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# Troy Kickoff Meeting

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Office of Alcoholism and  
Substance Abuse Services



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
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Center  
for  
Court  
Innovation



New York State  
Psychiatric Institute

# Welcome and Introductions

## Facilitators

### **Columbia University**

Katherine Elkington, Ph.D. *Principal Investigator*

Margaret Ryan, *Project Director*

### **Center for Court Innovation**

David Lucas, *Clinical Advisor / Sr. Program Manager*

Colleen Gibbons, *Deputy Director, Upstate NY*

Courtney Williams, *Senior Program Manager*

### **Office of Court Administration – Division of Policy and Planning**

Dennis Reilly, *Statewide Drug Court Coordinator*

Susan Sturges, *Opioid Court Project Director*

## Troy Stakeholders

### **Troy Opioid Court**

Hon. Christopher Maier, *OIC Judge*

Bonnie Hazard, *Treatment Courts Coordinator*

Nicholas Dorando, *Assistant District Attorney*

Bob Linville, *Defense Attorney*

Vicki Wolfe, *Behavioral Health*

Steve Rozycki, *Behavioral Health*

Gabriel Gomez, *CRPA, Project Safe Point*

Kirstein DonVito, *Dept of Mental Hygiene*

Priscilla Reiff, *St. Mary's Addiction Services*

Samantha Annas, *CRPA Supervisor*

Lisa Miller, *Pre-trial services*

Jennifer Mansky, *Hope House*

Elisa Schneider, *SUD Specialist*

Karen DeBenedetto, *Chief Clerk*

Karrie Hoover, *Law Enforcement (Troy Detective)*

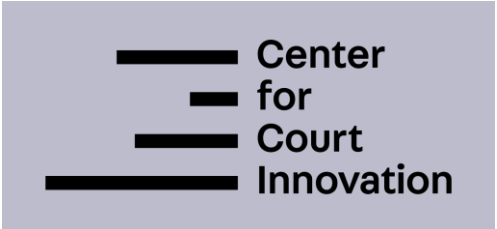
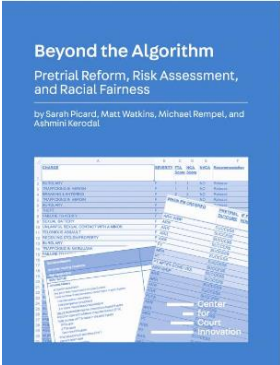


## Rigorous and Evidence-based Approaches for Court-based Health Promotion

- Project Court REACH is an implementation science research project
- Project REACH is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Collaboration between Columbia University/New York State Psychiatric Institute and the Center for Court Innovation, among other partners
- 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

- Research
- Operating Programs
- **Technical Assistance**



# What is technical assistance?

Strategic planning

Fidelity assessment

Evidence-based  
practices

Teleservices


Publications

Data  
collection/evaluation

# The Need for Project Court REACH

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Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in  
the Justice System Population



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Buffalo's Opioid  
Intervention Court

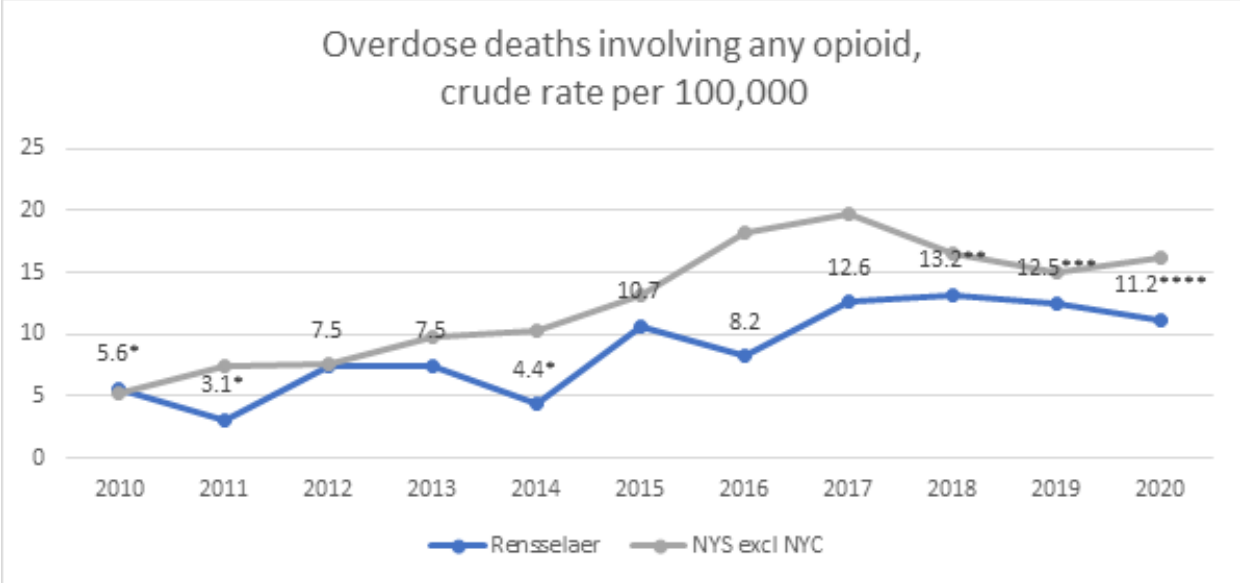
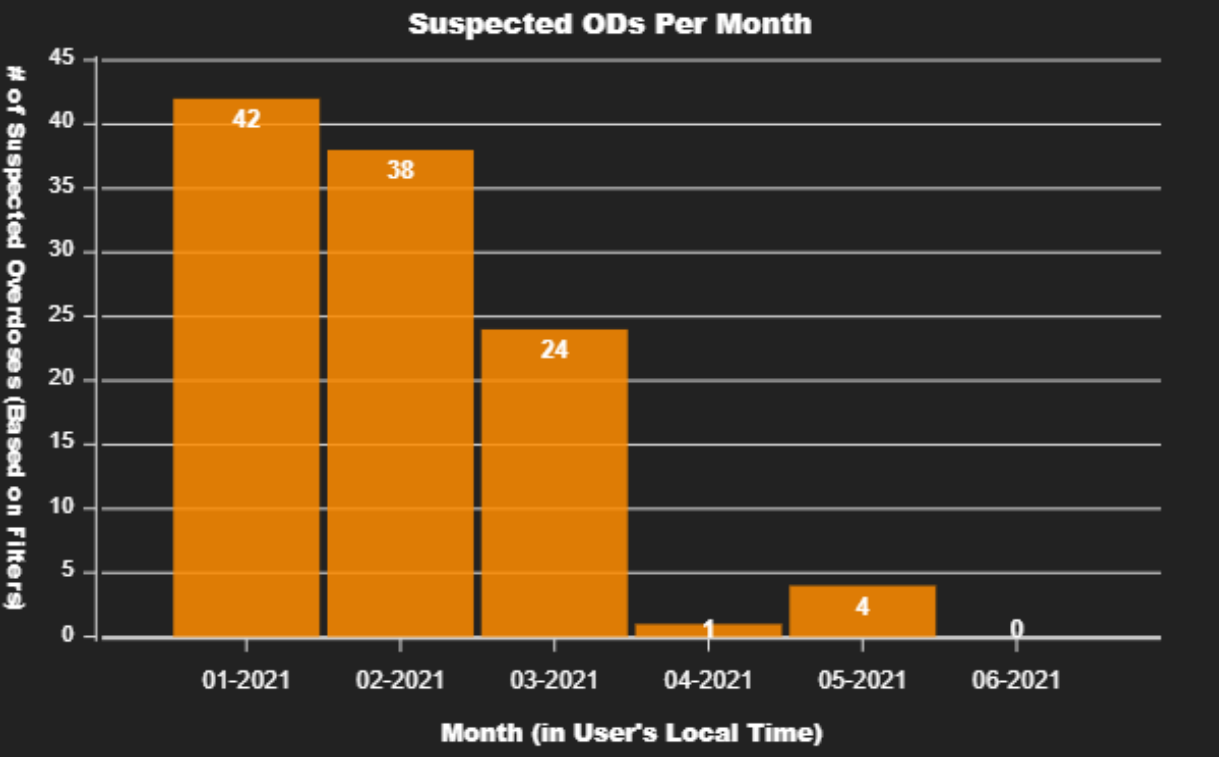
NYS Opioid Court  
Expansion

- 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

# The Need for Project Opioid Court REACH in Troy County

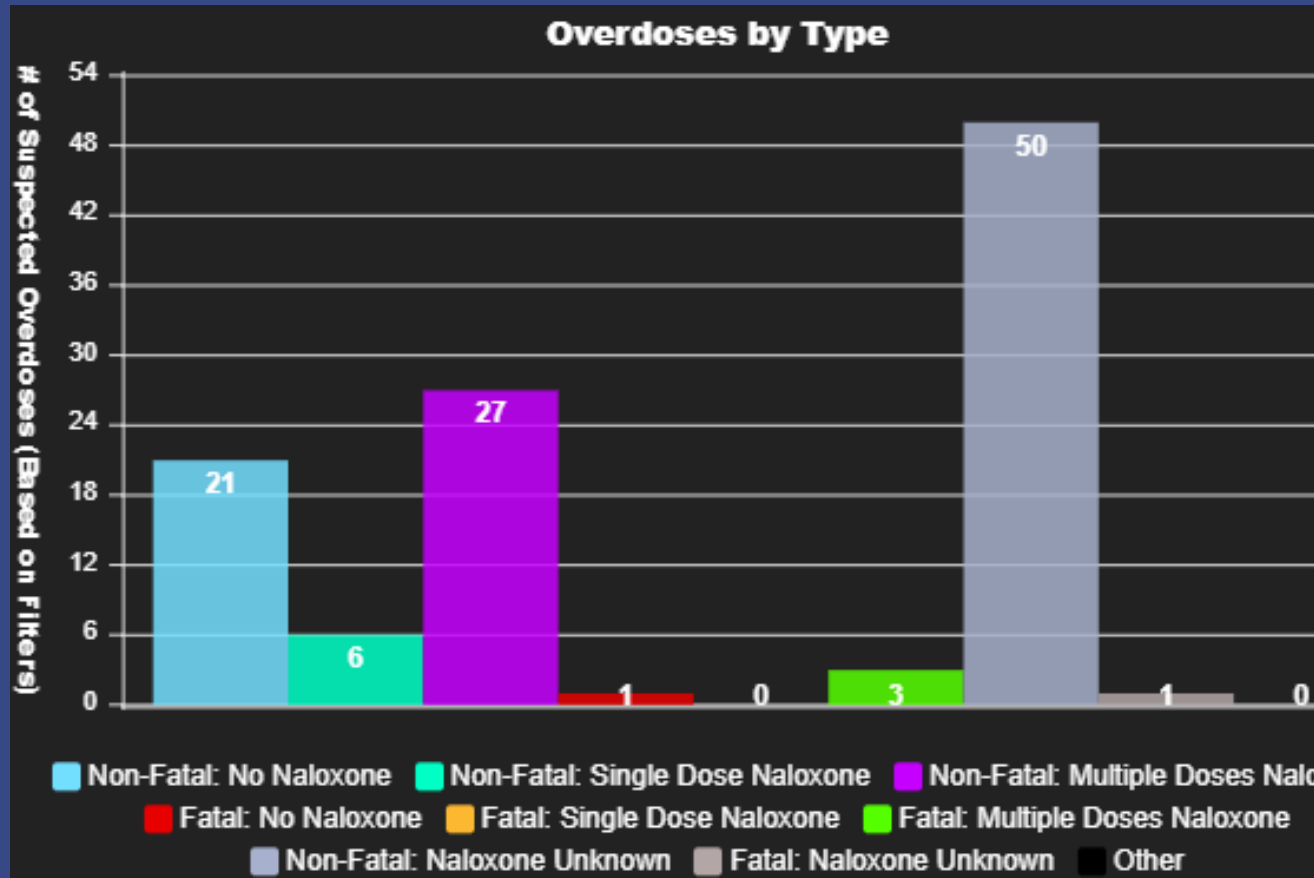
ODMAP data: Overdoses since Jan 2021:

NYS data: Overdose deaths by year



\*Fewer than 10 events in the numerator, therefore the rate is unstable.  
 \*\*preliminary data from quarterly reports, July 2020-- subject to change  
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# The Need for Project Opioid Court REACH in Troy County



Overdoses by type, since Jan 2021:



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

# Troy Opioid Court

- Bail reform
- COVID-19

# Project Court REACH Products for Troy Opioid Court:

**Needs assessment report:** Findings and Recommendations

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

**Targeted workshop:** Action plan

**Intensive technical assistance**

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

**Evaluation:** Data reports

# Project Timeline

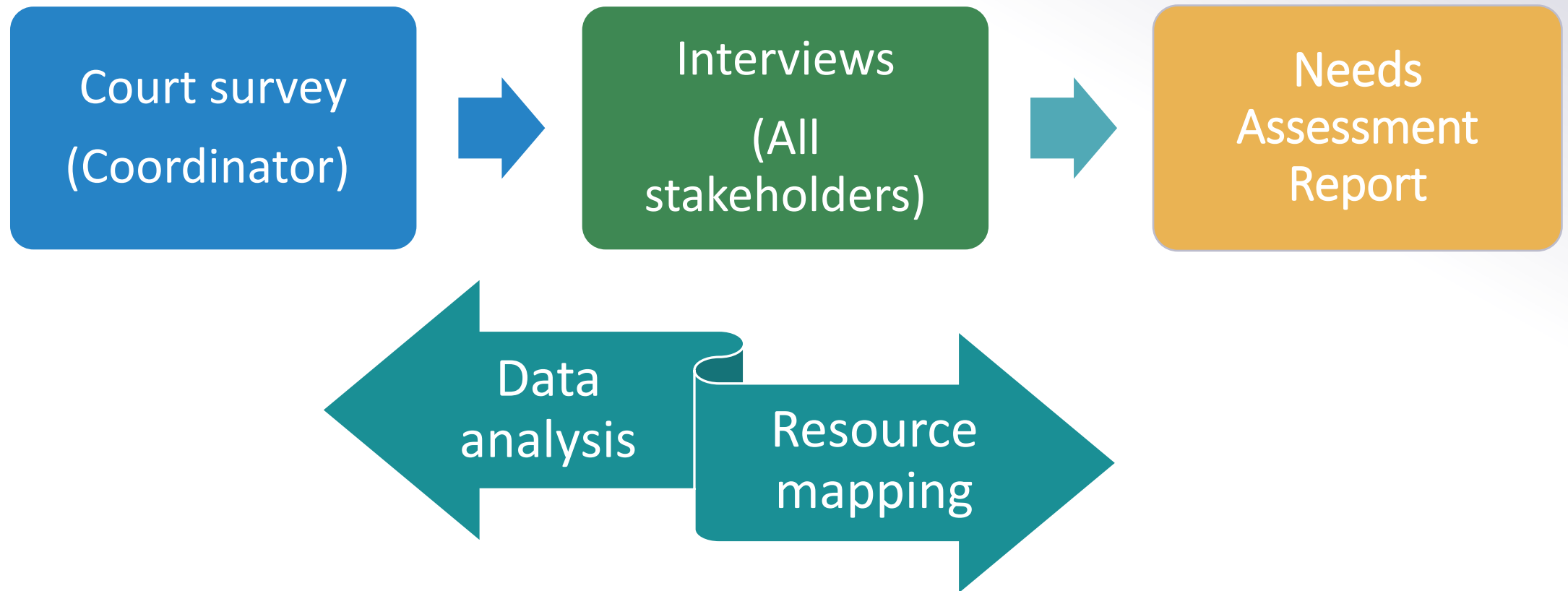
Phase 1: Needs Assessment

Phase 2: Intensive Technical Assistance

Phase 3: Roll-out

Phase 4: Monitoring

# Phase 1: Needs Assessment



# Phase 2: Intensive Technical Assistance

## TA Workshops

- Review and discuss Needs Assessment Findings and Recommendations
- Development of action plan
- Implementation of action plan with technical assistance (e.g. MOU drafting, case flow review, connections with community providers, stakeholder meetings to finalize procedures)

# Phase 2: Intensive Technical Assistance Toolbox





**Phase 3: Roll-out**

**Phase 4: Monitoring**

# Research Elements

# Research Components

Does the TA (built around the 10 EE) that Opioid Court REACH provides improve court performance?

Does the opioid intervention court improve access to and retention in treatment (compared with the traditional drug court model)?

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

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

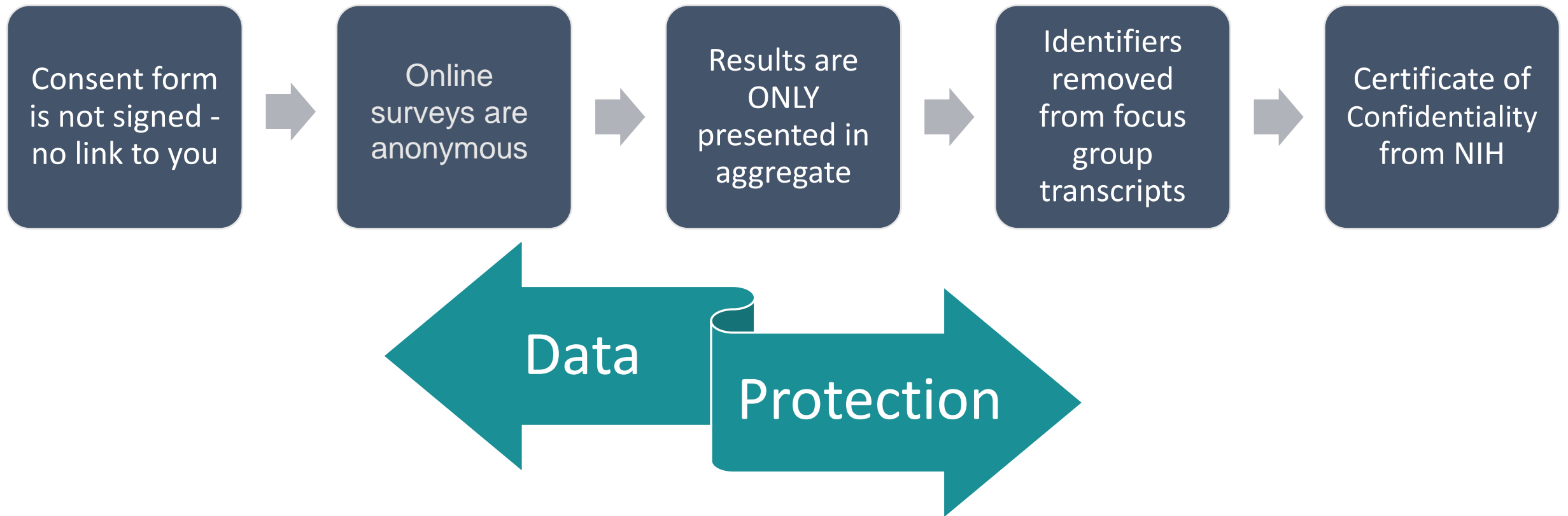
**Online survey/phone interview:** attitudes on opioid court, MOUD; readiness to improve court functioning; experiences working with treatment/court systems. (Phase 1 and Phase 3)

**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?



# Consent to Participate

- You have received the information sheets/consent forms via email
- Any questions?
- You will be asked for your consent before your interview, we will answer any additional questions at that time
- Remember: you can decline to participate at any time or decline to participate in any activity.
- Contact me: [ke2143@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:ke2143@cumc.columbia.edu) or 917-838-1871.

# Next Steps

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- Court coordinator will complete survey about opioid court operations
- We will reach out to you individually to schedule interviews (and take your consent)

Questions?

