
JUSTICE REINVESTMENT



Symposium on “Undoing Mass Incarceration”

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What is Justice Reinvestment?

- Employs data and collaborative decision-making to help jurisdictions lower crime, reduce local corrections expenditures, and control growth in the jail population
- Reduces jail costs and reinvests those resources to yield a more cost-beneficial impact on public safety

Why is it Necessary?

- Growth in prison and jail populations
 - Over past 10 years, jail growth increased by 25%, prison growth by 19%
- Increased costs
 - Prison costs up \$52 billion from \$12 billion
 - Local spending increased 40% in last decade
- Recidivism, revocations feature prominently
- Crowding
 - Threatens safety of staff and detainees
 - Constrains resources for programs and services
 - Limits ability to manage high risk populations

What Can it Accomplish?

- Increased public safety
 - Prioritize use of costly confinement for dangerous offenders
 - Assess who should remain in community
- Cost savings
 - Improved management of costly populations
 - Reduce repeat admissions
 - Locally, reduce % of unsentenced detainees
 - Increased efficiency
 - Coordination within CJ system
 - Communication with other agencies



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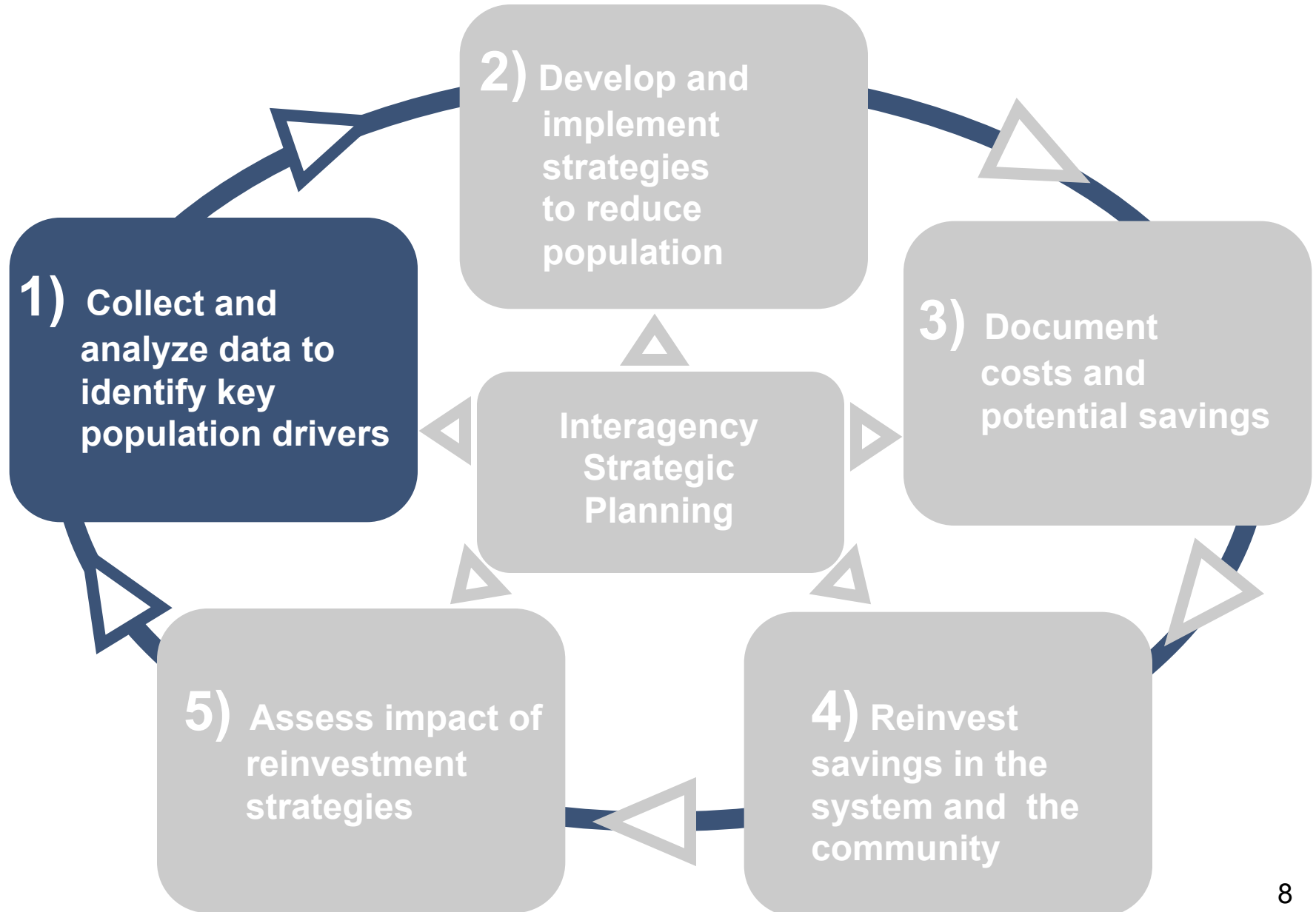


Engage in Interagency Strategic Planning

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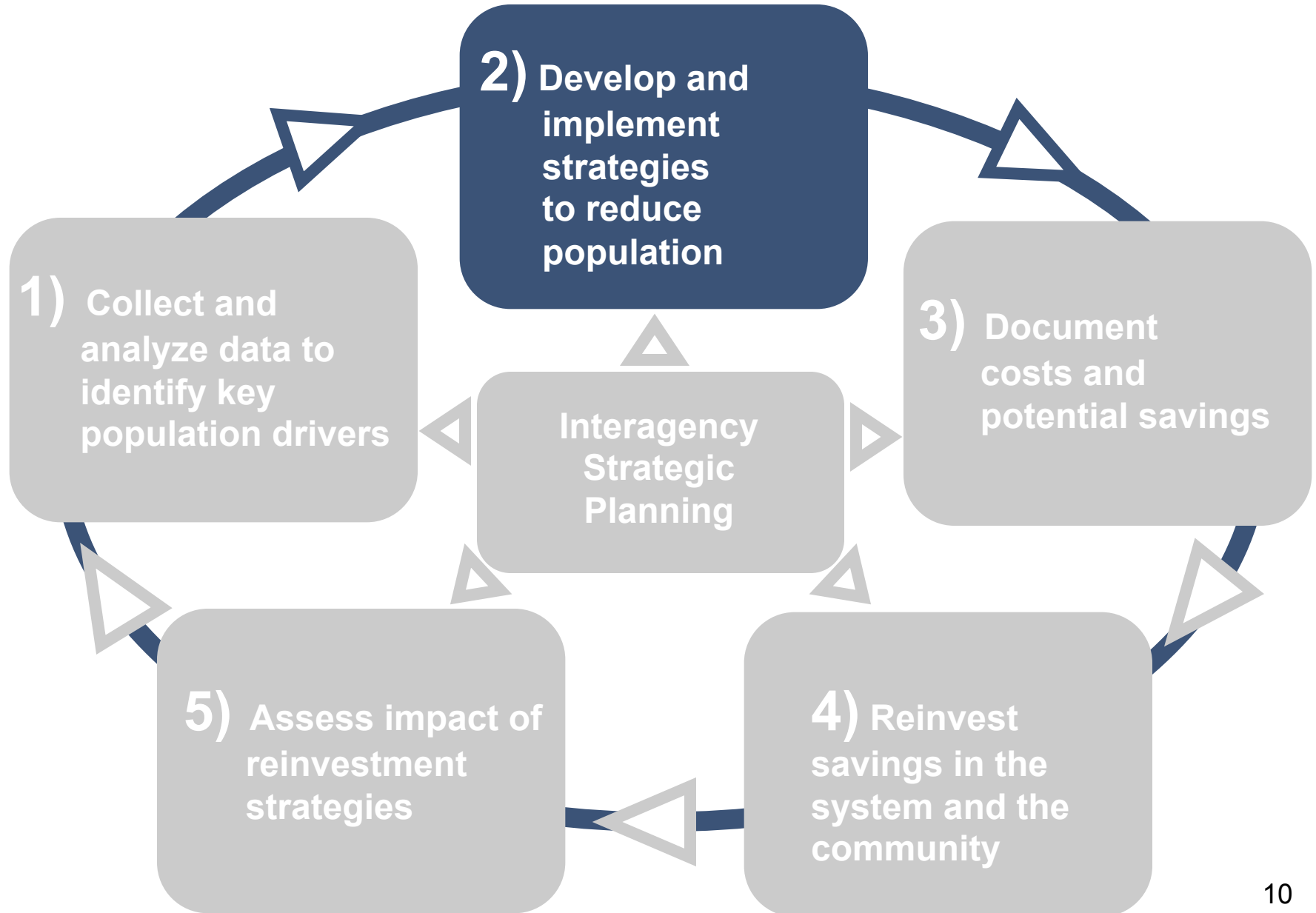
- Establish planning group
 - Key stakeholders in and outside of CJ
- Facilitate ongoing process
 - Regular meetings
 - Tracking and evaluation of progress
- Share information
 - Access between data systems

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Collect and Analyze Data

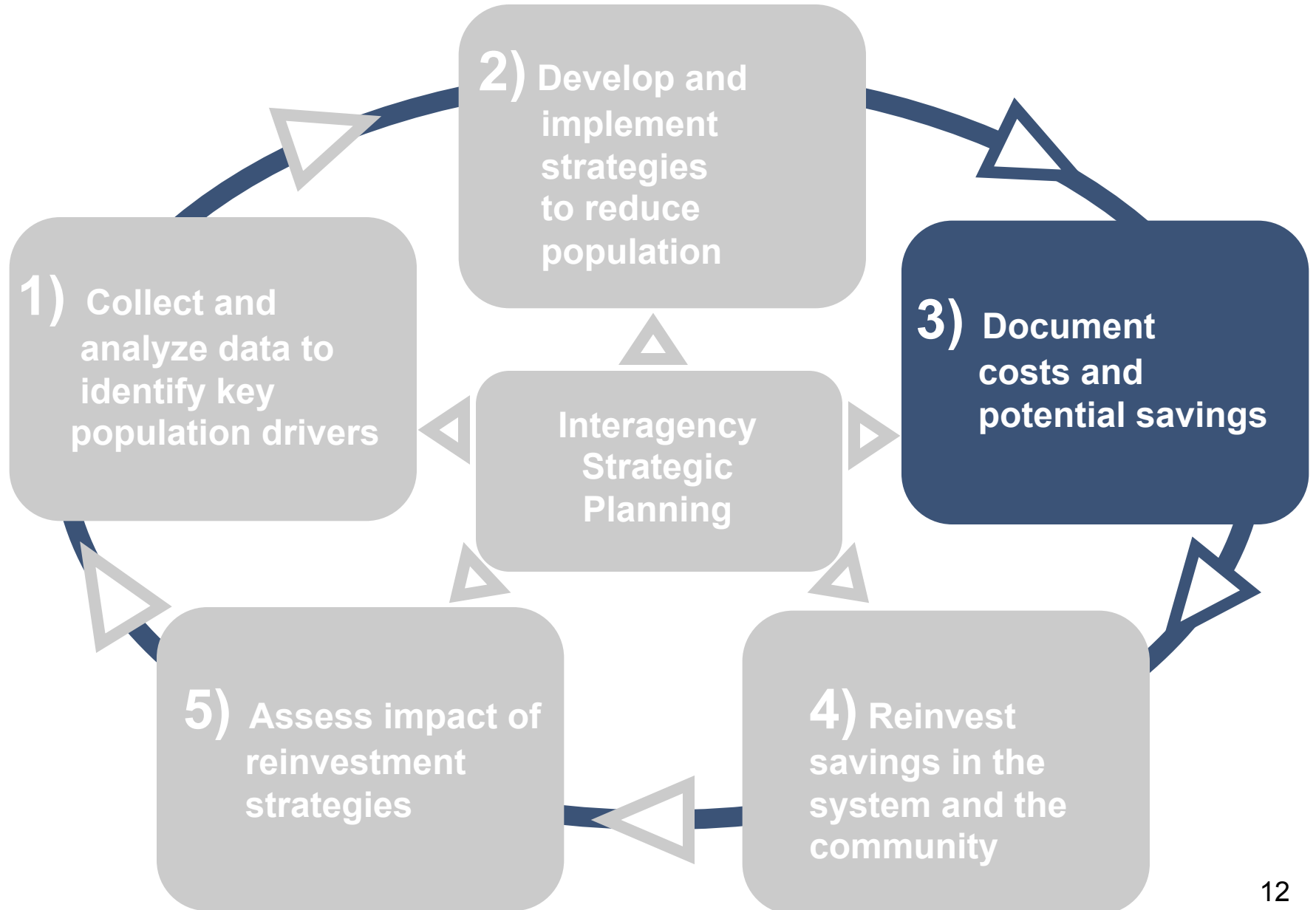
- Identify drivers of the population
 - Based on local circumstances
- Key performance indicators
 - Arresting agencies data
 - Jail data
 - Pretrial Services data
 - Court data
 - Alternative to incarceration program data
 - Probation/Parole data (e.g., violations)



Develop and Implement Strategies

- Multiple points of intervention
 - Arrest
 - Pretrial
 - Case processing
 - Sentencing
 - Discharge/Reentry

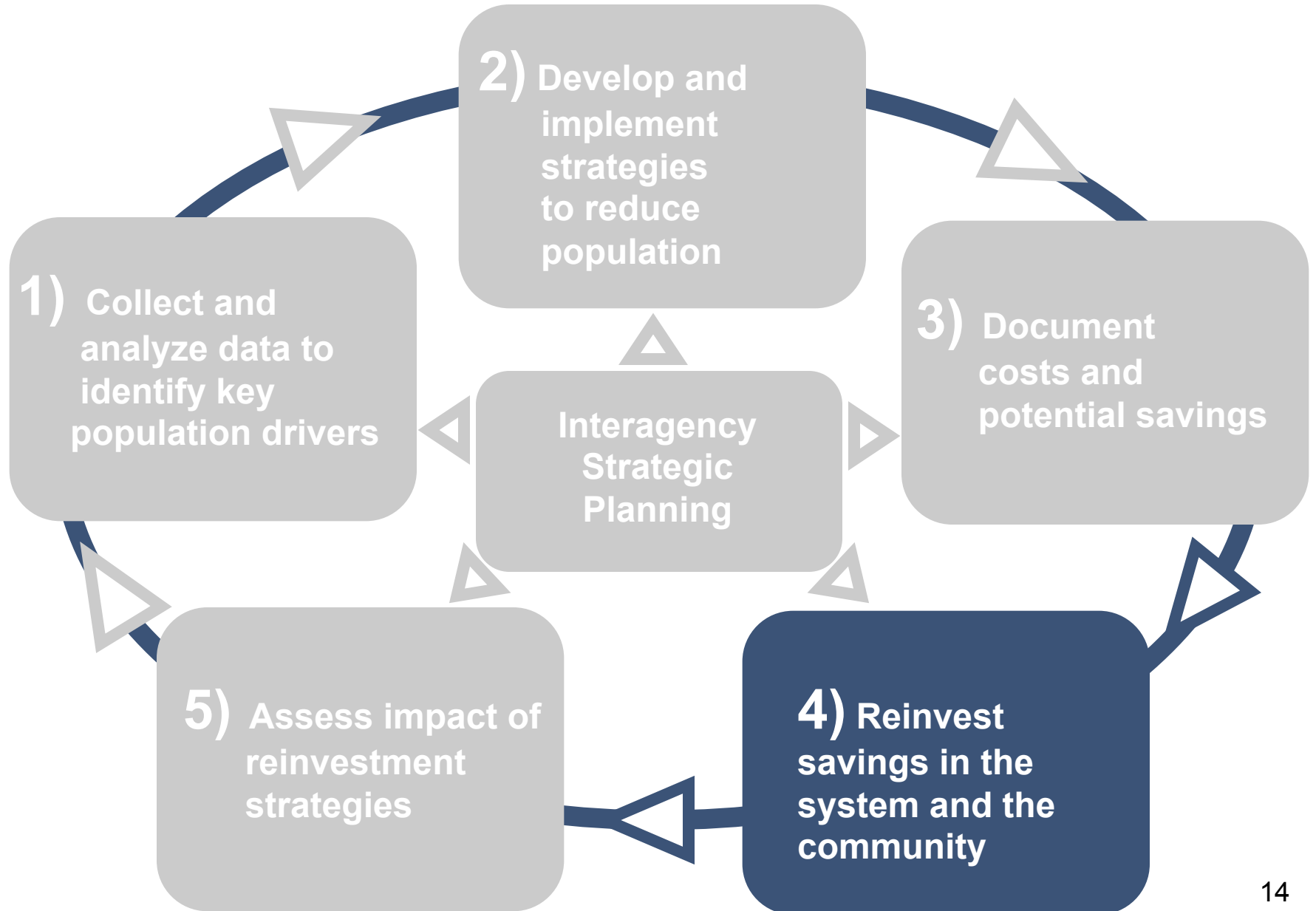
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Document Savings

- Quantifying savings
 - Reduction in population
 - Cost per bed day
 - Cost of booking
 - Reduction in crime
 - Number of arrests
 - Reduced recidivism

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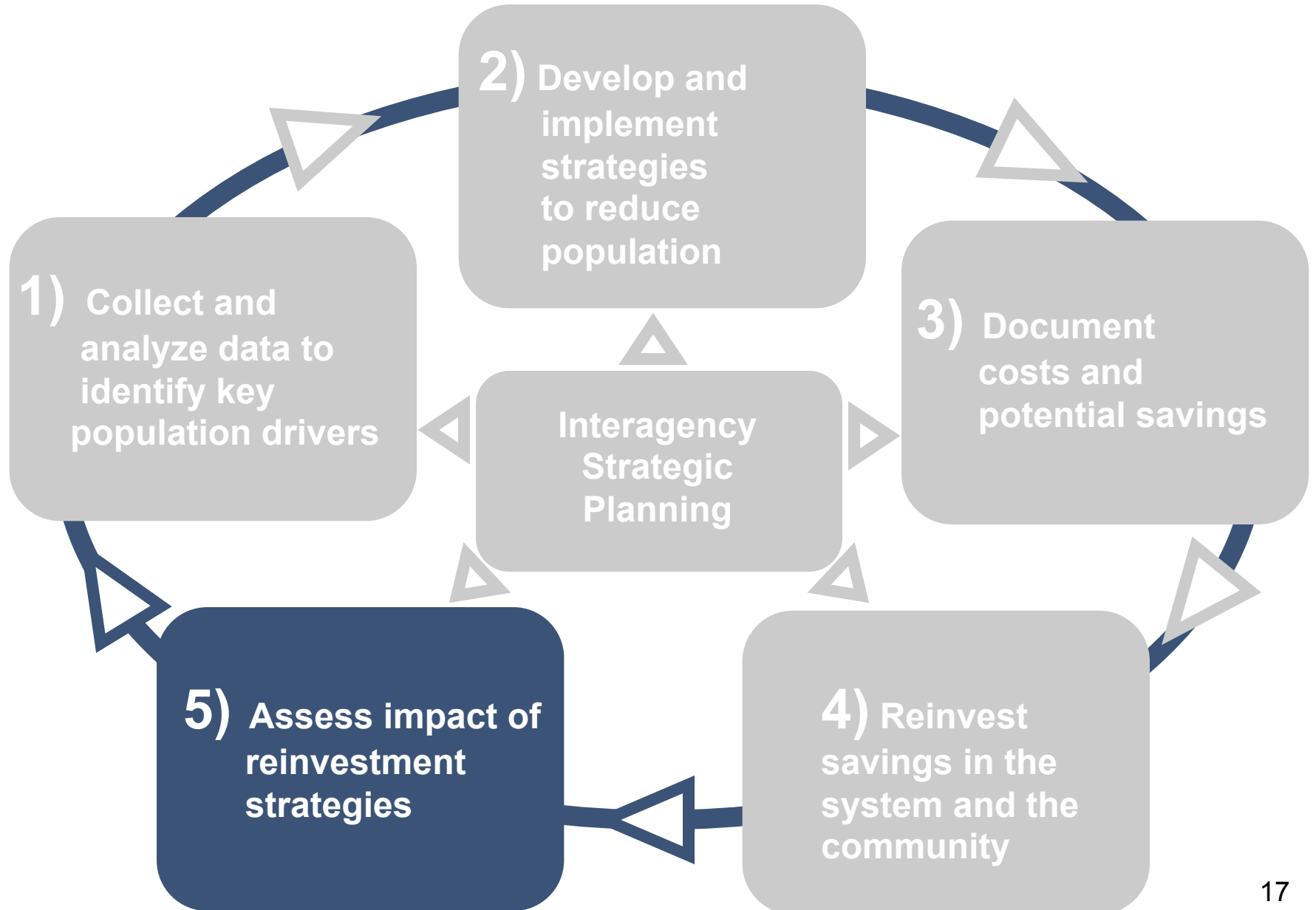
Reinvest Savings in System

- Screening/assessment
- Treatment beds
 - Substance abuse
 - Health
- Alternative programs
 - Education
 - Job training
- Pre-release centers
- Discharge planning

Reinvest Savings in the Community

- Housing
- Treatment beds
- Day resource centers
- Alternative to jail programs and facilities
- Preventative strategies
 - Education
 - Employment opportunities

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Assess Impact of Reinvestment Strategies

- Engage in ongoing strategic planning
- Evaluate success of interventions
- Continue data collection
 - Identify key drivers
 - Track program indicators
- Adapt to changes
 - Variation in population
 - Changes in system

Guiding Principles for Success

- Transparency
 - Share basis for decisions with all stakeholders
- Validity
 - Emphasize data driven decisionmaking
- Sustainability
 - Routinely assess data and make adjustments
- Accountability
 - Hold stakeholders accountable for agency-specific policies

Examples of Successful Justice Reinvestment

- Connecticut
 - Focused efforts on parole and probation violations
 - \$30 million saved, \$13 million reinvested
- Texas
 - Targeted mental health and substance abuse issues
 - \$443 million saved, \$241 million reinvested
- Kansas
 - Emphasized education, substance abuse, and mental health
 - \$80.2 million saved, \$6.7 million reinvested

Why Local?

- Decisionmakers are centralized
- Impact is felt immediately
- Localities incur the majority of criminal justice costs
- Savings are sustainable over time
- Small changes can have a significant and immediate impact
 - On improved outcomes for detainees
 - On allocation of agencies' budgets

Moving Forward

- **BJA Justice Reinvestment Initiative**
- Technical assistance and competitive financial support to states, counties, cities, and tribal authorities
- Phase I – TA to get started
- Phase II – TA and cash to make cost-beneficial changes
- For more information:
 - http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/topics/justice_reinvestment.html