2018 Court Technology Solutions Award Nomination Form

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Name of fully implemented Technology Solution:	
Name of NACM Member Nominating the Technology Solution:	
Phone:	Email:
Name of Court or Organization using the Technology Solution:	
Priority Area addressed by Technology Solution: (check one or more)	 □ Advance Excellence in Court Management □ Promote Fair and Accessible Justice □ Develop Leaders for Tomorrow's Challenge □ Utilize Technology to Promote Best Practices □ Enhance Public Perceptions of the Courts
Briefly Describe the Technology Solution you are a judges with evaluating your solution).	nominating (feel free to attach URL's, screenshots, etc. to assist the

Please explain how this Technology Solution will help advance the NACM National Agenda.	
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Send Nominations by April 13 to nacm@ncsc.org	
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How does the solution help to advance the NACM National Agenda?

YouthCenter is about ease of use and information sharing. It is juvenile case management software built not only for the courts but is also used by detention facilities, probation, and outreach detention programs.

In Ottawa county, both the Juvenile Court and the Juvenile Detention Center utilize the software to manage client cases. The Information shared between the court and the detention center within the software allows for real time communication between Court and Detention staff. The availability of the real-time information about cases, both from the court and in detention, keeps all staff on the same page regarding the youth in our charge. There are no surprises as all the information is stored in one system.

Because information can be shared easily within the YouthCenter software, a robust system for users, roles, and permissions are available for administrators to manage. The utilization of the security system built within the software helps to ensure that only the eyes who should see specific information are allowed. With the security settings available, combined with our internal business practices of auditing roles and managing users/staff, we have an assurance that our data is secure within the software.

While the initial version of the software was developed specifically for Internet Explorer (IE) years ago (see YouthCenter-desktop-old-client-summary.png) due to limitations of browsers at the time, YouthCenter has continued to mature and change to meet the needs of modern courts. YouthCenter is in the midst of a complete re-write making the case management software available for use on multiple devices including standard desktop, laptops, tablets, and mobile devices. The change in architecture of the software allows courts and facilities the ability to move from traditional computers to mobile devices they may already have or lesser expensive (budget friendly) and modern computer like devices including Chromebooks. The new interface in YouthCenter is much more modern and familiar to our social media savvy younger users.

With the availability of the software on mobile devices now, it is not uncommon for case managers to "check in" prior to coming into the office to get up to speed before they start their day.

Over the past few years, the developer of the software, BizStream, has been an integral partner with Ottawa County in piloting the Multi-Jurisdictional Juvenile Justice Data Sharing Project (MJJJDSP) here in Michigan. The YouthCenter system allows for searching and sharing specific case information with partnering courts. The MJJJDSP allows for sharing of information through the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) (https://www.niem.gov/). By using the NIEM standards, courts may exchange information even though they are not using the same case management software.

Not only is the YouthCenter system allowing for sharing of data between courts, recently with Washtenaw County here in Michigan, YouthCenter is now sharing data with community health record systems and electronic medical record systems utilizing industry standards while adhering to HIPPA regulations.

Along with its data sharing capabilities, the reporting available in the system is extremely robust. Reports are built, managed, and run by our staff. Reports on the data recorded in YouthCenter can be exported in an Excel friendly format or our staff can subscribe to reports which allows the data to be pushed to us, rather than the staff having to get it themselves. There are no additional costs to generate

reports and if we need help building a report, YouthCenter support is there to help. The reporting system has saved us countless hours when it comes to reporting to the state.

Ottawa County is proud to be a partner with BizStream in software especially knowing that BizStream's involvement with youth goes beyond developing software to support the courts and detention. Their team is passionate about empowering future generations - especially when it involves technology. They actively support local programs including BitCamp, robotics clubs, Girls Who Code, job shadow programs, and their own non-profit education initiative, BizStream Academy (http://www.bizstreamacademy.com/)











