



Juvenile Justice System Enhancements Program Performance Questions and Definitions

PERFORMANCE QUESTIONS	DEFINITIONS
ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS	
1. Did you experience any challenges that impacted project activities during this reporting period? If yes, how did you address the challenges, or do the challenges remain unresolved? ☐ Yes: _____ ☐ No	Challenges related to project activities can vary; examples might include: • Scope expansion: requirements expanding beyond the original scope. • Resource constraints: insufficient personnel, equipment, or materials, or overbooked or mismanaged resources. • Scheduling: unachievable deadlines leading to missed milestones, burnout, or reduced quality. • Communications: poor communication practices that result in rework. • Technical: inadequate skills for specific tasks, improper tool usage, or difficulty in determining the best approach for complex activities. • Risk management: failure to anticipate, plan for, or mitigate risks, causing unexpected delays or stoppages. • Accountability: confusion over who is responsible for project tasks or outcomes. • Documentation: difficulty locating project documents, assets, or maintaining consistent, real-time progress tracking. Reporting period refers to the specific timeframe covered by this report.
2. How many strengths and weaknesses have been identified as a result of system analyses during this reporting period? _____	System analyses refers to formal efforts to collect and examine juvenile justice system data, processes, and policies. Reporting period refers to the specific timeframe covered by this report.
3. How many system enhancements have been proposed to address the strengths and weaknesses during this reporting period? _____	System enhancements refers to updates or changes to existing processes, policies, procedures, activities, or strategies utilized at any decision point within the juvenile justice system. Proposed means the identified updates or changes have been officially documented and shared with local or state officials. Reporting period refers to the specific timeframe covered by this report.
4. How many quality control metrics are tracked to ensure system enhancements are implemented correctly? _____	Quality control metrics refers to specific measurements designed to tell you how well the identified enhancement is performing or how reliably a process works. For example, tracking the effectiveness of training by reviewing staff activity. Tracked refers to data being officially documented using a system of record that demonstrates change or movement in that data. System enhancements refers to updates or changes to existing processes, policies, procedures, activities, or strategies utilized at any decision point within the juvenile justice system.

OUTCOMES	
5. How many system enhancements have been adopted by juvenile justice officials to address identified strengths and weaknesses? _____	System enhancements refers to updates or changes to existing processes, policies, procedures, activities, or strategies utilized at any decision point within the juvenile justice system. Adopted means the identified updates or changes have been officially agreed to by local or state officials and formalized for implementation within the juvenile justice system.
6. How many system enhancements have been assessed for effectiveness? _____	System enhancements refers to updates or changes to existing processes, policies, procedures, activities, or strategies utilized at any decision point within the juvenile justice system. Assessed means that a program official or another authorized individual applied an evaluation to identify how well the enhancement met an established standard for effectiveness. Effectiveness means the system enhancement addressed the strength or weakness that they were intended to address.
7. How many of the assessed system enhancements indicated effectiveness? _____	System enhancements refers to updates or changes to existing processes, policies, procedures, activities, or strategies utilized at any decision point within the juvenile justice system. Assessed means that a program official or another authorized individual applied an evaluation to identify whether the enhancement met an established standard for effectiveness. Effectiveness means the system enhancement addressed the strength or weakness that they were intended to address.
8. How many quality control metrics show that policies were implemented as expected? _____	Quality control metrics refers to specific measurements designed to tell you how well the identified enhancement is performing or how reliably a process works. For example, tracking the effectiveness of training by reviewing staff activity.
9. Did you experience any challenges related to external factors beyond your control during the reporting period that impacted program outcomes? If yes, please describe the challenges. ☐ Yes: _____ ☐ No	Program refers to the juvenile justice system enhancement efforts employed in the jurisdiction or state. Challenges related to external factors can vary; examples may include: • Unexpected costs: for example, due to price surges for necessary resources. • New compliance or standards: such as changes in laws, regulations, or guidance. • Supply: unexpected hurdles related to resource availability. • Skilled labor: labor markets making it difficult to find, hire, or retain skilled labor. • Technology: changes in stability and threats related to technology. Reporting period refers to the specific timeframe covered by this report.
10. How would you describe progress made toward this award's goals and objectives during this reporting period? ☐ Not started ☐ Behind schedule ☐ On track ☐ Ahead of schedule ☐ Complete	Reporting period refers to the specific timeframe covered by this report.

PROGRAM QUESTIONS (These are asked one time at beginning of the award.)	DEFINITIONS
1. What is the primary focus of the program?	Program refers to the juvenile justice system enhancement efforts employed in the jurisdiction or state.
2. What approach will be used to conduct ongoing assessment of quality improvement solutions?	Quality improvement solutions are structured policies, methods, tools, and practices that an organization uses to make its processes, services, or outcomes more effective, efficient, reliable, and responsive to stakeholder needs.