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Minnesota recognizes CHOICE as a major process improvement for the state

Web-based victim service application getting high marks from criminal justice leaders

Minnesota state officials are very pleased with Appriss' newest innovation in victim information and notification services. CHOICE is a secure, Web-based application that expands a crime victim's opportunity to manage information regarding their criminal case.

Minnesota launched it as MNCHOICE in November and state officials recently recognized it as one of the state's top process improvements for 2010.

"Historically, victim notification has been an 'information out' process where victims could only receive information about their offender," said Lydia Newlin, program director for the DOC's Victim Assistance & Restorative Justice Program. "MNCHOICE empowers victims to provide corrections staff with information to consider when developing an offender's re-entry plans."

MNCHOICE helps multiple audiences access and manage information related to criminal cases. For victims and survivors, it provides numerous notification options including e-mail, letter, SMS, TTY or through an online Message Center. Victims can submit and store re-entry statements on line as well as access resources and seek referrals. They can also participate in restorative justice opportunities such as receiving letters of apology from offenders or participate in a victim-offender dialogue or VOCARE (Victims, Offenders & Community- A Restorative Experience) Group.

Advocates and corrections staff can use MNCHOICE to assist with the management of multiple cases. It generates usage and statistics reports, reduces the manual/paper process of collecting notification request forms, victim re-entry statements and letters, and provides a forum for communication among criminal justice professionals and victims.

MNCHOICE is powered by Appriss, the Louisville, Kentucky-based technology company that provides VINE® (Victim Information & Notification Everyday.)

"We are honored to be recognize by the state of Minnesota for our work with MNCHOICE," said Mike Davis, Appriss CEO. "As technology continues to evolve, we

must also look for new, innovative ways to meet the needs of criminal justice leaders and the citizens they serve.”

About Appriss

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Appriss is the technology provider for NPLeX™ (National Precursor Log Exchange), an electronic tracking service, used by thousands of U.S. pharmacies and law enforcement investigators, to track and block the illegal sale of over-the-counter cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine.

Appriss also specializes in document and content management solutions, providing government and private industry with innovative ways to access public information. Products include NE Crash™, an electronic data capture service to help law enforcement manage and access accident information; and NE Web Portal™, which allows the public to access public documents online. Appriss is also the largest seller of accident reports via its BuyCrash.com e-commerce site.

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