T. Dietz
State Court Administrator
Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts
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RE: Spokane Regional Risk/Needs/Responsivity System

Dear Administrator Dietz:

The City of Spokane and Spokane County are one of eleven selected sites participating in the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge. The purpose of this initiative is to safely reduce our local jail population, reduce our average length of stay for defendants, and to address racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system. One of our main deliverables is to build a risk/needs/responsivity (RNR) system across pretrial (PTS), jail booking and county/city probation.

We are partnering with Dr. Zach Hamilton of Washington State University to assist us in developing a locally normed and validated RNR tool for our region. One of our first deliverables is to build the PTS tool in order for judicial officers to make informed release decisions from the bench. A necessary component of the PTS tool is access to current criminal history data in order to auto-populate the criminal history and warrant information on the tool.

I am writing to seek permission to access AOC criminal history and warrant data, on a daily basis, so that we can create a highly functional tool. Specifically, we would look to collect the following information:

Variable	Type	Description
CcrdCaseID	identifier, numeric and character, varied lengths	Combination of letters and numbers assigned to the case, to be used as an identifier
CcrdCourtLevel	categorical, single letter	The court where the case is tried (juvenile, district, municipal, or superior)
CcrdCaseType	categorical, 1-5 characters	Type of case (criminal, status offense, dependency, etc.)
CcrdOffenseDate	date, MMDDYYYY	Date offense occurred
CcrdCaseFileDate	date, MMDDYYYY	Date case was filed
CcrdAdjudicationDate	date, MMDDYYYY	Date adjudication occurred
CcrdDispositionCode	categorical, 3 letters	Type of disposition (conviction, deferral, diversion, dismissal, no action taken, etc)
CcrdLawDescription	categorical (barely), combination of words and numbers	Written description of the charges, but there are many variations of the same offense

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CcrdLawSeverity	Numerical from -1 to 142	WSIPP law severity code, which includes scores from all offenses from non-criminal offenses to felony homicide
CcrdCountyText	categorical	The name of the county where the court action took place
sdk_cd	categorical, 1-6 letters	Docket data for identifying FTA cases in Superior Courts
CLJ warrant data		Docket data for identifying FTA cases in District Courts

We are hopeful that we can partner with AOC in order to make this important component of our tool operational. It will save thousands of hours of manual input in the tool if we are able to partner. We have tight timelines with our MacArthur project, and we are currently aiming for a mid-October launch of the PTS tool. Although the auto-population of the criminal history does not have to be in place when we launch, we would like to have auto-population in place before the end of the year.

I would be happy to set up a conference call to discuss this project further. Please advise as to the best next steps. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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