

Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM) in Indiana

The Evidence Based Decision Making Framework

A Framework for Evidence-Based Decision Making in State and Local Criminal Justice Systems

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The EBDM Framework

“[A] strategic and deliberate method of applying empirical knowledge and research-supported principles to justice system decisions made at the case, agency, and system level . . .”

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Evidence Based Decision Making

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“Public safety outcomes will be improved when justice system stakeholders engage in truly *collaborative partnerships*, use *research to guide their work*, and work together to *achieve safer communities, more efficient use of tax dollars, and fewer victims*”

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EBDM Principles

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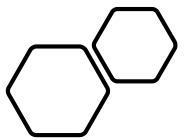
- The professional judgment of criminal justice system decision makers is enhanced when informed by evidence-based knowledge
- Every interaction within the criminal justice system offers an opportunity to contribute to harm reduction
- Systems achieve better outcomes when they operate collaboratively
- The criminal justice system will continually learn and improve when professionals make decisions based on the collection, analysis, and use of data and information

EBDM Activities

NIC – EBDM Starter Kit (<https://info.nicic.gov/ebdm/node/40>)

1. Establish Policy Team
2. Readiness for Change
3. Understanding Current Practice
4. Assess Capacity to Implement
5. Develop Logic Models
6. Identify Performance Measures
7. Gain Support
8. Action Plan

Evidence Based Decision Making: History in Indiana



History

2010

Grant County selected as EBDM site

2016

Indiana selected as EBDM implementation site
Focus on local implementation of pretrial
11 counties participating in pretrial pilot

2015

Indiana selected as EBDM planning site
6 Counties selected as EBDM local pilot sites

2019

Sustainability and Expansion Planning

Mapping

- Initiatives Map
- Data Map
- Money Map
- System Map

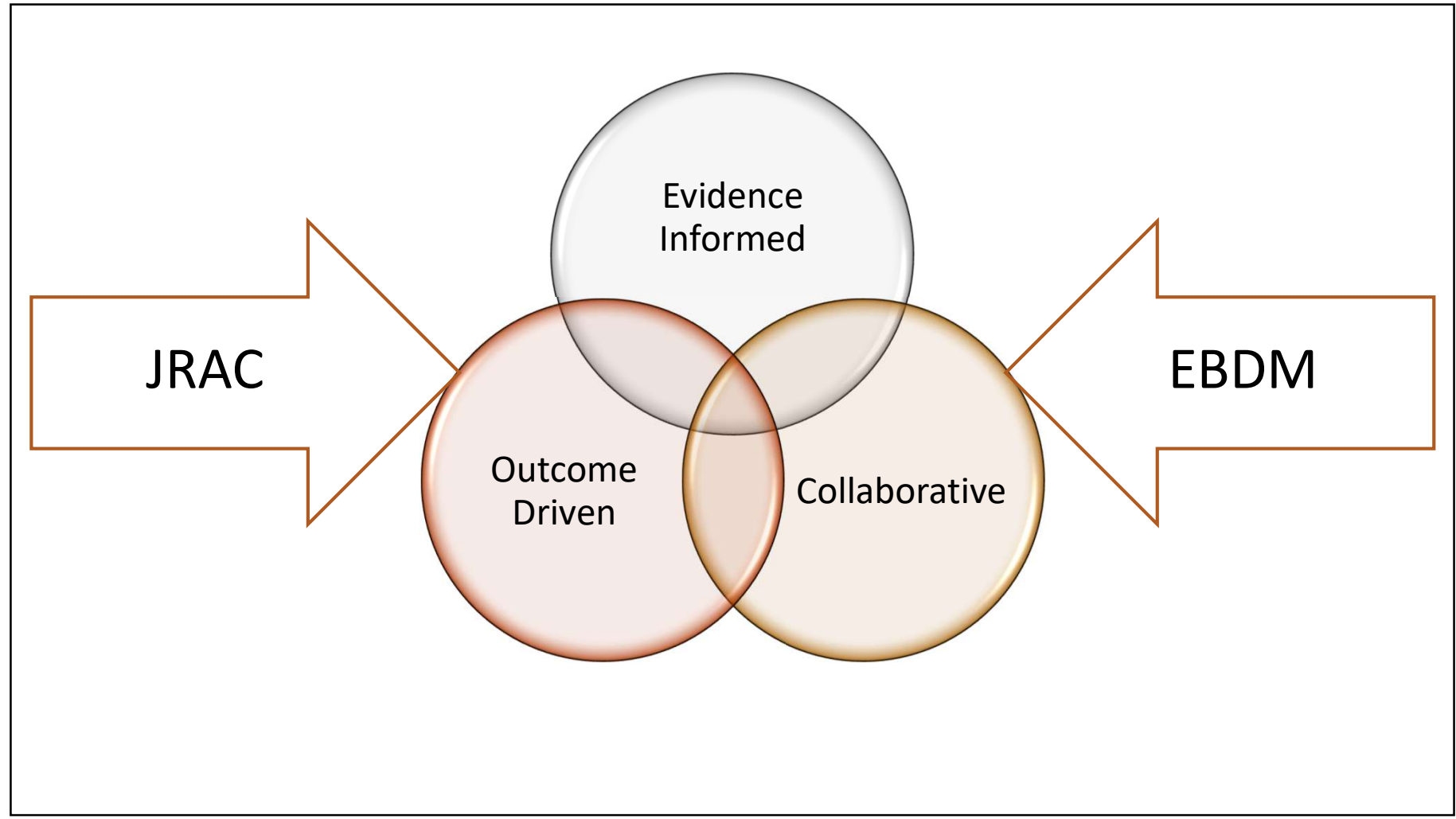




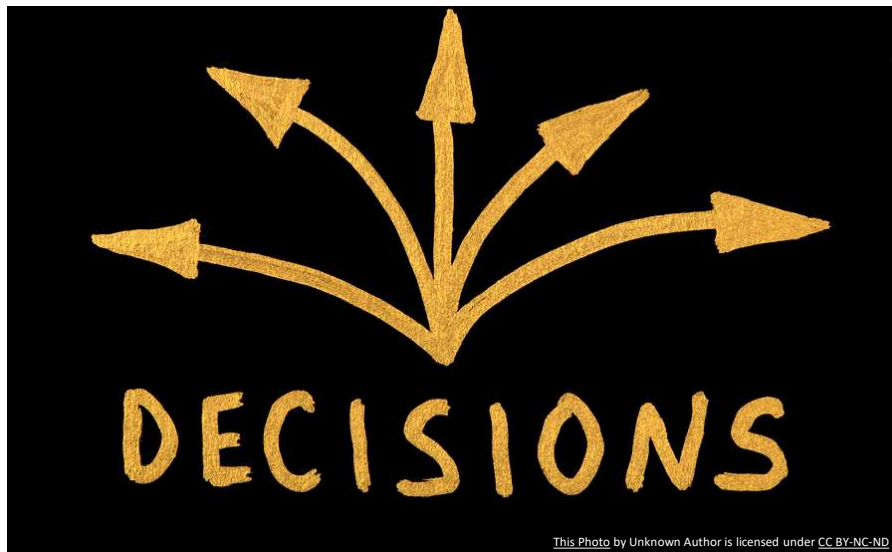
Indiana EBDM Decision Points

- Arrest
- Pretrial Status
- Charging, Diversion, & Deferred Prosecution
- Guilty Plea Negotiations
- Acceptance of Plea Agreement & Sentencing
- Local & State Institutional Interventions
- Local & State Institutional Release & Reentry Planning
- Probation, Parole, & Community Corrections Interventions
- Community Treatment Interventions
- Pretrial, Probation, Parole, & Community Corrections Violation Responses

Looking to the Future



Proposed Initiatives



- Develop expectations and best practice guideline documents for additional decision points
- Coordination of system-wide initiatives

Administrative Structure

- Support for JRAC initiatives
- Expansion of evidence based decision making initiatives



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Fiscal Issues

- Additional funding
- Coordinated funding



Training & Technical Assistance

- Facilitate development of local initiatives
- Develop resources to provide information and support best practice implementation
- Promote and align education and professional development opportunities at all levels



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Questions?

