



Agenda

National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Improvement Amendments Act (NIAA) Conference

December 15–16, 2009 • San Antonio, Texas

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration and Morning Refreshments**

Regency West Foyer

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome**

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Mr. Ronald P. Hawley
Executive Director, SEARCH

Mr. Paul Embley
CIO, National Center for State Courts

9:15 – 9:35 a.m. **Keynote Introduction and Presentation**

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The President of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence will introduce the keynote presentation provided by Ms. Sarah Brady.

Mr. Paul Helmke
President, Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence

Ms. Sarah Brady
Chair, Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence

9:35 – 10:20 a.m. **What the NIAA Requires of Courts and States**

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Mr. Owen Greenspan
Director, Law and Policy Program, SEARCH

Overview of Federal Agency Roles in NIAA Implementation and the Grant Program

Ms. Devon Adams
Chief, Criminal Justice Data Improvement Programs
Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

Ms. Jeanne Miller
Senior Attorney, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
U.S. Department of Justice

Ms. Lisa Vincent
Unit Chief, NICS Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation

10:20 – 10:40 a.m. **Break**

10:40 – 11:25 a.m. **Laying the Foundation**

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The speaker will address the NICS, specifically its operations and disqualifiers.

Mr. David C. Tetrick
NICS Liaison Specialist, NICS Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation

11:25 a.m. - Noon <i>Regency West</i>	The Numbers What was learned from the initial review of the State Estimates of Available Records Information Collection? Plans for the evaluation and verification of the record estimates. Prospects for developing record estimates for states that did not submit record counts. Mr. Richard Schauffler Director of Research Services, National Center for State Courts
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 – 2:15 p.m. <i>Regency West</i>	Panel Discussion: Obstacles Two State repository representatives and two court representatives react to the NIAA's record estimates requirements and the previous presentation. Mr. Mark Dobek Director, Judicial Information Systems, Michigan Supreme Court The Honorable Guy Herman Presiding Judge, Travis County (Texas) Probate Court No. 1 Mr. Brad Truitt Director of Information Systems, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Mr. Kevin Smith Deputy Director, Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation Facilitator: Dr. Gerard Ramker Associate Director for Statistical Planning, Policy, and Operations Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. <i>Regency West</i>	ATF Status Report Ms. Jeanne Miller Senior Attorney, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives U.S. Department of Justice
3:00 – 3:20 p.m.	Break with Refreshments in Foyer
3:20 – 4:15 p.m. <i>Regency West</i>	Panel Discussion: NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP) Grantees The panelists will discuss how they met ATF requirements, and what they proposed in their NARIP grant applications. Mr. Jay Bauer Attorney, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives U.S. Department of Justice Ms. Julie Butler Records Bureau Chief, Records and Technology Division Nevada Department of Public Safety Ms. Anne Roest Deputy Commissioner, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Ms. Tricia Whitfield Director, Identification Services Section, Oregon State Police Facilitator: Mr. Dennis DeBacco Justice Information Services Specialist, SEARCH
4:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Day One Wrap-Up

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. **Morning Refreshments**

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8:30 – 8:40 a.m. **Housekeeping – General Announcements**

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8:40 – 9:45 a.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS I**

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Pecos Room

No State Estimates – Let’s Talk

States that did not submit estimates will meet with State Records Estimate Development and Validation Project staff from SEARCH and the National Center for State Courts to discuss how best to go about capturing the required estimates.

Mr. Owen Greenspan

Director, Law and Policy Program, SEARCH

Mr. Richard Schauffler

Director of Research Services, National Center for State Courts

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Live Oak Room

No State Relief from Disabilities Program – Let’s Talk

States that do not have approved Relief from Disabilities programs are invited to discuss obstacles to implementing such a program with ATF. *(Repeated 10:05 – 11:10 a.m.)*

Mr. Jay Bauer

Attorney, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
U.S. Department of Justice

Ms. Jeanne Miller

Senior Attorney, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
U.S. Department of Justice

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Pecan Room

NICS Disqualifiers and the NICS Index

Conference attendees are invited to discuss issues concerning addition of records to the NICS process with FBI staff. *(Repeated 10:05 – 11:10 a.m.)*

Mr. Todd Mullenax

Supervisory NICS Liaison Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation

9:45 – 10:05 a.m. **Break**

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The Records Collection Estimates

Conference attendees are invited to discuss associated issues with staff from SEARCH and the National Center for State Courts who are responsible for validating the state estimates.

Mr. Owen Greenspan

Director, Law and Policy Program, SEARCH

Mr. Richard Schauffler

Director of Research Services, National Center for State Courts

11:10 – 11:25 a.m.

Break and Return to Plenary Session

11:25– 11:55 a.m.

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Panel Discussion:

Task Forces – Drafting and Keeping the Strategic Plan Current

The NARIP grants require establishing a Task Force and a Strategic Plan. Panelists will discuss the establishment and operation of the Task Force and the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Mark Binkley

General Counsel, South Carolina Department of Mental Health

Ms. Nancy Griggs

Director, Court Services Division, Missouri Office of the State Courts

Ms. Jean Itzin

Bureau Chief, Criminal Justice Information Services
Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Facilitator: Mr. Owen Greenspan

Director, Law and Policy Program, SEARCH

11:55 – 12:15 p.m.

Conference Wrap-Up

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