



Model Data Collection and Outcomes for Best Practice Status Offender Programs:

Overall, national models for status offenders programs emphasize having a data collection system that accomplishes two primary goals: 1) describe the population being served and 2) evaluate the success of the program.

Recommended Data Collection Categories:

Describing the Target Population

1. Youth Information
 - a. Demographic information
 - b. School information
 - c. Mental health/substance use
 - d. Criminal history
 - e. Previous FINS involvement
2. Case Information
 - a. Referral
 - b. Screening/Assessment
 - c. Case acceptance/rejection
3. Service Delivery
 - a. Informal FINS service plan agreement
 - b. Case management

Evaluating Program Effectiveness

4. Case Closure Information
 - a. Reason for case closure
 - b. Referral to the DA
 - c. Client satisfaction survey
5. Post Program Follow-up
 - a. Referral to court
 - b. New FINS referrals
 - c. New arrests/court involvement
 - d. FINS Adjudication
 - e. Out of home Placement (Detention and Residential)
 - f. Change in behavior/environment (based on a follow-up survey)

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