South Dakota’s Senate Bill 73: Comprehensive Reform Implementation Successes

**LEGISLATIVE CHANGE**
- Creates citation process and expands diversion for lower level offense
- Specifies commitment criteria for youth adjudicated for serious offenses
- Establishes presumptive length of probation and requires graduated responses for supervision violations
- Implement performance-based reimbursement structure with private providers
- Statewide implementation of Functional Family Therapy

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
- Developed materials, including policies and procedures, to support rollout of citations and expanded diversion process
- Validated risk assessment tool and ensuring sustained scoring consistency to improve outcomes
- Trained probation officers on graduated responses to enhance and sustain new skills
- Developed performance measures to monitor community programs and track key system indicators

**OUTCOMES***

**Expanded Use of Diversion**
- $3.2 million upfront investment in support of changes including diversion expansion
- $242,500 reinvestment to 26 counties
- 1000 Youth Diverted, 69% Successful

**Less Commitment, More Probation Success**
- 50% New Commitments
- 62% Probation Violations
- 94% Success on Probation Up 9%

**REINVESTMENT**
- $6.1 million upfront investment in expanding community-based services
- Closure of the only state-run secure facility

*Outcome data show trends from 2014 (1 year pre-reform) to 2016 (1 year post-reform)

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