

# Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

Data Subcommittee

Virtual Meeting

May 19, 2020

1pm – 2:30pm

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Virtual Meeting Guidelines
- Review/Approval of February meeting minutes
- Review of Juvenile Justice Data Website
- Presentation/Discussion re: Draft race/ethnicity reporting standards

# Juvenile Justice Data Webpage Review

# Juvenile Justice Date Reporting Standards Recommendation

# Criteria for recommendations

1. Adherence to State and Federal Laws Regarding Confidentiality of Private Information
2. Feasibility of Implementation
3. Level of Detail
4. Recognition of Complexity of Identity
5. Alignment with Other Systems

# Draft Recommendations

## 1) Collect Data Using the Following Race/Ethnicity Categories at a Minimum:

- White
- Hispanic/Latino
- Black or African-American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Unknown (to be used as minimally as possible )

# Draft Recommendations

## 1 (cont'd.) Two ways to collect data:

- **“Combined question” format:** allows a youth the option of identifying as Hispanic/Latino without selecting a separate race.
- **“Two-question” format:** asks if a youth identifies as Hispanic/Latino before asking other race identities.

Recommendation #3 provides guidance on how to combine the results from two-question format into one.

# Draft Recommendations

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- **Hispanic/Latino**
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Lots of feedback  
on these parts!  
Discussion to  
follow....

# Levels of Aggregation

- Not every agency will be able to report at the same level of detail, whether that is a result of database or data collection limitations, or as a result of confidentiality rules as described above.
- To remedy: established six levels of reporting, to allow for agencies to report at *the maximum level of detail possible while still allowing for cross-agency comparison*.
- Each level lists guidelines for how data should be aggregated (in more or less detail) to allow for comparison with other agencies .

# Levels of Aggregation

Level 1:	n	Percentage
Total Youth:	21	100%

Include an explanation as to why no further breakdown is possible.

Level 2:	n	Percentage
Total Youth:	21	100%
White	1	5%
All other races	20	95%

Include an explanation as to why no further breakdown is possible.

# Levels of Aggregation

Level 3:	n	Percentage
<b>Total Youth:</b>	21	100%
<b>White</b>	1	5%
<b>Black or African American</b>	6	29%
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	5	24%
<b>All Other Races</b>	9	43%

If possible, agencies should report how many youth identify as one race/ethnicity, and how many youth identify as more than one race/ethnicity:

Level 3 optional:	n	Percentage
<b>Total Youth:</b>	21	100%
<b>Respondents reporting one identified race:</b>	6	29%
<b>Respondents reporting more than one identified race:</b>	15	71%

Include an explanation as to why no further breakdown is possible.

# Levels of Aggregation

Level 4:	n	Percentage
White	1	5%
Black or African American	6	29%
Hispanic/Latino	5	24%
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	19%
Asian	3	14%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	2	10%

Level 4 optional:	n	Percentage
Total Youth:	21	100%
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# Levels of Aggregation

Level 5:	n	Percentage
Total Youth:	21	100%
Respondents reporting one identified race:	6	29%
Respondents reporting more than one identified race:	15	71%
White	1	5%
Black or African American	1	5%
Black/AA and some other race	5	24%
Hispanic/Latino	1	5%
Hispanic/Latino and some other race	4	19%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	5%
AI/AN and some other race	3	14%
Asian	1	5%
Asian and some other race	2	10%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	5%
NH/OPI and some other race	1	5%



# Levels of Aggregation

Level 6:	n	Percentage
<b>Total Youth:</b>	21	100%
<b>Respondents reporting one identified race:</b>	6	29%
<b>Respondents reporting more than one identified race:</b>	15	71%
White	1	5%
Black or African American	1	5%
Black/ AA and Hispanic/Latinx	1	5%
Black/ AA and NH/OPI	1	5%
Black/ AA and Asian	1	5%
Black/ AA and AI/AN	1	5%
Black/ AA and White	1	5%
Hispanic/Latinx	1	5%
Hispanic/Latinx and NH/OPI	1	5%
Hispanic/Latinx and Asian	1	5%
Hispanic/Latinx and AI/AN	1	5%
Hispanic/Latinx and White	1	5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	5%
AI/AN and Asian	1	5%
AI/AN and NH/OPI	1	5%
AI/AN and White	1	5%
Asian	1	5%
Asian and White	1	5%
Asian and NH/OPI	1	5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	5%
NH/OPI and White	1	5%

# Feedback (so far)

- **Categorize youth as Hispanic/Latino in report whenever more than one race + Hispanic/Latino is selected (e.g. prioritize Hispanic/Latino over Black in Recommendation #3)**
- **Include “Refuse to Answer” in the “Unknown” Category**
- **Urge agencies to adopt combined question format to prevent undercounting youth**
- **Include Middle Eastern/North African (MENA) Reporting Category**

# Where we're headed...

**June 30, 2020:  
Data Meeting**

*SOGIE Data &  
Website  
Discussion*

- SOGIE Data Presentation  
MA Commission on LGBTQ  
Youth & GLAD
- Website Presentation Part  
2
- Draft Gender &  
SOGIE reporting  
standards  
recommendation

**July Date TBD:**

*Offense Data &  
Website  
Discussion*

- Data requests for FY20  
Data
- Offense type data  
reporting discussion
- Website Presentation Part  
3
- Draft offense type  
reporting standards  
recommendation

**August no in-person meeting: Data requests for FY2020**

# Next Meeting Date

June 30, 2020

1pm-3pm

Virtual Meeting

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