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## **Policy and Prediction in Detention Screening Assessments**

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# Goals of Today's Session



Purpose



Construction  
and Validation



Practice

# Purpose of Detention Screening Assessments



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New Offenses

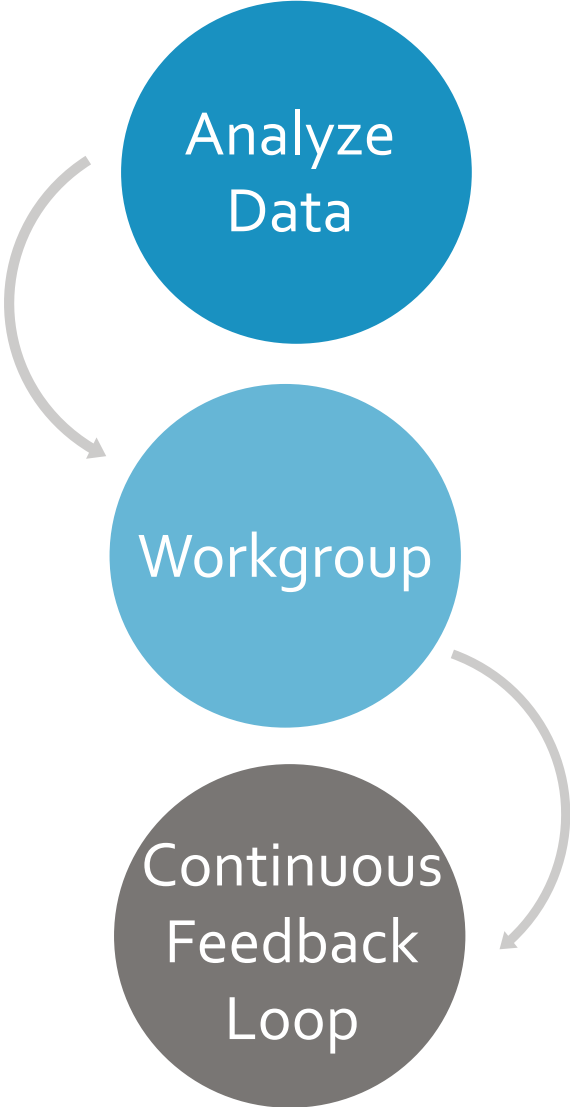
# Detention Assessment Items: Best Practice

- 1 • Most serious current offense
- 2 • Warrants
- 3 • Legal history
- 4 • Current case status
- 5 • Aggravating and mitigating factors



Case Vignette: Vulcan County JJD

# Construction and Validation Process



# Validation Measures



Balance



Distribution

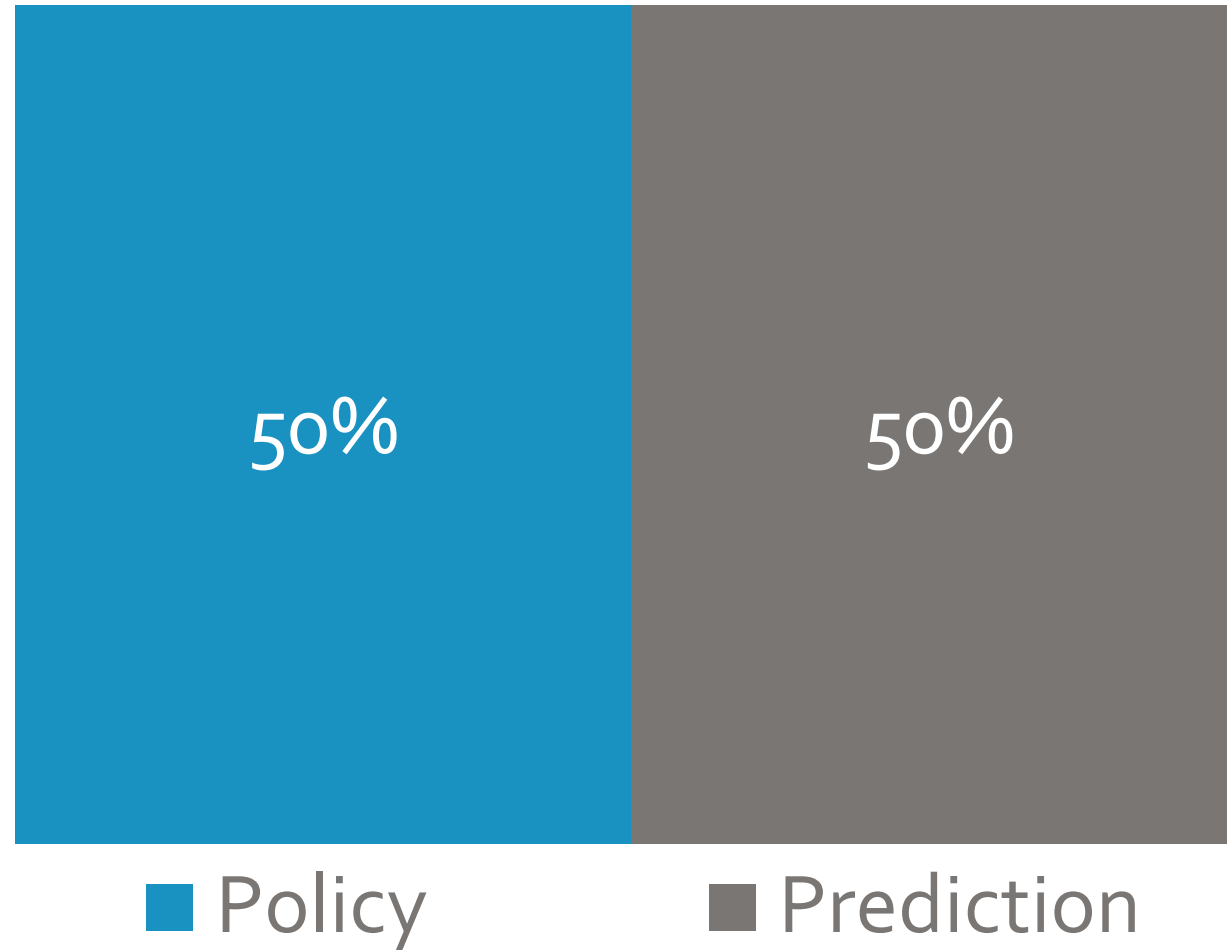


Equity

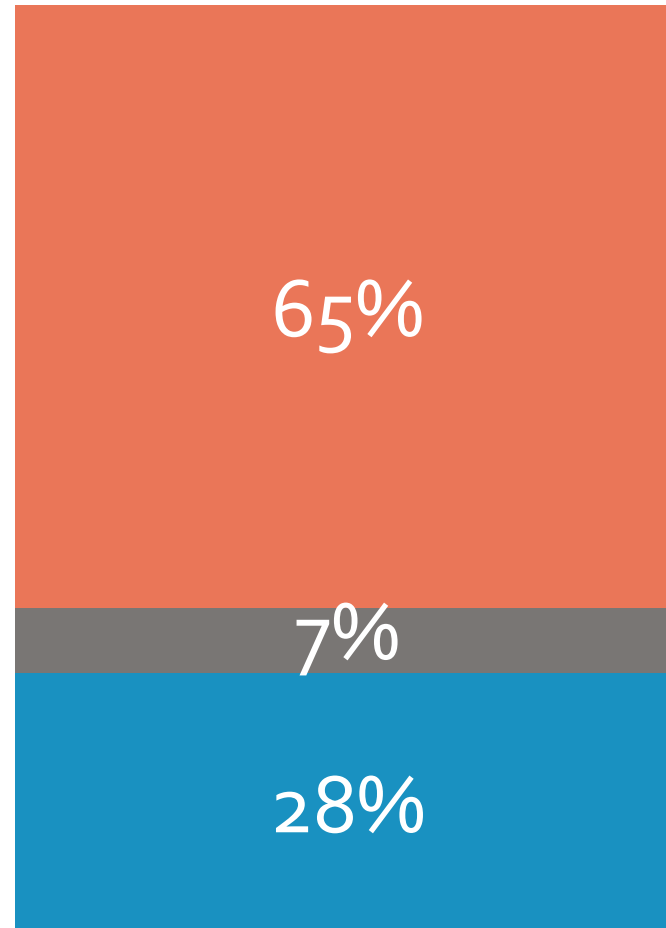


Adherence

# Vulcan County Data: Balance



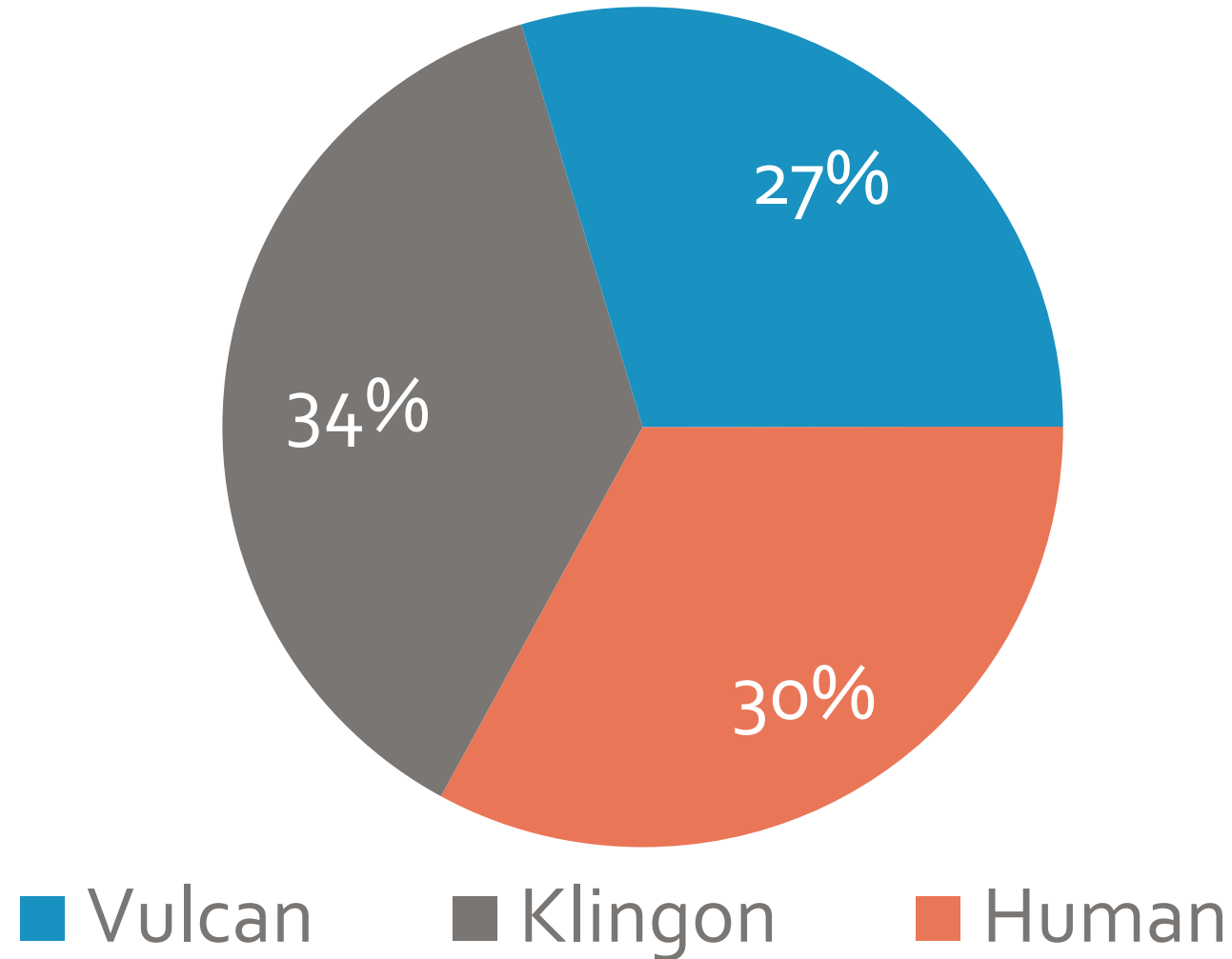
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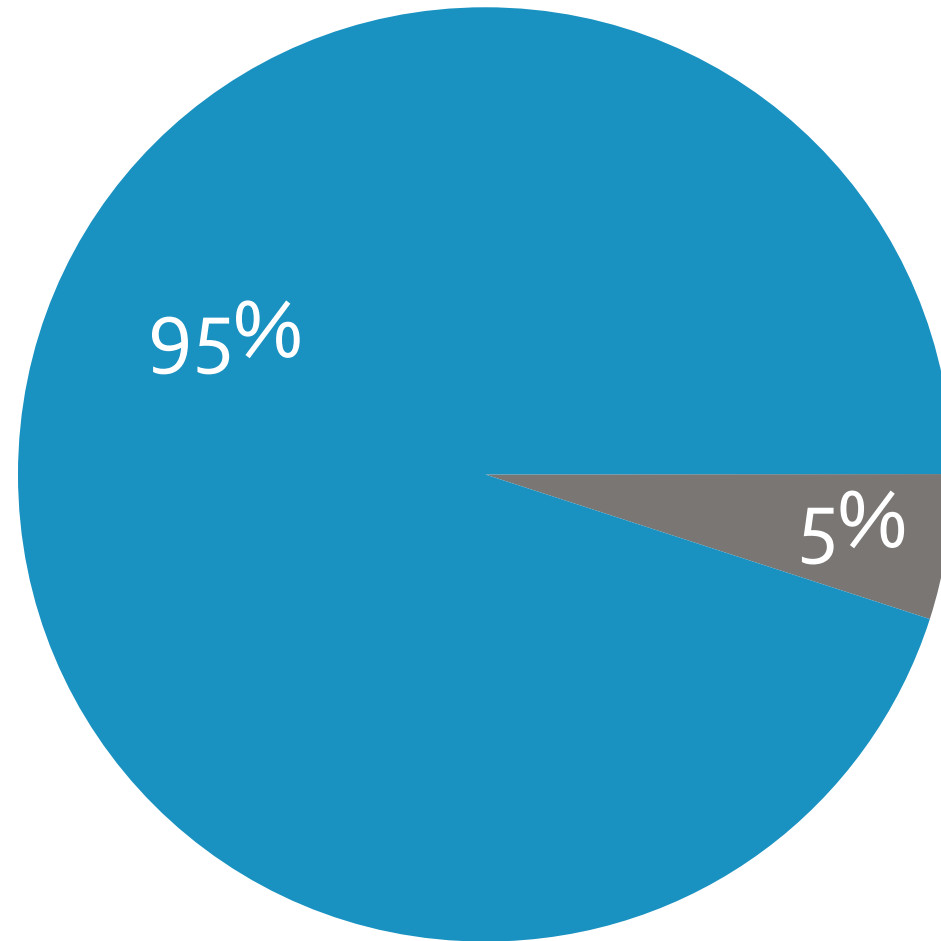
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# Vulcan County Data: Equity

Percentage of Youth Detained by Alien Race



# Vulcan County Data: Adherence



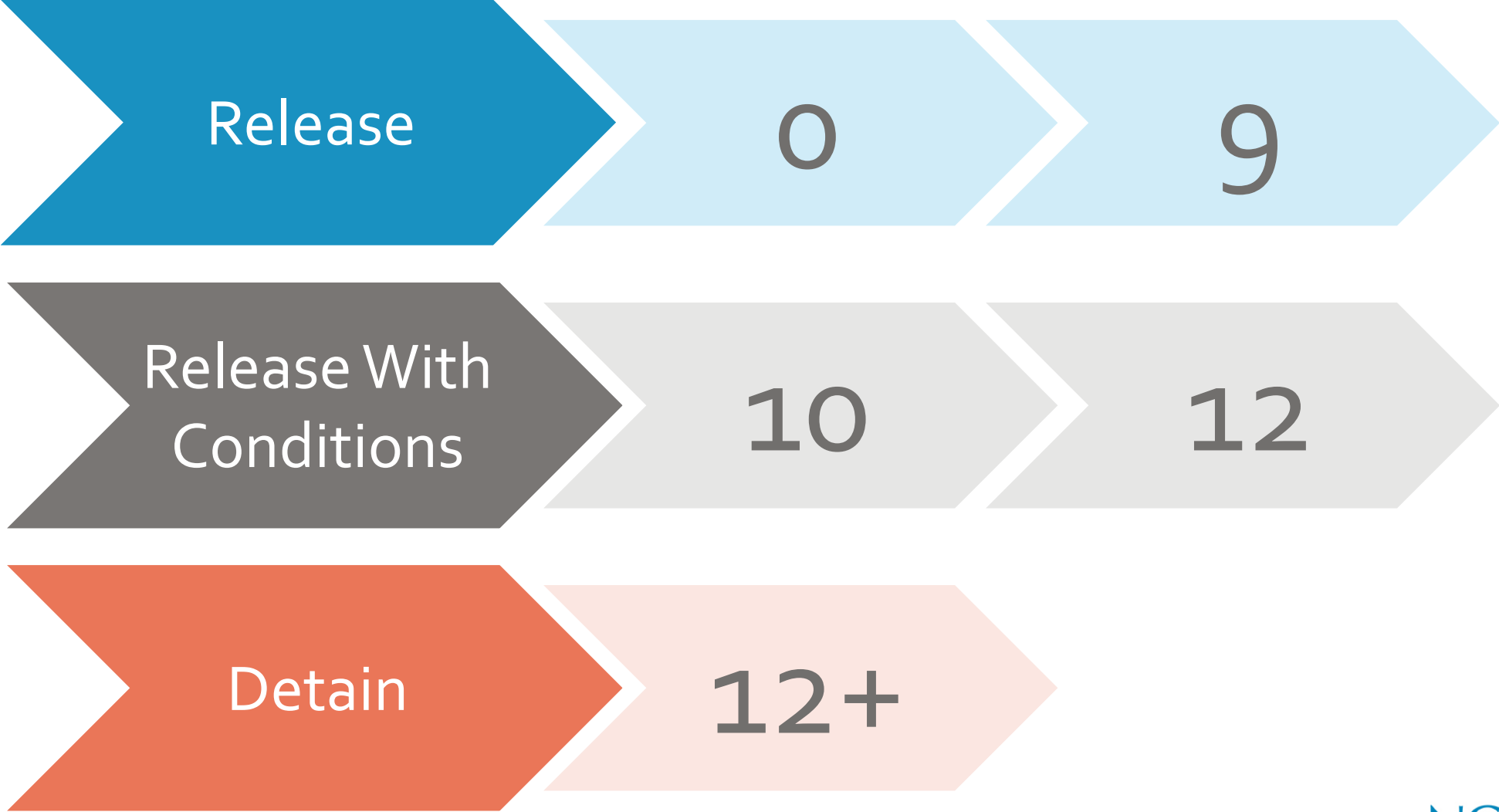
■ Agree

■ Override

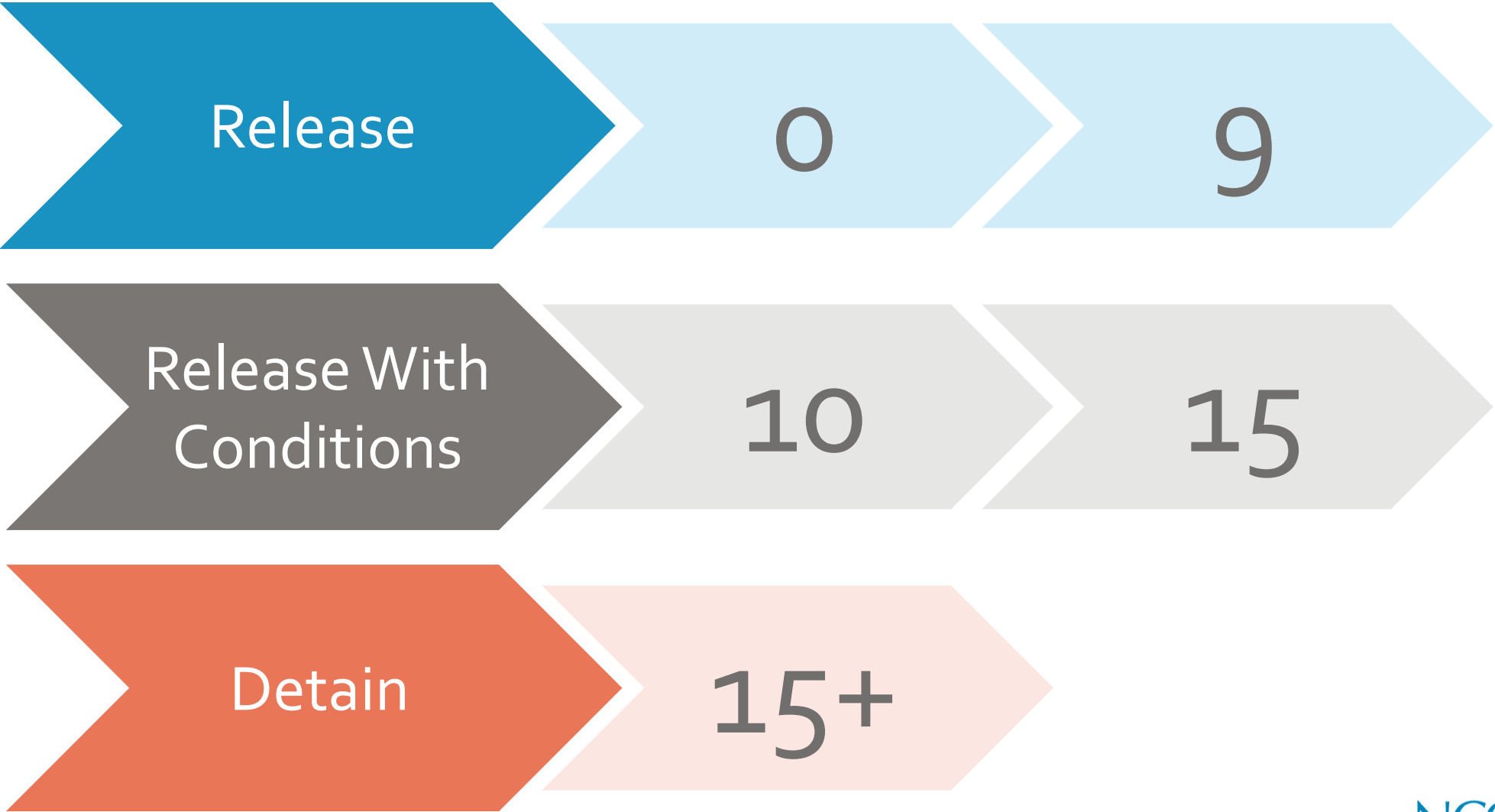
# Example Assessment Item: Substances

<input type="checkbox"/> Sale of Space Narcotics	<del>5</del>	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Possession of Space Narcotics	<del>3</del>	1
<del><input type="checkbox"/> Possession of Romulan Ale</del>	<del>2</del>	
<input type="checkbox"/> None	0	

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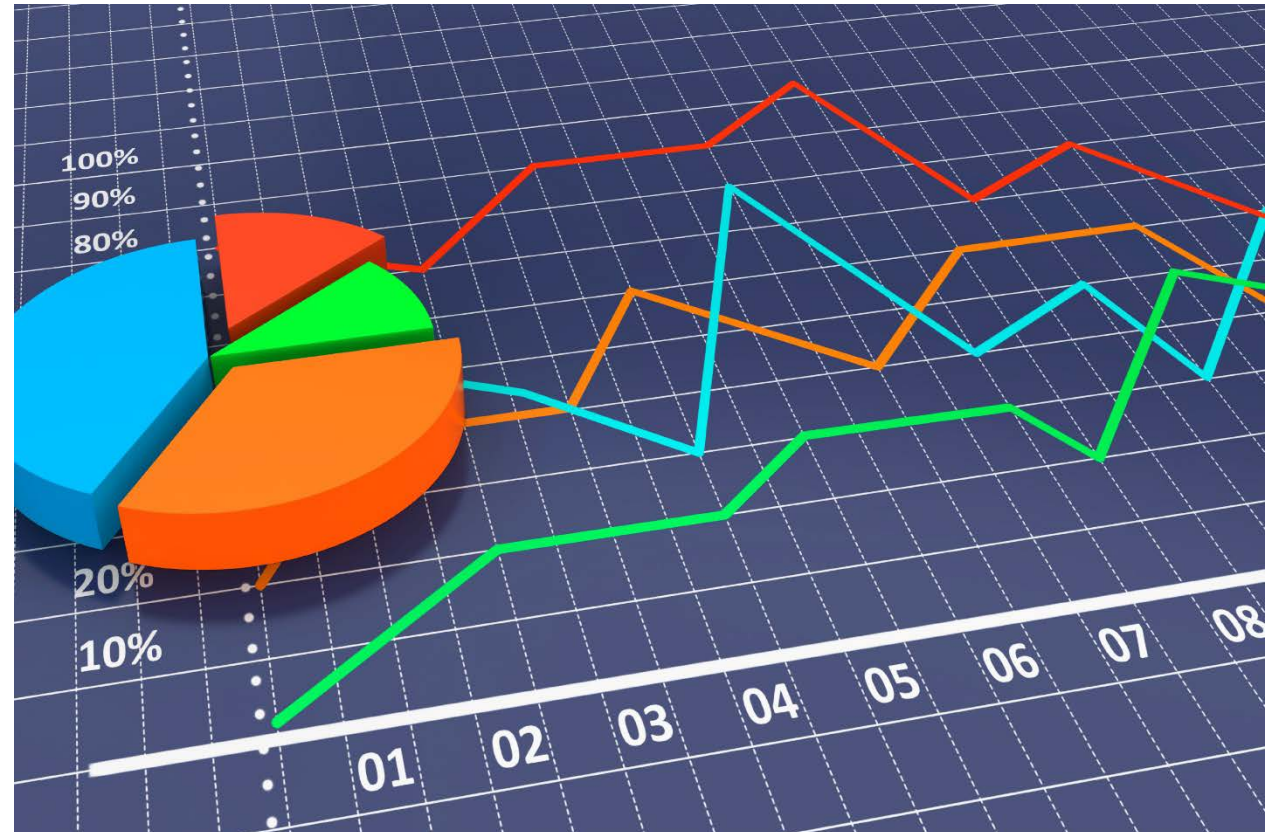


# Example Assessment Item: Offense Severity

<input type="checkbox"/> Violent felony	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Other felony	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Other narcotics-related felony	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violent misdemeanor	6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possession of space narcotics	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other misdemeanor	3

# Using Data to Assess Potential Impact

- Adding or dropping items
- Rescoring items
- Addressing utility issues

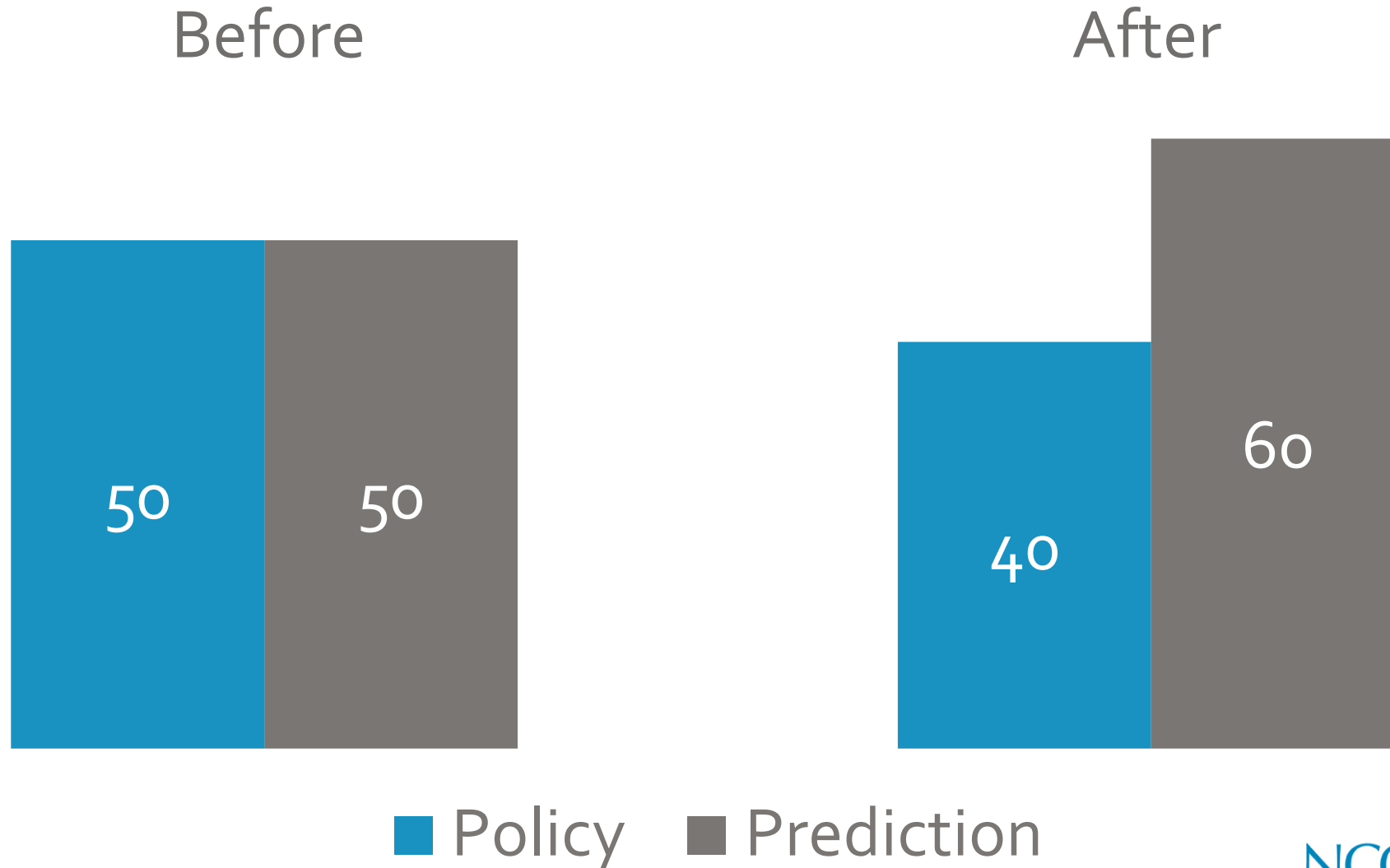


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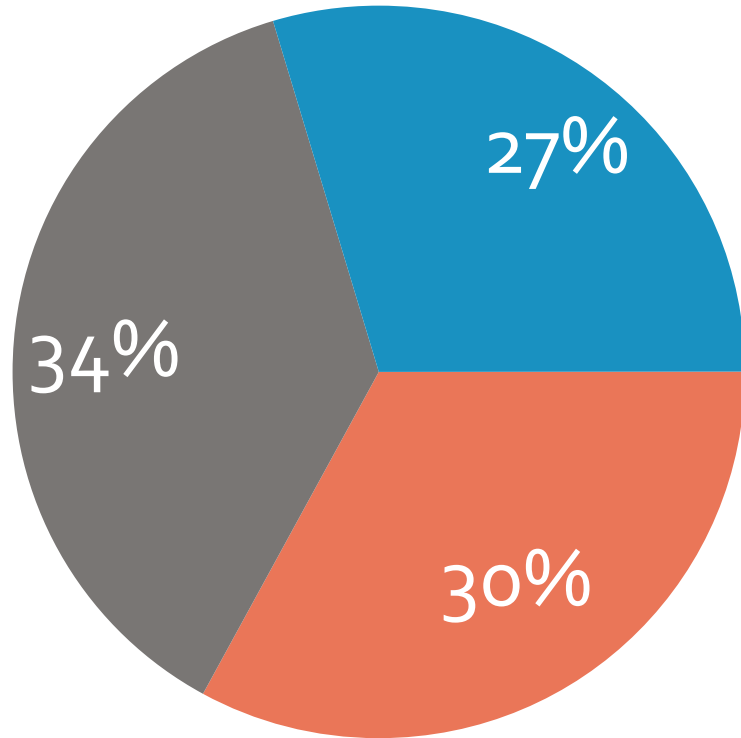
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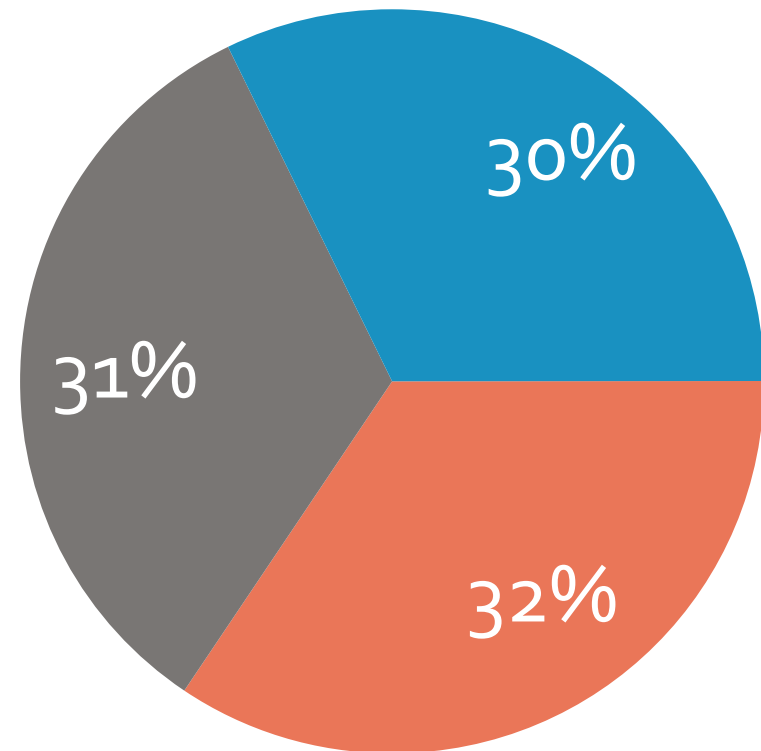
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Before



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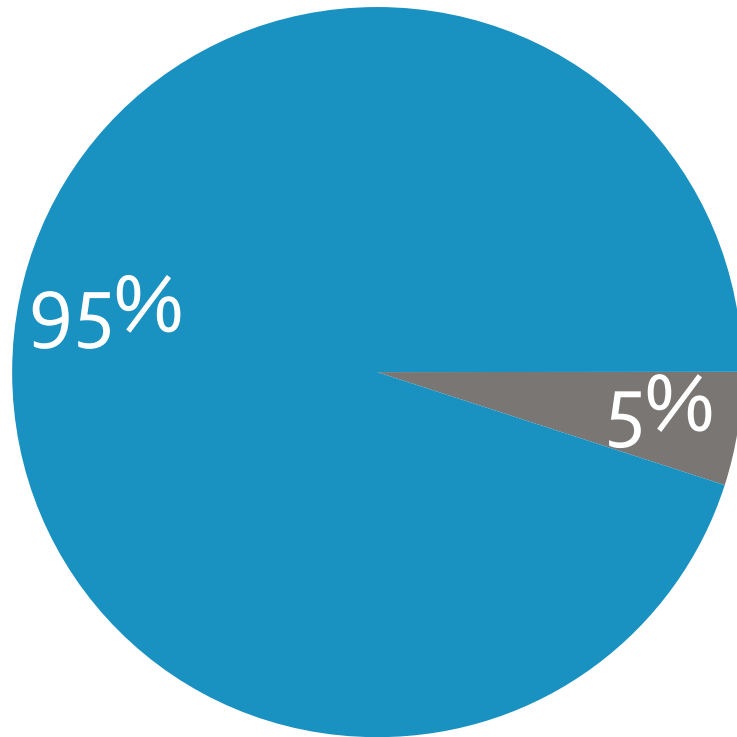
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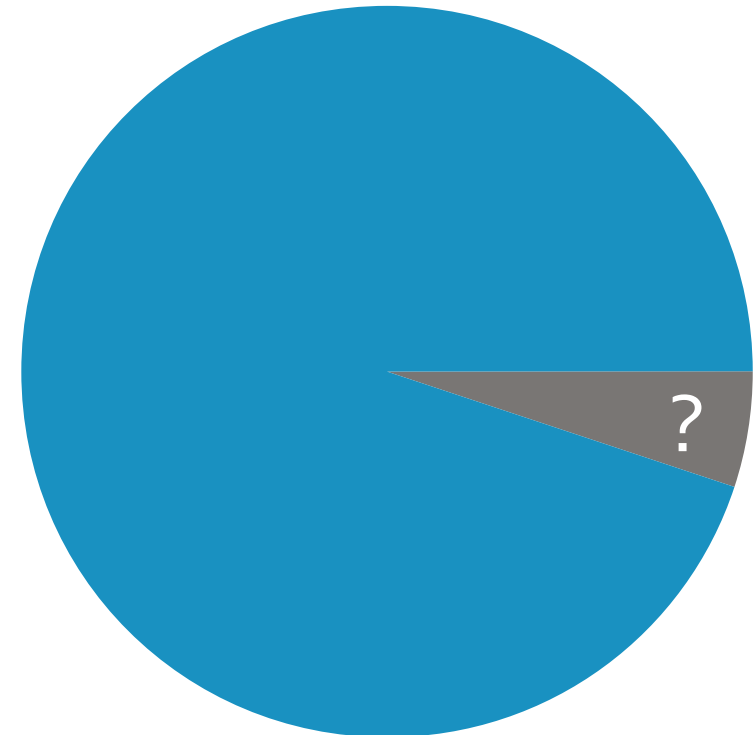
# Vulcan County Data: Adherence

Before



■ Agree    ■ Override

After

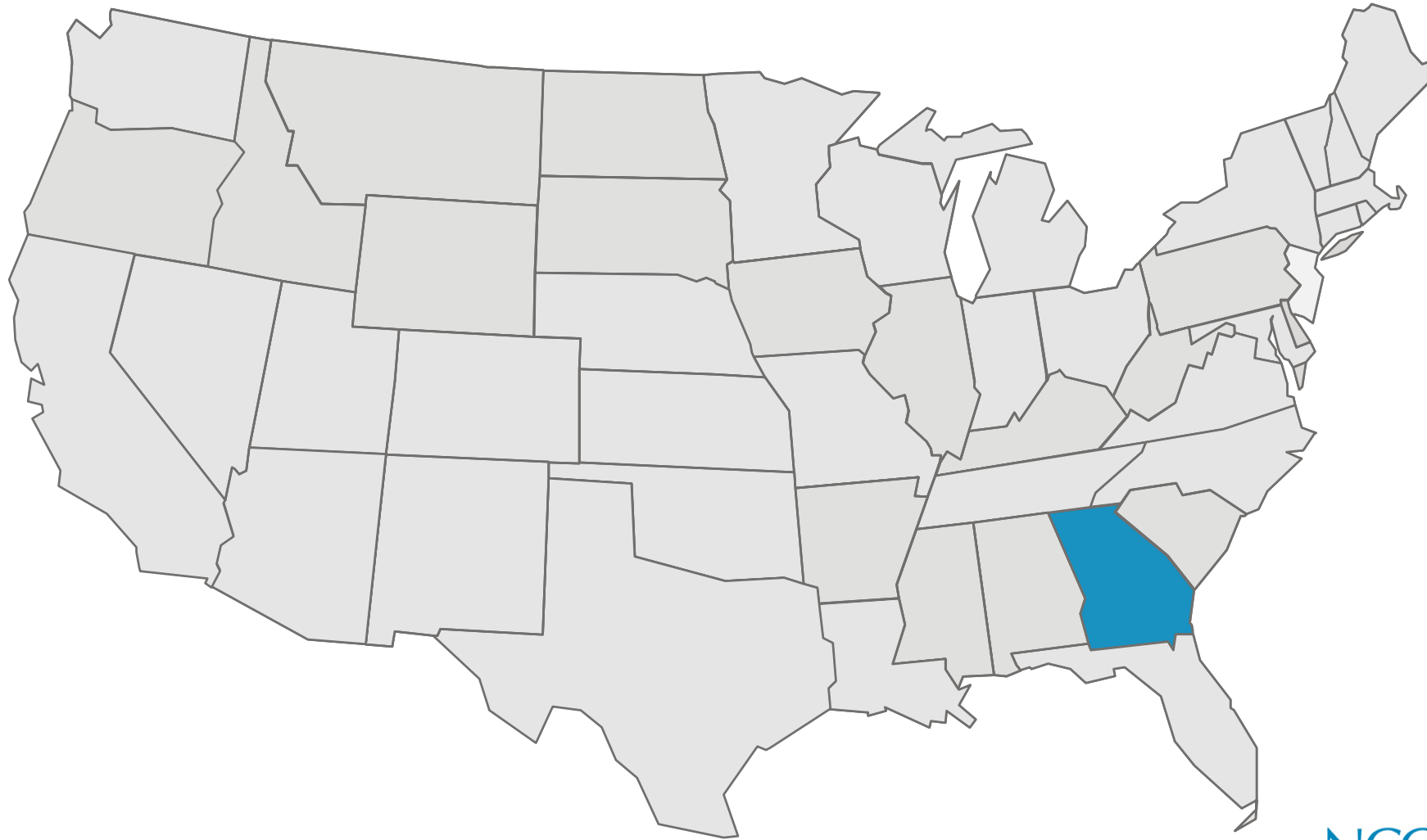


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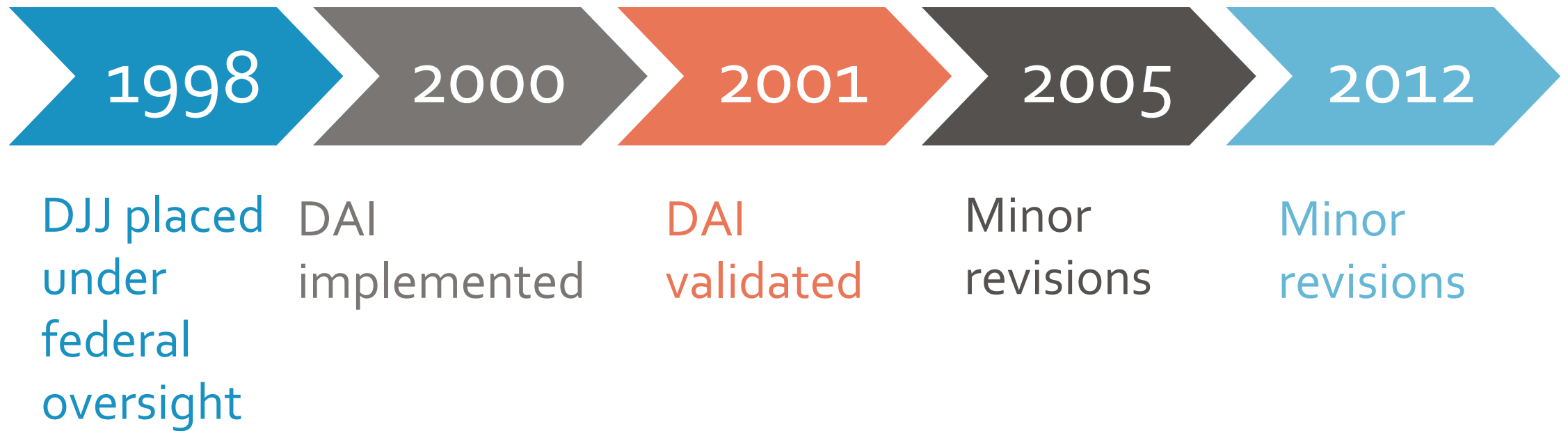


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# In Practice: Georgia Detention Assessment Instrument



# Georgia DAI: History

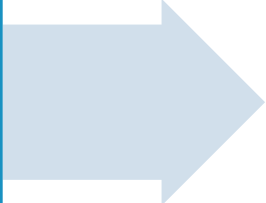


# Georgia DAI: New Statute Requirements



# Georgia DAI: Workgroup Members

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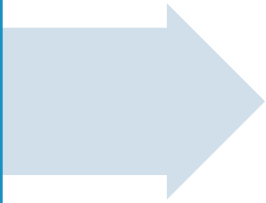


DJJ

Judiciary

Law enforcement

Annie E. Casey Foundation



Community members

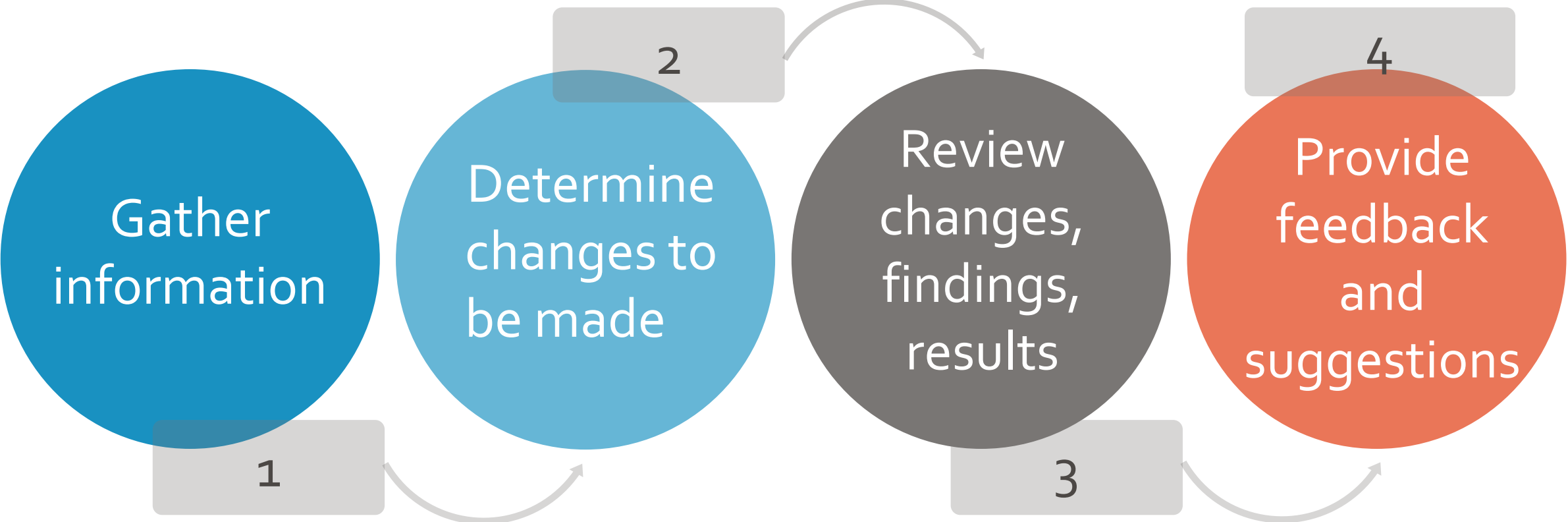
Public defenders

Independent court staff

Governor's Office for Children and Families

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of GA

# Georgia DAI: Workgroup Process





# DAI Tool

## Most Serious Current Offense:

		Score
<input type="checkbox"/> Class A Designated Felonies.....	12	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Class B Designated Felonies.....	12	12
<input type="checkbox"/> All Other Felonies.....	8	8
<input type="checkbox"/> All Misdemeanors.....	2	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Acts (including but not limited to: CHINS, probation violations, etc.).....	0	0

**Comment [CD2]:** Please see Class A/B DF list. (Score by actual offense—even if youth is under 13 and cannot be disposed of as a DF).

**Comment [CD3]:** Lesser acts is to be used for CHINS, all Probation Violations, Technical Violation, Violation of conditional release, Violation of alternate plan, etc.

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# DAI Tool

## Prior adjudicated charges

- None..... 0
- One or more..... 4

## Prior adjudicated probation violations and administrative revocations

- None..... 0
- One to four..... 2
- Five or more..... 4

**Comment [CD6]:** Actual number of adjudicated DELINQUENT charges, not adjudication events. Do not include adjudications for status/CHINS or prior adjudications for VOP here (will be captured in next item).

**Comment [CD7]:** Includes revocation of probation and founded administrative revocations. Do NOT include Violations of Probation/Supervision on status/CHINS offenses.

Prior adjudicated charges		
None.....		0
One or more misdemeanor (only) charges.....		2
One of more charges including at least one felony.....		4

Enhancement



# DAI Tool

Is youth currently under judicial supervision for a criminal or delinquent offense?		Score
<input type="checkbox"/> No.....	0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.....	4	
<b>Does youth have any prior juvenile court involvement (delinquent)/ prior DAI?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No..... Deleted	0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.....	2	
<b>Total score.....</b>		

...only Delinquent  
...delinquent comm... for youth under  
Adult/Superior Court Probation/Supervision. (NOT  
informal adjustment, abeyance, conditional release,  
etc.)

**Comment [CD9]:** Any prior delinquent ju...  
court involvement or a previously complete...  
a delinquent offense. (Including any delin...  
complaints, even dismissals)

Is youth currently under judicial supervision for a criminal or delinquent offense?

No, the youth is not on probation/commitment..... 0

Yes, the youth is on probation/commitment for a misdemeanor offense..... 2

Yes, the youth is on probation/commitment for a felony offense ..... 4

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# Recap: Goals of Today's Session



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*Thank you!*

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