

Pennsylvania's JJSES

Where Are We?
Where Are We Going?

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It All Began with “Models for Change”

Models for Change (2005 – 2010)

- 1. Aftercare**
- 2. Disproportionate Minority Contact**
- 3. Mental Health / Juvenile Justice Coordination**
 - **Policy Statement**
 - **Self-incrimination Protections**
 - **MAYSI**
 - **Diversion**
 - **Family Engagement**
 - **EPISCenter at Penn State**
 - **MA Funding for “Blue Print” Programs**

Transition to JJSES

Summer of 2010

- **McArthur “leaving town”**
- **Various initiatives needed to be “under one roof” for funding / sustainability purposes**
- **Interest in “evidence-based practices” designed to reduce recidivism**
- **Concept of a Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) was “born”**
 - **JJSES Leadership Team created**
 - **JJSES “Statement of Purpose” Developed**

JJSES Statement of Purpose

We dedicate ourselves to working in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by

- Employing evidence-based practices with fidelity at every stage of the juvenile justice process*
- Collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and, with this knowledge,*
- Striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services, and programs*

.....and Along Comes JDAI

Winter of 2010

- Casey Foundation approves Pennsylvania's participation in its Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

Initial JDAI Activities

- Casey Foundation and CCLP staff orient counties potentially participating in JDAI
- Four counties volunteer to participate
- Formal Kick-off Occurs in Fall 2011

.....and Along Comes JJSIP (summer 2011)

- **Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project**
 - Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (Georgetown)
 - 1 of 4 states selected to participate
 - Berks County is PA's pilot site
- **JJSIP is Consistent with Evidence-based Practice**
 - Diversion
 - Delinquency Prevention
 - Risk / Need Assessment
 - Case Planning
 - Evidence-based Programs
 - Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP)
 - Recidivism Reduction Strategy

Consultants, Consultants, Consultants

.....We've Made Many Friends, Along The Way

- **National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice**
- **Child Welfare League of America**
- **National Youth Screening and Assessment Project (NYSAP)**
- **Juvenile Law Center**
- **Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University**
- **Center for Children's Law and Policy**
- **The Carey Group**
- **National Center for Juvenile Justice**
- **Education Law Center**

So....How Do We Put This All Together?

- ***Models for Change*** activities needed sustained
- **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative**
- **Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project**

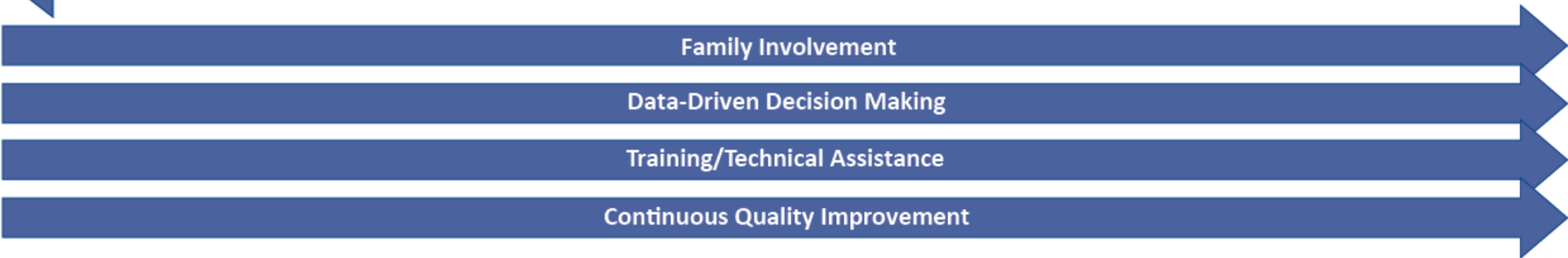
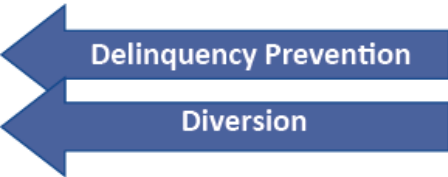
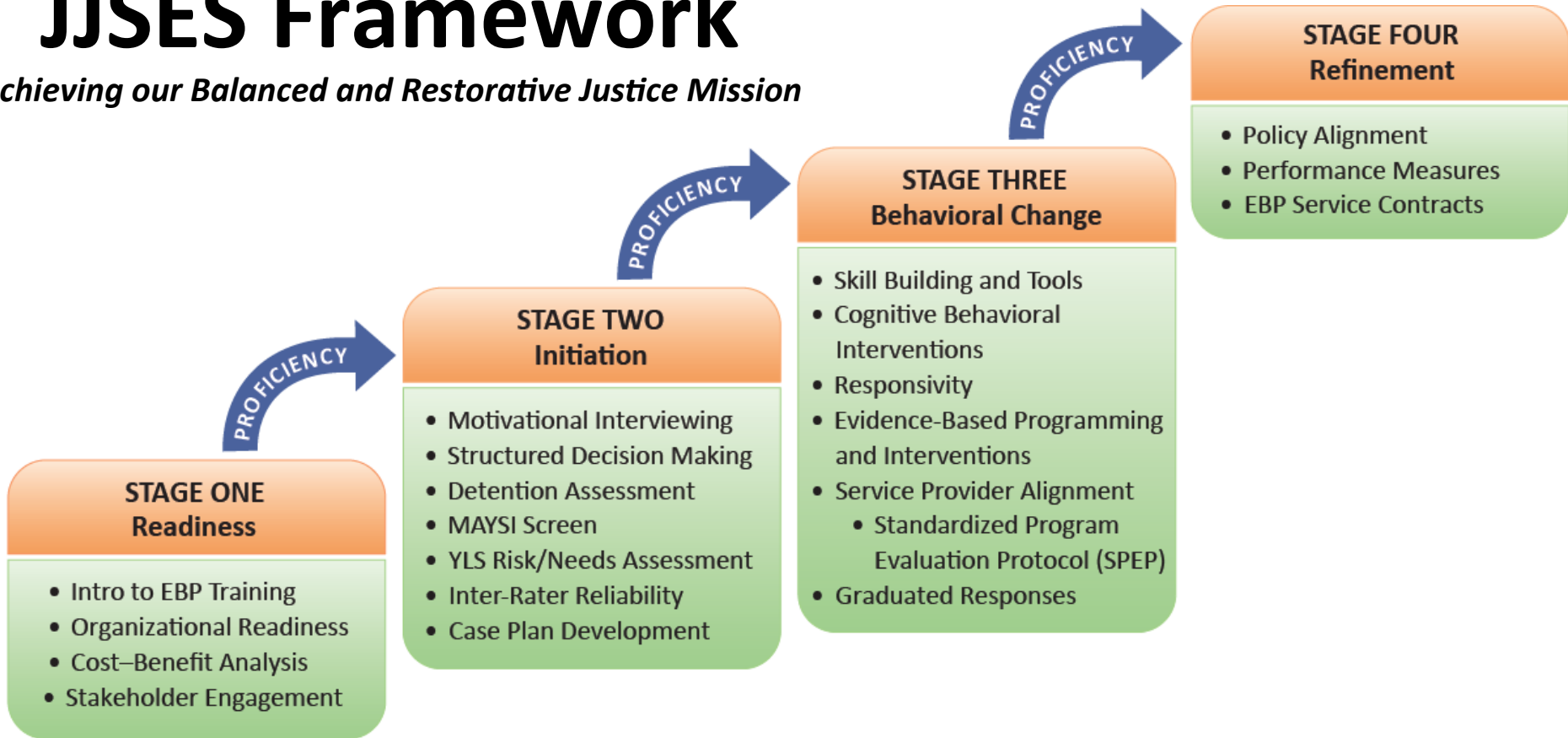
Needed a “Framework” to:

- “operationalize” *Statement of Purpose*
- Provide “Homes” to various initiatives
- Create a sensible process for counties to follow

It all came together, under the umbrella of our “balanced and restorative justice” mission

JJSES Framework

Achieving our Balanced and Restorative Justice Mission



JJSES Accomplishments in 2012

- **Completion of JJSES assessments in all 67 counties**
 - benchmark for future progress
- **Creation of JJSES Monograph**
- **6 regional JJSES training programs for county teams**
 - all 67 counties / over 600 participants) (April - May)
- **PCCD allocates \$1.5 M for JJSES Grants (October)**
 - 1st round awards involve 24 grants / 29 counties (\$850,000)
- **JCJC begins recidivism analysis**
 - **Recidivism: Adjudication of Delinquency or Criminal Court Conviction for Misdemeanor or Felony Offense within two years of Case Closing**
 - **All cases closed in 2007 to serve as benchmark for recidivism reduction**

JJSES Accomplishments in 2012 (cont'd)

- **Creation of JJSES Implementation Manual and Stage 1 “tools” / training to guide chief juvenile probation officers through JJSES implementation**
- **Over 1,100 juvenile justice professionals attended the 2012 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice that focused on evidence-based policy and practice**
- **Completion and distribution of “*A Family Guide to Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System*”**
- **Development of “family involvement” curriculum and provision of related training to juvenile justice professionals**

JJSES Accomplishments / Goals for 2013

- **Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JJRI)**
 - **“Right-sizing” of YDC/YFC System / Closure of New Castle YDC (January)**
 - **Governor Corbett Proposes “Reinvesting” Cost Savings to support JJSES, PCCD’s evidence-based programming, sustain / expand PACTT (DPW’s BJJS) (February)**
 - **FY 2013-2014 budget included those reinvestments (July 1st)**
 - **All JCJC funding will be contingent upon implementing JJSES (FY 2013 – 2014)**
- **PCCD’s 2nd and 3rd Rounds of local JJSES planning and implementation grants**

JJSES Accomplishments / Goals for 2013

- **Balanced and Restorative Justice Implementation Committee/JJSES Workgroup “combines forces” (May)**
- **JCJC’s Recidivism Project Report Issued (June)**
 - **20% Statewide Recidivism Rate**
 - **Serves as benchmark to measure success of JJSES**
 - **Analysis of cases closed from 2007-2009 due in fall of 2013**
- **On-site consultation with judges and chief juvenile probation officers to develop local JJSES implementation plans (FY 2013-2014)**
 - **“Year-two” JJSES county assessments to gauge local and statewide progress**

JJSES Accomplishments / Goals for 2013

Training

- **Local EBP 101 Training (ongoing)**
- **YLS Master Trainer Certification / Re-Certification Trainings (May and June)**
- **Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) Training (July 15-19)**
- **Four Core Competency Training for Supervisors (August 12-14)**
- **“JJSES Implementation Roundtable for Leaders” (Sept. 19th)**
- **Four Core Competency Training for Line Staff (September 25-27)**
- **2013 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice (November 6-8)**
- **Carey Guide TTT Training (Mark Carey) (December 11-12)**

JJSES Accomplishments / Goals for 2013

Structured Decision-Making re: Secure Detention

- Development of standardized Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) with PaJCMS interface

Data Analysis

- Improve detention-related data collection / analysis capacity
 - Secure detention, alternatives to detention, detention risk assessment information
- Continued development of JCMS reports
 - YLS-related reports (risk levels, needs, by disposition, etc.)
 - Serious, Chronic, Violent (SCV) real-time reports
 - PaJCMS “dashboards”

Upcoming JJSES Activities 2013

- **Development of Graduated Responses Template**
- **Development of Disposition Matrix for Probation Officer Recommendations**
- **Completion of Stage 2 materials for JJSES Implementation Manual**
- **EPISCenter Administers SPEP staffing / rollout**
- **PCCD's "Program and Practice Effectiveness Tool Kit"**