Using Results Based Accountability For The Juvenile Justice System

Components of Presentation
- Services Framework
- "Working" Results Statement
- "Working" Set of Indicators
- Common Performance Measures by Strategic Area
- Current RBA Efforts In Juvenile Justice Arena in CT
- Next Steps In Refining and Implementing Results-Based Accountability

Services Framework Used In Prior JJPOCC RBA Development Work

Overall Services Design

- Prevention Services (long-term prevention)
- Services for Juvenile Justice System
- Educational and Vocational Services
- "Working" Results in Education

"Working" Indicators for youth
- Crime Rate
- referred to court – FWSN
- referred to court for delinquency/criminal charges
- incarceration rate
- suspension/expulsion
- in school or with HS diploma
- rate of substantiated abuse and neglect
- access to medical services (includes preventative treatment)
- justice involved
- re-arrest after justice involvement

Common Performance Measures
- Performance assessed through an array of common performance measures linked to the activities/services provided
- Common set of measures across programs - allows for appropriate comparisons.
How Much

- # served in program, by type of service
- access to service
- received services

How Well (%)

- Program completion rate
- Evidence based services offered
- "Fidelity to model" standards
- Program attendance rate
- Staff with appropriate qualifications
- Staff experience
- Staff/client ratio
- Cost per participant
- Cost per service
- On-going staff training
- Family-oriented services (of those with identified need)

Is Anyone Better Off?

- Positive outcomes for all program participants (in %)
  - engaged in positive social activities
  - in employment, education, or training at exit
  - with high resilience
  - Prevention
  - with no court involvement
- Diversion
  - diverted (not in court)
- Intervention / Treatment
  - no further court involvement
  - adequate youth compass (or similar) scores
  - increase in standardized scores
- Reentry/Aftercare
  - no further court involvement

System Development And Progress Measures (% - youth clients)

- in school, in training, or employed
- court involved youth committed or on probation
- new convictions
- successfully completing their programs
- successfully completing supervision [probation or parole, disaggregated]
- relative rate index [by point in system [e.g., arrest, detention, conviction, sentence]]

Current RBA Efforts in Juvenile Justice Arena

- DCF
- CSSD
- DOC
- Children’s Committee
- SDE
- Provider Associations

Next Steps and Plan Development Schedule

- Validate/Revise Results Statement and Indicators
- Determine where individual agencies and provider groups are in the RBA Development Process
- Refine and enhance common performance measures for each strategic area
- Create implementation plan and toolkit for agencies, including:
  - population level model,
  - common performance measures, and
  - initial guidance for procurement, contracting, and performance reporting

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