

Global Justice XML Standard Adopted in Arizona

The future of justice information sharing in Arizona has changed. On January 22, 2004, the [Arizona Criminal Justice Commission \(ACJC\)](http://acjc.state.az.us/) adopted the Global Justice Extensible Markup Language (XML) Data Model (GJXDM), version 3.0, as the standard that Arizona agencies will use in future technology projects. Today, Arizona agencies share information through propriety software interfaces that are developed and maintained at a high cost to the individual agencies. In the future, agencies will be able to use standard justice XML schemas to share data. The GJXDM was specifically designed to help organizations exchange information from multiple sources and reduce application development costs through the use of standard application components.

"The movement of Arizona to the Global Justice XML standard is a giant step forward towards standardization between information systems in the state," said Gerald Hardt, ACJC's Records Program Manager. "The movement will also be a tremendous assist to vendors wishing to do business in the state."

Adoption of the GJXDM in Arizona was championed by ACJC's Executive Director Michael Branham. Branham has also added a member to the Commission's staff to guide the development of new justice information technology initiatives and maintain Arizona's version of the Data Model. The ACJC is legally mandated under Arizona law to coordinate, monitor, and report on all Arizona criminal justice programs and will serve as a neutral party in the implementation of the Data Model. Adoption of the GJXDM has spurred a real interest among justice practitioners in Arizona to learn about XML and the use of schemas for exchanging information on offender booking, sentencing, and e-citation. The ACJC Technology Team is scheduled to create subcommittees to work on these issues in 2004.

For more information on the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, go to <http://acjc.state.az.us/>. For specific information regarding the ACJC's adoption of the Global Justice XML Data Model, version 3.0, please contact Gerald Hardt at:

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