MODELS FOR SUCCESS: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH FOR JUVENILE DRUG COURT

Reclaiming Futures/Juvenile Drug Court Evaluation

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Evaluation Overview

- Multi-Site, four-year evaluation of the Juvenile
 Drug Court and Reclaiming Futures Initiative
- Charged with evaluating the outcomes and cost-effectiveness of the integration of the Juvenile Drug Court: Strategies in Practice and the Reclaiming Futures Models.

Evaluation Team

 University of Arizona's Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW)

Carnevale Associates, LLC

Chestnut Health Systems

The Models

Reclaiming Futures Juvenile Drug Court: Strategies in Practice 1) Collaborative Planning 2) Teamwork 1) Initial Screening 3) Clearly Defined Target Population & Eligibility Criteria 2) Initial 4) Judicial Involvement and Supervision 5) Monitoring & Evaluation Assessment 6) Community Partnerships 3)Service 7) Comprehensive Treatment Planning 8) Developmentally Appropriate Services Coordination 9) Gender-Appropriate Services 10) Cultural Competence 4)Initiation 11) Focus on Strengths 5)Engagement 12) Family Engagement 13) Educational Linkages 6)Transition 14) Drug Testing 15) Goal-Oriented Incentives and Sanctions

16) Confidentiality

OBJECTIVE 1: ASSESS THE OPERATIONS OF JUVENILE DRUG COURT/RECLAIMING FUTURES MODELS USING ESTABLISHED INDICES FOR PERFORMANCE, EFFICIENCIES AND COST EFFECTIVENESS

- Critical factors to combining the models
- System level effects that occurred by combining the models
- Adaptations and modifications in integrating the models

OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE THE EMPIRICAL KNOWLEDGE BASE ABOUT JUVENILE DRUG COURTS AND THE RECLAIMING FUTURES MODEL.

- Services provided
- Service recipients
- Who is missing

OBJECTIVE 3: ANALYZE THE EFFICACY OF COMBINED EFFORTS OF JUVENILE DRUG COURTS AND THE RECLAIMING FUTURES MODEL.

- Approaches to keeping target population involved
- Interventions that support matching clients to services
- System-level approaches, training, & resources associated with changes in services
- Level and appropriateness of services related to client and program performance

OBJECTIVE 4: CONDUCT CASE STUDIES USING ADMINISTRATIVE, COLLABORATION, AND QUALITY INDICES AND THE SIXTEEN KEY ELEMENTS OF JUVENILE DRUG COURTS

Individual Case Studies

System/Organizational Case Studies

OBJECTIVE 5: EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL FOR REPLICATION OF THESE MODELS

Cost-effectiveness of different approaches

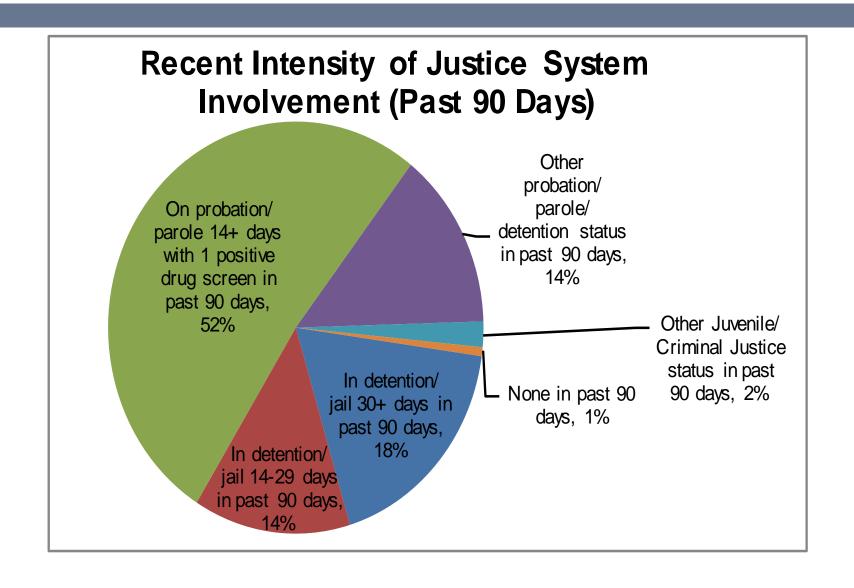
Measuring and Gauging Success

- Describe who was served by the program
- National cross-site evaluation of JDC/RF programs:

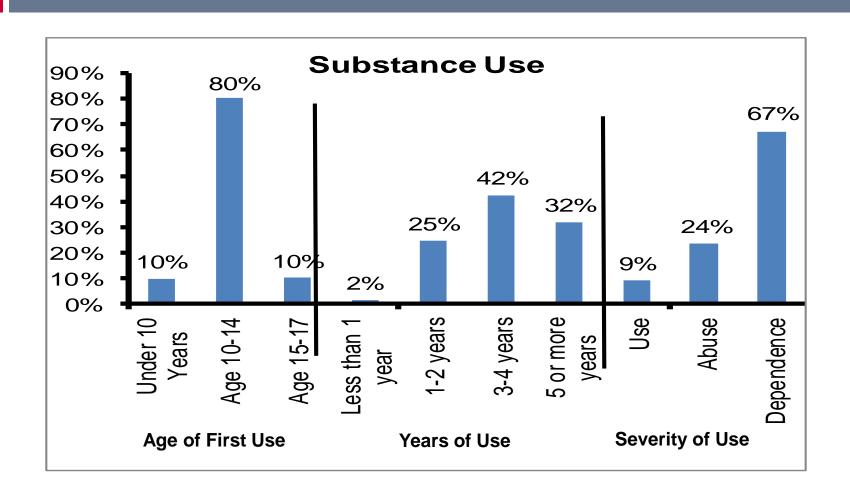
Gender	N	Percent
Male	425	76%
Female	134	24%
Race/Ethnicity		
African American\ Black	49	9%
Caucasian\White	184	33%
Hispanic	222	40%
Other	103	18%

Violence and Illegal Activity	N	Percent
Past Year Acts of Physical Violence	385	69%
Any Illegal Activity - Past Year	424	76%
Current Juvenile Justice Involvement	544	98%
Internal and External Mental Health Problems	N	Percent
Only External Mental Health Problems in Past Year	129	23%
Only Internal Mental Health Problems in Past Year	44	8%
Both External and Internal Mental Health Problems in Past Year	1 197	34%
Lifetime History of Victimization	368	66%

Who Was Served



Who Was Served



Measuring and Gauging Success

- Compare who was served by the program to the target population
- National cross-site evaluation of JDC/RF programs:

Age	Actual	Target
Mean	16.0	15.2
Range	12-19	12-18

Gender	Actual Percent	Target Percent		
Male	76%	68%		
Female	24%	32%		

Race/Ethnicity	Actual Percent	Target Percent	
African American\ Black	9%	13%	
Caucasian\White	33%	48%	
Hispanic	40%	35%	
Other	18%	3%	

Measuring and Gauging Success

- Describe Clients' Program Status
- National cross-site evaluation of JDC/RF programs:

Program Status Across Evaluation Sites						
Program Status	Evaluation Site					
	1	2	3	4	5	All Sites
Positive Status	70%	86%	90%	77%	48%	69%
Still in Treatment	14%	30%	15%	4%	13%	14%
Discharged to Community	30%	15%	3%	31%	27%	23%
Transferred for Further Treatment	26%	41%	72%	42%	8%	32%
Negative Status	20%	12%	3%	5%	38%	20%
Status Unknown	10%	2%	5%	18%	14%	11%

Questions?









Questions: For questions about this presentation or the National Cross-Site Evaluation, contact Monica Davis, Evaluation Coordinator at 520-295-9339 x211 or midavis@email.arizona.edu

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