

Open Justice Broker Consortium

Improving public safety by sending real-time event notifications to probation and parole officers.

THE CHALLENGE

Reducing recidivism, such as repeated criminal behavior, and improving outcomes for individuals on probation and parole requires that community supervision officers have current, relevant information about their client, including interactions with the justice system. Unfortunately, it is common for many community supervision officers to not have a reliable or consistent means to learn of such interactions.

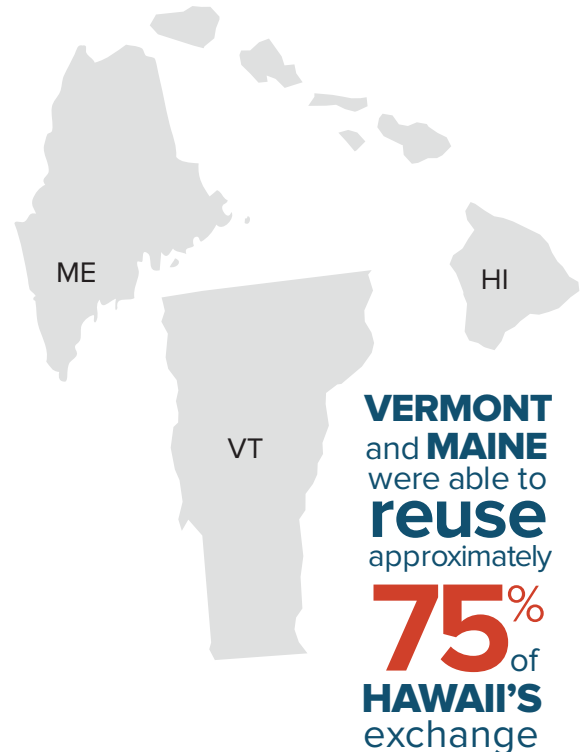
THE SOLUTION

In Hawaii, when a person enters community supervision the assigned officer is automatically subscribed to that individual. If the person is later booked as a result of an arrest, the community supervision officer will immediately receive an email notification of the booking. Through automated information exchanges involving the state's booking systems and probation and parole case management systems, the Hawaii Integrated Justice Information Sharing (HIJIS) program has enabled near real-time notification to community supervision officers when one of their supervisees is arrested anywhere in the state.

THE RESULTS

The States of Maine and Vermont were able to reuse much of what Hawaii developed and quickly deployed similar capabilities. Both states were able to enhance the community supervision process and realize significant improvement in public safety, with minimal additional investment.

All three states are members of the Open Justice Broker Consortium (<http://www.ojbc.org>), a non-profit membership organization of government agencies and jurisdictions, dedicated to improving justice information sharing through the reuse of low-cost, open-source, and standards-based integration software.



NIEM'S IMPACT

- Reuse encourages innovation and cost savings
- Increased agility and decreased time-to-market
- Improved offender management in three states, strengthening public safety