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Winnebago County enjoys integration success

Winnebago County has implemented a new court and case management system to improve data sharing within the county and the 17th Judicial Circuit.

Efforts began in 2006 on a comprehensive plan to improve justice processes between agencies. The county set out to create a more efficient, integrated system that collected shared information on investigations, civil and domestic cases, city offenses, county detention, pre-trial supervision, court case processing, and post-trial supervision of both adults and juveniles.

Officials initiated the project with a gap analysis that focused on technology, organization, staffing, and business processes. The project was funded through a county bond issuance and cost savings generated by office automation and record storage. The following agencies are now a part of a full court enterprise, which went live in November 2010:

- 17th Judicial Circuit Court.
- Rockford Information Services Department.

- Rockford Police Department.
- Winnebago County Communications and Information Services Department.
- Winnebago County Department of Court Services Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, and Detention Divisions.
- Winnebago County Office of the Circuit Court Clerk.
- Winnebago County Public Defender's Office.
- Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.
- Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office.

Save the date for an IIJIS Briefing Session on this effort. "The Road to Integration: Winnebago County" will be presented on Thursday, Oct. 20, from noon to 4:30 p.m., at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., in Chicago. Registration begins in August. For more information, visit www.icjia.state.il.us/IIJIS.

Survey reveals integration plans, challenges across Illinois

The 2009 IIJIS Survey revealed that a variety of integration projects are in planning or under way in many counties across the state.

Champaign, Clinton, Coles, Cook, DuPage, Kankakee, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, McLean, Sangamon, St. Clair, Will, Winnebago, and other counties across Illinois reported planning or implementation of integrated systems in a variety of formats. At the same time, counties face nu-

merous challenges to integration success, including disparate systems, refusal among key players to share or exchange data, and a lack of funding, adequate software, and other resources.

More than 500 criminal justice practitioners were surveyed to gain insight on information sharing needs and practices of criminal justice agencies in Illinois. Surveys were sent to county sheriffs, state's attorneys, circuit court clerks, pub-

lic defenders, and probation departments in each Illinois county, and a sample of local police departments.

These results are being used in strategic planning of policies, technologies, and funding resources that address the increasing justice information demands of society. In addition, knowledge gained by each county's successes, and failures, can be leveraged by others working toward their own integrated systems.

About IIJIS

Created in 2003, the IIJIS Implementation Board is an intergovernmental entity dedicated to facilitating the electronic sharing of justice information throughout Illinois.

IIJIS is a collaborative effort of criminal justice decision makers and stakeholders working together to enhance public safety by making complete, accurate, and timely information available to all justice decision-makers.

Several integration efforts are under way in counties and local municipalities across the state. Successful integrated justice efforts are dependent upon a collaborative spirit among stakeholders who are committed to creating a fully integrated system.

The IIJIS Implementation Board promotes electronic justice information sharing by coordinating the development, adoption, and implementation of plans for systems designed to help positively identify individuals, provide offender status and history information, electronically exchange case information as it flows through the justice system, and share police incident report data.

Day-to-day work of IIJIS is carried out by ICJIA staff. For more information on IIJIS, visit www.icjia.state.il.us.IIJIS.



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IIJIS Implementation Board Chair and Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown discusses justice integration at the ICJIA Strategic Planning Summit in September 2010. The event was attended by more than 200 state, local, and national criminal justice practitioners. Photo by Terry Dugan.

Be a part of the solution: Join an IIJIS committee today!

Would you like to join a dynamic group of justice professionals creating solutions for local and statewide information sharing needs? The IIJIS Implementation Board is looking for motivated individuals to support its Funding, Outreach, Policy & Planning, and Technical committees.

The Funding Committee coordinates funding strategies for integrated justice initiatives. The Outreach Committee works to promote and educate others on the IIJIS initiative. The Policy & Planning Committee is responsible for strategic planning of and policy development for integrated systems across Illinois. And the Technical Committee brings

stakeholder organizations together to comprehensively and effectively plan justice information systems across the state. Justice professionals are needed to support these committees.

The IIJIS Implementation Board represents agencies spanning the full spectrum of the Illinois justice system—at city, county, and state levels. This includes law enforcement, prosecution, defense, the judiciary, corrections, and relevant non-justice agencies. Your support and expertise are needed to help further this important initiative. Contact Herbert Johnson, IIJIS Project Manager, at 312.793.0891, or e-mail Herbert.Johnson@Illinois.gov.

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