



Data Collection, Management and Performance Measurement for Juvenile Justice and Probation System Youth

The RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice has a rich history of supporting reforms for juvenile justice and probation systems toward improved outcomes. Our experiences in the field makes obvious the need for an intensified focus on core data that will improve the long-term capacity of states and local sites to collect, manage, and track outcome measures for juvenile justice and probation involved youth. This article and working grid supports a systematic method for state and local jurisdictions undertaking such planning for reforms by providing a listing of key data questions and suggested core data elements for youth that are intended to serve as data planning or reference tools. The primary intent of this article and the accompanying grid is to help develop a data construct that will support efforts at improving outcomes for this population of youth. The exercise of committing to the three tiered examination articulated in the article, using the grid template should prompt important progress in identifying the range and types of data that should be collected and tracked. The RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice has found that this important construct ultimately enhances a jurisdiction's ability to track youth and system outcomes and the impact of newly implemented strategies.

Please reference:

Data Planning in the Dual Status Youth Initiatives: Initial Suggestions. Gene Siegel, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, 2014.

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Data Planning: Initial Suggestions (Probation System Review Initiatives/Projects)

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