

Model to improve justice information sharing and integration

The justice enterprise is made up of many different kinds of organizations at different levels of government-local police agencies, county prosecutors and probation officers, state correctional facilities, the FBI, and many others that all play vital roles. The effectiveness of the justice enterprise depends on the ability of all the players to share and integrate information about offenders, court cases, investigations, trends, and performance. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs has awarded CTG a \$503,000 grant to develop a capability model for assessing and improving the ability of justice agencies to engage in effective information sharing and integration.

The 18-month project is in the early phase of drafting a capability assessment model that will be evaluated and refined by practitioners from around the country through workshops, field visits, and interviews. It will address at least five aspects of capability: governance, staffing, policies, data quality, and information technology. Assessments of each of these areas should result in strategies for addressing gaps or weaknesses in capability in a practical and affordable way.

The project involves active collaboration with justice system practitioners and leadership organizations such as the National Governors Association and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers.

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