

Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth

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Goal: To bring together all of the relevant systems and professionals to provide early identification, intervention, and treatment for child and youth victims and their families and caregivers.

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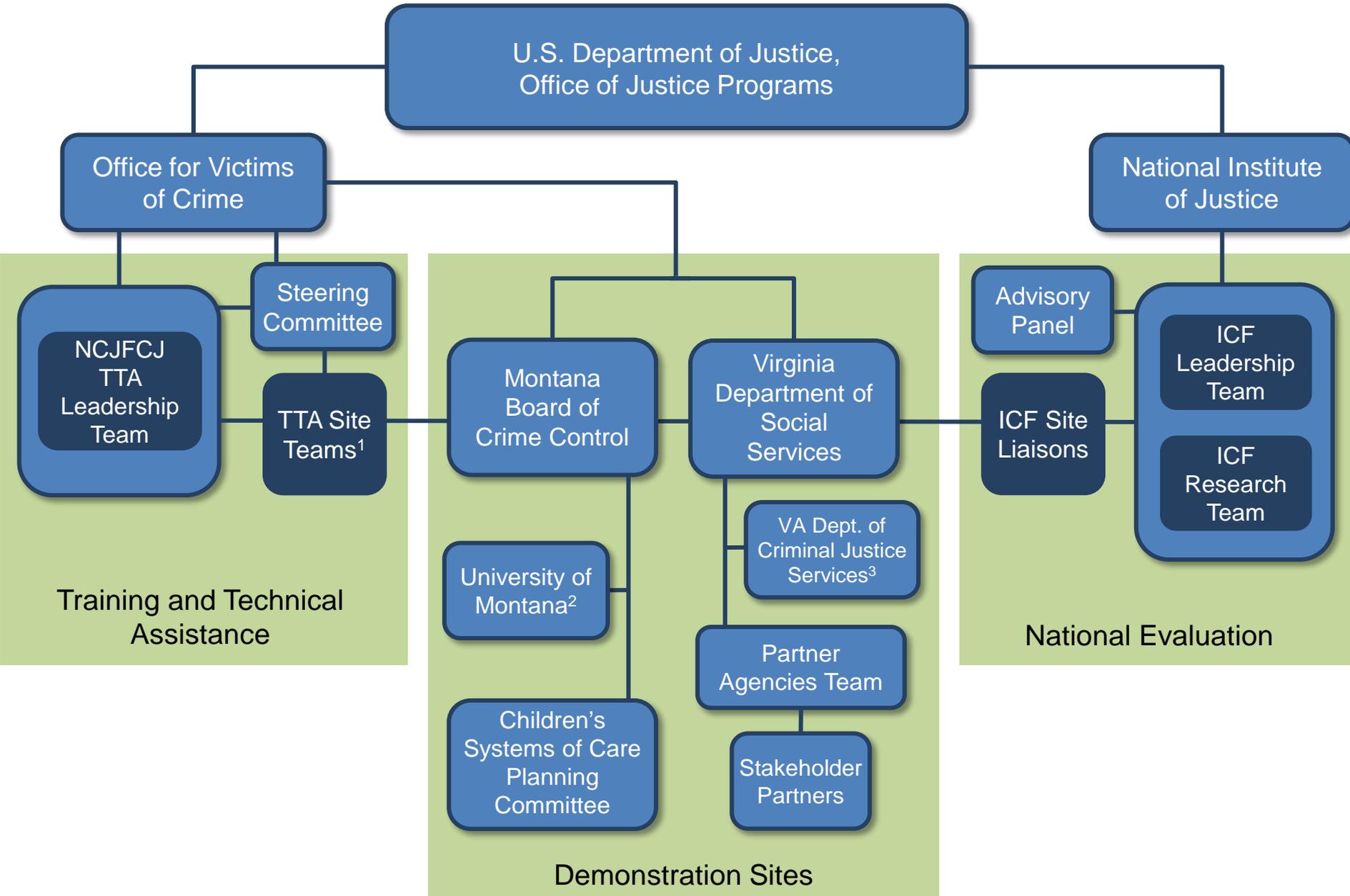
- Demonstration project funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice
- Part of the Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services initiative
- VA one of two demonstration projects in the country
- Planning (15 Months) and Implementation (up to 5 years) Phases

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Target Population:

Children, youth, and transitioning young adults up to 21 years of age who have been victims of crime through personal experience or observation. This target population may include, but is not limited to, those who have been the victims of physical and sexual abuse, trafficking, bullying, community violence, and domestic violence. However, children and youth who have experienced trauma unassociated with a crime (e.g. natural disaster, loss of a loved one) will be excluded from this population.

Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care Demonstration Project Organizational Chart



Partner Agency Team

- Department of Social Services
- Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- Department of Education
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Family and Children's Trust Fund
- Office of the Attorney General
- Department of Health
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Office of Children's Services
- Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Fund Administrator:
Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Victims of Crime Act Victim Compensation Fund: Criminal Injuries
Compensation Fund

With support from:

- The Office of the Secretary of Education
- The Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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Stakeholder Survey

- Goal: to obtain information on current screening and assessment practices of children and youth
- “Blast” dissemination by Partner Agency Team (PAT) and project staff to front line workers
- 1,294 participants
- All cities/counties represented

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Cross-Systems Mapping

- Goal: to obtain information about current screening and assessment practices, strengths and challenges in the provision of services, and the availability of and access to resources
- Full-day events in 5 regions
- Average of 55 participants in each
- Courts/Justice, Advocacy, Behavioral Health, Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Education
- Structured activities and discussion

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Organizational Assessment

- Goal: to obtain information about readiness for change and trauma-informed practices
- Disseminated via PAT members to central office staff at all child and youth serving agencies
- 359 respondents

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Screening Tool & Manual

- Goal: create a screening tool and accompanying manual to identify possible victimization in children/youth
- Researched statewide and national screeners and assessments for relevancy to this project
- Developed a brief screening tool to be used across systems

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Pilot Sites

- Four communities (TBD) to pilot brief screening tool, training and training manual
- At least three systems must commit
- Evaluation for reliability and validity
- Modifications made prior to statewide rollout (July 2017)

Implementation: Phase One Pilot Sites

Projected Timeline

Site Selection: April 2016



Initial Meetings with Site Leads: May 2016



Training for Front Line Workers: June/July 2016



Pilot Screening Tool: August 2016-January 2017



Review of Data, Revision of Tool and Training: Feb-June 2017



Statewide Rollout of Tool, Training and Manual: July 2017



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