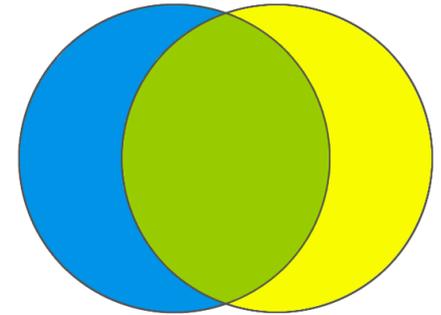


The Transition from Jail to Community Initiative



Toward a Data-Driven Understanding of Local Reentry Issues

Using Data to Inform, Improve, and Refine Your Strategy



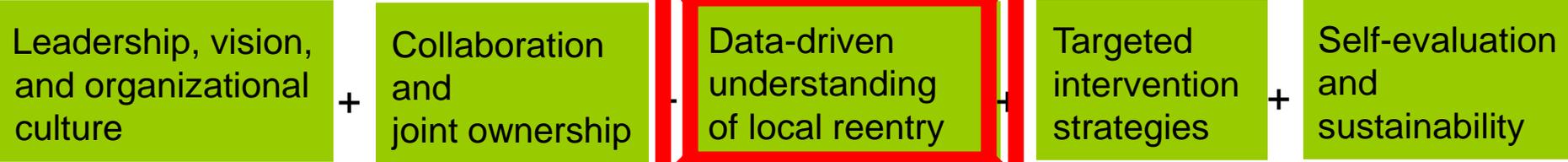
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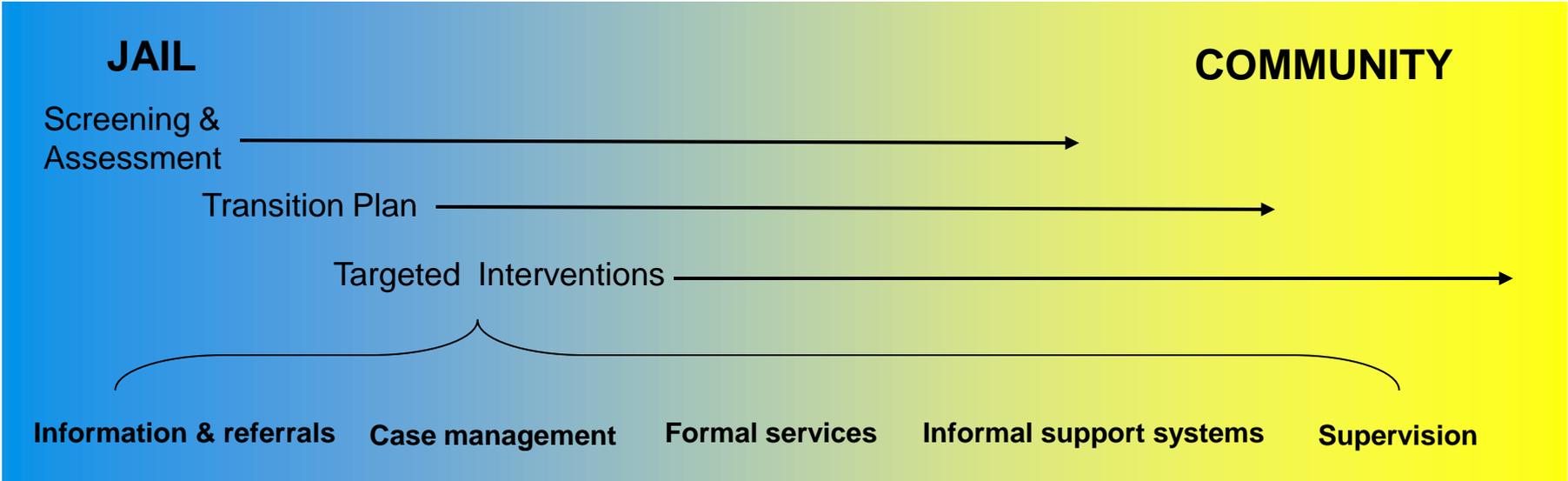


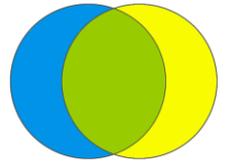
TJC Model

System Elements



Individual Intervention Elements





Session Overview

- **What's the value of evaluation?**
- **TJC evaluation approach**
- **Data and evaluation**
- **Asking and answering questions about reentry using data**

TJC Evaluation Approach

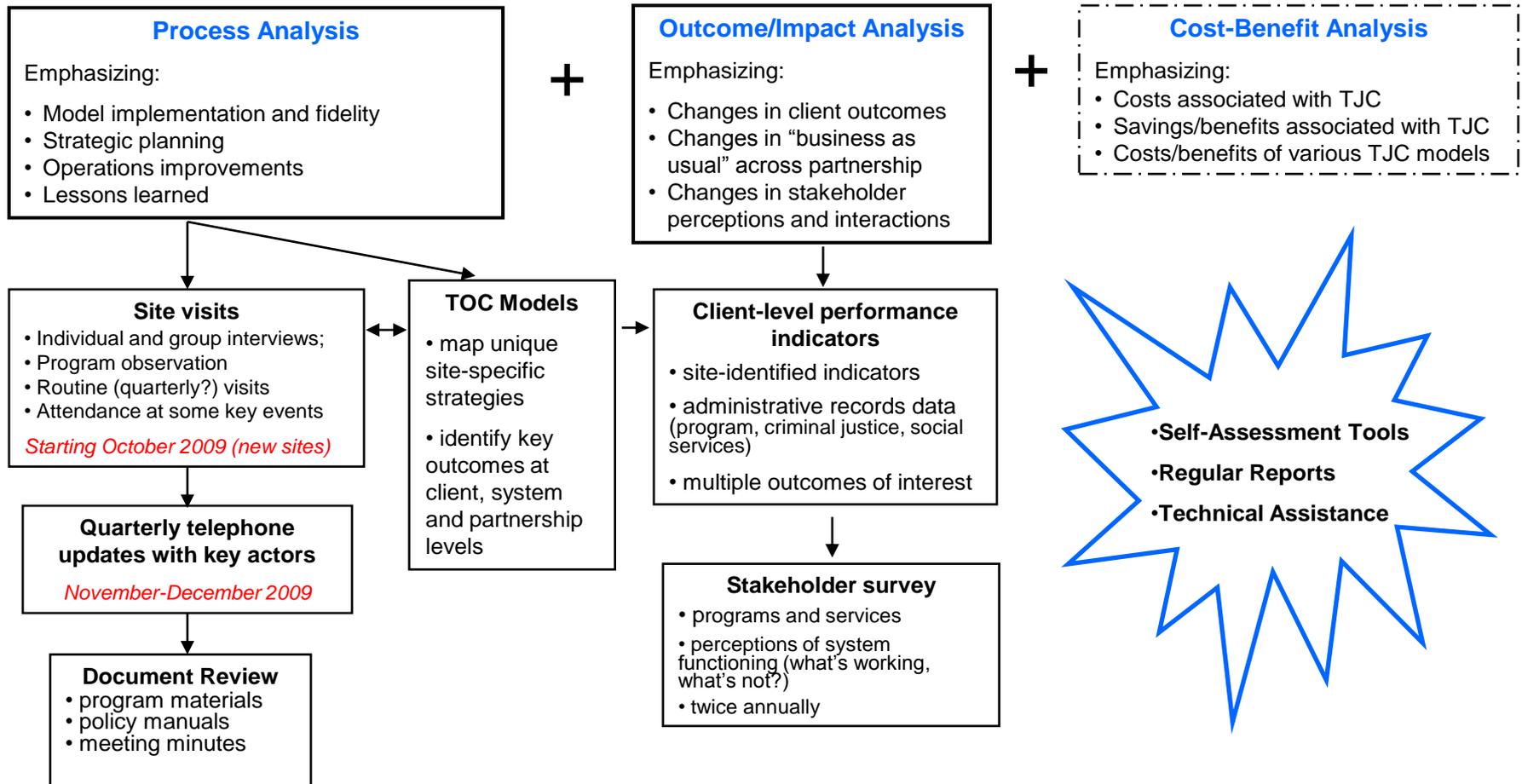
- **Key Objectives**

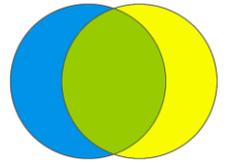
- To provide timely and relevant information that will inform planning, implementation, and improvement and facilitate sustainability
- To enhance local capacity for self-evaluation

- **Core Elements**

- Process evaluation
- Cost-Benefit analysis
- Outcome evaluation
- Data collection and frequent feedback

TJC Evaluation Approach





TJC Outcomes

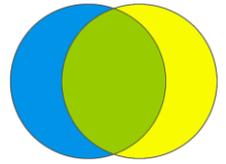
- **Improve Public Safety**
 - Reduce Re-offending
- **Improve Reintegration**
 - Reduced substance abuse
 - Reduced homelessness
 - Increased employment
 - Improved mental health/health

Defining a “data-driven” approach

- **Using data to ...**
 - Identify issues and problems, solutions, resources
 - Confirm or refute perceptions about pressing issues
 - Inform and implement improvements
 - Monitor progress
 - Measure outcomes and demonstrate effectiveness
 - Make sound decisions about policy, practice, and resource allocation

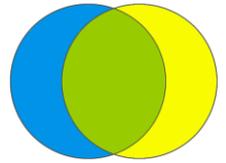
Elements of a Data-Driven Approach

- Assessing the characteristics of the jail population, crime problems, laws and policies
- Identifying the geographic areas to which the population returns
- Identifying subsets of the population likely to consume disproportionate CJ and program resources
- Identifying resources that can be leveraged
- Tracking service referrals, engagement and utilization, and share that information with partner agencies
- Self-evaluation/adaptation – monitoring progress, making changes



Data Can Answer Questions About...

- **Target population (characteristics)**
 - Who should be targeted? Based on what?
- **Crime**
 - Serious? Minor? What crimes are most likely to cycle through your jail?
- **Resources**
 - Consumption, availability, “goodness of fit”



Local Reentry Questions

- **What aspects of local reentry do you most need to learn about?**
 - List three to five
- **Why are these important questions?**
- **What information do we need to answer these questions?**
- **How you will use that information?**

Break-Out Session: Example

What aspect of local reentry do you most need to learn about?	Why is this question important?	What information (data) do we need to answer this question?	How will the information be used?
Access to public benefits (food stamps, Medicaid, SSI, cash assistance, etc.)	Linking jail-involved individuals to public benefits will help meet basic needs and may lower the risk of re-offending.	Who is eligible Who applies Who receives How long received	Knowing the difference between who is eligible and who applies for benefits is critical to obtaining supportive services.

Key Questions for Implementation

- What kinds of data are agencies using?
- How are you using these data?
- What type of support is available to help in your use of data?
- What factors influence if/how data are used in decision-making?

Next Steps...

- Site visit
- Baseline data collection
 - System approach
 - Jail population characteristics
- TA evaluation assessment
 - Identify data resources, capacity for analysis and data-sharing, etc.
- Stakeholder survey

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