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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
HAMPDEN COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER RE INFORMATION SHARING  
REGARDING CHILD AND FAMILY**

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Hampden County is participating in a "Crossover Youth: Models for Change Project" (hereafter "Project") to promote increased cooperation, coordination and integration at the administrative and service delivery levels for the benefit of children and families within the purview of both the child protection and juvenile delinquency systems;

The following entities are participating in the Project: Hampden County Juvenile Court, the Department of Youth Services, the Department of Children and Families, the Office of the Hampden District Attorney;

The child named above has been identified as a juvenile with an open child protection case and an active juvenile delinquency case, thereby falling within the target population;

The juvenile and the parent(s) or legal custodian(s) have had an opportunity to be heard by the court on this date with respect to the sharing of information.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The Court finds that the benefit to the individuals whose private and confidential information will be shared, and the benefit to the juvenile delinquency and child protection systems outweighs any harm to the confidentiality interests of those who are the subject of the information shared;
2. The Court, the Department of Youth Services, the Department of Children and Families and the Hampden District Attorney's Office may share private and confidential information related to the child and his/her family if the information is to be used to provide better and more coordinated services to the child and/or his/her family;
3. The Court, the Department of Youth Services, the Department of Children and Families and the Hampden District Attorney's Office may share private and confidential information with one another for the sole purpose of determining appropriate services or actions to take with respect to a child presenting to one of these parties with an active

case. Information shared pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to that minimally necessary to coordinate services for the child's current matter;

4. The information shared may only be used to coordinate services to the child identified in this Order, his/her family, and as otherwise authorized by law;
5. This Order shall remain in effect until the completion of the Project or until further order of the court.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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First / Associate / Circuit Justice  
Hampden County Juvenile Court