

# **A Balancing Act: Risks and Benefits of Information Sharing in Dual Status Youth Reform**

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# Collaboration



# Information Sharing Toolkit

[www.infosharetoolkit.org](http://www.infosharetoolkit.org)

- **Category 1:**

- Information sharing for purposes of individual case planning and decision making

- **Category 2:**

- Data collection and sharing for law, policy, and program development

- **Category 3:**

- Data collection and sharing for program evaluation and performance measurement

# Information Sharing Scenarios



# Benefits of Information Sharing

- Efficiency
- Effectiveness
- Encouraged by federal and state law

# Information Sharing Concerns

- Is it legal?
- Is it necessary?
- Might there be unintended consequences?

# Unintended Consequences of Information Sharing

Incrimination

Violations of  
Confidentiality

Bias

# Strategies: Agreed-Upon Principles

- Presumption of non-disclosure
- “Need to know”
- Sharing governed by federal and state laws
- Due process – self incrimination



# Strategies: Learning About One Another's Systems

## Cross-Training

- Missions and Mandates
- Case Flow Process
- Information Sharing Policy
- New Practices?



# Strategies: Become Informed about the Laws

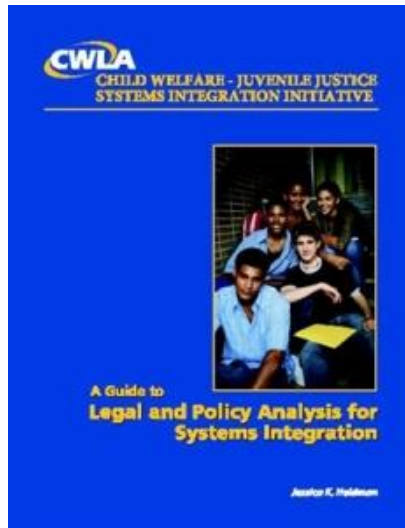
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HIPPA who?

Sorry, I can't tell you  
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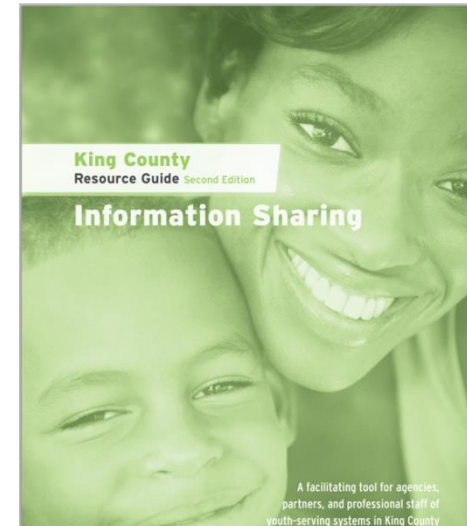


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Legal Analysis Guide



Information Sharing Guides

## Information Sharing in Youth and Family Serving Systems: An Attorney's Guide

The appropriate sharing of necessary information is an essential part of ensuring more effective processes in working with youth and families involved in child welfare and juvenile justice. The ability to identify and share meaningful data and information is critical in case planning for system-involved youth as well as monitoring and evaluating reform efforts undertaken on their behalf. Despite the value of sharing information, there are valid concerns among attorneys regarding the risks of sharing information and the need for protections to be in place. In addition, the development of processes for sharing can be fraught with obstacles often arising from a lack of understanding or a misunderstanding of legal parameters. This course provides a review of the specific federal laws and regulations governing information sharing, guidance on the methods by which state statutes may be researched, constitutional considerations of due process, and practical methods for designing information sharing strategies that best serve youth and families.

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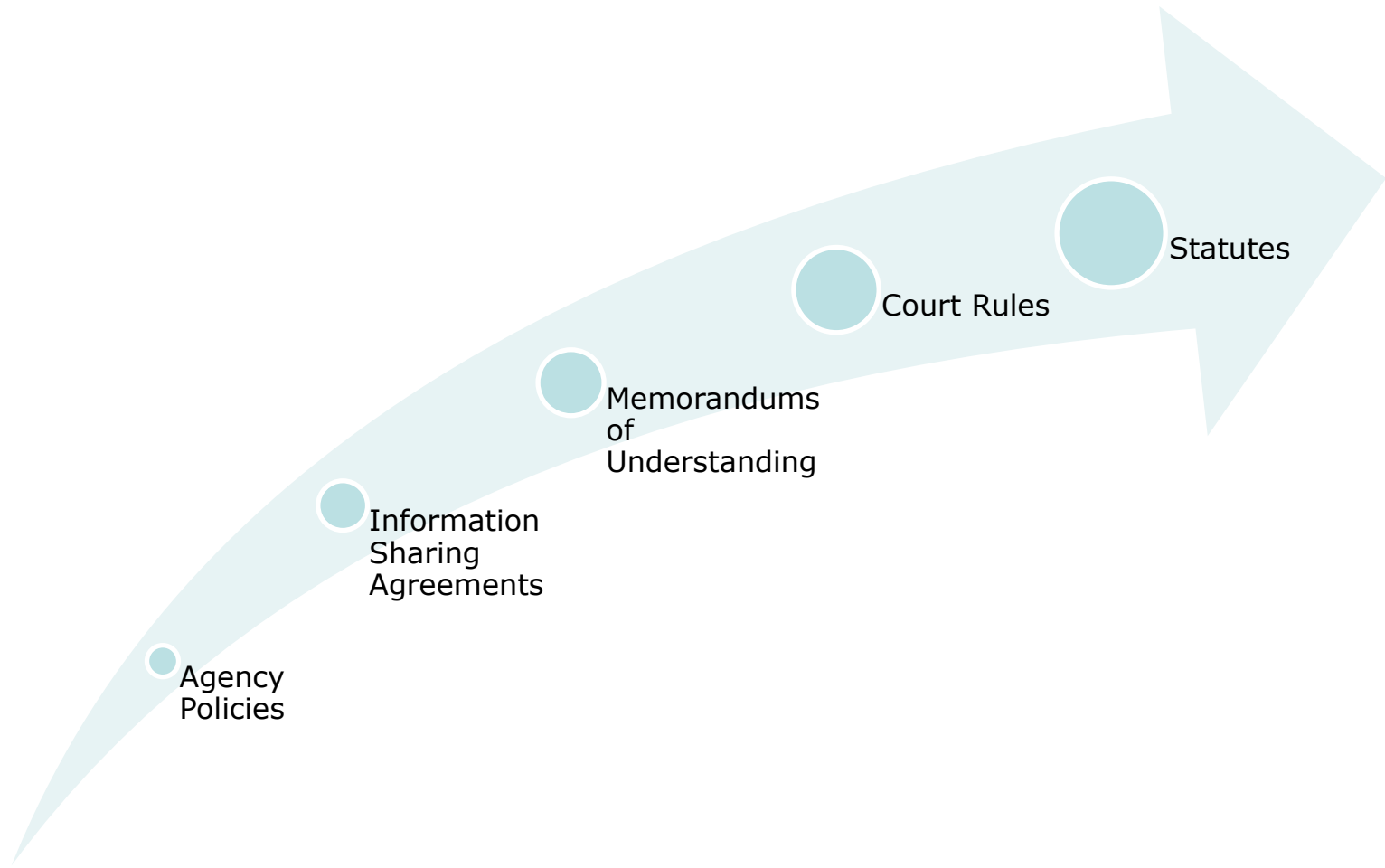
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# Strategies: Building Protections

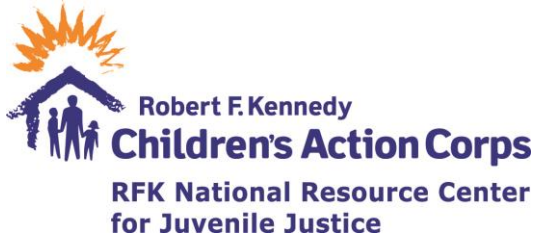


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# Information Sharing in the Real World

- YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE WHO YOU ARE JUST HOW YOU INTERACT
- PARACHUTES
- TRUST (BUT VERIFY)
- ACKNOWLEDGE REALITY



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