



**Justice
Reinvestment
Initiative**
Minnesota



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Minnesota's Justice Reinvestment Initiative

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We are a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, serving state officials in all three branches of government, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.

How We Work

- We bring people together.
- We drive the criminal justice field forward with original research.
- We build momentum for policy change.
- We provide expert assistance.

Our Goals

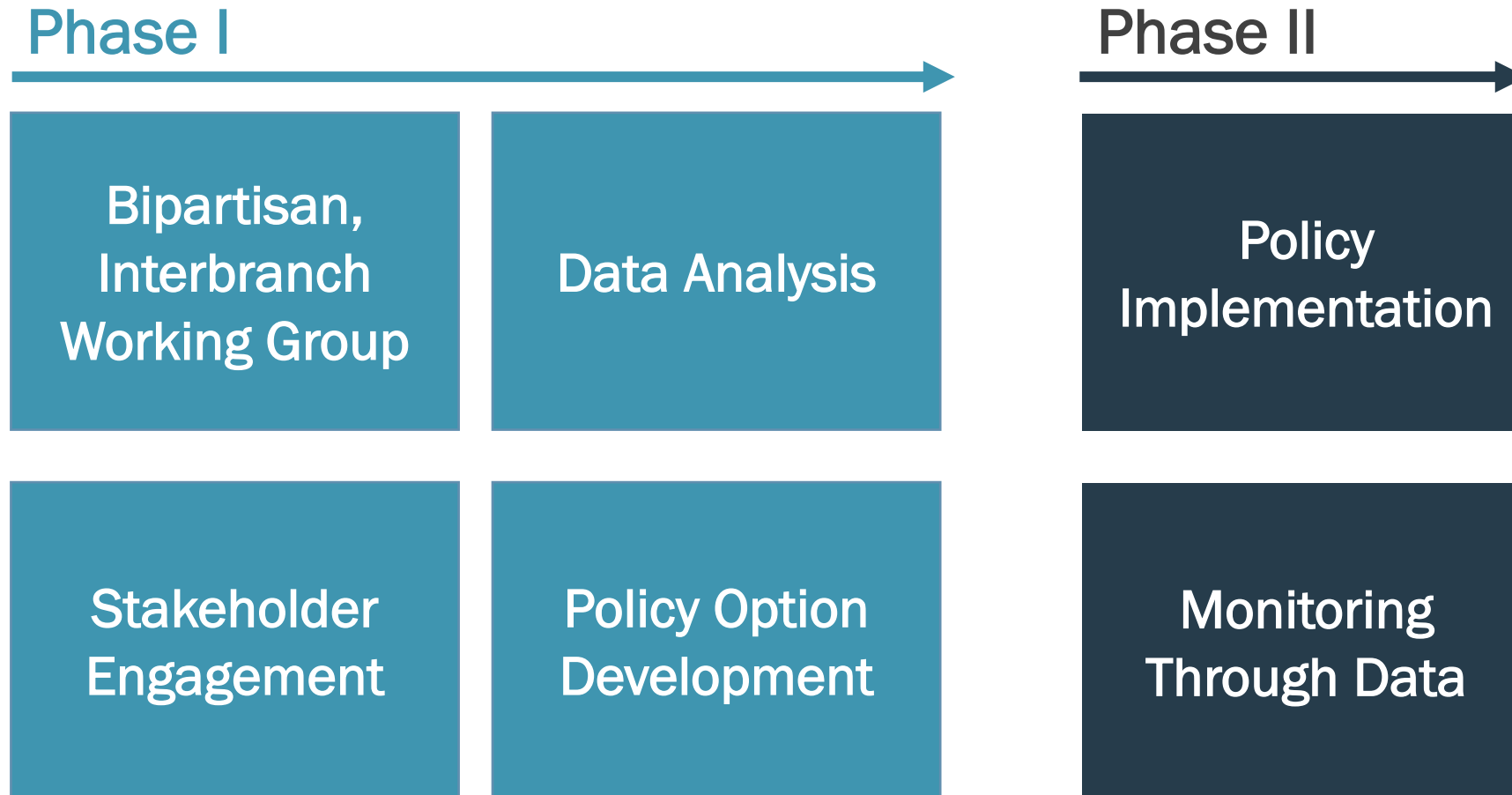
- Break the cycle of incarceration.
- Advance health, opportunity, and equity.
- Use data to improve safety and justice.



A data-driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending, and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and reduce recidivism

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative is supported by funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and The Pew Charitable Trusts.

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative is a process that includes analysis, policy development, implementation, and sustainability.



Over the past 15 years, the CSG Justice Center has helped 33 states control corrections spending and reinvest in strategies to increase public safety.

Strengthening responses to supervision violations and the use of evidence-based practices

Concentrating supervision resources on individuals at the highest risk to reoffend

Identifying effective ways to use funding to improve community supervision

Strengthening gender-response approaches to supervision

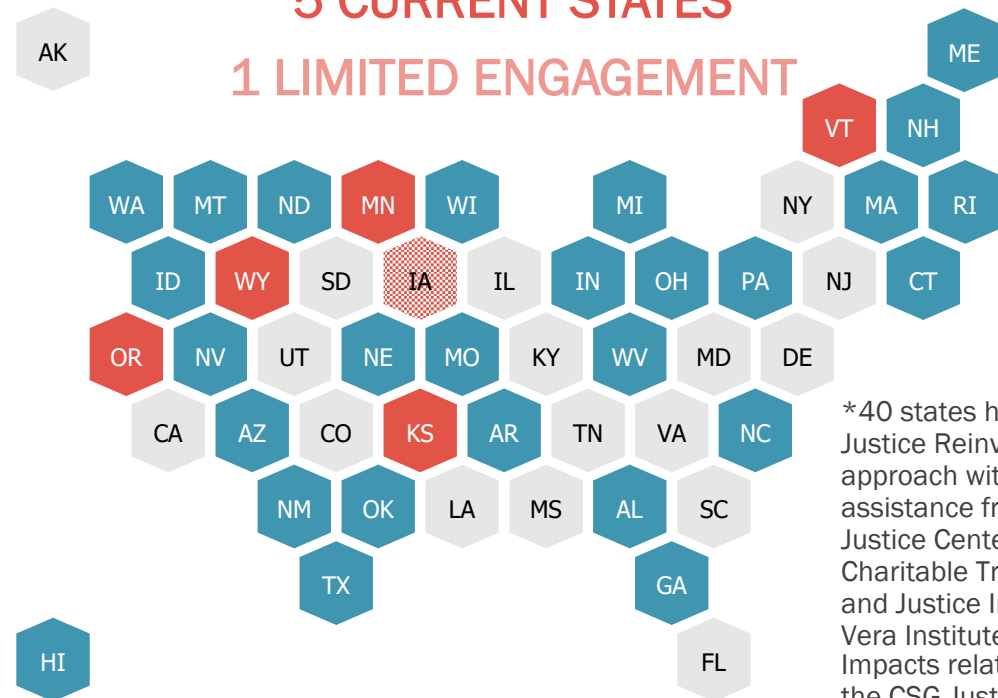
Providing judges with more tools to determine probation term lengths

States That Have Used a Justice Reinvestment Approach with Assistance from The Council of State Governments Justice Center*

27 PAST STATES

5 CURRENT STATES

1 LIMITED ENGAGEMENT



*40 states have pursued a Justice Reinvestment (JR) approach with technical assistance from the CSG Justice Center, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Crime and Justice Institute, or the Vera Institute of Justice. Impacts relate to states that the CSG Justice Center has worked with on JR.

In 2019, state leaders outlined specific challenges to be explored through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

Scope of Work

1. Review corrections and community supervision spending in Minnesota.
2. Analyze resources across the three community supervision delivery systems.
3. Coordinate resources across community supervision, victim services, the judiciary, and corrections.
4. Analyze population-based model for funding the DOC and impact on county partners and public safety.
5. Advance sustainability of Minnesota's corrections system and improve service delivery effectiveness.
6. Ensure the equitable distribution of criminal justice system investments by both individual and location.

In 2021, the goal was refined to “describe how the state and counties can achieve an effective supervision system together, balancing local control with state support and collaboration.”

1. A proposal for sustainable funding
of the state’s community
supervision delivery systems

- Recommended funding model and the associated costs
- Alternative funding and delivery models
- Mechanisms to ensure balanced application of increases in the cost of community supervision services

2. Definition of core standards in
accordance with the state’s
obligation to fund or provide
supervision services that are

- Geographically equitable
- Reflect modern correctional practice

**3. A plan for tribal government
supervision** of people on
probation or post-release

State and local stakeholders are participating in several engagement activities as part of the Minnesota Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

Data Analysis

Exploring sentencing, prison, probation, and supervised release data from MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission and MN Department of Corrections (S³)

Stakeholder Engagement

Managing process and communications, ensuring inclusion of voices

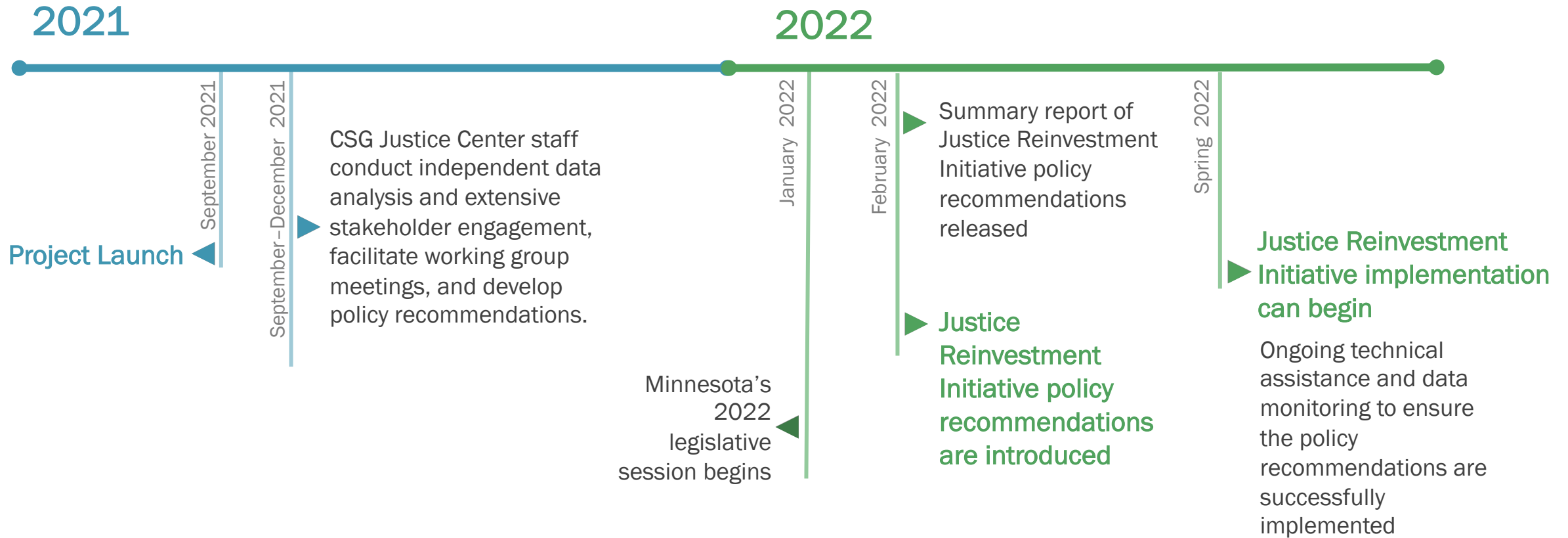
Supervision Assessment

Interviewing staff and people on probation from 4–5 agencies from each delivery system (13 total)

Policy and Funding Assessment

Focusing on statutes, judicial policy, budgets, appropriations

Minnesota's Justice Reinvestment Initiative will run through 2022.



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