SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 24-07

Special Order for Access to Juvenile Records by NORC at the University of Chicago

WHEREAS, NORC at the University of Chicago Council ("NORC"), in partnership with National Institute of Justice, seeks data from juvenile records to conduct a multi-site study on youth defense delivery systems, practices, and associated outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-2331(2021 Supp.) juvenile records are protected from disclosure, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, under D.C. Code § 16-2331(c)(5) (2021 Supp.), the court may permit, by special order, the inspection of juvenile case records by persons having a professional interest in the work of the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, NORC has a professional interest in the work of the Superior Court;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, that NORC may inspect, compile, and analyze the data and information described in the Restricted Data Use Agreement Between the DC Courts and NORC fully executed on March 15, 2024 ("the DUA") for the purposes provided in the DUA; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that NORC may share publicly the aggregate results of the analysis, but no final analyses or reports prepared by NORC shall contain any data or information from which it would be possible to identify any party, witness, social worker, judicial officer, or other person contained or mentioned in the juvenile case records; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that NORC shall not disclose the data and information to any other person or for any other purpose without prior approval of the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SO ORDERED.

Anita M. Josey-Herring Chief Judge

Date: June 27, 2024

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