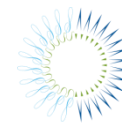


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Santa Barbara County Results First: INVESTING IN PROGRAMS THAT WORK

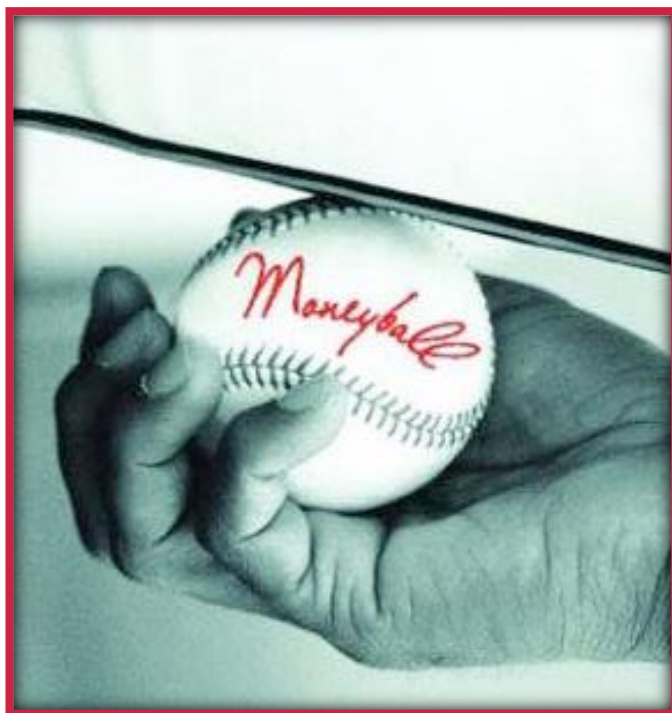
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The Results First approach: Bring evidence into the process



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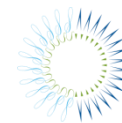
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- **IDENTIFY** program budget portfolio and what you know about each program
- **CONSIDER** whether benefits justify costs
- **TARGET** funds using rigorous evidence

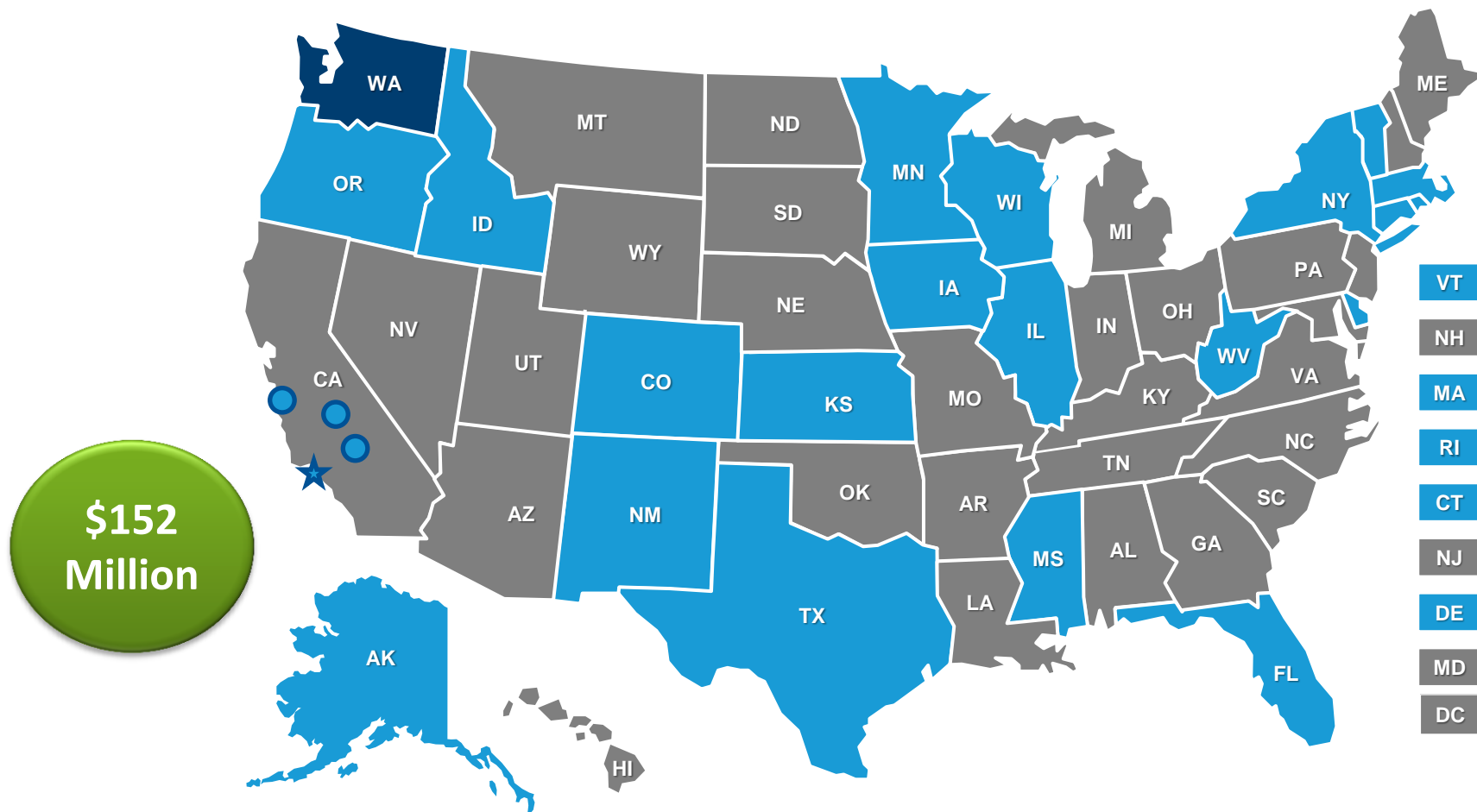
IMPROVE outcomes *without* increased spending

Participation in Results First

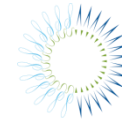


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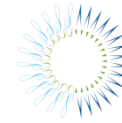


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- Launched in August 2013
 - First county in California to partner with Results First
- Criminal justice partners collaborated to:
 - Assemble comprehensive program inventories
 - Collect and analyze recidivism and cost data
 - Conduct cost-benefit analyses of programs
 - Identify ways to use results to inform decisions

Santa Barbara County Results First: Key findings

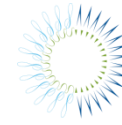


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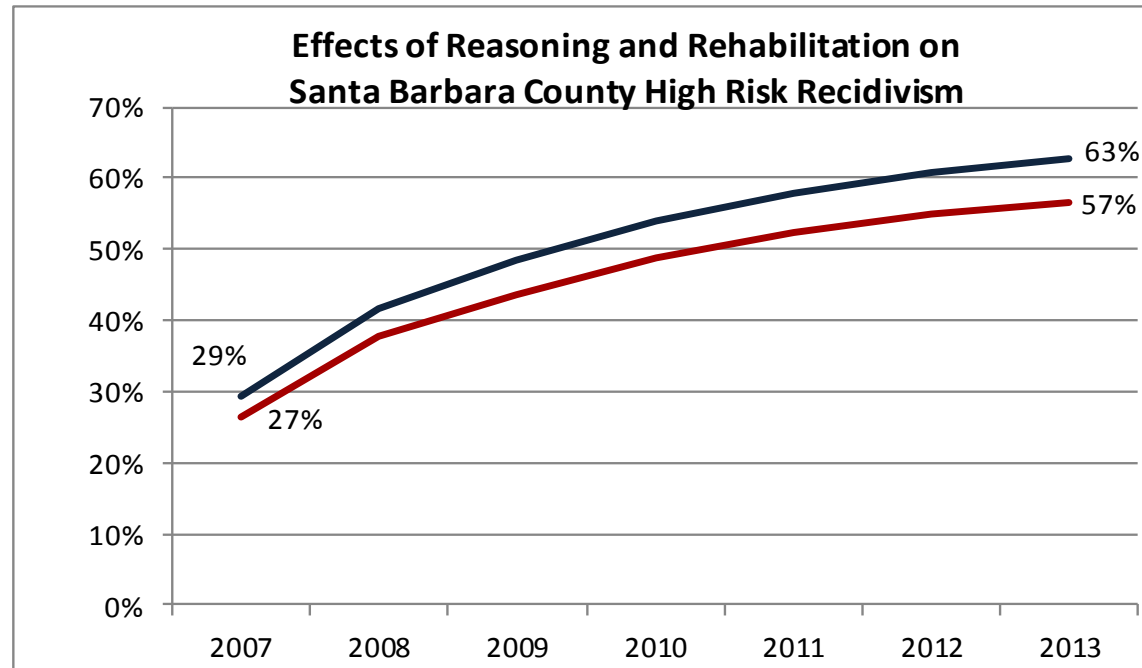
- Recidivism is expensive: \$66,000 per offender
- Recidivism rates are high: 63% of high risk offenders are re-convicted within a 7-year period
- Evidence-based programs decrease recidivism and costs
- Results First approach has helped us identify which programs are projected to produce a higher level of return on county investments

Analysis of Reasoning and Rehabilitation



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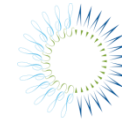
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— Baseline High Risk
Offender Recidivism Rate

— New High Risk
Offender Recidivism Rate

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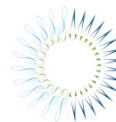
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Cost-Benefit Analysis: Reasoning and Rehabilitation for High Risk Probationers in Santa Barbara County

BENEFITS AND COSTS PER PARTICIPANT	SANTA BARBARA 2014 DOLLARS	TYPE OF BENEFITS
Annual cost	\$-215	
Total benefits	\$4,488	Lower state and county criminal justice costs and reduced victimizations in the community.
Net benefits (benefits-costs)	\$4,273	
<i>Benefits per dollar of cost</i>	\$20.87	
Annual Recidivism Reduction: -10.4%		

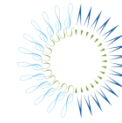
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- Maintain and expand evidence-based programs to reduce recidivism and make the best use of limited public resources
- Identify alternative programs for current strategies that project low ROI
- Evaluate promising programs with limited evidence
- Continue to target funds at evidence-based and promising programs (e.g., Prop. 47 and Pre-Trial Services)



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Options for your consideration

- Targeted investments in evidence-based and promising programs
- Targeted cuts for programs proved not to work
- Sustainability framework
 - Contract restructuring (Kern, Santa Cruz, NM)
 - Required program inventories in other areas (CT, NM, MN, MS)
 - Funding floors for evidence-based programs (NM, OR)
 - Codifying definitions to support common metrics (CT, MA, MS, NY)
- Using the Results First approach in additional policy areas