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**Documenting Impact:
Grantee Evaluation Expectations**

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Agenda

- Measurement: Why? What? Who? How?
- Data Collection Partnership
- Resources
- Next Steps
- Q&A

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Why Measure?

- **Accountability**
 - **Mission:** Measuring program outcomes provides evidence that resources expended actually help youth in your court's care.
 - **Market:** Measuring program outcomes provides evidence of return on investment in a competitive funding environment.
- **Program benefits**
 - Demonstrate impact to your community & local stakeholders
 - Justify budgets
 - Develop or strengthen services based on identified needs
 - Staff recruitment & training

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Measuring grant success through a “mixed-methods” approach

Quantitative data
Quantities: Numbers, Counts, Rates
JJ Initiative Examples:
– Targets
– Cost-savings
– Numbers served in EBP

Qualitative data
Qualities: Descriptions, Processes, Attributes
JJ Initiative Examples:
– Planning Processes
– Training Processes
– Sustainability Processes

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Measure What?

Targets (examples)

- Felony commitments
- STP sentences
- Recidivism
- Secure detention
- Secure confinement



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Measure What?

Court Structure & Processes (examples)

Court and community diversion programming

- ☐ Planning
- ☐ Workgroup
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Change Management
- ☐ Program Implementation
- ☐ Sustainability

Program Strategy & Goals




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Measure What?

Program Service Delivery (examples)

- ↑ EBP Type(s)
- ↑ Numbers Served
- ↑ Program Tracking
- ↑ Trainings for EBP providers
- ↑ Quality Assurance



Who Measures Success & How?

Targets:


- DJJ reporting on
 - Felony commitments + STP sentences
 - Recidivism
 - Secure detention & secure confinement

Court & Community Process:

- 2 grantee site visits: Fall 2013, Spring 2014
- Final report

Program Service Delivery:

- Tracking of youth in grant-funded EBP
 - Participant characteristics, enrollment date, enrolled EBP program attendance, wraparound or referral services, and others
- Monthly updates and follow-up phone check-ins with evaluation team
- Quarterly reports, Final report




Data collection is a partnership.

We are partners who want you to succeed. Data is our business; serving youth is yours.

We will provide you with guidance, training, and technical assistance on how & what to track.

We will review your data with you to understand what's most useful to you, your court, and your program.



Data Collection & Evaluation Resources



Grantee Workshop Binders:
Grantee Snapshots
Grantee Target Graphics
Performance Measures
Logic Model (if applicable)
Pre-workshop Survey
Planning Workbook

Fall Site Visits:
Training, Technical Assistance

Monthly Online Summaries
Monthly Check-ins
Assistance with Quarterly Reports
Custom Grantee Reports

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Next Steps

1. Identify Point of Contact (POC) for Evaluation Team
 - Program Coordinator
 - Data Collection Specialist
 - Familiar with your system
2. Add evalhelp@uga.edu to your email contact list
3. Identify potential dates for evaluation site visit (3-4 hours) in September/October
4. Look for an email from the evaluation team in early September
5. Reach out with any questions

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Questions?

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