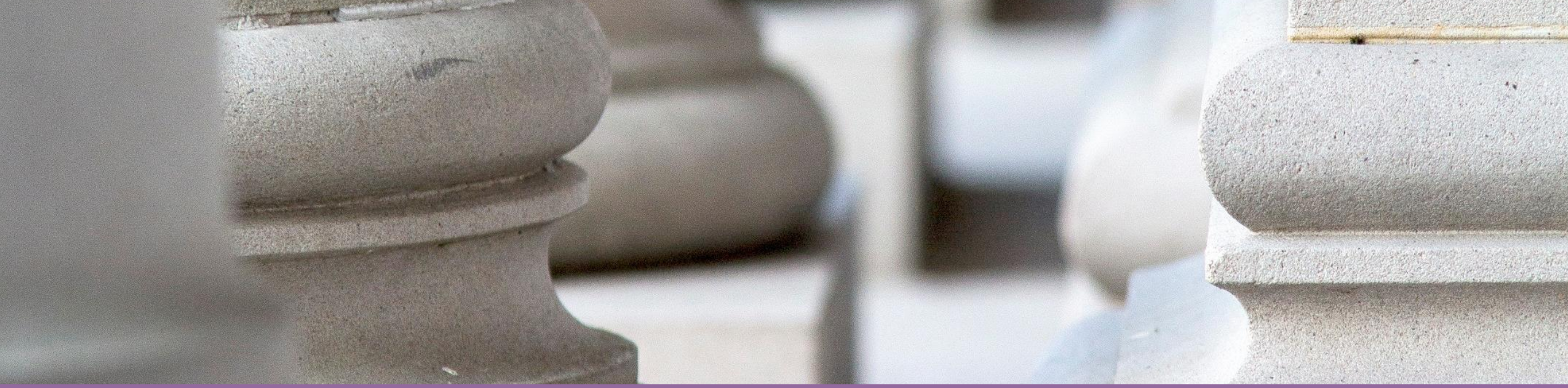

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Juvenile Program Updates

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ITG 248 – Juvenile Court Assessment Tool (JCAT)

Background

- Juvenile Court Assessment Tool (JCAT) will replace the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT).
- Washington State Juvenile Court Administrators (WAJCA) submitted an Information Technology Governance (ITG) request 248 to enhance the PACT tool.
- JCAT will be a modern and flexible system that ISD will be able to support the changing needs of juvenile assessments.

Project Scope

- 4 Iterations:
  - Iteration 1: User Interface + Dashboard + Demo
  - Iteration 2: Assessments with Results
  - Iteration 3: Programs (Evidence Based Programs + Community Intervention Programs)
  - Iteration 4: Reports

Iterative Activities for JCAT's 4 Stages

Requirements	Design/Development	Quality Assurance	User Acceptance Test
Stakeholder Engagement	Functional & Technical Design	Design Test cases	User Acceptance Test Plan (UAT)
Requirements Development	Coding & Unit Testing	Test Execution	Execute UAT & User Feedback

Current Status & Progress

- Iteration 1 is in progress
  - Completed stages
    - Business requirements
    - Functional & technical design
  - In progress
    - Development
  - QA will begin in November
- Iteration 2 Business Requirements is in progress

Future Work

Pending Information Technology Governance (ITG) requests waiting for resources

- ITG 1332 – JCS Platform Migration – Authorized
- ITG 1369 – Juvenile Records to DOL Exchange – Authorized
- ITG 1373 – Replace JCS – Authorized

ITG 1332 – JCS Platform Migration – Authorized

- Juvenile and Correction System (JCS) was developed in a niche MAGIC XPA programming language, which is a rapid application development platform. It has been difficult to hire developers with this skill. Hence, ISD's ability to support the changes requested by the Juvenile Court Administrators has been difficult.
- ISD proposed platform re-write JCS from XPA to Microsoft .NET platform in 2022 via ITG 1332. This request was approved by the ISD Director.
- The project started in 2022. It is currently it is on hold, waiting for resources.

ITG 1369 – Juvenile Records to DOL Exchange – Authorized

- Per RCW 13.50.200, courts are required to notify Department of Licensing whenever a juvenile is arrested for a motor vehicle violation. Most courts do not notify DOL when a juvenile record has been sealed. This presents an issue when DOL should treat sealed juvenile cases “as if they never occurred.”
- AOC Data Dissemination Administrator requested that we develop a data exchange with Department of Licensing to notify when juvenile cases are sealed. This request was approved by the ISD Director.
- An interim solution is in place allowing DOL to correct this issue.
- Resource discussion is underway to implement the permanent solution.

ITG 1373 – Replace JCS – Authorized

- Juvenile and Correction System (JCS) is an aging system, in use for nearly 20 years. JCS currently, only offers functionality to manage referrals, limited detention management, and lacks supervision module.
- Juvenile Departments have been using local systems for detention management and other missing functions in JCS.
- Juvenile Courts have submitted an ITG request 1373 for an all-in-one, modern solution that supports management of youths, referrals, detentions, supervision, reporting, and assessments.
- ITG 1373 was approved and prioritized by the JISC in June 2024.
- Current Status:
  - AOC is working on JCS replacement high level business requirements
  - AOC is planning to submit a 2026 supplemental budget package for external consultants to conduct an in-depth analysis of the requirements and recommend the modernization approach to replace JCS

Questions?