Ignition Interlock Programs

-A DMV perspective

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There are several different types of programs that can enhance and expand your current ignition interlock program.

**All offender**
- 30 states require an ignition interlock device restriction for all DUI events regardless of the occurrence or BAC.

**Indigency**
- An indigency program will allow customers who meet specific income guidelines to apply for reduced costs for their IID.

**Compliance based removal**
- Compliance based removal programs mandate compliance prior to approval for completion of the customer’s ignition interlocking requirement. Specific Compliance guidelines vary by jurisdiction.
Limited Privileges in lieu of Suspension

• Some jurisdictions offer limited ignition interlock restrictions in lieu of the suspension for their DUI event. This program allows for customers to get back on the road sooner while ensuring their participation with the ignition interlock device requirement.

Circumvention Penalties

• Attempts to circumvent an interlock device could result in fines, jail time and or, additional ignition interlock restrictions.

Increase availability of installation centers

• Some jurisdictions have physical location requirements that help to ensure our customers have convenient locations for their IID needs.
Program oversight is critical to the success of any ignition interlock program.

Primary areas of focus for the DMV to consider when determining the appropriate type of program oversight:

- Customer
- Vendor
- Education & Outreach
Ignition interlock programs vary by jurisdiction. Some jurisdictions have separate, standalone departments that specialize in all things ignition interlock, while other jurisdictions are responsible for multiple programs within one department.

Factors to consider:

• Having adequate resources to administer your program is important.

• Customers will have questions regarding their requirements and furthermore, will need a place to provide feedback, complaints, etc.

• Proof of compliance, non-compliance, violations, etc. must be processed/recorded and applied to the customer’s record.
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• Not all customers with an ignition interlock requirement will reside in your state. These types of conditions may require additional follow-up, depending on the situation. Identification is necessary. Every jurisdiction should have a clear indicator of an ignition interlock restriction on an individual’s driver’s license and should also have an indicator on their motor vehicle record.

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Vendor oversight ensures that ignition interlock manufacturers and service providers adhere to the rules of your jurisdiction.

A few factors to consider when creating, implementing or maintaining your vendor oversight program:

• Identify a main point of contact for vendors. This contact is typically responsible for certification, oversight, and operational matters.

• **Certification Programs:** A set of requirements for certification in your state. Requirements may vary by jurisdiction.

• **Quality Assurance:** Conduct inspections of service providers/centers to ensure all standards and requirements are met. Monitor manufacturers/service providers for compliance including a random review of data.

• **Device Compliance:** Ensure the vendor’s device adheres to NHTSA 2013 model specifications.
DMV’s are often the primary point of contact by default. Courts, law enforcement, public, attorneys, etc. look to you for information and education regarding ignition interlock.

Methods education and outreach may be accomplished:

• Provide training to law enforcement, courts, probation & parole personnel throughout the State.

• Provide refresher workshop training to providers.

• Participate in community events such as workshops, seminars and amnesty events.

• Put information on your agency website and or mobile app!
Ignition interlock programs involve many different parties, which is part of what makes this partnership so unique. Communication and collaboration are key to a successful ignition interlock program.

“Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much.”

-Helen Keller
Tips for establishing and maintaining partnerships.

• Make sure customers fully understand your program! After all, they are our partners too!

• Have an open line of communication between the DMV and vendors. Allow vendors to be a part of policy discussions, when possible etc.

• Help Bridge the gap between the vendors, law enforcement, and courts.

Encourage and lead partnerships! Stay as involved as possible!
There may be funds available through utilizing the following resources:

NHTSA- FAST Act (Section 405)
https://one.nhtsa.gov/About-NHTSA/Highway-Safety-Grant-Programs

AIIPA- (Fall 2017)
http://www.aiipaonline.org/
• AAMVA: Ignition Interlock Program Best Practices Guide
  http://www.aamva.org/law-enforcement/

• AIIPA Website: http://www.aiipaonline.org/
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