

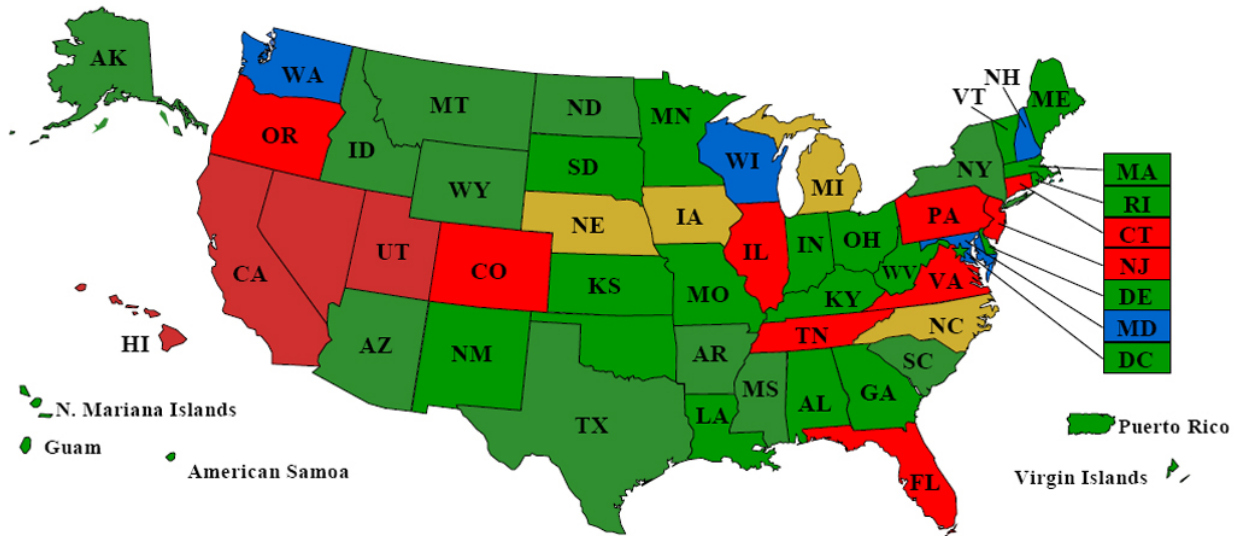
Administrative Recommendations

- Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the Department of Licensing (DOL) should work together to verify the completeness of the DOL Firearms Database and fill any gaps in records held by DOL. DOL should consider additional cross-checks of records held by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) under disclosures allowed for program evaluation.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts should develop one standardized Notice of Ineligibility to Possess Firearm form that can be used for all mental health cases. The pattern form should be modeled on the domestic violence form and have detailed fields that will assist DOL to enter identifying information. Necessary changes to court rules should also be made to require the use of the form by court clerks.
- To promote public safety, law enforcement, the Department of Licensing, and the Administrative Office of the Courts (if necessary) should work together to achieve better electronic access by law enforcement to records of civil commitment and other disqualifying mental health interventions.

Legislative Recommendations

- Washington's firearm statute should be amended to prohibit individuals who have been involuntarily committed for 14 days from possessing a firearm. This would align Washington law with federal law.
- In the long-term, Washington State Courts should develop the capability to submit records directly to NICS. Court records are the most accurate reflection of whether a person has been civilly committed, found incompetent to stand trial, or found not guilty by reason of insanity. Automated transmittal by courts to NICS will ensure that all records of prohibited persons are sent in a timely manner. If courts believe state legislative authority is needed, statutory changes should be pursued.

NICS Participation Map as of December 31, 2005



- 13** Full POC – Contact State/Territory for All Firearm Background Checks including permits
- 4** Partial-POC – Contact State for Handgun & FBI for Long Gun Background Checks
- 4** Partial-POC – Contact State for Handgun Permit & FBI for Long Gun Background Checks
- 35** Non-POC – Contact FBI for All Firearm Background Checks
- 19** This texture denotes that the State has an ATF-Qualified Alternate Permit. These permits are issued by local or state agencies.

Source: www.fbi.gov

Mental Health Prohibitors Information Flow (Current)

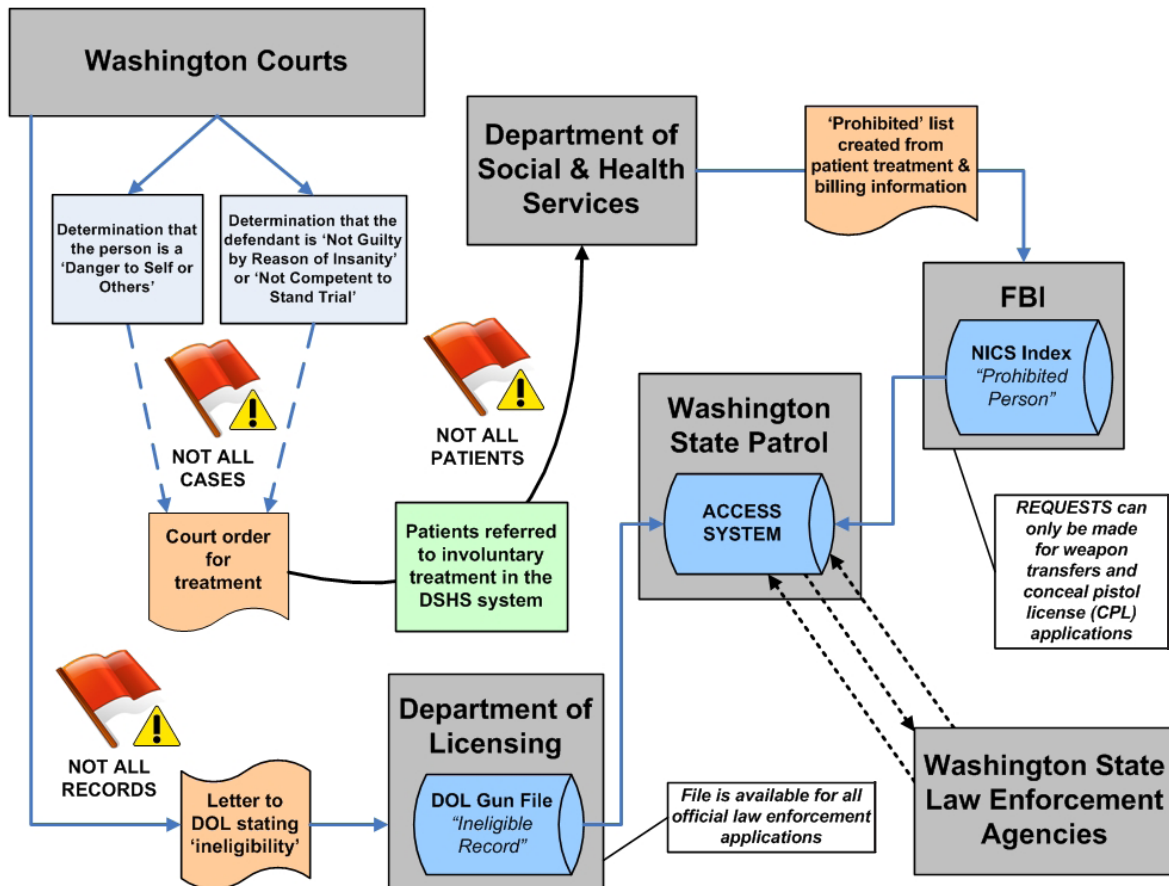


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