**IMPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST PRACTICES IN CORRECTIONAL SETTINGS: AN OVERVIEW OF CONCEPTUALIZATION, DESIGN, AND MEASUREMENT**

**JJ-TRIALS**

**TEXAS PRE-LAUNCH CONSIDERATIONS**

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**JUVENILE JUSTICE IN TEXAS**

- Referral
- County Juvenile Services Department
  - Detention
  - Pre-Disposition
- TJJD Commitment
  - Community
  - Residential
  - Program Participation
  - Post-Disposition
- County Supervision
  - Secure Facility
  - Adult/Incarcerated/Rehabilitation
  - Contract Care
- Parole

Jurisdictional Average Daily Population
- Community Residential 2,220
- Secure Residential 1,316
- Detention 23,614
- Probation Average Daily Population 2,220
- Pre-Disposition
- Detention
- Intake/Assess
- Screening
- Use
- Active
- Initiation/engagement
- Disposition Decision
- Dropped/Dismissed
- TJJD Commitment
- Certification as Adult
  - Secure Facility
  - Adult/Incarcerated/Rehabilitation
  - Contract Care
- Parole
Policies & procedures that affect service availability
Inter-agency collaboration, connectivity
Clients receiving service, Penetration of new practices
Perceptions of feasibility, Acceptability, Adoption
Client/Parent satisfaction, Receipt of services

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EPIS AS A STUDY FRAMEWORK

Next Steps

- Where do gaps in services exist for juveniles in Texas?
- What strategies can effectively promote improvement in screening, assessment, and referral to substance use treatment?
- What is the role of the network in promoting change?
- What is the role of the organization in promoting change?