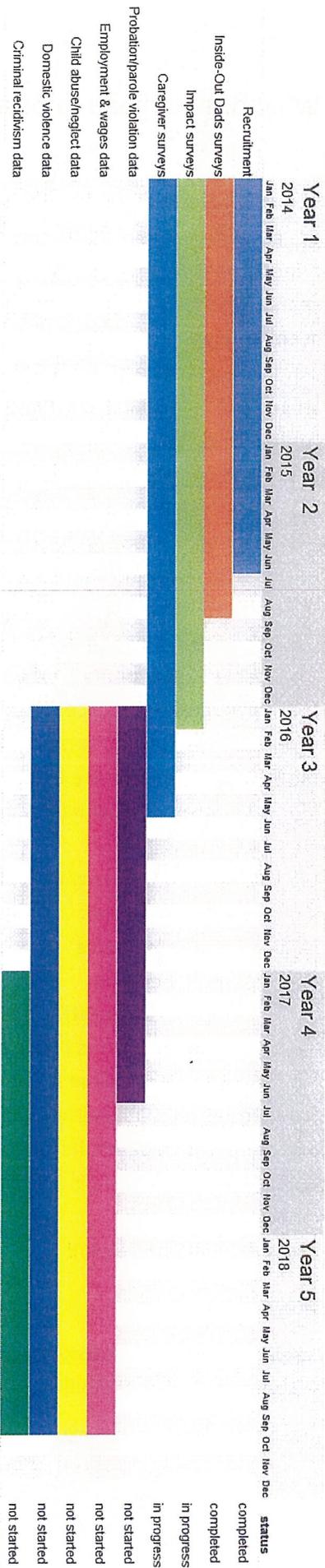


# PB&J Fathers Building Futures Evaluation Timeline



## Outcome Measures

- Short-term**
- Reported employment stability
  - Reported housing stability
  - Reported criminal thinking
  - Reported self-efficacy
  - Reported family ties
  - Reported financial problems
  - Job search skills
  - Time spent with child
  - Attitude toward children
  - Knowledge of parenting

- Intermediate**
- Employment stability
  - Criminal behavior
  - Child-parent contact
  - Child well-being
  - Relationship with co-parent of child

- Long-term**
- Employment stability
  - Financial stability
  - Recidivism
  - Child well-being/abuse/neglect
  - Intimate partner relationships (domestic violence)

PB&J Family Services Fathers Building Futures Evaluation is a joint project of the University of New Mexico Institute for Social Research, New Mexico Statistical Analysis Center and the New Mexico Sentencing Commission

## What does it mean to be an evidence-based program or practice?

- There is no single agreed upon definition of evidence-based; there are commonalities across raters used to assess whether a program or practice is evidence-based, but these can vary.
- There are different levels of evidence that can be used to classify a program or practice along a continuum that may range from evidence-informed to those that may be included in evidence-based inventories including promising practice, research based or effective/evidence-based or proven program.
- Generally, registries or organizations that compile evidence-based programs and practices examine both information about the program or practice itself as well as the evaluation(s) of the program or practice.
- Some considerations regarding the program/practice may include:
  - Clearly defined target population
  - Clearly defined theory of change including:
    - Specification of underlying assumptions
    - Identification of short, intermediate and long term outcomes
  - Key components/activities of the program are clearly defined
  - While it may or may not be included in the criteria for consideration, in practice, programs or practices should have a logic model informed by the theory of change and should engage in regular internal assessment.
- Some considerations for the external evaluation may include:
  - The research design (e.g., randomized control study, quasi experimental design, pre-post)
  - Attrition (how many individuals drop out of the study)
  - Minimum levels of:
    - Sample size
    - Effect size
    - Level of statistical significance
  - Outcome measures (Well defined and comprehensive)
  - Analytical technique (Multivariate usually required)
  - Results available either publicly or published in peer-reviewed journal
  - Replication of results (and program)
- Becoming evidence-based is a process that takes years

Some resources that may be helpful:

<http://www.promisingpractices.net/>

[http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/ReportFile/1599/Wsipp\\_Updated-Inventory-of-Evidence-Based-Research-Based-and-Promising-Practices\\_Inventory-flowchart.pdf](http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/ReportFile/1599/Wsipp_Updated-Inventory-of-Evidence-Based-Research-Based-and-Promising-Practices_Inventory-flowchart.pdf)[https://www.crimesolutions.gov/about\\_starttofinish.aspx](https://www.crimesolutions.gov/about_starttofinish.aspx)

[http://www.jrsa.org/projects/ebp\\_briefing\\_paper1.pdf](http://www.jrsa.org/projects/ebp_briefing_paper1.pdf)