

# PERFORMANCE MEASURES SHAPE JUVENILE JUSTICE



As juvenile justice systems move toward data-driven policies and practices, state and local agencies have become increasingly focused on using performance measures to ensure they are promoting positive outcomes for youth. By analyzing targeted performance measures, agencies can use data to continually improve policies and practices.

## Juvenile Justice Performance Measures:



### Outcome Measures

Demonstrate how the juvenile justice system works as a whole and establish a baseline comparison for future outcomes

- Juvenile crime rate
- Recidivism rate
- Successful program completion rate



### Operational Measures

Capture how well each piece of the juvenile justice system is working and inform decisions about resource allocation

- Detention admissions and releases
- Case processing times
- Average program length of stay



### Other Measures

Provide additional information about the juvenile justice system and the impacts of its policies and practices, internally and externally

- Imposition of fines and fees
- Use of graduated responses
- Quality-assurance measures