

Data Storage

1. What information will the OCN Data Warehouse contain?

The OCN data warehouse is a subset of court case information from all courts of record. It will include civil, criminal, & traffic cases.

2. What information will the OCN provide?

Initially, the OCN will include the following information:

- Court case information
- ODRC Inmate and Supervision Information
- BMV driver's license and vehicle registration information
- BCI&I In-state criminal history information

3. Will the OCN include document images from the courts?

No.

4. What other long-term benefits might the OCN provide?

- Automation of reporting to other agencies such as the BMV.
- Automation of case statistical reports to the Supreme Court of Ohio
- Improvement to the flow of information between the courts and other justice partner agencies.

5. Will expunged cases be deleted from the OCN data warehouse?

Yes.

6. How will the OCN handle “sealed” cases?

OCN users will be directed to contact the appropriate Clerk of Courts for details of a sealed case.

7. Will the OCN incorporate a Uniform Case Number (UCN)?

Yes. The OCN will assign a UCN for each case. The UCN will follow the current pending recommendation for a statewide unique case numbering standard. The OCN will also maintain the original case number.

8. How are you going to deal with records that change?

The OCN will receive nightly updates from the courts. Any case record that has changed will be updated accordingly.

9. What is the impact or change to the local court's case information?

The OCN will not require the local court case information to change.

10. Who had input on the case information that will be included in the OCN data warehouse?

The user interface team included representatives from pilot courts, work groups for the Advisory Committee on Technology and the Courts, and Partner agencies.

Participation

1. Is participating in the OCN mandatory?

Participation in the OCN is voluntary. However, the OCN is only as valuable as the data within it. Although data from the Justice Partners will provide day-one value, the usefulness of the OCN will significantly increase as more courts participate.

2. What is the time line for the OCN?

The Proof of Concept (POC) phase will take approximately 12 months to complete and is expected to be complete by June 2008. Following the POC implementation, the OCN team will begin the rollout to the remaining courts of the state.

3. Are Mayor's Courts included in the Scope of the OCN?

No. Mayor's Courts are not courts of record currently. Should this change in the future, Mayor's Courts may need to be added to the OCN.

4. Are the appellate courts included in the scope of the OCN?

Yes.

Resources

1. How will the OCN be funded?

The OCN project is being funded through a special technology fund budgeted for and managed by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

2. What resources will each court be expected to provide for the OCN?

Each court will need to provide:

- Periodic input to plans for the OCN
- Access to their case management systems and technical support staff
- Access to the Clerk's office personnel for data validation
- Some time of OCN users for training

Security

1. Who will have access to the OCN portal?

The OCN is a secure system with access by court personnel, law enforcement and other justice partner agencies. There is no public access to the OCN at this time.

2. Will all information be available to all OCN users?

No. Access to information that is more sensitive (e.g., juvenile abuse, neglect, and dependency information) will be restricted to users with a legitimate need.

3. Are you going to have contact information available for each court so we can contact them to verify the information in the portal?

Yes.

4. Will the OCN include an audit log of user activity?

Yes, all user activity including searches will be logged.

Technical Requirements

1. What are the technology requirements for a court to participate in the OCN?

The court will need internet access to both send data and to access the OCN portal.
Broadband access is preferable.

2. How will the OCN extract data from the court's case management system?

The Supreme Court is working on a connectivity plan with the CMS vendors in the state and with courts who maintain their own case management systems.