

## Measuring Improvements JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION

### Focus area

What has your community decided to focus on over the next six years?

*Improving access to juvenile justice services to increase accountability and access to appropriate services*

### Goal Area

What is the goal area for your focus?

Children

Youth

Families

Community

*Youth*

### High Level Outcome (HLO)

Most closely associated high level outcome?

*Juvenile Recidivism*

### Objective statement

What objective will occur because of the community focus?

*Youth will move through the juvenile justice system more quickly and enter services to address their needs in a timely manner.*

## JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION – 1<sup>st</sup> Strategic Approach

What kind of strategic approach or approaches will your community use to take action? The community may use one, two or all three approaches. For each type of approach, additional information will be required.

*Choose one or more types*

### ■ System Change

Community Mobilization

Service Delivery Improvement

*System Change*

### Strategy Type

What kind of strategy will your community use to change the system?

*Choose one type*

### ■ Improving coordination

Improving the continuum

Integrating services

Multiple agency networking

System-wide training

Overall quality improvement

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Improving coordination*

## Strategy Description

Describe the strategy i.e. improving coordination will...

*Improving coordination of the juvenile justice system and service providers will allow youth to access services in a timely manner. Youth are not accessing services for an average of 10 months from the time of referral to the juvenile department.*

## Baseline

What is the current data that you will be using to determine change?

If you do not currently have baseline information, how will you establish that data?

*Average time from referral to disposition of youth is 8 months.  
Average time from disposition to initial service is 2 months.*

## Data Source

Who keeps the data related to the baseline that has or will be developed?

- 1. Juvenile court records for referral to disposition data.*
- 2. Juvenile department records determine time from disposition to initial service.*

## Target

What is the target for improvement over the next six years?

*Youth are re-offending at higher rates than the state average. It is believed that the long delay from referral to service delivery is having a significant impact on recidivism. Our county will decrease the average time from referral to disposition from 8 to 3 months or less, and disposition to initial service delivery from 2 months to two weeks or less.*

### Intermediate Outcome Statement and Elements

The outcome statement can be broken down into these elements.

Who is being targeted for a change?	What is the measurable change? % or #	What is going to happen for the target population?	By when?
<i>Youth 14-17 years of age and meeting he criteria for juvenile crime prevention services</i>	<i>Number of months</i>	<i>Decrease the average time from referral to disposition from 8 to 3 months or less, and decrease the average time from disposition to initial service delivery from 2 months to two weeks or less.</i>	<i>By June 30, 2014.</i>