

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Youth Justice and System Innovation Division

Second Chance Act: Reentry Program Performance Measures Definitions and Questions

OUTPUTS		DEFINITIONS	QUESTIONS	
Inc	dividuals Served			
1.	Number of individuals served (by population) (OJJDP Overall)	To be "served" means a program, organization, or system admitted an individual and actively provided them services funded by OJJDP. Report individuals as served if an individual received services during the previous activity period and continued to receive services in the current activity period (carried over) or who began receiving services during the current activity period (new admission). To prevent duplications, count individuals once and only when they started receiving services, regardless of the number of times the individual may be served. A parent may be a child's biological parent, adoptive parent, foster parent, stepparent through marriage, or a temporary adult caregiver. A legal guardian is appointed by a judge to take care of a minor child. Additional family members include siblings and extended family members such as grandparents, aunts/uncles, and cousins or individuals identified by the youth as family.	 A. Number of children (ages 0–10) served who were carried over B. Number of children (ages 0–10) served who were new admissions C. Number of youth (ages 11–17) served who were carried over D. Number of youth (ages 11–17) served who were new admissions E. Number of young adults (ages 18–24) served who were carried over F. Number of young adults (ages 18–24) served who were new admissions G. Number of parents/legal guardians served who were carried over H. Number of parents/legal guardians served who were new admissions I. Number of additional family members served who were carried over J. Number of additional family members served who were new admissions 	

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Service Delivery		
2. Percentage of eligible individuals served by an evidence-based program or practice (OJJDP Overall)	A program or practice is defined as evidence-based if up to 3 rigorous outcome evaluations (utilizing experimental or quasi-experimental designs) demonstrated its effectiveness by measuring the relationship between the program and its intended outcome(s) and has the ability to replicate and scale when implemented with fidelity. A program is a specific set of activities carried out according to guidelines to achieve a defined purpose. The results apply to the exact set of activities and procedures used for that one program as it was implemented at the time of evaluation. A program profile can answer: Did the ABC Mentoring Program in X-town, USA achieve its goals? A practice is defined as evidence-based when meta-analyses of experimental or quasi-experimental designs assess the average effectiveness of the practice on various outcomes across several studies. The practice must have the highest quality of evidence with a statistically significant average effect size favoring the practice. A practice is a general category of programs, strategies, or procedures that share similar characteristics about the issues they address and how they address them. A single evidence rating is given for each outcome affected by the practice. A practice profile can answer: Does mentoring usually achieve its goals? Evidence-based programs or practices can come from various valid sources (e.g., OJJDP Model Programs Guide, Blueprints for Violence Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration 's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices, OJP's CrimeSolutions.gov, and State model program resources).	 A. Number of eligible individuals served by an evidence-based program B. Number of eligible individuals served by an evidence-based practice C. Name and source of evidence-based program D. Name and source of evidence-based practice

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3.	Percentage of eligible individuals served by a promising program or practice (OJJDP Overall)	A promising program is defined as promising if it does not satisfy the strict definition of an evidence-based program, but some evidence demonstrates achievement of intended outcomes. More extensive research is recommended. A program is a specific set of activities carried out according to guidelines to achieve a defined purpose. The results apply to the exact set of activities and procedures used for that one program. A program profile can answer: Did the ABC Mentoring Program in X-town, USA achieve its goals? A promising practice is defined as promising if it does not satisfy the strict definition of an evidence-based practice, but some evidence demonstrates achievement of intended outcomes. The practice must have a moderate quality evidence with statistically significant average effect size favoring the practice. More extensive research is recommended. A practice is defined as a general category of programs, strategies, or procedures that share similar characteristics about the issues they address and how they address them. A practice profile can answer: Does mentoring usually achieve its goals?	В.	Number of eligible individuals served by a promising program Number of eligible individuals served by a promising practice Name and source of promising program Name and source of promising practice	
4.	Percentage of eligible individuals served by a substance use disorder treatment service (Multi-Program)	Services that help an individual with a substance use disorder to improve a situation, relieve symptoms, manage a crisis, or deal with an issue through communication with and attention given to the individual experiencing the issue. Treatment usually involves a developmentally appropriate intervention or therapy.	A.	Number of total individuals served who received substance use disorder treatment	

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5.	Percentage of eligible individuals served by a mental health treatment service (Multi-Program)	Services that help an individual with a mental illness to improve a situation, relieve symptoms, manage a crisis, or deal with an issue through communication with and attention given to the individual experiencing the issue. Treatment usually involves a developmentally appropriate intervention or therapy.	A.	Number of individuals served who received mental health treatment service
6.	Percentage or eligible individuals served by a specialized aftercare service (Multi-Program)	Reintegrative services that prepare individuals in residential placement for reentry into the community by establishing the necessary collaborative arrangements with the community to ensure the delivery of prescribed services and supervision.	A.	Number of individuals served who received specialized aftercare service
7.	Percentage of eligible individuals who received specialized reentry legal or administrative advocacy services (Program Specific)	Specialized reentry legal or administrative advocacy services provide legal representation and advocacy to protect the rights of individuals seeking to remove obstacles, including collateral consequences caused by having a juvenile or criminal record.	A.	Number of eligible individuals received specialized reentry legal or administrative advocacy services
		Examples include assistance with early termination of supervised release, record sealing/expungement, correction of inaccurate criminal records (i.e., stolen identity cases, background checks, and credit reports), sex offender registration requirements, child support modifications, supervised release, and employment, housing, and occupational license denials.		
8.	Percentage of eligible individuals served by a multidisciplinary team (Multi-Program)	A multi-disciplinary team is when two or more individuals, representing different disciplines, working collectively toward a shared mission, goal, or outcome for the same individual or group of individuals.	A.	Number of individuals served by a multi- disciplinary team

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9.	Number of eligible individuals with a documented release plan (Program Specific)	A pre-release plan is a written discharge plan for individuals exiting confinement or placement. The plan begins to prepare the individual for reintegration into society by assisting those with transitional needs in establishing a foothold in the community before discharge. A post-release plan documents what needs to occur for a successful reentry when an individual exits confinement or placement. Successful post-release plans should address family, substance misuse, peer association/friends, school conflict and achievement, and mental/physical health concerns.	A. B.	Number of eligible individuals with a documented pre-release plan Number of eligible individuals with a documented post-release plan
10	 Number of memorandums of agreements/ understanding implemented (Multi-Program) 	Memorandums of agreements/understanding are formal partnering or coordination agreements between entities. Count when participants officially implemented the memorandums of agreements/understanding.	A.	Number of memorandums of agreement/ understanding implemented

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Pre	evention/Interventi	on Outcomes		
11.	Percentage of eligible individuals detained (OJJDP Overall)	Detention refers to the placement of a youth in a secure facility under court authority at some point between the time of referral to court intake and case disposition. Detention prior to case disposition is known as predispositional detention. Detention after sentencing is post-dispositional detention. Post-dispositional detention includes awaiting placement or short-term sentencing to detention. Count individuals who received either type of detention.	A. B.	Number of individuals eligible for detention Number of individuals detained of those eligible
12.	Percentage of eligible individuals adjudicated for a delinquency offense (OJJDP Overall)	Adjudication is a judicial determination (judgment) that a juvenile is responsible for the delinquency offense charged in a petition or other charging document. Delinquency offense is an act committed by a juvenile that would be criminal if committed by an adult. The juvenile court has jurisdiction over delinquent acts. Delinquent acts are defined in statute.	A. B.	Number of individuals served Number of individuals adjudicated for a first time delinquency offense Number of individuals adjudicated for a subsequent delinquency offense
13.	Percentage of eligible individuals adjudicated for a status offense (OJJDP Overall)	Adjudication is a judicial determination (judgment) that a juvenile is responsible for a status offense charged in a petition or other charging document. A status offense is an act or conduct that would not, under the law of the jurisdiction in which the offense was committed, be a crime if committed by an adult. Status offenses may include truancy, curfew violations, incorrigibility, running away, and underage possession and/or consumption of alcohol or tobacco based on the individual's age and state and local statute.	A. B. C.	Number of individuals served Number of individuals adjudicated for a first time status offense Number of individuals adjudicated for a subsequent status offense

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14.	Number of individuals incarcerated in an adult prison or jail (Multi-Program)	Jail is a locked facility for adults who are awaiting trial or serving a sentence of one year or less. Prison is a locked facility for individuals who have been convicted of a criminal offense and are serving a sentence of a year or longer.	A. Number of individuals incarcerated in an adult prison or jail
15.	Percentage of eligible individuals who violated a court order/condition (OJJDP Overall)	Court conditions or orders are documented behavior and service participation expectations ordered by the justice system that an individual must complete to end the system's jurisdiction over an individual. Court conditions or orders include pre-dispositional orders pending trial, post-dispositional orders (i.e., probation) and/or diversion program conditions.	 A. Number of individuals assigned a court order/condition B. Number of individuals who violated a court order/condition
16.	Percentage of eligible individuals who received a post-release technical violation (Multi-Program)	The jurisdiction or agency supervising an individual's post-imprisonment release determine whether the individual failed to comply with the conditions of their release. Count the number of individuals who received a technical violation, not the number of violations.	A. Number of eligible individuals who received a post-release technical violation
17.	Percentage of eligible individuals who received post- release parole (Multi-Program)	A conditional release from imprisonment that entitles the person to serve the remainder of the sentence outside the correctional institution if the terms of the release are not violated.	 A. Number of individuals released from imprisonment B. Number of eligible individuals who received post-release parole
18.	Percentage of eligible individuals who received post- release probation (Multi-Program)	A sentencing alternative to imprisonment (jail or prison) in which the court releases convicted defendants, under supervision, if certain conditions are observed.	 A. Number of individuals released from imprisonment (jail or prison) B. Number of eligible individuals who received post-release probation

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Program Quality		
19. Percentage of eligible individuals who completed their intended service requirements (OJJDP Overall)	Service requirements are the actions, behavior changes, and/or outcomes an individual is expected to achieve as defined by the program model and an individual's risk level. For example, a diversion program may last 1 month, and a family therapeutic program may last nine months. Count individuals who exited a service on any day between the first and last days of the activity period. Exit early means an individual exited the service before the intended time.	 A. Number of eligible individuals who exited the service B. Number of individuals who exited the service on time and who completed the service's requirements C. Number of individuals who exited the service early and who completed the service's requirements D. Number of individuals who exited the service after the intended time and who completed the service's requirements E. Number of individuals who exited the service on time and who did not complete the service's requirements F. Number of individuals who exited the service early and who did not complete the service's requirements G. Number of individuals who exited the service after the intended time and who did not complete the service's requirements
20. Percentage of eligible individuals who completed their required court conditions (OJJDP Overall)	Court conditions are documented behavior and service participation expectations ordered by the justice system and/or a judge that an individual must complete to end the system's jurisdiction over the individual's life. Completion means an individual successfully met the requirements as defined by the court.	 A. Number of individuals assigned conditions by the court B. Number of individuals who completed their assigned court conditions
Protective Factors		
21. Percentage of eligible individuals who exhibited improved selfesteem (OJJDP Overall)	Self-esteem is perceiving oneself as worthy of esteem or respect. Examples of self-esteem and positive identity include having a sense of purpose, a positive view of personal future, and perception of personal power (an individual feels they have control over things that happen to them). The simplest evaluation design is pre- and post-test, defined as a before and after assessment to measure whether the expected changes took place in the participants in a program.	 A. Number of individuals who received services to improve self-esteem B. Number of eligible individuals who exhibited an improvement in self-esteem

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22.	Percentage of eligible individuals with improved parent/caregiver relationships (OJJDP Overall)	An improved parent/caregiver relationship is defined as increased positive interactions between a child and their parent/caregiver. Examples include improved positive communication, a strengthened bond, frequent shared activities, trust, and increased emotional and practical support provided by a parent/caregiver to a child. A parent may be a child's biological parent, adoptive parent, foster parent, stepparent through marriage, or a temporary adult caregiver. A legal guardian is appointed by a judge to take care of a minor child. Additional family members include siblings and extended family members such as grandparents, aunts/uncles, and cousins, or individuals identified by the youth as family.	 A. Number of individuals who received services to improve parent/caregiver relationships B. Number of eligible individuals who exhibited improved parent/caregiver relationships
23.	Percentage of eligible individuals who participated in positive leisure/recreational activities (OJJDP Overall)	Leisure/recreational activities are structured or unstructured activities that an individual chooses to refresh their mind and bodies. Examples of unstructured activities include walking, meditating, reading, swimming, playing games, and dancing. Examples of structured activities include art lessons, music practice, sports activities, clubs, and involvement in youth programs, or after-school programs.	 A. Number of individuals who received services to promote participation in positive leisure/recreational activities B. Number of eligible individuals who participated in positive leisure/recreational activities

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24.	Percentage of eligible individuals who exhibited improved social competencies (OJJDP Overall)	Social competence is the ability to achieve personal goals in social interactions while simultaneously maintaining positive relationships with others over time and across situations. Examples of social competencies include planning, decisionmaking, empathy, sensitivity, cultural competence, and peaceful conflict resolution. The simplest evaluation design is pre- and post-test, defined as a before and after assessment to measure whether the expected changes took place in the participants in a program.	 A. Number of individuals who received services to improve social competencies B. Number of eligible individuals who exhibited social competencies
25.	Percentage of eligible individuals who actively engaged with school (OJJDP Overall)	Active engagement with school is multifaceted and includes a student who demonstrated behavioral engagement (i.e., class preparation, good attendance, participation in school activities); emotional engagement (i.e., liked school, interested in school); and cognitive engagement (i.e., self-regulated, exerted extra effort to do well, set academic goals). Engagement also includes student connectedness (feeling a sense of belonging) and bonding (strong relationships with teachers and other students).	 A. Number of individuals who received services to improve school engagement B. Number of eligible individuals who exhibited active engagement with school

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26.	Percentage of eligible individuals who exhibited improved mental health (OJJDP Overall)	A mental health disorder is defined as any clinically significant behavioral or psychological syndrome characterized by the presence of distressing symptoms, impairment of functioning, or significantly increased risk of suffering death, pain, disability, or loss of freedom. The definition does not include deviant behavior, disturbances that are essentially conflicts between the individual and society or expected and culturally sanctioned responses to events.	A. B.	Number of individuals who received services to improve mental health Number of eligible individuals who exhibited improved mental health
27.	Percentage of eligible individuals who abstained from or reduced substance misuse (OJJDP Overall)	Substance misuse is defined as the risky use of substances without addiction, including heavy or excessive use of alcohol, underage drinking, any use of illicit substances, and use of prescription medications without medical justification. Use of illegal substances includes, but not limited to, illegal drugs (e.g., heroin), prescription and nonprescription drugs, and alcohol, depending on the legal age to use a substance in local, state, or federal statute. Abstinence is defined as not misusing substances.	A. B. C. D.	Number of individuals who received services for substance misuse Number of individuals who abstained from illegal substance use Number of individuals who abstained from legal substance use Number of individuals who reduced illegal substance misuse Number of individuals who reduced legal substance misuse
Pro	ductive Lives			
28.	Percentage of eligible individuals who completed high school	Number of individuals who received a diploma from a traditional high school, an alternative high school, or a GED.	A.	Number of eligible individuals who received a high school diploma or a GED
	(OJJDP Overall)			

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29.	Percentage of eligible individuals employed (full-time or part-time) (OJJDP Overall)	Number of individuals who worked full- time (40 hours or more per week) or part-time (20 hours or less per week). Employment includes paid employment, a paid or unpaid internship, or participation in an apprenticeship program.	Number of eligible individuals empor part-time)	oloyed (full-time
30.	Percentage of eligible individuals enrolled in a higher education or a certificate program (Multi-Program)	Higher education or certificate program enrollment includes attendance (full-time or part-time) at a college, university, academy, seminary, conservatory, institute of technology, vocational school, trade school, or other college, that awards a formal degree or certificate.	Number of eligible individuals enro education or a certificate program	
Pro	ogram Outcomes			
31.	Percentage of eligible individuals who reentered out-of-home care (Multi-Program)	Out-of-home care is a court monitored process that encompasses the placements and services provided to children and families when children are removed from their home due to maltreatment. Reentered means to return to out-of-home care. A group home is a community-based, long-term facility which allows individuals extensive contact with the community. Kinship care refers to the care of children by relatives or, in some jurisdictions, close family friends. Foster care is a temporary service provided by States for children who cannot live with their families. Foster care may be provided by a relative, unrelated foster parent, group home, residential care facility, emergency shelter, or supervised independent living.	Number of individuals who reente care after exiting care Number of individuals who reente after exiting care Number of individuals who reente after exiting care Number of individuals who reente after exiting care after exiting care	red a group home red kinship care

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32.	Number of eligible individuals who had their record(s) expunged/sealed (Multi-Program)	Legal records in court include affidavits, petitions, motions, exhibits, court findings, and court orders. Expungement is when a court record is destroyed or sealed from state or federal records by order of a court, removing the record from a defendant's juvenile or criminal record.	A. Number of eligible individuals who had a record(s) expunged/sealed
33.	Percentage of eligible individuals released into safe, stable housing (Program Specific)	Release into safe, stable housing is when an individual returns to housing of reasonable quality and security after detention or incarceration. For youth, this includes living with a legal guardian, parent(s), or extended family. For adults, this includes transitioning to a group home or independent housing.	 A. Number of eligible individuals B. Number of eligible individuals (children ages 0–10) released into safe, stable housing C. Number of eligible individuals (youth ages 11–17) released into safe, stable housing D. Number of eligible individuals (young adults ages 18–24) released into safe, stable housing