

Using Performance-based Standards to Enhance Other Initiatives

The five approaches listed below highlight how Performance-based Standards data, resources and processes can help with other initiatives [e.g., American Correctional Association (ACA) standards, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)]. Aligning data collection and reporting efforts can be extremely beneficial when time and staff resources are limited. The strategies provided can assist an agency in making the most of Performance-based Standards.

1. Streamline Reporting Requirements

Performance-based Standards data can serve as a valuable shortcut with other initiatives, reducing the need for additional surveys or forms to collect the same or similar information. By aligning the data you already collect through Performance-based Standards with other reporting requirements, you can save time and effort while meeting multiple obligations. Resources are available to help align with various initiatives such as PREA.

2. Gain Holistic Insights

Performance-based Standards goes beyond administrative data by capturing perceptions from staff, young people and families. Participating agencies cite these as extremely valuable in cross-checking information from various sources. Perception surveys provide deeper insights into all data points, helping better understand how services are experienced and perceived.

3. Evaluate Policy Effectiveness

Organizations can identify trends or issues by monitoring specific data elements in Performance-based Standards. Performance-based Standards reports can act as an early warning system, alerting to potential problems before they appear in other initiative reports.

4. Enhance Data Analysis

The Performance-based Standards Blueprint offers a wealth of supporting information for any data element in the data collection forms and reports. This resource helps sites analyze and address flagged areas by providing additional data points and actionable insights. As a document with such an expanse of information, it can serve as an invaluable guide with recommendations for any topic that arises from another initiative or source. The Performance-based Standards Blueprint provides goals, standards, outcome measures, supporting data, policies and best practices. It will tie everything back to data collected through Performance-based Standards data collection forms.

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5. Drive Evidence-Based Change

Using standardized Performance-based Standards data across your agency strengthens your supporting information when presenting to legislators and stakeholders to advocate for needs and youth justice reforms. Highlighting how shared data elements support multiple initiatives underscores your agency's commitment to informed, impactful change. The Performance-based Standards Blueprint further supports these efforts by offering best practices and policy recommendations so potential solutions can be provided in a presentation or proposal.