

CHINS
Data Collection Sub-Committee
Meeting April 11, 2006

Members Present – Senator Karen Spilka

Rosalind Walter – DSS

Glen Daly – EOHHS

Jim Morton - Juvenile Courts

Pat Walsh – Probation

Carmen Cicchetti – Probation

Robert Tansi – DYS

Mary Anne Padien, Office of Sen. Spilka

Erin Bradley, Office of Sen. Spilka

Jill Vandembosh, Office of Sen. Spilka

- **DSS** – Only able to share data with other EOHHS departments. Intake paperwork is not a reliable count of all children in the home and it does not record if intake is voluntary. DSS has received data from DYS to compare if the same children were on both lists. Hard to match data because only had name and DOB. Already doing some work with the Juvenile Courts system.
 - Handout of 2005 data of CHINS placement. Shows 1-6 month period of records with a placement or a court case. This data does count multiple placements by same child.
- **Probation** - Can provide aggregate data: number of newly terminated cases sorted by court, county and state. This data does not have gender, only raw numbers (Public Information).

The CHINS database that probation uses, is based on the application process that goes before the court. This data contains: name, DOB, address, parents name, place of birth, social security number, race, type of CHINS, date of agreement. This data needs to be requested through the trial courts' IT department.

- **DYS** - CHINS data is captured at the intake but these are not done regularly and there are regional differences on how intake is captured. Would need to speak with legal department on what data can be exchanged between departments.
- School records are the most common form of data on children. Every child has one and EOHHS has access to date.
- Discussion continued on figuring out what each agency has and what we can do with this data. We need to be clear on exactly what we have in each data system.

- Glen presented idea of looking at this process through 3 parts:
 1. Policy Questions
 2. Data Available
 3. Legal Restrictions/Implications

To Be Accomplished:

1. Carmen requests specific information on what exactly we are looking for in regards to raw numbers on the data.
2. Senator Spilka's office will contact each agency involved to determine what we have, what we need, and what can be exchanged through departments.
3. **Next Meeting May 9, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at the State House.
Room number TBD.**