



Oneida County Opioid Court  
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# Welcome and Introductions

## Facilitators

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## Stakeholders

### *Oneida County*

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Tabatha Sellick, *Coordinator*

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Paul Kelly, *Defense Attorney*

John Panzone, *Prosecutor*

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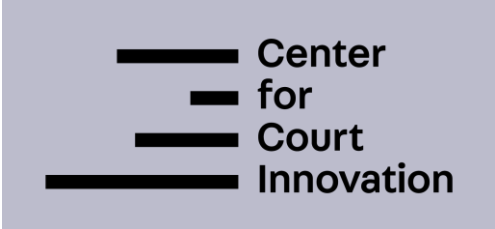


## Rigorous and Evidence-based Approaches for Court-based Health Promotion

- Research + training and “technical assistance”
- 10 opioid courts in New York
- Goal: Improve **access to treatment** and **recovery supports** for participants, and enhance **opioid court operations**

# Center for Court Innovation

1. Research
2. Operating Programs
3. **Technical Assistance**



# What is technical assistance?

Strategic planning

Fidelity assessment

Evidence-based  
practices

Teleservices

Publications

Data  
collection/evaluation

# Technical Assistance Publications



# The Need for Project Court REACH

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- The Opioid Court model is a new, **pioneering** response in the justice system to respond to the overdose epidemic
- Opioid Courts in New York are **leaders in the field**, and lessons learned will advise a national audience

1. Broad legal eligibility

2. Immediate screen for overdose risk

3. Informed consent after consultation with defense counsel

4. Suspension of prosecution or expedited plea during treatment

5. Rapid clinical assessment and treatment engagement

## The 10 Essential Elements of Opioid Intervention Courts



6. Recovery support services

7. Frequent judicial supervision and compliance monitoring

8. Intensive case management

9. Program completion and continuing care

10. Performance evaluation and program improvement



# Opioid Court Stakeholder Team



Judge



Court Coordinator



Prosecutor and Defense Attorney



Treatment Provider(s)



Peer Recovery Advocate



Law Enforcement <sup>9</sup>

# Oneida County

- Bail reform
- COVID-19
- Budget cuts

# Project Court REACH Products for Oneida

**Needs assessment report: Recommendations**

**Training modules: MOUD, 10 Elements, Opioid Crisis**

**Targeted workshop: Action plan**

**County treatment capacity-building: Accessible MOUD**

**Evaluation: Data reports**

# Project Timeline

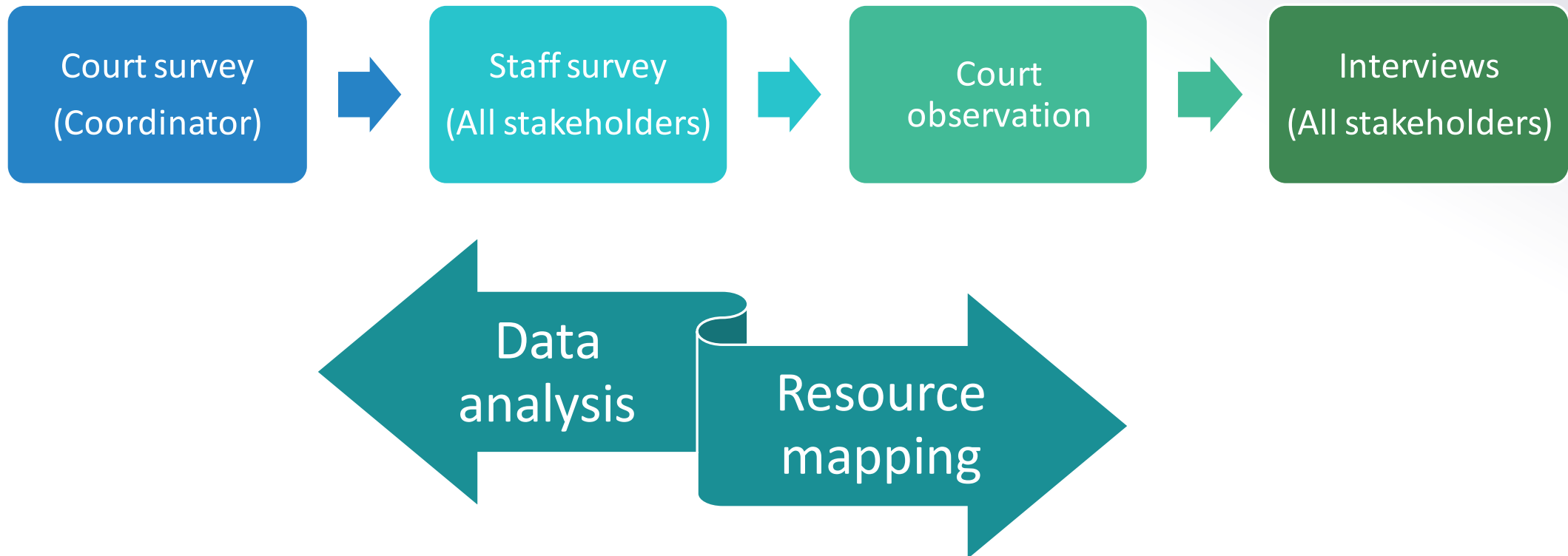
Phase 1: Needs Assessment

Phase 2: Targeted Enhancement Support

Phase 3: Roll-out

Phase 4: Monitoring

# Phase 1: Needs Assessment



## Intensive Technical Assistance

### Workshop (Session 1)

Review of Training Modules  
County Capacity-Building  
Review of Needs Assessment

### Workshop (Session 2)

Action Planning: Goals and  
Objectives

### OUTCOMES

Create/update:

- Court Policies and Procedures
- OC Framework Guide

### Case Example

*Need: MOUD capacity*

- Identify service gaps
- Use county **resource map** to inform capacity building efforts
- Assist treatment agency with **grant funding support**
- Host **site conference** to generate stakeholder consensus on referral protocols
- Document changes

## TA Strategy Toolbox

Resource Map

Time-task plan

Goals and Objectives  
Table

(M)OUD education

Grant funding support

Implementation  
worksheet

Mission development

Site conference

Community Forum

Subject-based TA  
memos

Participant feedback

Team-building  
workshop

Needs Assessment

Data-driven decision  
making (DDDM)

Team roles  
presentation

Case-flow workshop

*10 Essential Elements*  
Presentation

Policies and  
Procedures

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Phase 3: Roll-out

Phase 4: Monitoring

# What is the **VOLUNTARY** Research Component?

With your **consent** we will be collecting data as we go.

**Online survey/phone interview:** attitudes on opioid court, MOUD; readiness to improve court functioning; experiences working with treatment/court systems. (Phase 1 and Phase 3)

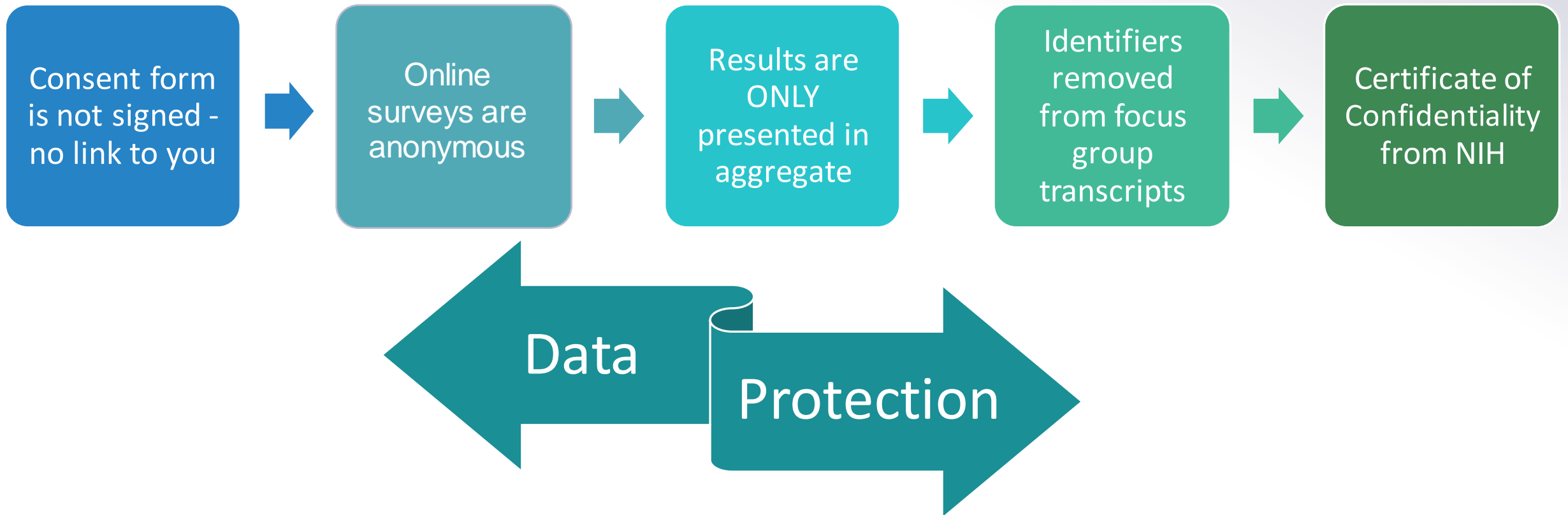
**Pre-post quizzes** that are associated with the web-based training modules (provide Ces)

**Monthly check-in phone call** (10 mins) to describe progress, staff turn over, etc. (Court liaison only) throughout Phase 3.

**Focus group** with the stakeholder group at the end of Phase 4.



# How Are My Data Protected?

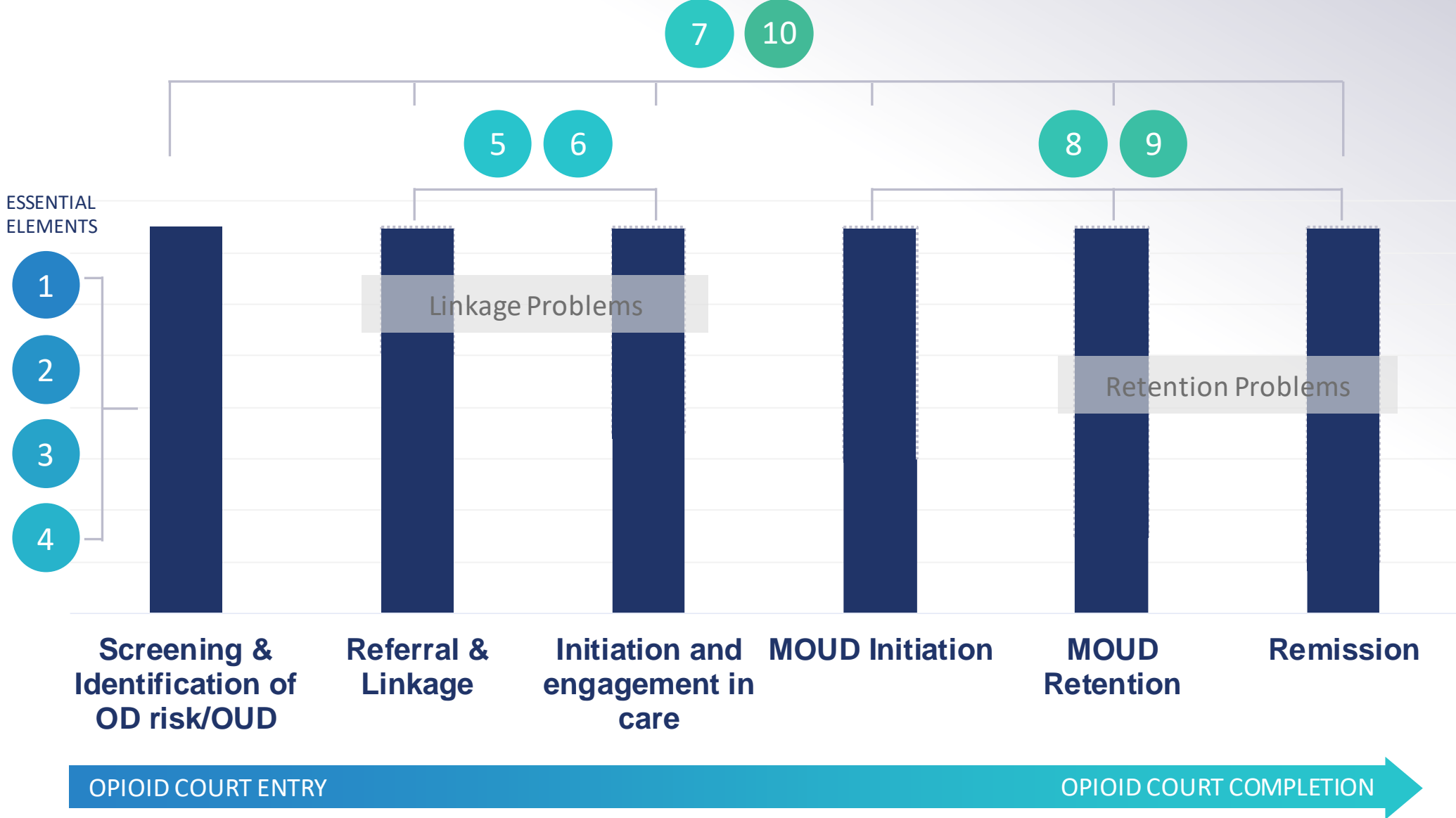


# What will the Research Examine?

Does the TA that Opioid Court REACH provides focused on the 10 EE improve court performance?

Does the opioid intervention court improve access to and retention in treatment and care?

# Opioid Care Cascade and 10 Essential Elements



# Consent to Participate

- You have received the consent forms via email (known as information sheets as we are not documenting your consent via signature).
- Does anyone have any questions about the information sheets (i.e. consent forms) or anything that we have just discussed with respect to research?
- We will reach out to each of you individually following this call to take consent; we will answer any additional questions at that time
- You are of course welcome to contact me at [ke2143@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:ke2143@cumc.columbia.edu) or 917-838-1871.
- **Remember:** you can decline to participate at any time or decline to participate in a given activity.

Questions?

