

# What is SPEP?

## Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol

### For the Program:

- On-going program improvement process that supports program fidelity
- Evaluative justification to support programming
- Mechanism to make informed change
- Allows for “home-grown” programs to align against best-practice models without being a “blueprint model”
- Allows for continued review of the fidelity of programming

### For the JCPCs:

- Helps JCPCs meet their legislative mandate to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of their programs
- Helps JCPCs provide the most competent services to their communities and families
- Gives framework to understand the elements that effect program effectiveness

### What SPEP is NOT.....

- NOT a method used to “weed out” for programs that are in the juvenile justice continuum
- NOT a tool that justifies defunding a program based on an initial score; although failure to be responsive to a Program Enhancement Plan can be considered in funding deliberations, thus effecting funding