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STEP Court Evaluation

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Research Questions

- situated justice-involved individuals?
- NADCP's Best Practice Standards (2013, 2015) and current research in the field?
- 3. To what degree does the program meet the desired programmatic outcomes? a. How do these outcomes compare to similarly situated justice-involved individuals?
- 4. What are the costs and benefits of STEP Court?
- 5. How can STEP court be a model for other jurisdictions?

1. What are the characteristics of the STEP Court participants, and how do they compare to similarly

2. To what degree is the program following relevant research-based best practices described in the











Summary of Current Qualitative and Quantitative Data & **Summary of STEP Court Participants**



Conduct a Process Evaluation

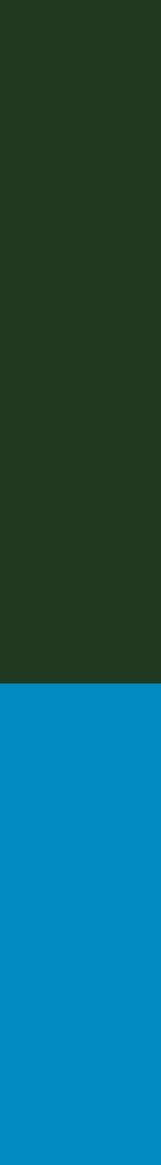
Project Phases The project completion in September of 2027



Conduct Outcome a Series of **Evaluations**



Cost-Benefit Analysis





Phase I: Review and Summarize Existing Data

Objectives:

- The PSU Team will work with STEP Court officials and other county stakeholders to identify and compile existing data.
- Review, analyze, and summarize the data.
- Identify appropriate self-monitoring measures and recommend additional data to be collected.
- Summarize and report the current participants, including their characteristics and circumstances surrounding the cases, quality of life, health, family relationships, demographics, and criminal history.



Phase II: Process Evaluation

Objectives:

- Review the Court's characteristics, processes, and practices and how these may address disparities in the criminal justice system.
- Analyze the degree to which the program follows relevant research-based best practices as described in the NADCP's Best Practice Standards (2013, 2015) and current research in the field.





Phase III: Outcome Reports

Objectives:

- Generate two outcome evaluations.
- The first outcome will cover a 12-month period.
- The second will cover a 24-months.
- A third follow-up report will be conducted at 36 months
- Primary outcomes (HB 3194) prison use, recidivism rates, public safety, and offender accountability.
- measures.



• The PSU Team will work with the county to identify relevant outcome measures in addition to the traditional





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Phase IV: Cost-Benefit Analysis

Objectives:

- The costs will be presented as both the cost of the program per participant and the cost per agency.
- Criminal justice recidivism and societal costs will be presented for STEP court participants and • comparison group members, including any cost-benefit (savings) attributed to the court.

Implementation Manual

Objectives:

• The PSU Research Team will work with key stakeholders in Multnomah County and the CJC to draft a manual that outlines the implementation and operation of STEP Courts in other counties.



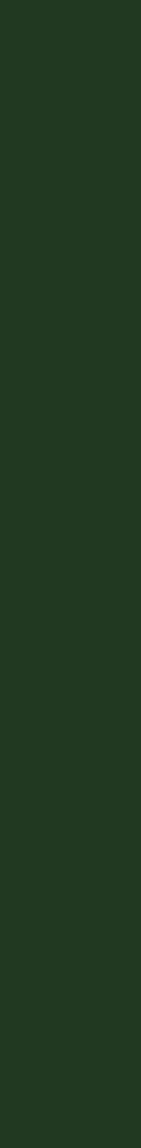


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Deliverables

- Summary of Qualitative and Quantitative Data Gathered (non-public)
- Summary of STEP Court Participants (non-public)
- Process Evaluation Report
- 12-month Outcome Report
- 24-month Outcome Report
- 36-month Outcome Update
- Cost-Benefit Analysis Report
- Implementation Manual
- Three Conference Presentations
- Local and State Trainings and Presentations, as Requested







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Currently in Phase I Expected completion in January 2025

Targeting the start of Phase II (Process Evaluation) in November

Recommendations for a timeline of remaining phases will be determined after an assessment of existing data and identifying and operationalizing new measures.



Thank You – Questions?

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