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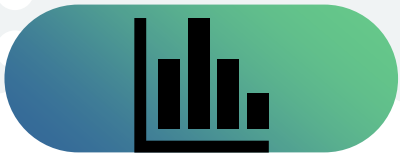
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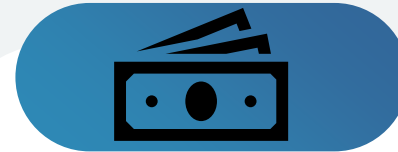
What We Do



**Performance-
based Standards
Program**



**Training and
Technical
Assistance**



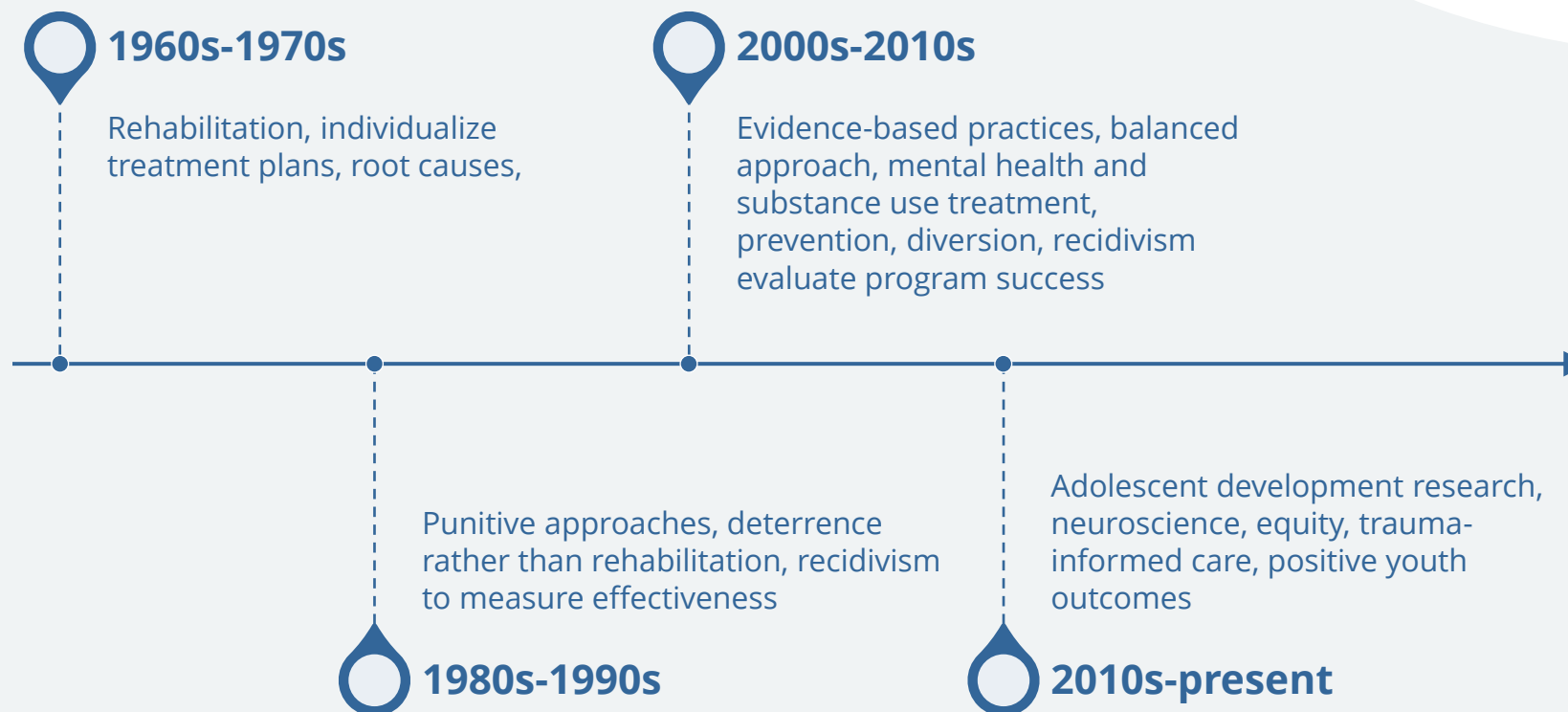
**Education and
Employment
Foundation**



**National
Database for
Researchers**

BRIEF HISTORY

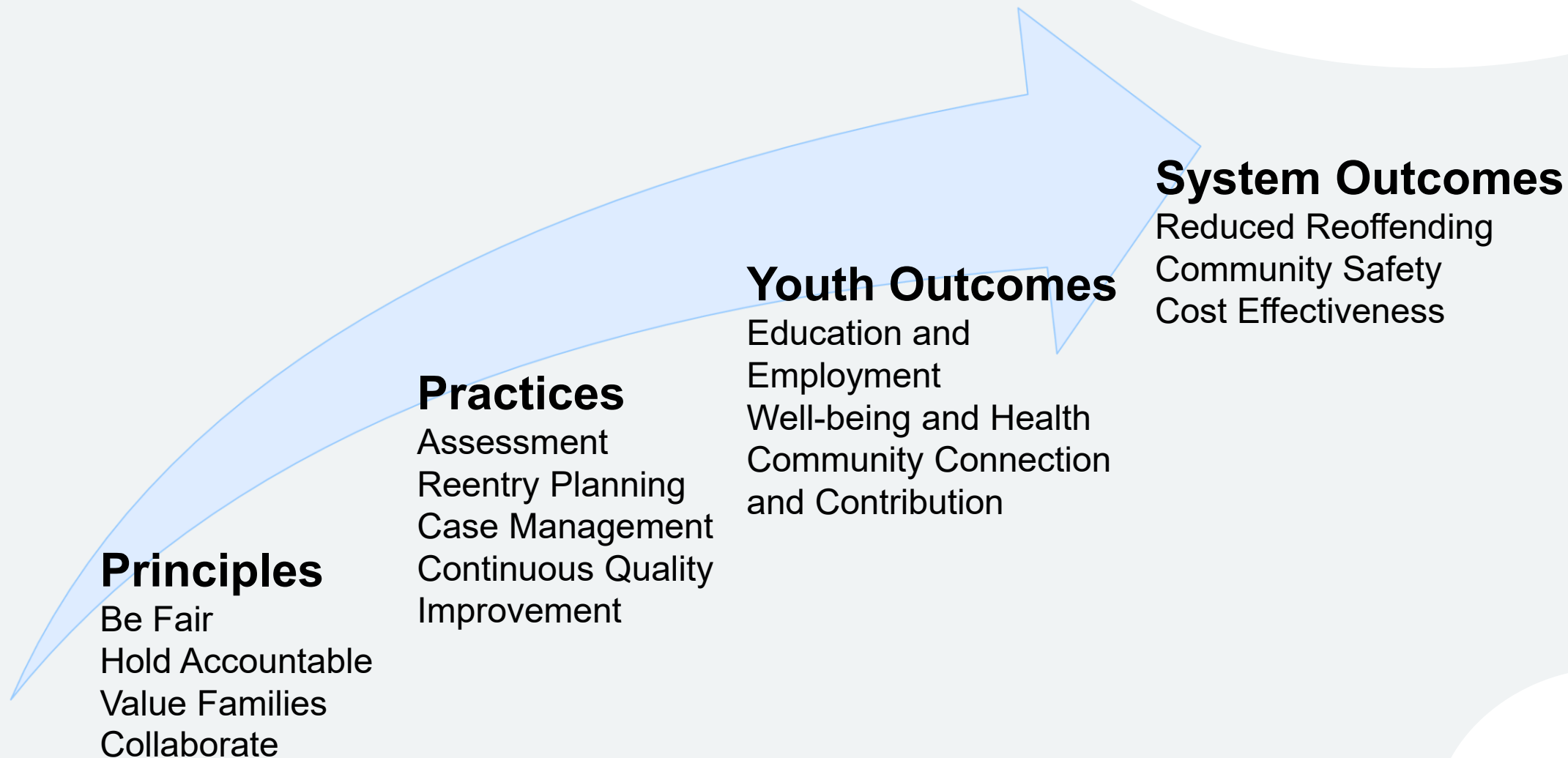
Reintegration, Aftercare, Reentry



2008 Second Chance Act

The Swoosh

CIYJ Reentry Framework



Intensive Training and Technical Assistance

■ Goal:

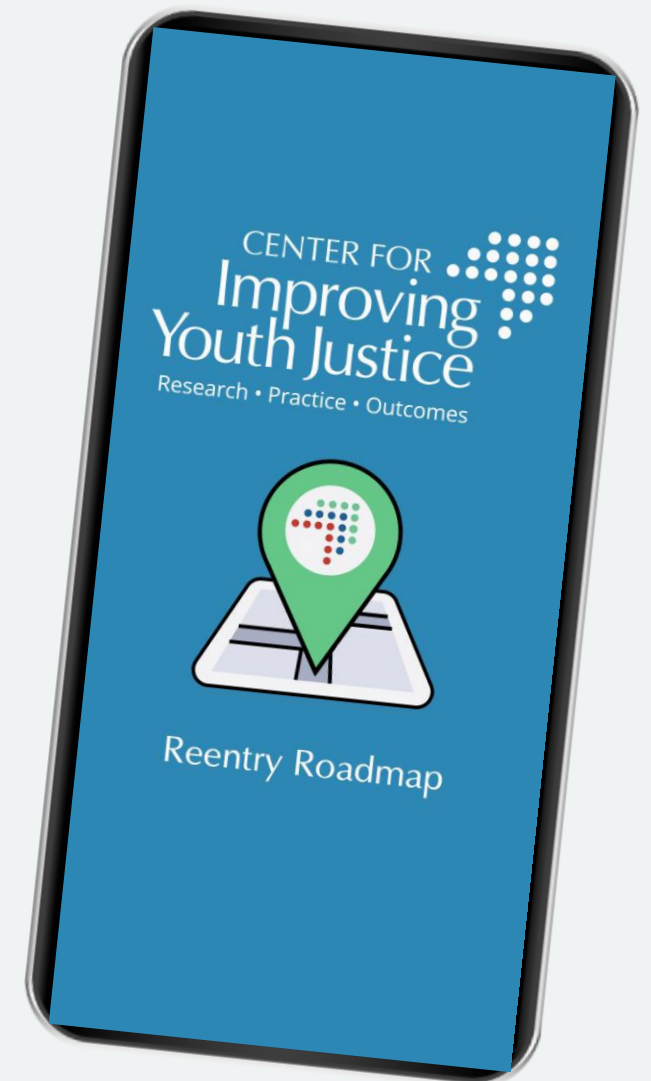
Build internal capacity for agencies to collect, report and use reentry data to measure and improve reentry outcomes, practices and services

■ Strategy:

- Assess current capacity
- Map with reentry standards data and domains
- Identify areas to improve
- Create improvement plan
- Implement plan and identify monthly progress indicators
- Celebrate victories
- Reassess at project's end

“Explore” these main categories

- Manage my living situation
- Get a job
- Maintain my health
- Continue my education
- Get involved in my community
- Expunge my records
- Manage my money
- Important Documents



NCJJ Model Data Project Framework

Every part of the system should be able to answer these 10 basic questions:

1. How many youth are involved in various stages of the system?
2. What are the key characteristics of the youth involved?
3. How did the youth become system involved?
4. How did the youth move through the system?
5. Is the system fair?
6. How did the youth change while in the system?
7. Does the system meet the needs of youth and families?
8. What was the experience of youth in the system?
9. How much does it cost?
10. What are long-term measures of success?

HISTORIC FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE DATA

DRIVING SYSTEMATIC IMPROVEMENTS NATIONWIDE

Why It Matters

- Historic federal investment
- Increase uniform improvement of local data collection

What's New

- Develop/test model measures and analyses
- Online, practical catalog



Goal

- Improving general data capacity

Fundamental Measures

The Fundamental Measures present model data elements and methods for quantifying critical components of the juvenile justice systems. The measures were developed with input from organizations representing all sectors of juvenile justice — from law enforcement through the court process and juvenile corrections — with the intention of improving national juvenile justice data through uniform and systematic improvement of local data collection, use, and analysis.

Explore the measures in two ways:

Key Questions

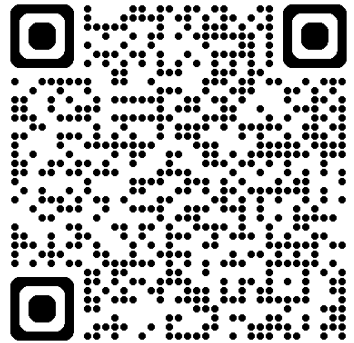
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Juvenile Justice System Sectors

The juvenile justice system is comprised of several different agencies, each with a distinct role and mission. These agencies may vary in their responsibilities and the degree to which they intersect from state to state, but each one interacts with youth and their families. Many of the Fundamental Measures require information sharing between the distinct agencies.

- > Law Enforcement
- > Detention
- > Court Processing
- > Probation
- > Placement
- > Reentry
- > Community Providers



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3D Data Capacity Assessment Modules

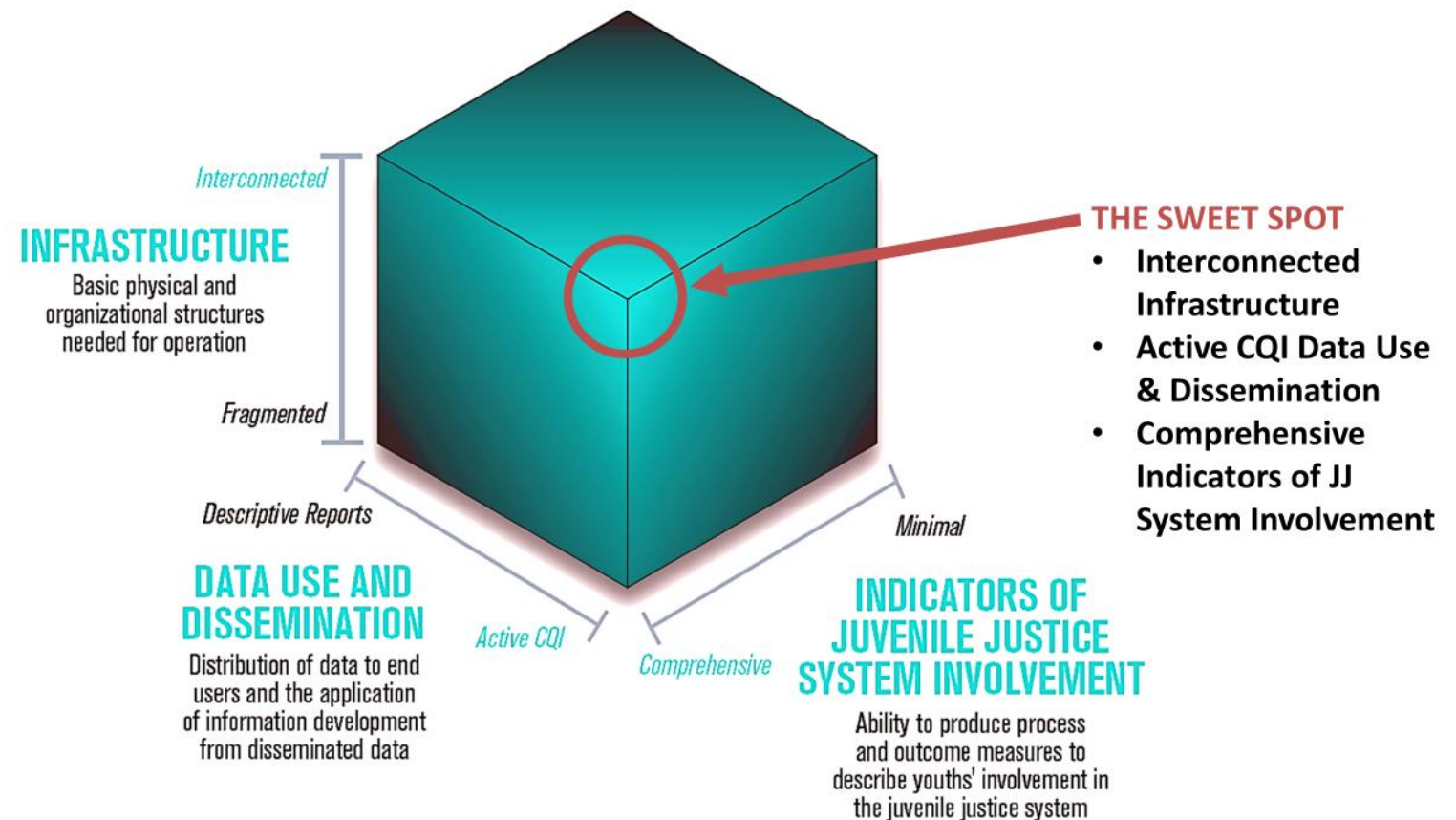
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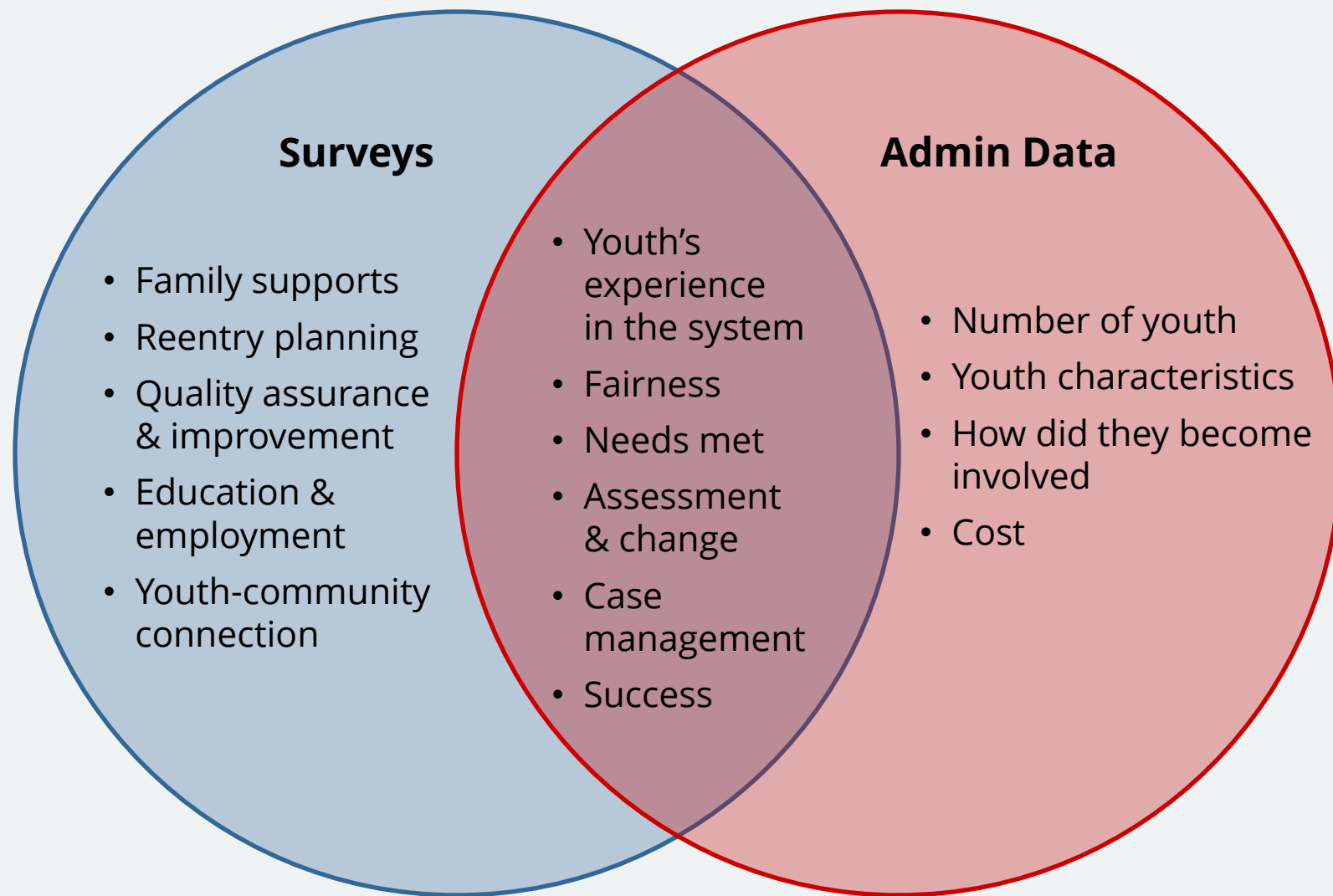
A 3-part self-assessment

The 3D Sweet Spot



The 3D Self Assessment modules can be downloaded at the bottom of the FMJJ website, <https://www.ncjj.org/fmjj/>

Overlapping Frameworks



Voices of young people,
staff/POs/Case managers

Survey Data

- Do young people feel safe to be themselves?
- Do young people feel they've been treated fairly?
- Do young people trust their PO/case manager?
- Does their PO/case manager make it clear they want young person to live up their potential?
- Do their PO/case managers make more positive comments than negative comments to young people?
- Do young people feel respected by staff/PO/aftercare manager?
- Are incentives and rewards helping young people keep working on their goals?
- Do young people have the support they need to avoid trouble with negative peers and gangs?

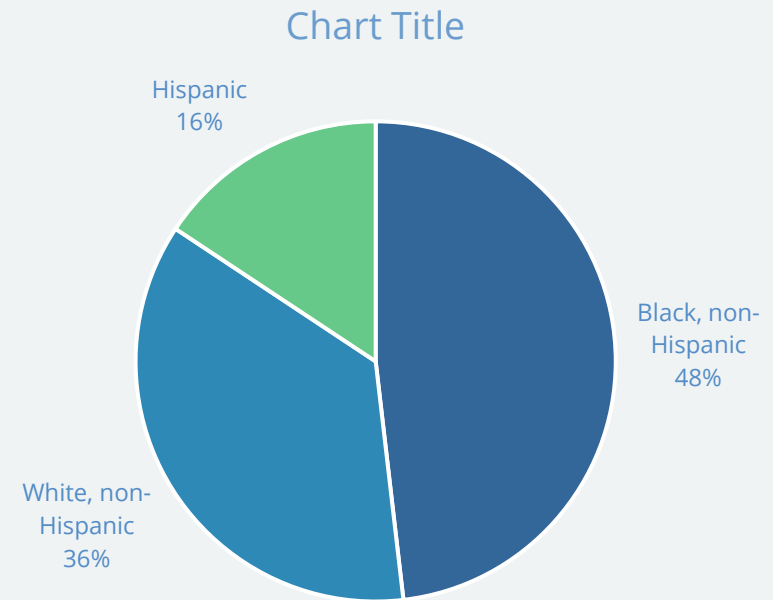


Survey Data

■ Responses:

- 87% felt safe
- 84% were treated fairly
- 80% said their PO/case manager is someone they can count on and trust
- 85% said their PO/case manager makes it clear they want them to live up to my potential

■ 42,612 surveys



Reentry Survey Responses

It will be easy to pay my rent/ living expenses.

- 33% strongly agreed
- 49% agree

I have the supports I need for a successful reentry.

- 52% strongly agree
- 42% agree

More Survey Data

- Staff/POs/ Case managers said:
 - 83% were satisfied with their job
 - 26% always or often felt burned out because of job
 - 89% were making a positive impact
 - 46% always or often received meaningful recognition
 - 77% felt safe

Reentry Performance Measure Innovations



Iowa Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning

Mapped data sharing opportunities, created strategy for probation to collect youth data, family summits



Connecticut Court Support Services Division

Routine reports for REGIONS program, developed risk reduction measures, users guide, mapped youth survey data to reentry measures



Fulton County Juvenile Court Probation Division

Launched use of Reentry Survey



Travis County Juvenile Probation Department

Built reentry data dashboard, identified data for new reentry courts/wraparound program

Data-Driven Storytelling

1. What does a successful 25-year-old look like?
 - How do you know?
 - 5-6 data that best reflects how you know, what you do, the services provided
2. How accessible is the data?
How impactful?



Questions and Discussion

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