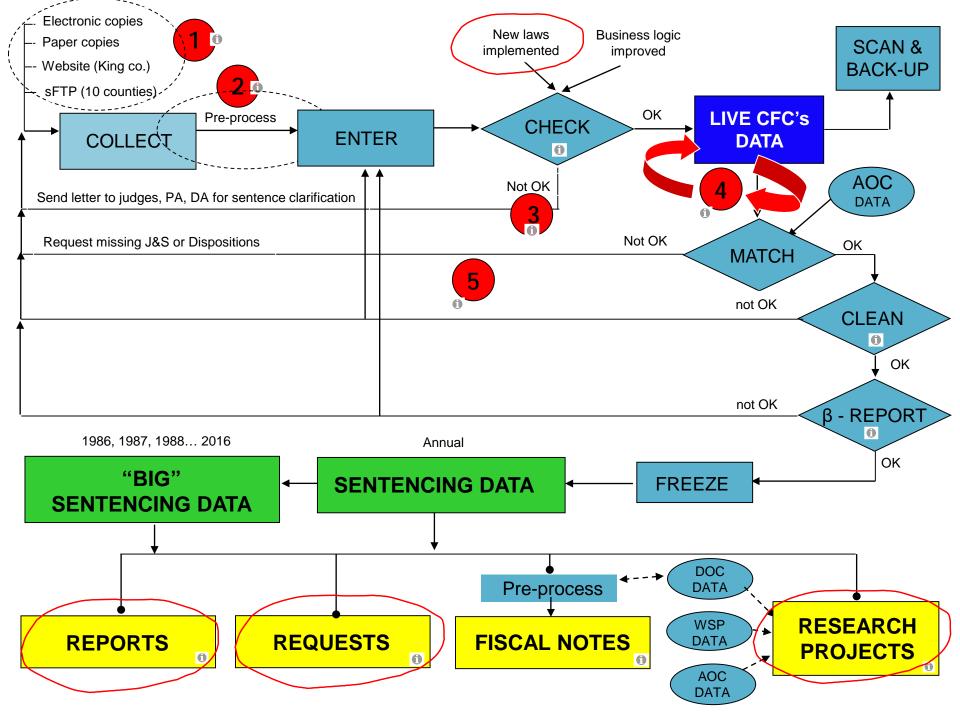
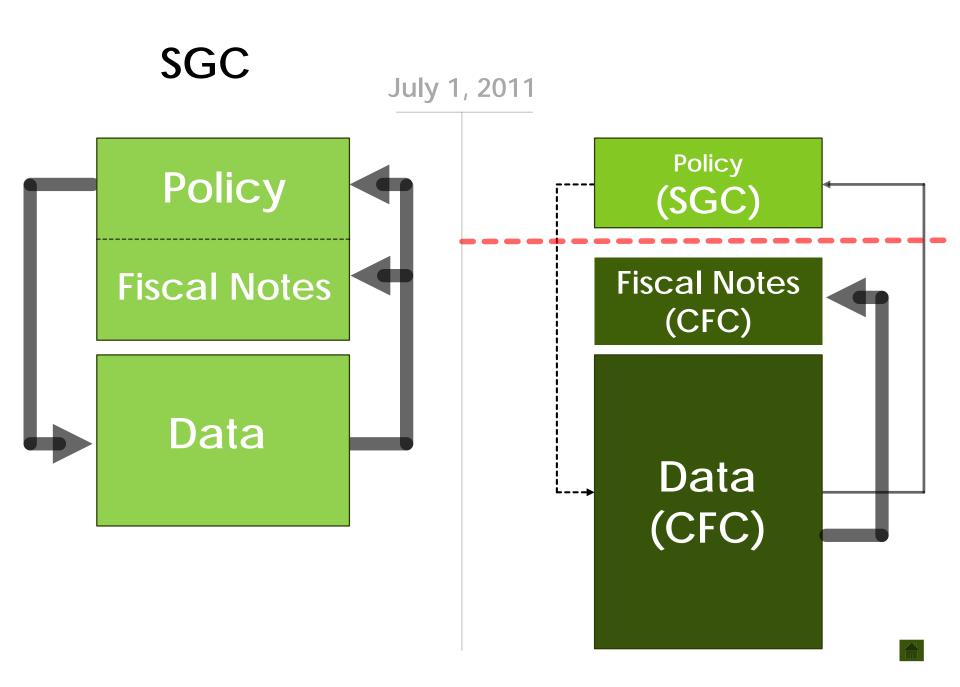
# WASHINGTON STATE SENTENCING DATABASE

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#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

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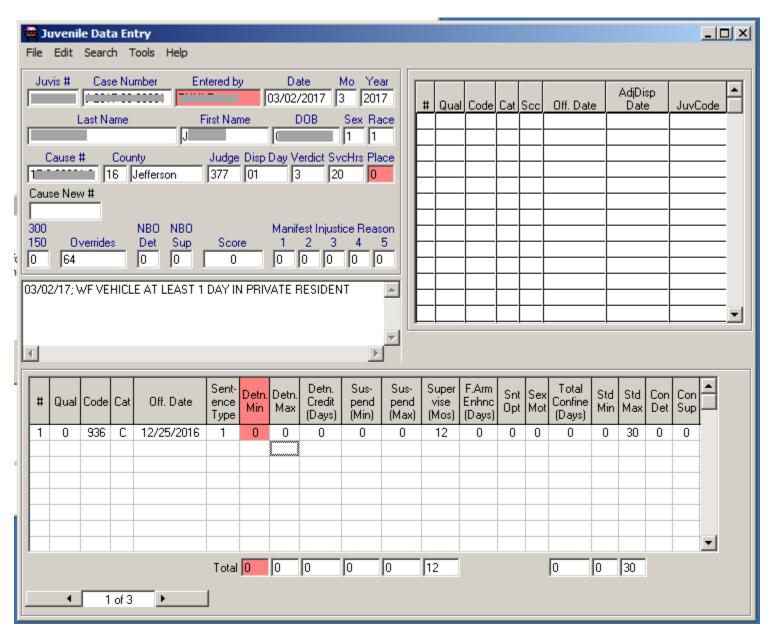
### ENHANCEMENT



- Improved pre-processed procedures
- Data entry protocols
- ✓ 4-layer quality assurance:
  - ✓ More data checking & cleaning queries added (200+)
  - Expedite communication for sentence clarification
  - Beta (preliminary/trial-and-error) reports implemented
- Database and Application designed with up-to-date technologies

### NEVER BEFORE...

- ✓ Web-based application, off-site servers,
- Offender-based database established,
- ✓ RDBMS,
- More data element collected:
  - Tracking multiple firearms in one offense,
  - ✓ Store score beyond 9,
  - ✓ Store 10+ offenses, exceptional reasons,
  - ✓ Sentence length for victim under 16,
  - ✓ Sex motivation flag for each offense,
  - Domestic violence flag for each offense in one sentence,
  - ✓ Dedicated field for each enhancement: school zone, weapon

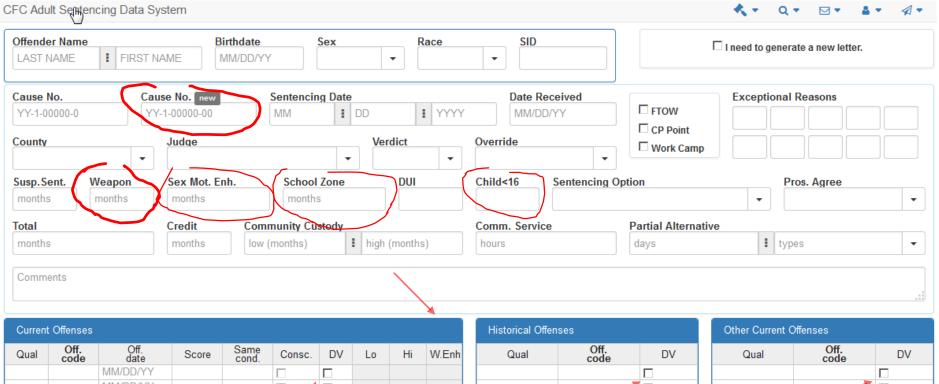


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### J&S and disposition submission

- Majority of counties transfers J&S and dispositions electronically. Compared with regular mail
  - ✓ Faster (immediately vs. 3-4 days)
  - Secured (less loss than regular mail, backed-up on sever)

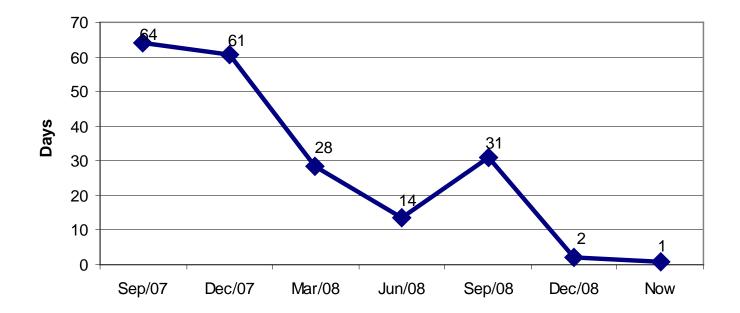
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- ✓ Increase efficient use of time and equipment
- Annual savings (mailing and paper cost):
  - ✓ Counties: \$10,500 (Juvenile) + \$32,400 (Adult)=\$42,900
  - ✓ CFC: \$7,000 (Juvenile) + \$15,200 (Adult) = \$22,200
- More time for data staff for quality assurance and research.
- ✓ 10 counties use secured File Transfer Protocol
- Data Manager monitors on weekly basis to notify counties promptly.

### Turn-Around Time

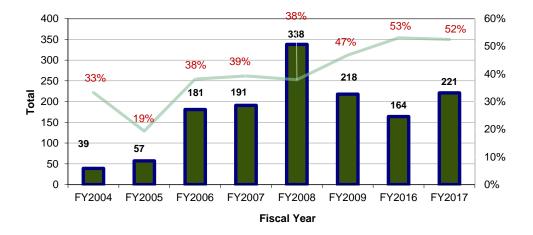


### **Turn-Around Time for Entry**



- Data available sooner for quality assurance
- Tracking counties submission pattern through years to alert staff sooner to missing data or anomalies to counties.

### Clarify Sentences



Letters sent to counties to clarify sentences: Adult

• Accurate data available sooner for testing

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• Quick & higher ratio of responses from sentencing participants.

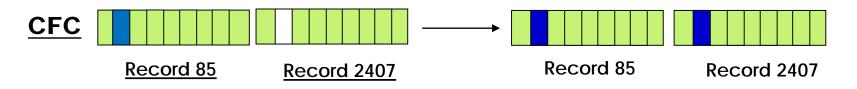
Letters sent to counties to clarify sentences: Juvenile



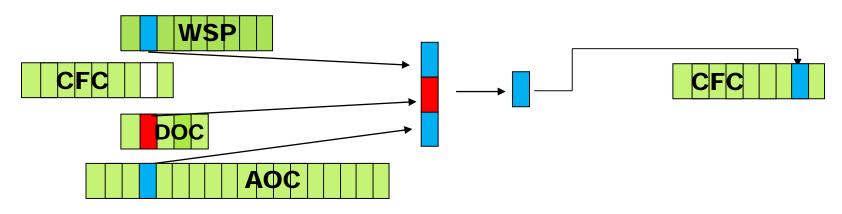
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### DATA ELEMENT COMPLETION

• Retrieve old verified data to fill missing current ones



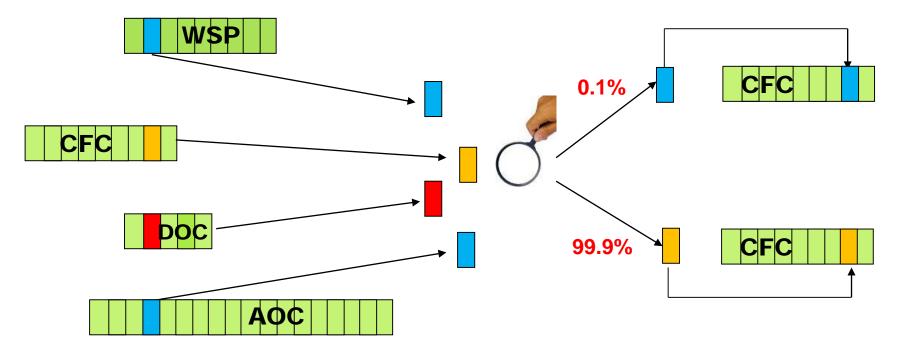
• Borrow data from WSP, DOC, AOC



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### DATA ELEMENT COMPLETION (...)

• Use WSP, DOC, AOC to verify CFC's data



### DATA ELEMENT COMPLETION (...)

### Data elements have been completed:

	SI	D	DC	ЭB	RA	CE	GENDER		
	as of 2008	as of 2017							
FY2001	60%	98.2%	99.80%	100.0%	98.20%	99.9%	98.70%	100.0%	
FY2002	58%	98.4%	96.90%	100.0%	93.90%	99.9%	94.70%	100.0%	
FY2003	66%	98.6%	98.60%	100.0%	90.50%	99.9%	91.10%	100.0%	
FY2004	72%	98.7%	99.20%	100.0%	93.60%	99.9%	94.80%	100.0%	
FY2005	73%	98.3%	98.90%	100.0%	95.00%	99.9%	96.20%	100.0%	
FY2006	74%	97.7%	98.70%	100.0%	94.30%	99.9%	95.40%	100.0%	
FY2007	74%	97.7%	98.70%	100.0%	95.00%	99.9%	96.00%	100.0%	
FY2008	95%	98.0%	99.90%	100.0%	96.40%	99.9%	99.50%	100.0%	
FY2009		98.2%		100.0%		99.8%		100.0%	
FY2010		98.2%		100.0%		99.8%		100.0%	
FY2011		98.6%		100.0%		99.8%		100.0%	
FY2012		98.8%		100.0%		99.7%		100.0%	
FY2013		99.0%		100.0%		99.7%		100.0%	
FY2014		99.2%		100.0%		99.7%		100.0%	
FY2015		99.3%		100.0%		99.7%		100.0%	
FY2016		99.3%		100.0%		99.2%		100.0%	
FY2017		96.5%		99.9%		99.0%		100.0%	

### CHECK (150+ queries)

- If sentenced outside of standard range/grid, is it an exceptional sentence?
- If exceptional, missing reason?
- Missing required data (missing a page of J&S)
- Invalid date of birth, too old or too young
- Did all persistent offenders get life sentence?
- Marked as FTOW with an offense in history
- Cause number misspelt?
- Etc.

### CLEAN (100+ queries)

- Run the step "CHECK" again & add:
- Review all J&S forms when a juvenile was sentenced as an adult
- Review all legitimate J&S forms that the entry program did not accept due to lack of program support.
- Were violation of chapter 69.50 sentenced using the drug grid?
- Any multiple-offense J&S with sentence based on secondary offense instead of primary offense?
- Any qualifying sex offender was not sentenced as a non-persistent sex offenders?
- Review all life and death sentences for eligibility
- Etc.

# β (preliminary) REPORTS

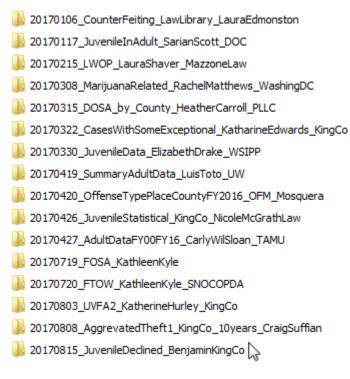
- Race disproportionality: too many J&S forms without race or gender?
- Check current fiscal year data against prior year one: some significant discrepancies?
- Any mitigated exceptional sentence with aggravated reasons? Or vice versa
- Review 2 strikers or 3 strikers sentences
- Offenders' eligibility for SSOSA, DOSA, first-time offender waiver
- Etc.

### REPORTS

- Annual
  - Statistical Summary of Adult Felony Sentencing
  - Juvenile Disposition Summary
  - Adult Judicial Sentencing Practices
  - Persistent Offender Sentencing
  - Adult Sentencing Guidelines Manual
  - Juvenile Disposition Manual
- Biennial
  - Recidivism of Adult Felony Offenders
  - Recidivism of Juvenile Offenders
  - Disparity & Disproportionality in Adult Felony Sentencing
  - Disparity & Disproportionality in Juvenile Sentencing

### REQUESTS

- From: SGC Commission members,
  - Legislature,
  - Governor,
  - Other federal/state agencies,
  - Research institutions, criminal justice organizations,
  - Public,



## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Commission
- Federal
- Inter-agency projects
- Legislature
- Provide sentencing data to others for their own research

Example:

Impacts of temporary changes of Drug Offense Sentencing Grid – RCW 9.94A.517 (Level I, Offender Score 3 to 5).

### FISCAL NOTES

- Provide un-biased prison/jail bed impact prediction
- Meet with fiscal note technical workgroup to discuss assumptions to be used for the upcoming session
- Get raw historical data from DOC
- Create hypothetical dataset based on the assumptions
- Compute additional useful data ready for fiscal notes (prison discount, phase-in factors)
- Apply "convergent validity" to all data
- Prepare commonly used fiscal note narrative templates

### CFC: Small but Critical to Sentencing

- Among criminal justice agencies, only the Caseload Forecast Council collects and maintains sentencing data (both jail and prison) which is used to:
  - Evaluate and monitor adult and juvenile sentencing policies and practices
  - Recommend modifications to the Governor and the legislature on adult and juvenile sentencing
  - Provide critical un-biased prison and jail bed impact prediction

An example....

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