

Introduction to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council National Standards and Essential Elements

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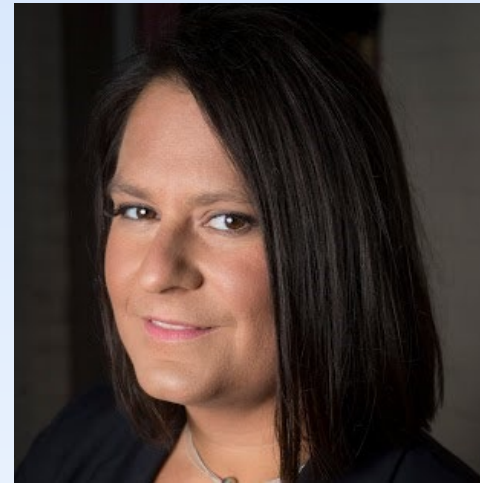
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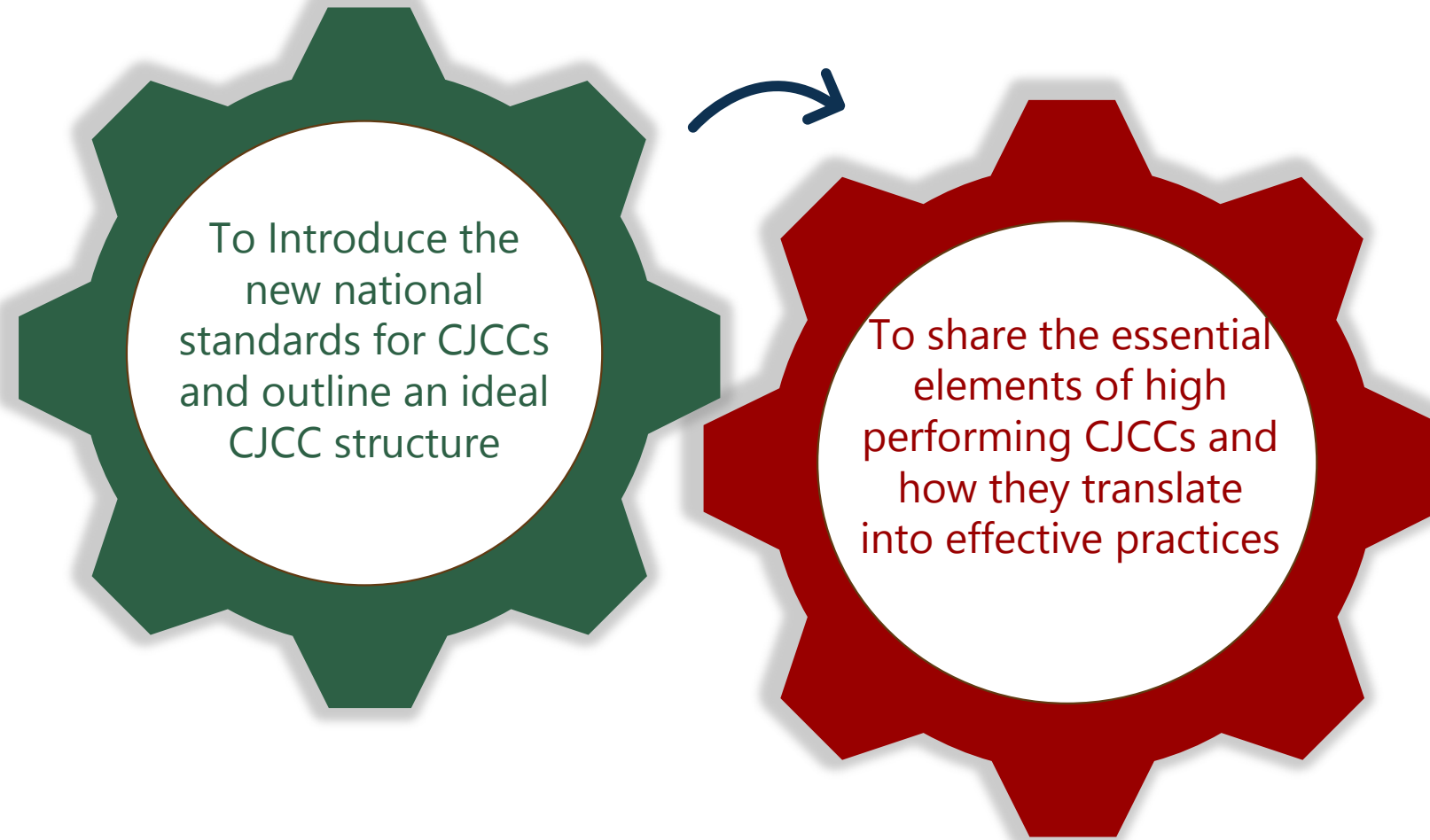
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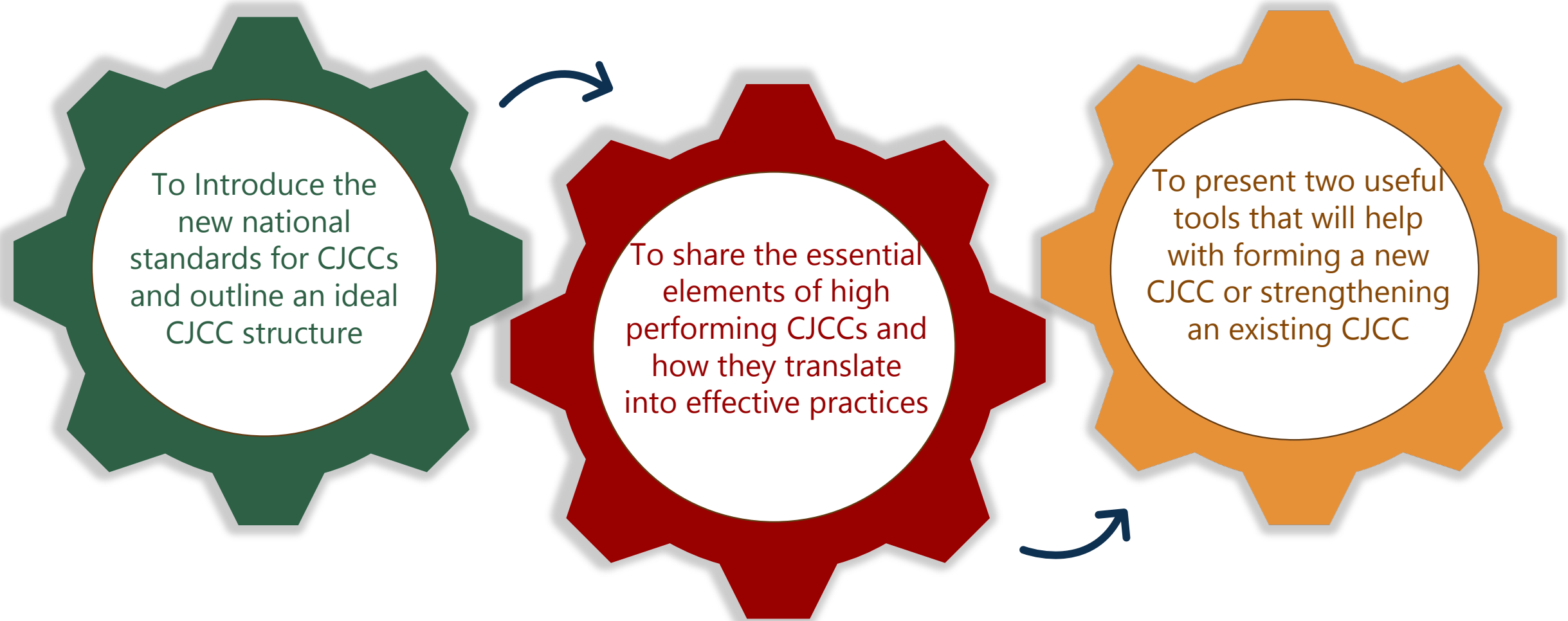
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standards for CJCCs
and outline an ideal
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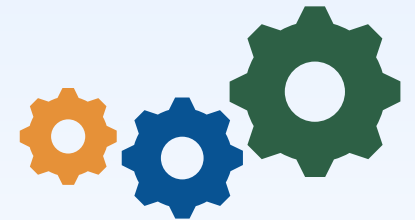


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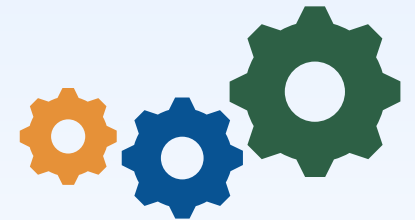
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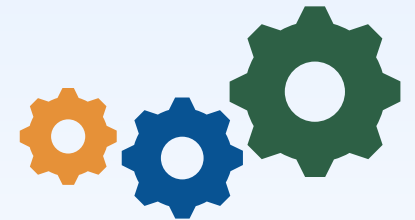


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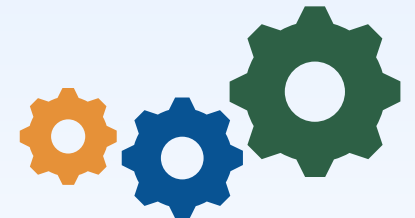
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The national standards are intended to elevate the use of CJCCs across the country



Poll Question #1

Does your jurisdiction currently have a CJCC or similar body to coordinate the local criminal justice system?

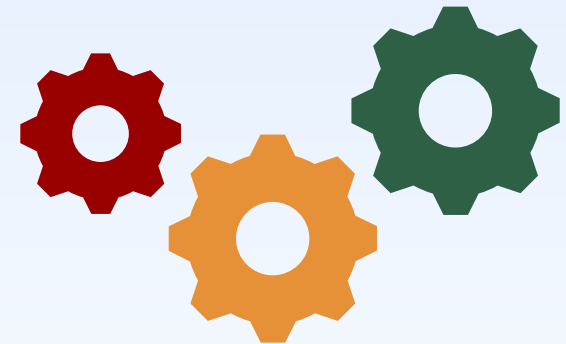
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B. No

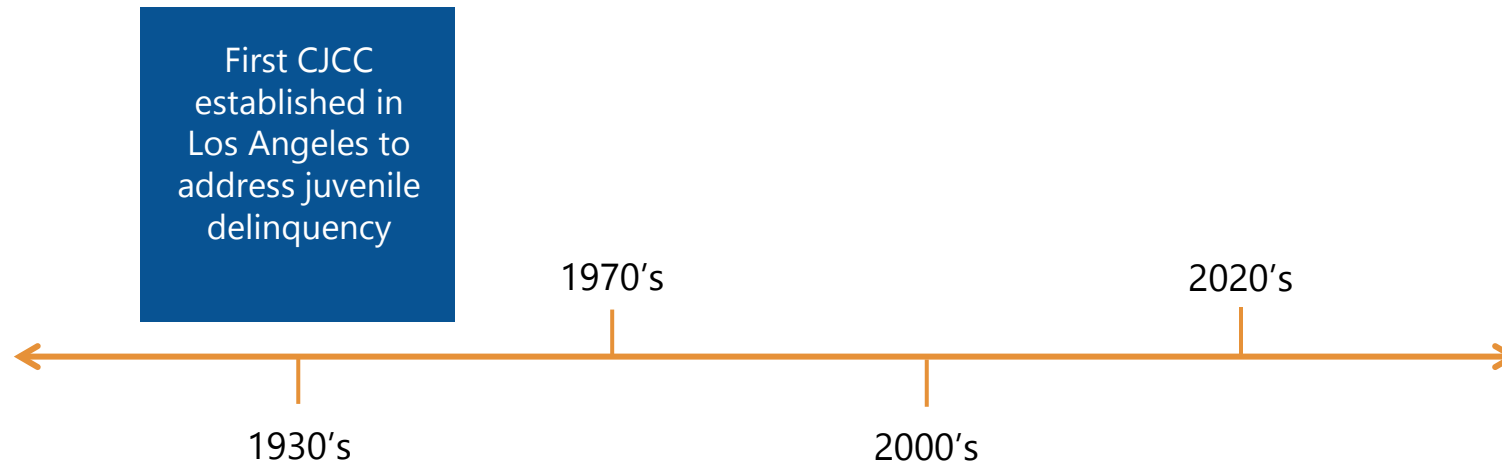


What is a CJCC?

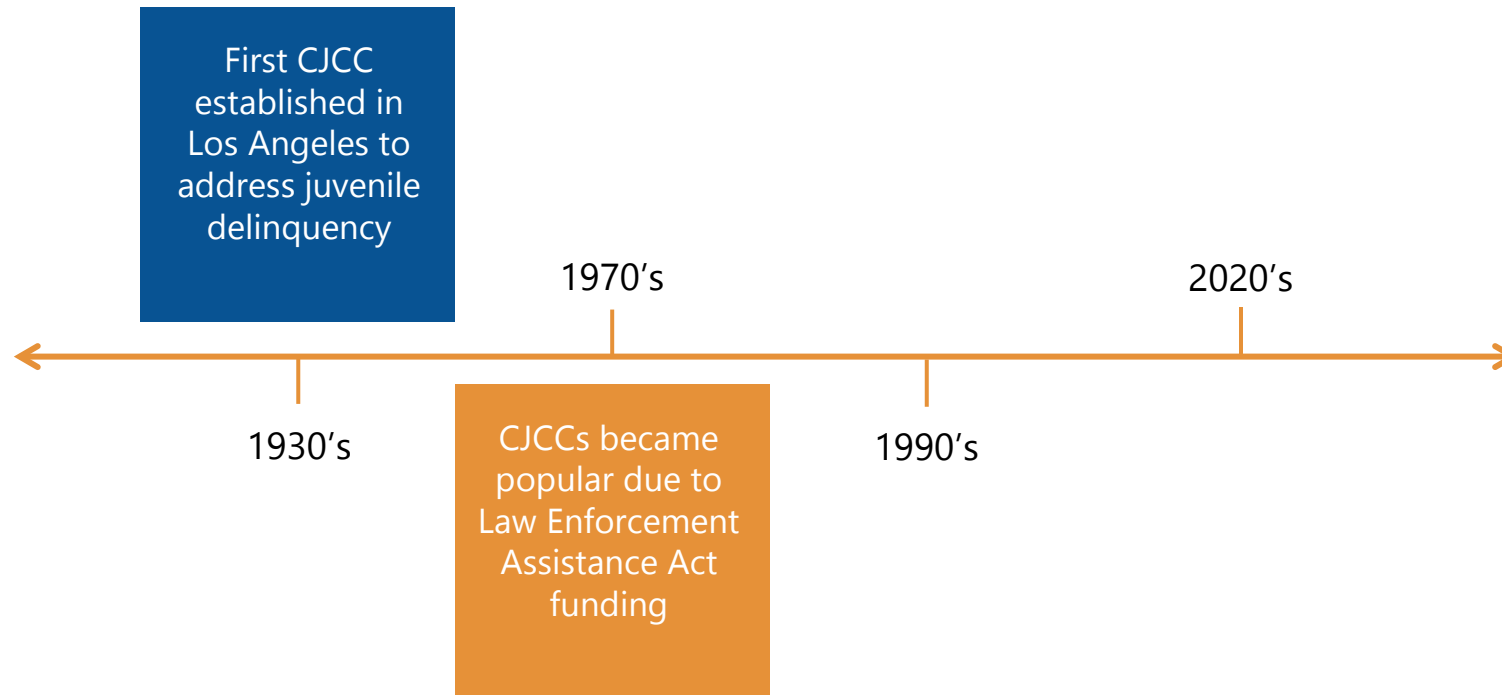
A CJCC is an established body of key criminal justice, government, and community stakeholders that convene regularly to identify systemic challenges and work collaboratively to improve the local criminal justice system



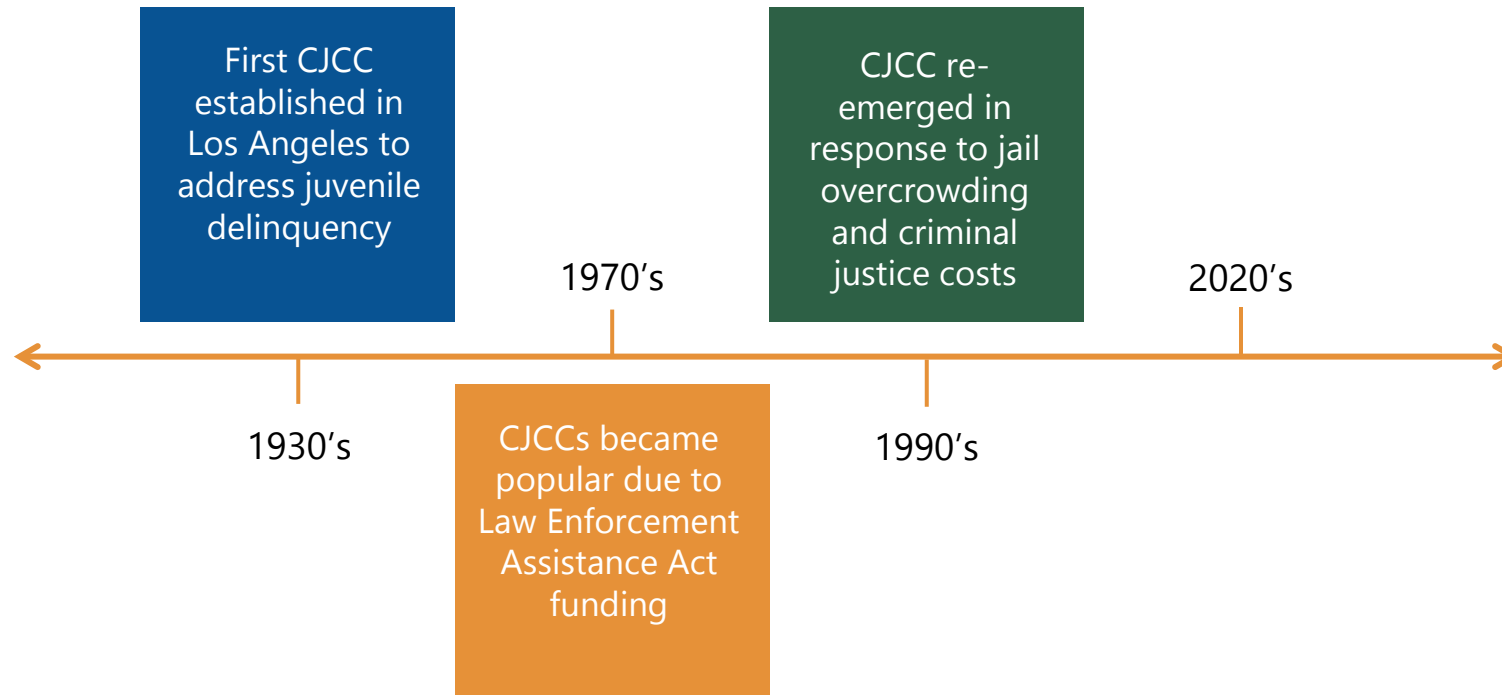
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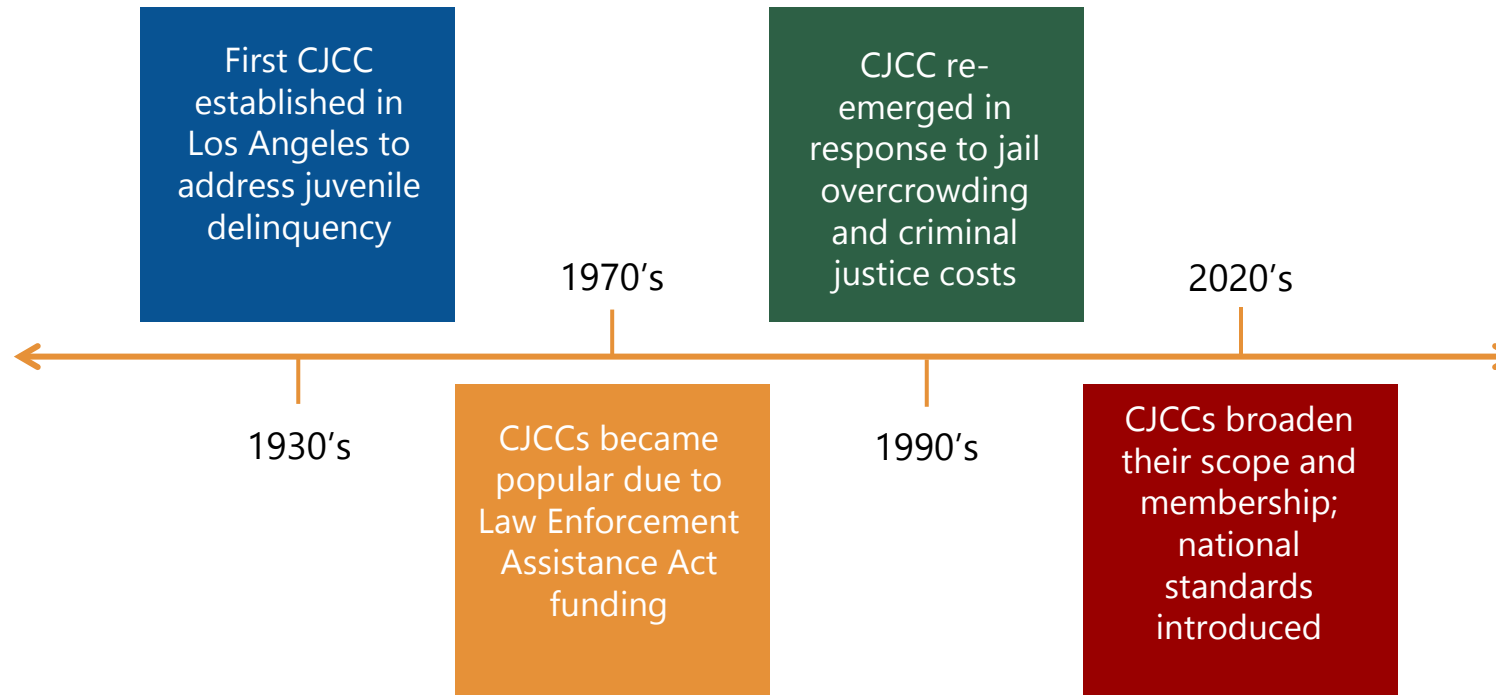
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"For every \$1 invested in operating expenses (including staff), the Winona County CJCC has secured \$4 in grant funding. Many of those grant dollars were used as seed money to fund system improvements, such as treatment courts and reentry programs, which have resulted in additional cost savings from reduced recidivism. Even without attempting to place a value on the intangible benefits of the CJCC, Winona County's investment has more than paid for itself."

*Kalene Engel, Executive Director,
Winona County (MN), CJCC*



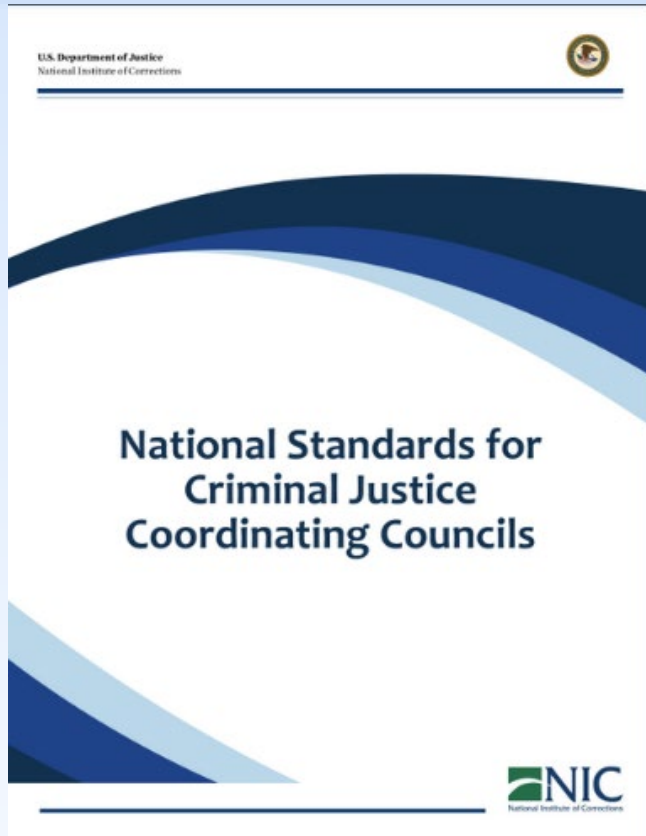
Poll Question #2

What would you like your CJCC to accomplish for your jurisdiction?

- A. Improving information sharing between justice agencies.
- B. Improving cooperation between justice stakeholders and agencies.
- C. Improving system efficiency and use of limited resources.
- D. All the above



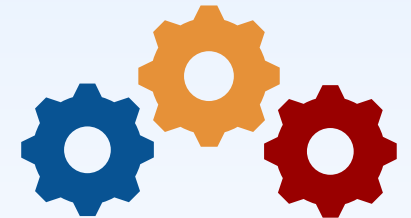
Introducing the National Standards



Comprehensive
framework for
creating or
enhancing a local
CJCC

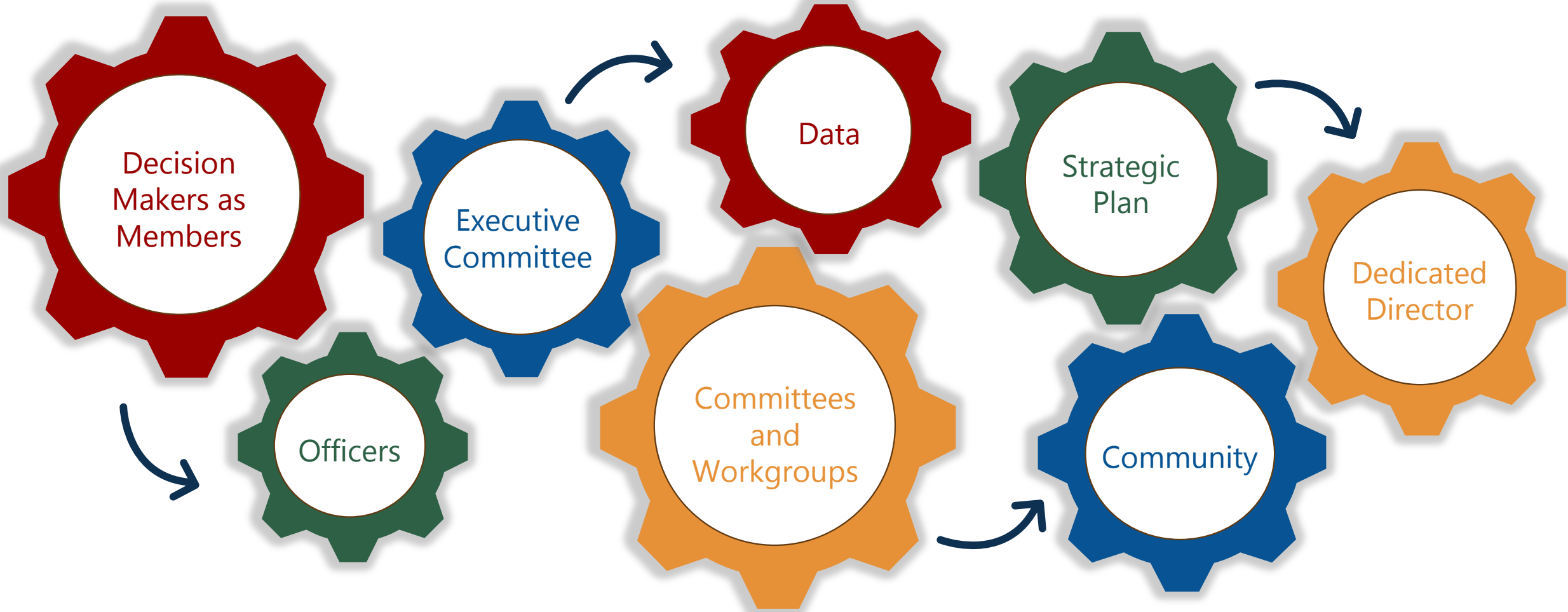
Detailed description
of the ideal model
of a CJCC

Guidance for
implementation of
the standards

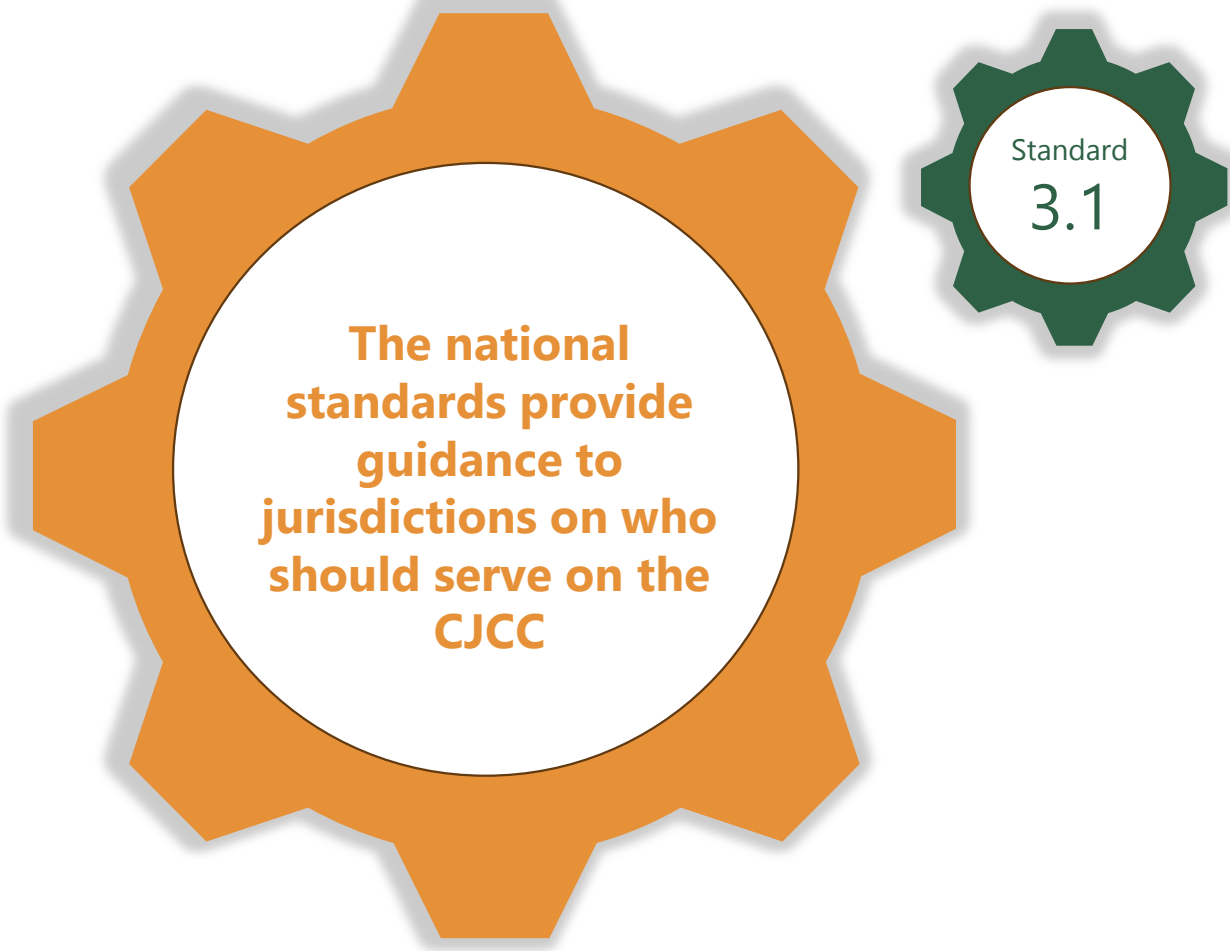




Synopsis: A Model CJCC Structure per the Standards



Example: Applying the Standards



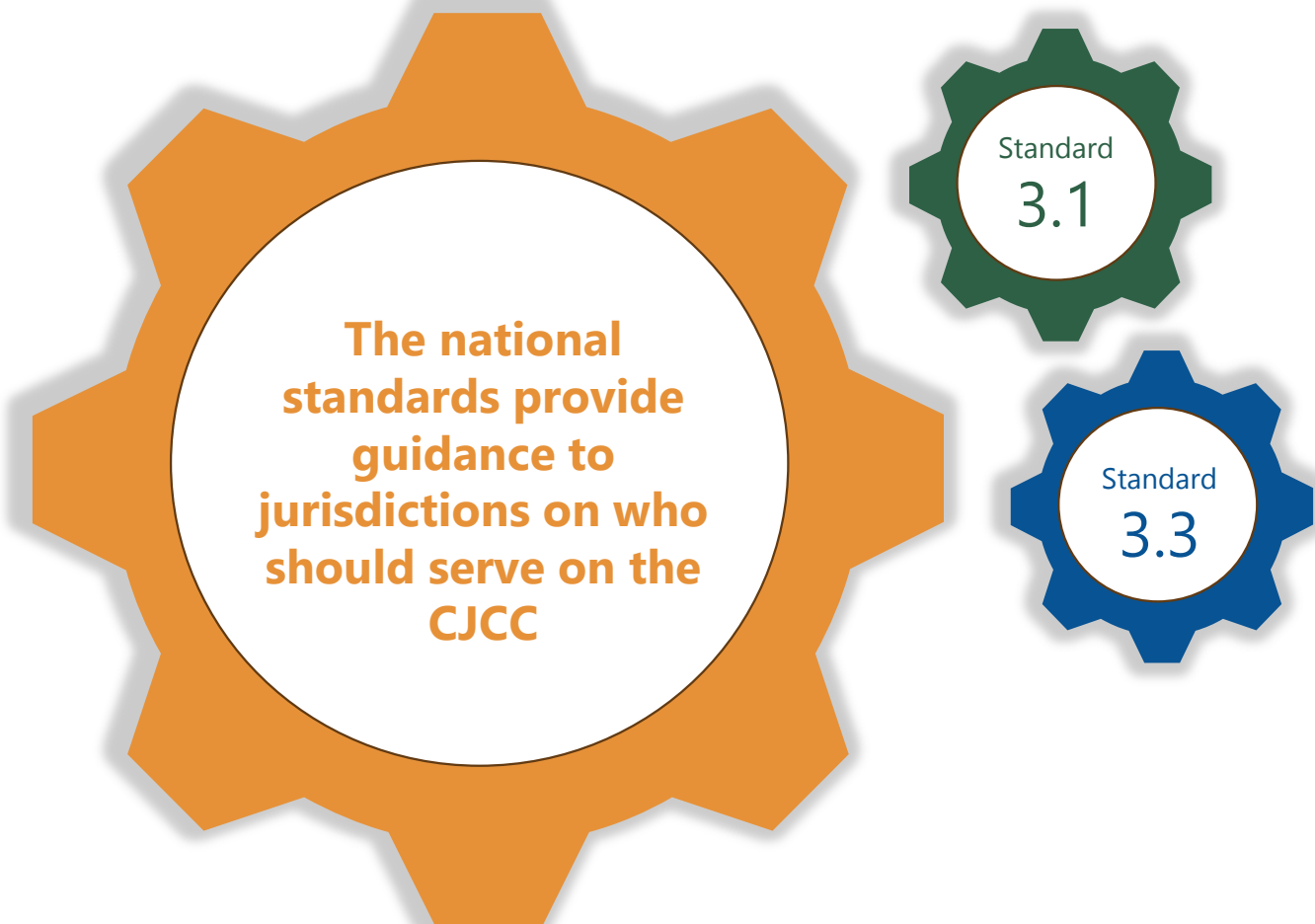
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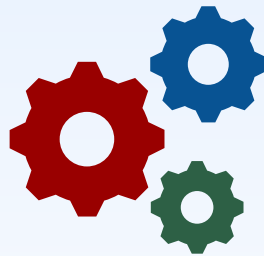
Standard
3.7

Use of proxies and delegates shall be minimized and approved by CJCC officers; proxies and delegates shall have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the member.



The Standards in Perspective

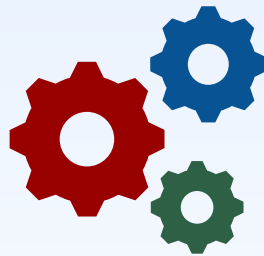
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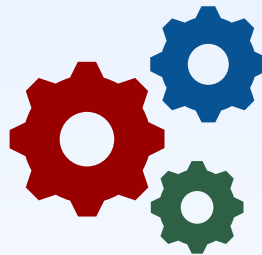


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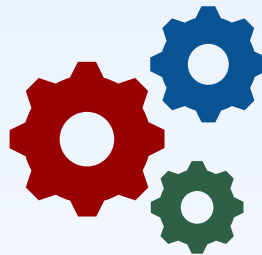
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Jurisdictions and stakeholders must recognize that it takes time to fully develop an effective CJCC



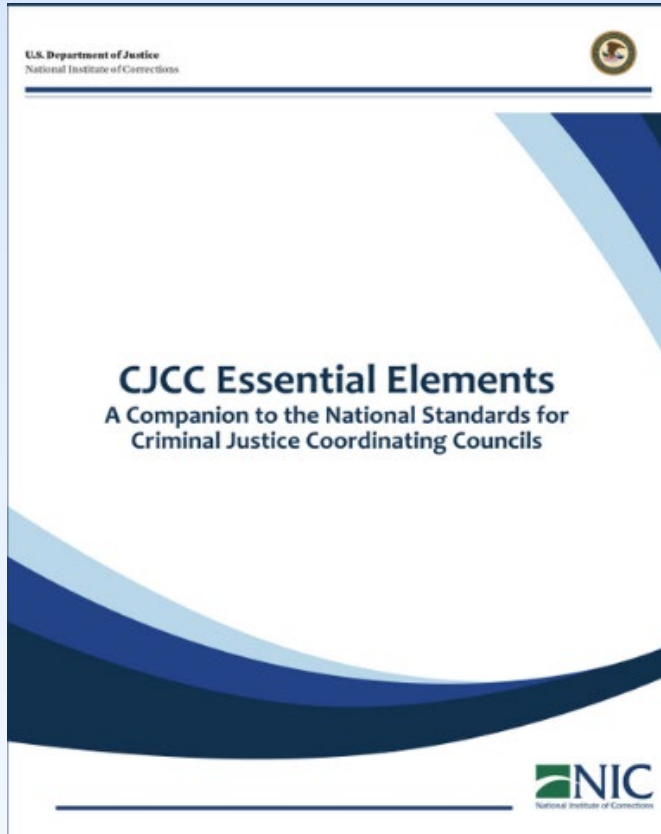
Poll Question #3

What is (or will be) a challenge for your CJCC?

- A. Getting executive leadership to participate
- B. Identifying system priorities to work on
- C. Funding for a dedicated CJCC director position
- D. All the above



Introduction to the Essential Elements



The CJCC essential elements is a companion to the national standards

The essential elements represent the core characteristics of high-performing coordinating councils

The essential elements publication may be a good place to start when delving into the national standards



The 10 Essential Elements



**System
Focused**



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Participation



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Leadership



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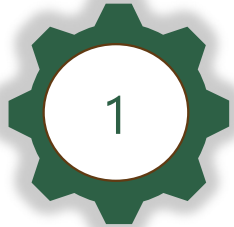
Leadership



**Consensus
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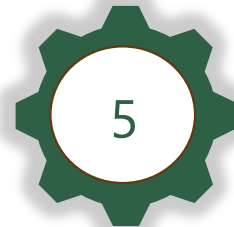
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**Consensus
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**Organized
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**Committees &
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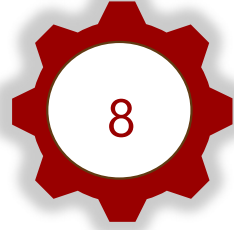
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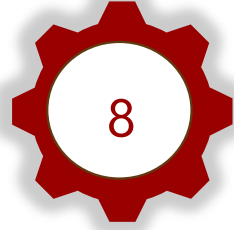
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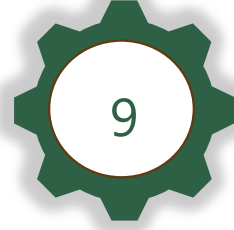
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**Community
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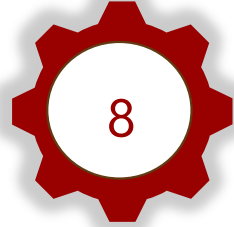
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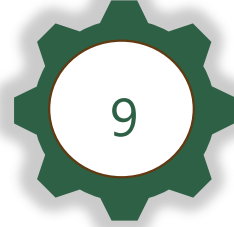
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**Community
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**Director &
Staff**



CJCC Essential Elements Tools



A checklist derived from the essential elements that jurisdictions should strongly consider when establishing or starting to strengthen an existing CJCC.

| CJCC Essential Elements Checklist | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Planning Phase | | |
| Item | Explanation | Completed |
| Vision and mission statements | The CJCC shall have vision and mission statements that accurately convey the purpose of the council. <i>(Essential Element 1, Standard 1.1, and Standard 1.2)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bylaws | The CJCC shall have written bylaws that formalize the structure and responsibilities of the council. <i>(Essential Element 1, Standard 2.1[a], and Standard 2.5)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Members | The CJCC shall have executive-level decision-makers as members, along with, at a minimum, one community representative. <i>(Essential Element 2, Standard 3.1[a], Standard 3.1[b], Standard 3.3, Standard 3.4, and Standard 3.7)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Officers | The CJCC shall have officers that oversee the council and lead meetings, along with any additional duties and responsibilities assigned in the bylaws. <i>(Essential Element 3, Standard 4.1[a], Standard 4.2[a], Standard 4.2[b], Standard 4.3[a], Standard 4.3[b], and Standard 4.4)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Executive committee | The CJCC shall have an executive committee that manages the operation of the council, along with any additional duties and responsibilities assigned in the bylaws. <i>(Essential Element 3, Standard 5.1[a], Standard 5.1[b], and Standard 5.2)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Decision process | The CJCC shall have a defined decision-making process that includes requirements for voting, including requirements for a quorum. <i>(Essential Element 4, Standard 7.5, Standard 8.1, and Standard 8.2[a])</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Meetings | The CJCC shall have a set schedule of regular meetings that complies with local open meeting laws. <i>(Essential Element 5, Standard 7.1[a], Standard 7.1[b], and Standard 7.3)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Meeting documentation | The CJCC shall produce meeting documentation (e.g., agendas, minutes, reports) that informs the CJCC and the community about important information and provides a record of the council's work. <i>(Essential Element 5, Standard 7.1[b], Standard 7.2[a], Standard 7.2[b], and Standard 7.4)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

CJCC Essential Elements Tools



A practical tool for comparing an existing CJCC with the national standards to determine how well a council aligns with characteristics of high-performing CJCCs.

| CJCC Essential Elements Tool | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Essential Elements and Key Factors | Fully Compliant | Mostly Compliant | Somewhat Compliant | Not Compliant |
| Systemic Focus – The CJCC takes a systemic approach to coordinating the criminal justice system and is guided by a vision and a mission statement. | | | | |
| The CJCC focuses on systemic issues that cross multiple agencies and systems. | | | | |
| The CJCC maximizes system resources and available justice system funding. | | | | |
| The CJCC pursues a system that is fairer and more just and equitable. | | | | |
| The CJCC responds to crises affecting the criminal justice system. | | | | |
| The CJCC has a vision statement and a mission statement that reflect the systemic role of the council. | | | | |
| The CJCC has bylaws that outline the systemic purpose and structure of the council. | | | | |
| Overall Ranking for System Focused | | | | |
| Participation – The CJCC has executive-level decision-makers as members, and they actively participate in the council. | | | | |
| CJCC membership includes executive-level leadership representing key entities from municipal, county, and state justice agencies. | | | | |
| CJCC membership size is appropriate to fulfill the council's mission. | | | | |
| CJCC membership includes at least one representative from the community. | | | | |
| CJCC bylaws outline expectations for council members. | | | | |
| CJCC members attend and participate in council meetings regularly; use of proxies and delegates is limited. | | | | |
| The CJCC has a formal process for onboarding new members. | | | | |
| The CJCC's membership list is publicly posted and updated annually. | | | | |
| Overall Ranking for Participation | | | | |

Poll Question #4

Would you be interested in a webinar that provides training on the essential elements tool?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Maybe



Technical Assistance from NIC and JMI

NIC and JMI are offering no-cost technical assistance to three jurisdictions to celebrate the launch of the national standards and essential elements.

The technical assistance will help a jurisdiction: either form a new CJCC in their community or strengthen an existing CJCC.

Interested jurisdictions may contact **Katie Green** to express interest at k2green@bop.gov



Open Discussion and Questions



CJCC Resources

The National Standards for CJCCs:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.nicic.gov/Library/o33675.pdf>

The Essential Elements for CJCCs:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.nicic.gov/Library/o33676.pdf>

NIC CJCC Microsite:

<https://info.nicic.gov/cjcc/>

JMI:

<https://jmijustice.org>

National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC):

<https://jmijustice.org/nncjcc>



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