

INFORMING JAIL REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Collaborating to Target Case Profiles

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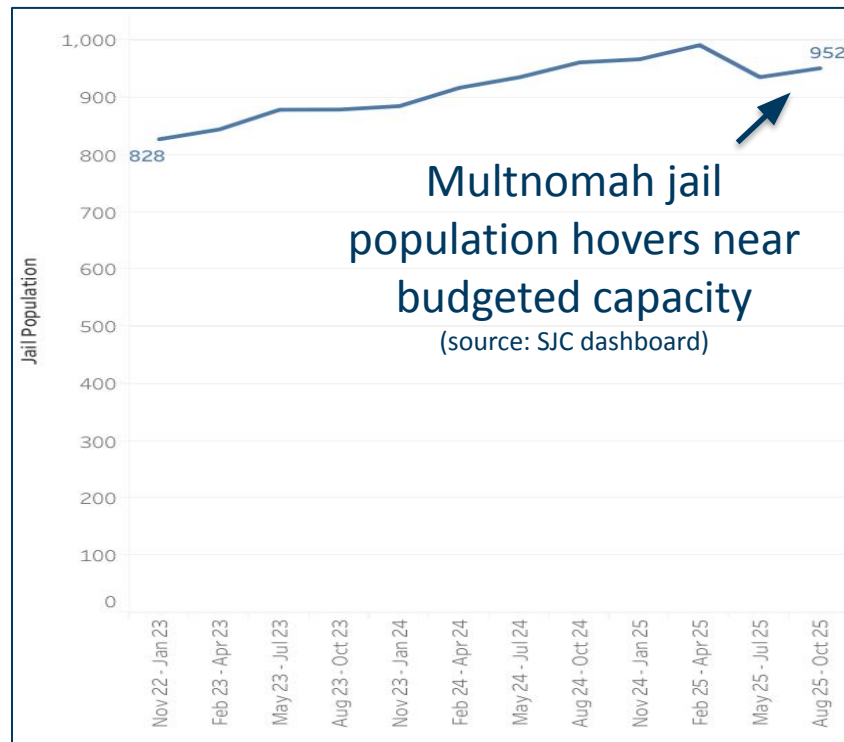


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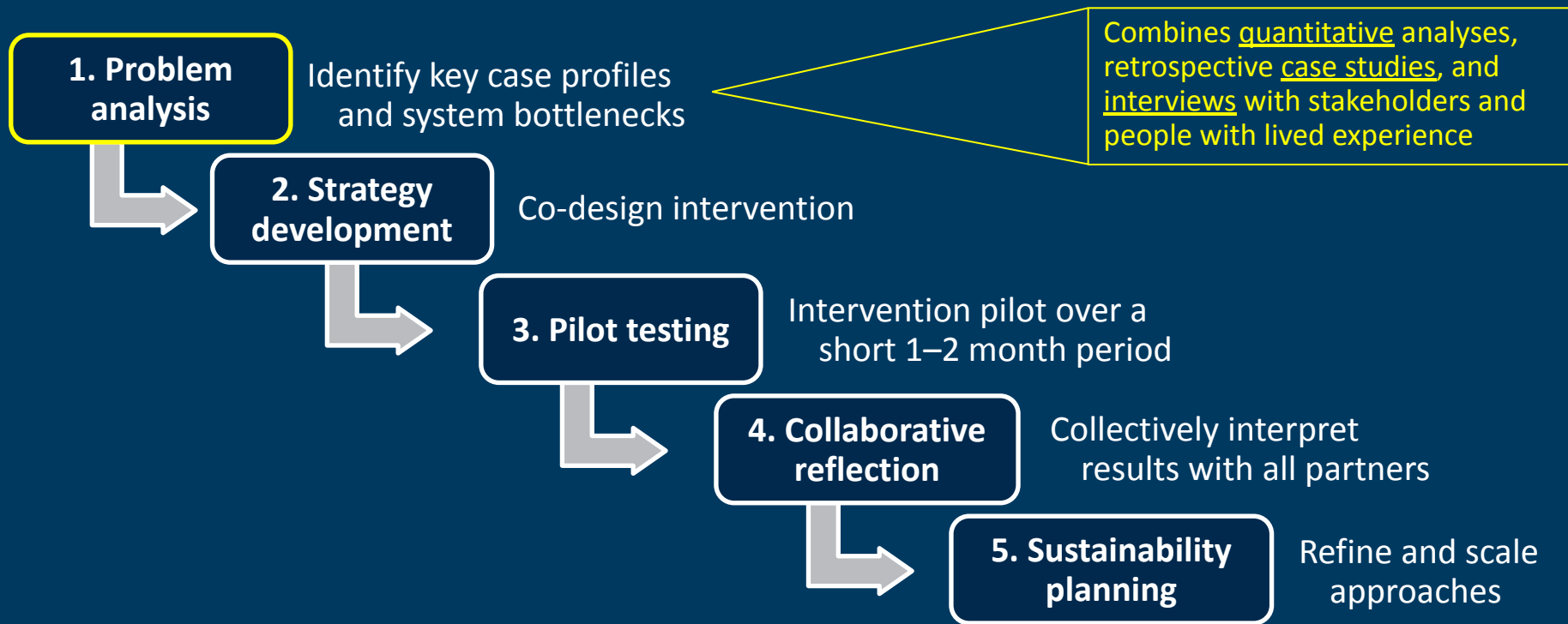
Project Goal

- Identify strategies to reduce unnecessary jail stays among Felony C & Misdemeanor A cases
 - Research guided (mixed method)
 - Reduce time to disposition for custody cases
 - Reduce negative impacts of pretrial detention
 - Free up jail beds for more serious cases



5 PHASES

MIXED-METHOD, ACTION RESEARCH



Workgroup Partners

- Portland State University | Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
- Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)
- Multnomah County District Attorney's Office (MCDA)
- Multnomah County Department of Community Justice (DCJ)
- Justice Fellows (4)
- Metro Public Defenders (Metro) & Multnomah Defenders Inc. (MDI)



Scope of Target

- **MCSO data on the average daily population since January 2023**
 - Measure 11 cases are largest proportion ($\approx 40\%$ of jail population)
 - Felony C and Misd A cases make up 25-30%, combined
 - Accounts for about 195 people on average
- **Reducing that could make a meaningful impact**

Progress so far



- **3 monthly meetings**
 - Focus is identifying the data fields needed to isolate the target
 - Flagging and sifting out aid-and-assist cases
 - Finding delays in attorney assignment
 - Developing detailed case processing flow and assessing common timelines
- **Requested data from OJD**
- **Recently received jail data from SJC / ISLG**
- **Sent survey to partners on 1/23 to help identify barriers to target**

Next Steps

1. Unpack survey findings to guide analysis
2. Clean and Analyze Data
 - SJC/ISLG Jail data
 - OJD data
3. Collectively Identify Case Profiles
4. Begin Case Study
5. Move to Phase 2



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