



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AB 109 PROGRAM EVALUATION

CAB Meeting

September 11, 2014

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Introduction to RDA

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- Mission-driven consulting firm established in 1984
- Work with county systems and community-based organizations in the areas of criminal justice, mental health, substance use, education, and children and families
- Extensive experience in criminal justice research and evaluation
- Passionate team committed to continuous learning and improvement



Project Overview

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Project Context

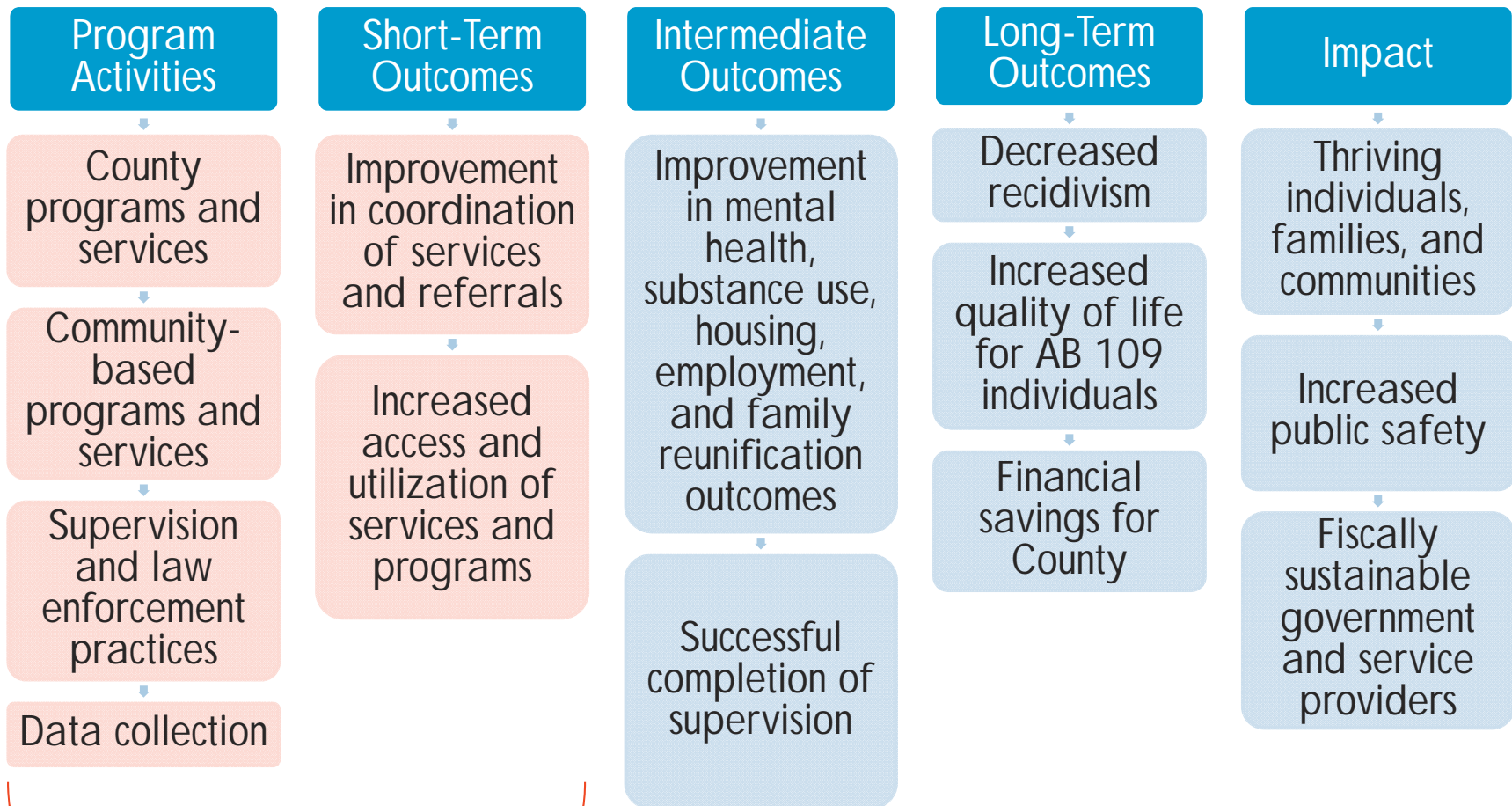
- Contra Costa County seeks to understand the long-term impacts of AB 109 on individuals and the county
- Phase 1: RDA began working with the County in November 2013 to evaluate the implementation of AB 109 to date and assess the County's capacity for longer-term evaluation

Phase 2: August 2014 – June 2015

- Evaluate client-level outcomes of AB 109 programs
- Institute departmental data dashboards for ongoing data collection and monitoring
- Begin preliminary recidivism analysis

Evaluation Focus: Phase 1

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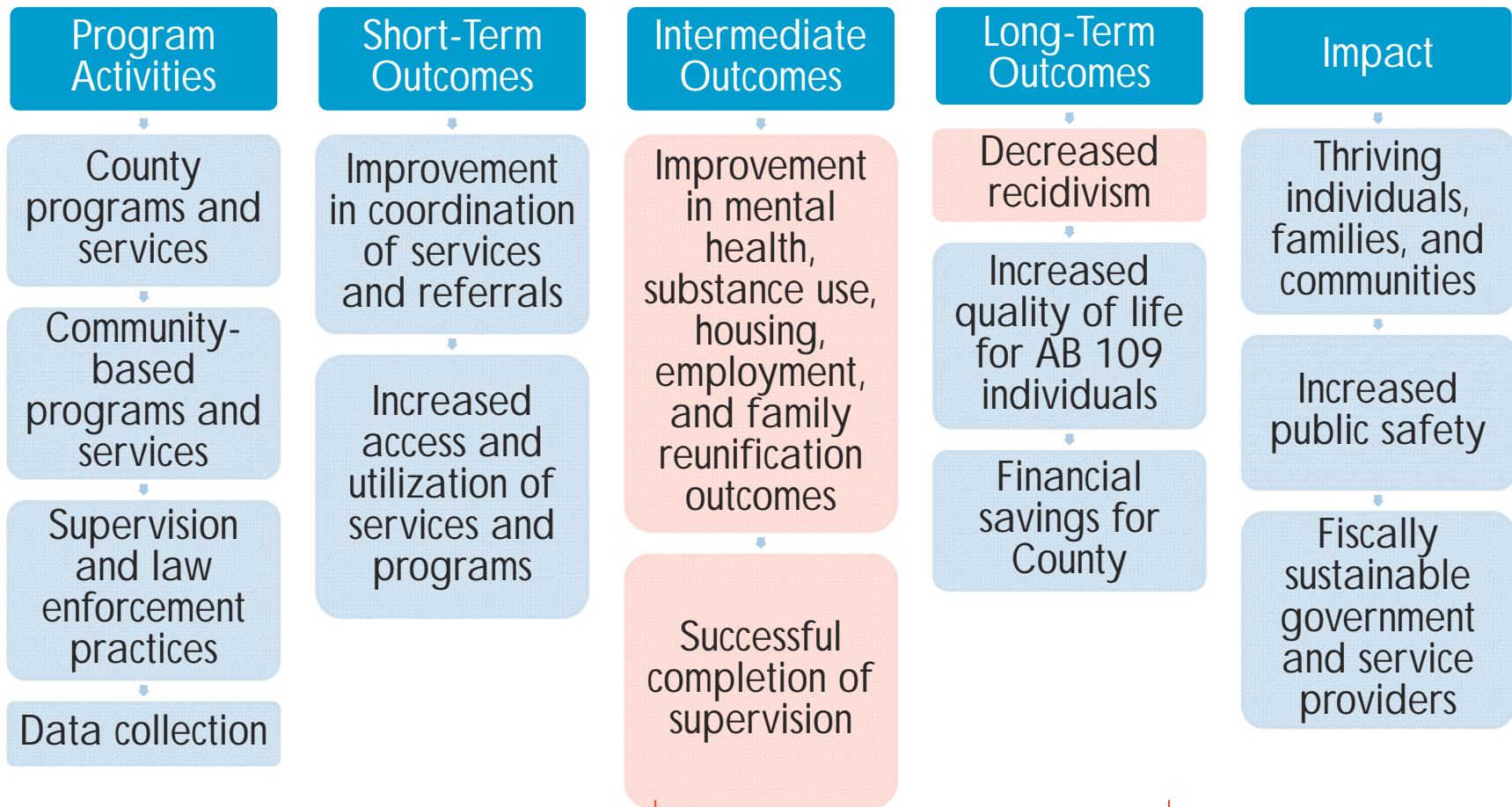


Focus of Phase 1 Evaluation



Evaluation Focus: Phase 2

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Focus of Phase 2 Evaluation



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Evaluation of AB 109 Programs

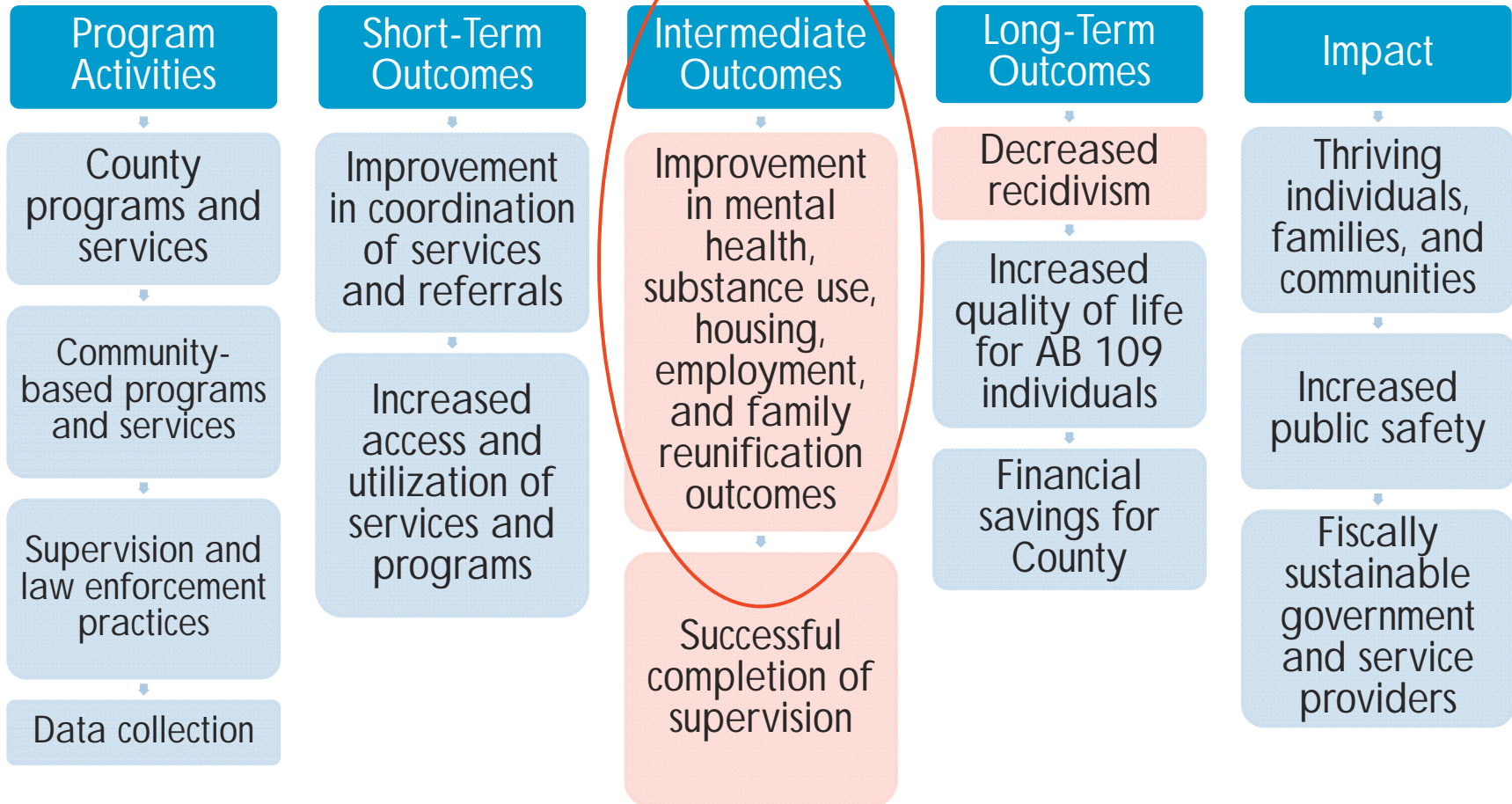
Evaluation Objectives

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- Assess extent to which participants in contracted programs achieve the interim outcomes that are associated with reduced recidivism
 - Such as stable housing, job placement and retention, and substance abuse recovery
- Understand factors that facilitate or inhibit providers' abilities to achieve client outcomes

Focus on Intermediate Outcomes

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Evaluation Activities: Planning

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- Planning Meetings with Contracted Providers
 - Taking place by mid-September
 - Understand each provider's service delivery model, anticipated client outcomes, and data collection
- Provider Data Sharing Agreements
- Review Provider Data Availability

Evaluation Activities: Data Collection

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Quantitative Data Collection

- Individual-level data on services provided and client outcomes

Focus Groups with Program Participants

- Focus groups with each contracted provider
- Understand participants' perspective on how programs have helped them achieve successful reentry

Focus Groups with Providers

- Focus groups with each contracted provider
- Understand staff perspectives on client outcomes, including circumstances that facilitate or inhibit providers' abilities to achieve client outcomes

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Data Dashboards

Purpose and Activities

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- Data Dashboards are intended to support increased data and information sharing across AB109 partner agencies
 - *Department Planning Meetings*
 - *Updated Data Collection*
 - *Transfer Ownership to County Departments*

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Preliminary Recidivism Analysis

Purpose and Activities

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- Establish preliminary recidivism-related outcomes and understand extent to which participation in contracted programs impacts recidivism
 - ▣ *Match Justice System and Service Data*
 - ▣ *Assess Preliminary Criminal Justice Outcomes*

Rough Project Timeline

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August 2014-
April 2015

- Evaluation of AB 109 Programs

August 2014-
January 2015

- Revision of Data Dashboards

January 2015-
June 2015

- Preliminary Recidivism Analysis

Ongoing Communication and Presentations

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- Regular communication with Senior Deputy County Administrator, DEC chair, Reentry Coordinator, and managers of the West County Reentry Resource Center and East and Central County Reentry Network
- Updates at monthly DEC meetings
- Communication with other projects including PPIC Multisite Study
- Presentation of findings to CCP and Board of Supervisors

Questions?

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