Community Partner Involvement
in a Juvenile Justice
Behavioral Health Service
Organizational Implementation Trial

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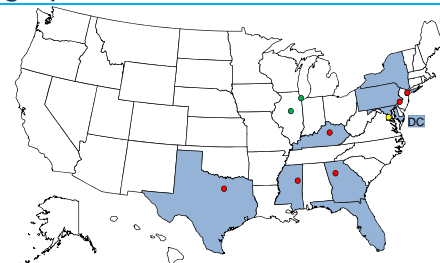
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Purpose

- The purpose of this presentation, within the context of the JJ-TRIALS implementation behavioral health trial, is to describe the diverse settings in which the study will be initiated and how State and community partners are involved in the study and the design.

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JJ-TRIALS Cooperative Agreement Geographic Locations

- JJ TRIALS Funder
- JJ-TRIALS Coordinating Center
- JJ-TRIALS Research Centers
- JJ-TRIALS Juvenile Justice Sites

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Juvenile Justice Sites & JJ Partners

- Partners include juvenile justice and community behavioral health services organizations include:
  1) District of Columbia (1 site)
  2) Florida (2 sites)
  3) Georgia (6 sites)
  4) Kentucky (6 sites)
  5) Mississippi (6 sites)
  6) New York (6 sites)
  7) Pennsylvania (3 sites)
  8) Texas (6 sites)

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Planned JJ-TRIALS Sites

- All sites (n = 36) serve youth under community supervision
  - Sites are primarily county level juvenile justice agencies
  - Site are predominantly urban (some suburban, rural, and mixed sites however)
- Annually an estimated 33,000 youth are served across all sites

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Site Selection Criteria

- To participate in the study, all sites had to meet the following criteria:
  - Be a juvenile justice agency service justice-involved youth under **community supervision** and receiving services in **non-secured settings**
  - Able to provide **data on youth's involvement in behavioral health service**s, including screening, assessment, and treatment initiation
  - Able to partner with at least 1 **behavioral health treatment partner** outside of JJ agency
  - **Minimum caseflow** of 10 youth/month
  - **Minimum of 8 staff members** in JJ agency
  - Ability to designate senior **staff to serve as study liaison**

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Juvenile Justice Partners

- Partners include juvenile justice and community behavioral health services organizations include:
  1) District of Columbia (1 site)
  2) **Florida (2 sites) → Judy Roysden**
  3) **Georgia (6 sites) → Margaret Cawood**
  4) **Kentucky (6 sites) → Veronica Koontz**
  5) **Mississippi (6 sites) → James Maccarone**
  6) **New York (6 sites) → Patti Donohue**
  7) Pennsylvania (3 sites)
  8) **Texas (6 sites) → Nancy Arrigona**

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Partner Involvement

- The JJ-TRIALS RFA required a juvenile justice partner to be a named co-investigator
- JJ-TRIALS juvenile justice partners are voting members of the Steering Committee and attend every SC meeting
- In addition to voting on SC issues, our justice partners:
  - Participate in workgroups (including primary Study Design group)
  - Advise on key design issues at every juncture
  - Review and comment on study procedures & documents
  - Assist in recruiting/securing potential study sites
  - Co-author public presentations

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Partner Involvement

- **In short:** Partner involvement is **critical** helping to design the study protocol sot that it is both **feasible** for sites and **meets partner needs**.

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