Juvenile Reentry Task Force

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Reentry Strategic Plan
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North Carolina's 4 Priority Areas

1 • Implement a Comprehensive Service Plan

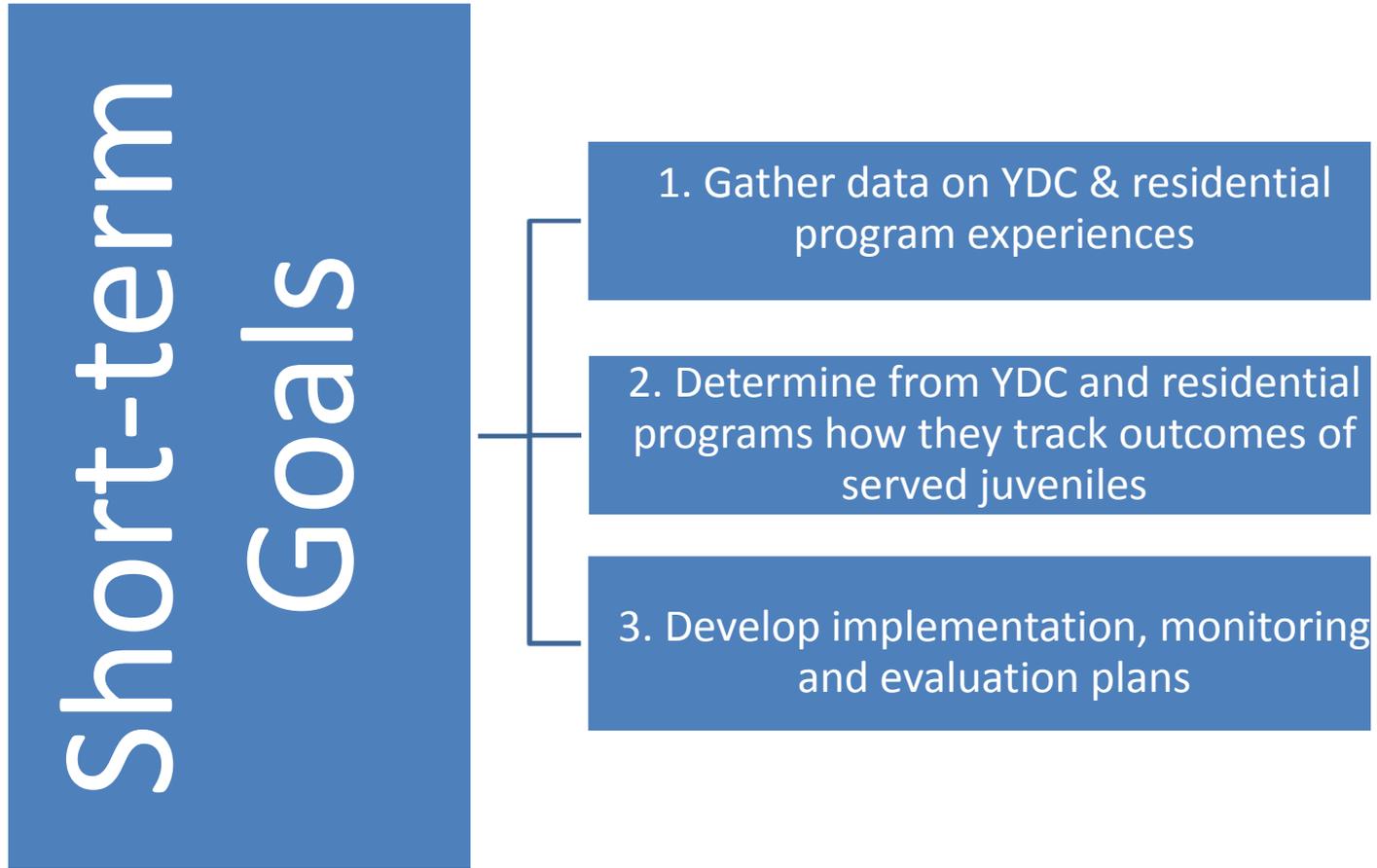**2** • Increase family involvement

3 • Develop more workforce development/educational opportunities for high risk youth

4 • Increase data quality and number of tracked indicators

Priority 4: Increase data quality and number of tracked indicators

Short-term Goals

1. Gather data on YDC & residential program experiences

2. Determine from YDC and residential programs how they track outcomes of served juveniles

3. Develop implementation, monitoring and evaluation plans

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Short-term Goals

1. **Gather data on YDC and community-based residential program experiences**

   - There is a gap in quantitative data on the features of programs in YDCs and residential programs
   - Case notes (qualitative) offer critical information about YDC juveniles
   - DPS does not collect even qualitative data on juveniles in short-term residential placements
   - In the short term, we need to enhance the quantitative data collected by manually adding information captured in the case notes

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Short-term Goals

2. Determine from YDC and residential programs how they track outcomes of served juveniles

- Identify appropriate indicators related to program effectiveness
- Determine how to track identified outcomes.
- DPS is limited in capacity to track juveniles after juvenile jurisdiction ends
- Reliance on contractual programs' outcome tracking processes may inform best practices
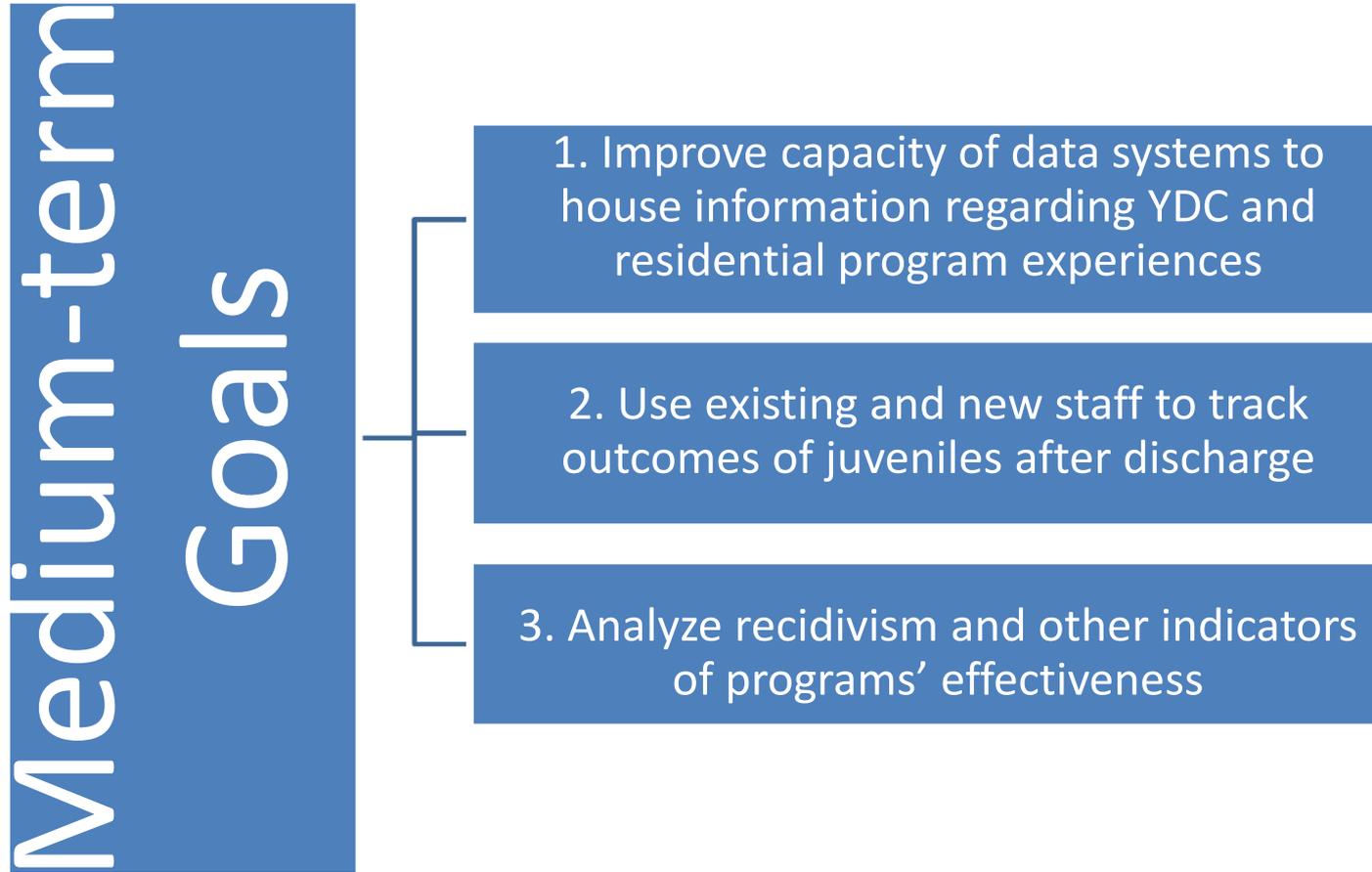
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Short-term Goals

3. Develop implementation, monitoring and evaluation plans

- The best evaluation plans are completed before implementation begins

- Determine recommendations to improve quantitative data collection

- Note: good progress on indicators for evaluation has already occurred

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Medium-term Goals

1. Improve capacity of data systems to house information regarding YDC and residential program experiences

2. Use existing and new staff to track outcomes of juveniles after discharge

3. Analyze recidivism and other indicators of programs' effectiveness

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Medium - term Goals

1. **Improve capacity of data systems to house information regarding YDC and residential program experiences**
   - Add screens for Stage progression in YDCs to be inputted into NC-JOIN
   - Add screens for progress notes on residential juveniles
   - PRS plans on YDC youth are currently hard copy, build structure to have them in NC-JOIN
   - Continuing Care Plans for residential youth are currently hard copy, build structure to have them in NC-ALLIES

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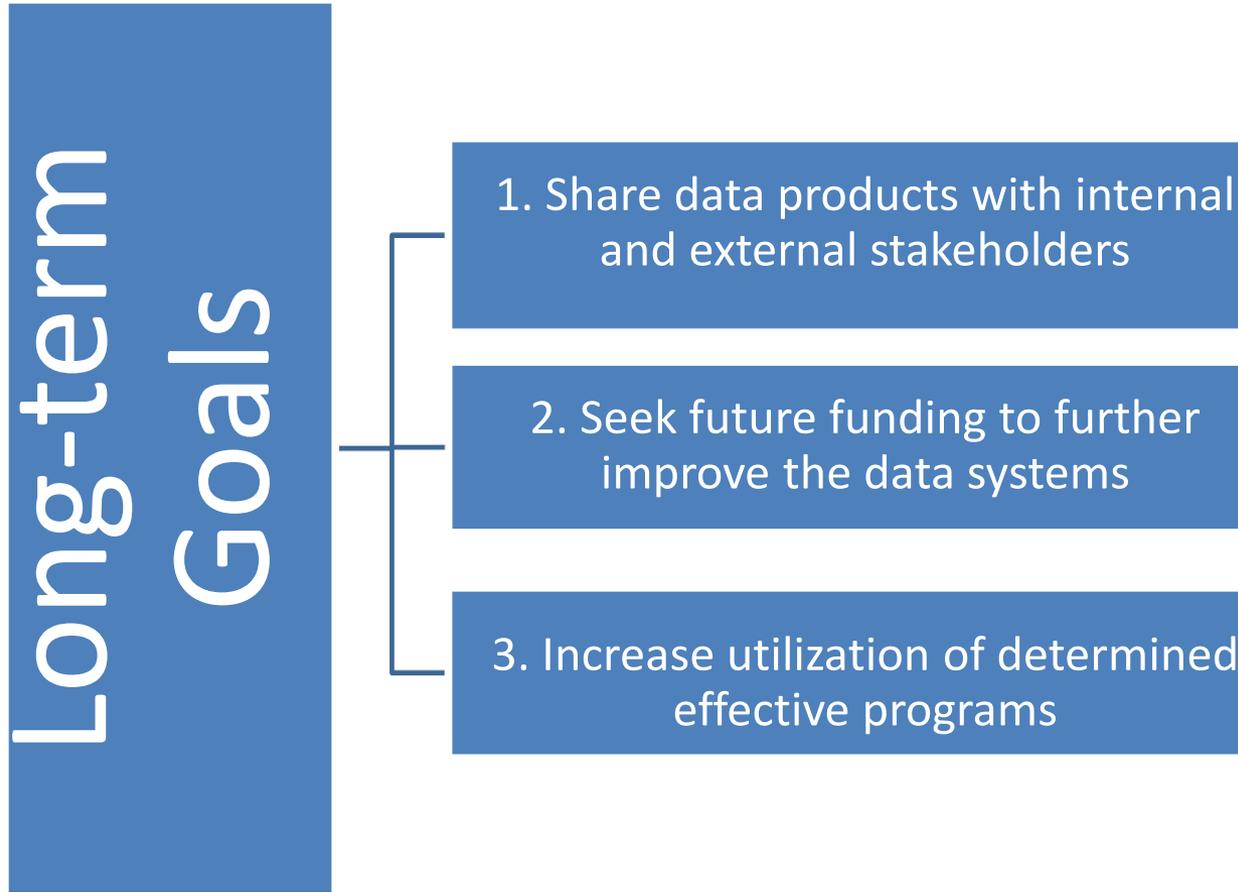
   - Due to juvenile data access restrictions, use workman's compensation employees to assist with data quality
   - Get funding and hire at least one staff to only focus on data collection
   - Develop a data team to track outcomes and conduct analyses; and to ensure data policy mandates are being fulfilled by direct care staff (i.e. psychological data)

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Medium - term Goals

3. **Analyze recidivism and other indicators of effectiveness**

- Collaborate with external partners to obtain all relevant recidivism data
  - ➤ Requires obtaining MOU's to ensure seamless data sharing
- Create practitioner-friendly formats for information sharing

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Long-term Goals

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2. Seek future funding to further improve the data systems

3. Increase utilization of determined effective programs

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Long - term Goals

1. **Share data products with internal and external stakeholders**

   - Provide process data back to YDCs and residential programs to inform the quality of data in the systems

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Long - term Goals

2. **Seek future funding to further improve the data systems.**

   • Apply for grants and seek funding from the legislature to support expansion of data systems – most importantly, for NC-JOIN and NC-ALLIES to be electronically linked

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Long- term Goals

3. **Increase utilization of determined effective programs.**

    - Using the data gathered through the reform efforts, provide the most appropriate youth for program participation

    - Through the RFP process, continue to fund only the most effective programs

Next steps

- The data subgroup needs to review each of the subgroup's recommendations to make sure we identify measures, data sources (or data gaps) to track and/or assess impact of recommended strategies

- Where there are gaps in existing data, we will work with subgroup members to identify critical elements to be collected/added to NC-JOIN or NC ALLIES.