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DATE: February 4, 2013
TO: County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors
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SUBJECT: State Identification Number - COMPAS

The Division of Juvenile Corrections has recognized that obtaining a State Identification Number or SID in order to allow for a youth to be entered into COMPAS is a substantial roadblock for most county juvenile agencies. Armed with that information and a statutory requirement for DJC to offer an assessment tool to the counties, we presented a case for the use of an alternative identification number.

This past week a decision was made to permit the use of an alternative identification number. This will allow use of COMPAS by county juvenile agencies that have been unable to define a reliable process for obtaining a SID number. While obtaining a SID is still preferable as it positively identifies an individual through biometric means (fingerprints), it is no longer required for county juvenile agencies to enter a youth in COMPAS. Each county juvenile agency will be assigned a preformatted identification prefix to which the county will add a sequence number. This number, once assigned, will be the key field for that youth regardless of subsequent COMPAS entries in the same or any other county. Only if and when a SID is assigned to the person will the county-assigned number be replaced.

DJC hopes this solution resolves the major issue involved in county juvenile agencies developing a COMPAS business process. The inability to establish a reliable and consistent means of coordinating with law enforcement for the fingerprinting youth has plagued the rollout of COMPAS to county juvenile agencies. We hope this change will allow additional county juvenile agencies to join the COMPAS community.

For those agencies already using COMPAS, please contact Phil Collins either by e-mail at phil.collins@wi.gov or by telephone at (608) 240-5926 for an explanation of your county's COMPAS identifier. For those counties still working on business process or memorandum of understanding, we hope this accelerates up your joining us on COMPAS.

Please feel free to contact me or Phil Collins if you have any questions.

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