

Court/Child Welfare NET Task Force

Mission Statement

For children and families entitled to safety, permanency, well-being, and due process, the *Court/Child Welfare National Exchange Template* (“*Court/Child Welfare NET*”) provides for complete, timely, and accurate information exchanges between courts and child welfare agencies. This solution expedites service provision, party notification, and court orders. It also reduces redundant data entry, improves data accuracy, and provides for performance measurement. Best of all, no court or child welfare agency needs a new management information system to exchange critical information.

Data-Exchange Benefits

- More timely information
- Reduced redundant data entry
- Outcome-based management reports related to safety, permanency, well-being, and due process
- Comprehensive court, placement, and treatment history
- Reduced administration from scheduling, data collection, document storage, and paper flow
- Effective, economical, and efficient case management systems

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The Court/Child Welfare NET Task Force comprises a cross-section of state and national court and child welfare professionals (judges, agency administrators, and child welfare attorneys, and representatives of national organizations), who have been meeting voluntarily since October 2007. The committee has provided advice on policies, procedures, and priorities regarding the planning, management, integration, implementation, and support of technologies and software applications for the child welfare data elements.

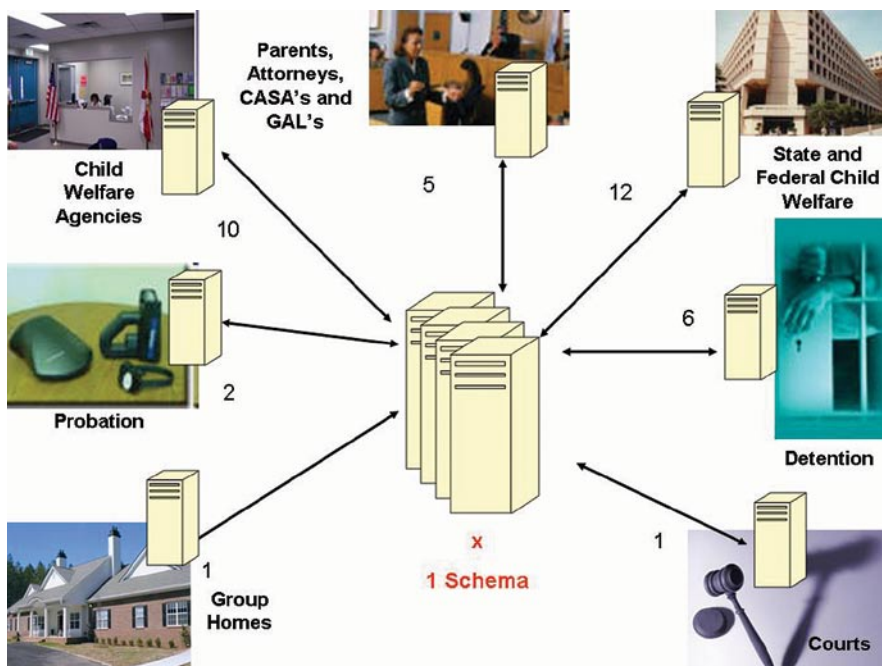
Examples of Data Exchanges

- Court case information
- Party information
- Court and agency hearings and events
- Attorney names and roles
- Removal dates and reasons for removal
- Caseworker history
- Interstate compact placement contract
- Family service plan transferred real-time electronically
- Co-occurring cases, including child support cases

We want the National Exchange Template to apply to as many jurisdictions as possible.

You can help by sharing your state's processes and terminology and by reviewing current data-exchange documents.

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“From courts, Court/Child Welfare NET provides to agencies complete court orders as well as settings, pending warrants, and other necessary judicial information. From agencies, Court/Child Welfare NET provides to courts thorough and accurate court report information such as treatment and service plan progress, as well as special requests such as interpreters or security needs. It will assist courts in making decisions in the best interest of children.”

—Judge Rob Hofmann, Mason, TX