



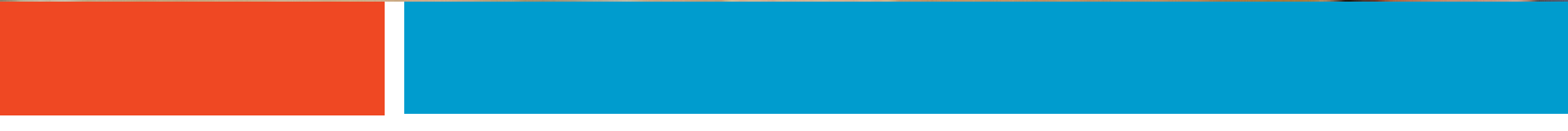
# SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT TO SUPPORT JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

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# ABOUT RDA



# Mission Statement

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*The mission of RDA is to promote the welfare of our communities' vulnerable populations by contributing to the effective functioning of public and nonprofit service systems.*

# Objectives

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Consider diversity of justice-involved population with SMI

Identify validated behavioral health screening and assessment tools, as well as criminogenic risk and needs assessment tools

Understand how to begin using mental health, substance use, and criminogenic assessments together to support treatment

# Background

# The Problem

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- Over-Representation of Individuals with Mental Illness in Justice System
  - 2 million people with SMI booked into jails each year
    - 15% of men booked into jails suffer from SMI
    - 30% of women booked into jails suffer from SMI
  - People with SMI stay in jail longer than others
    - Fewer resources and less likely to make bail
    - Less likely to understand and abide by all rules
    - Rising number of individuals Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST)

# Policy Initiatives and Program Models to Address the Problem

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## Policy Initiatives

- Lanterman Petris Short Act (LPS)
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
- AB 1421
- AB 109 Public Safety Realignment
- Proposition 47
- AB 1810 Diversion

## Program Models

- Crisis Intervention Training
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams
- Pre-Arrest Diversion Programs
- Mental Health Treatment Courts
- Forensic Assertive Community Treatment



# Diversity of Population

# Spectrums of Risk and Needs

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LOW

Mental Health Needs

HIGH

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Criminogenic Risk and Needs

HIGH

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Substance Use Treatment Needs

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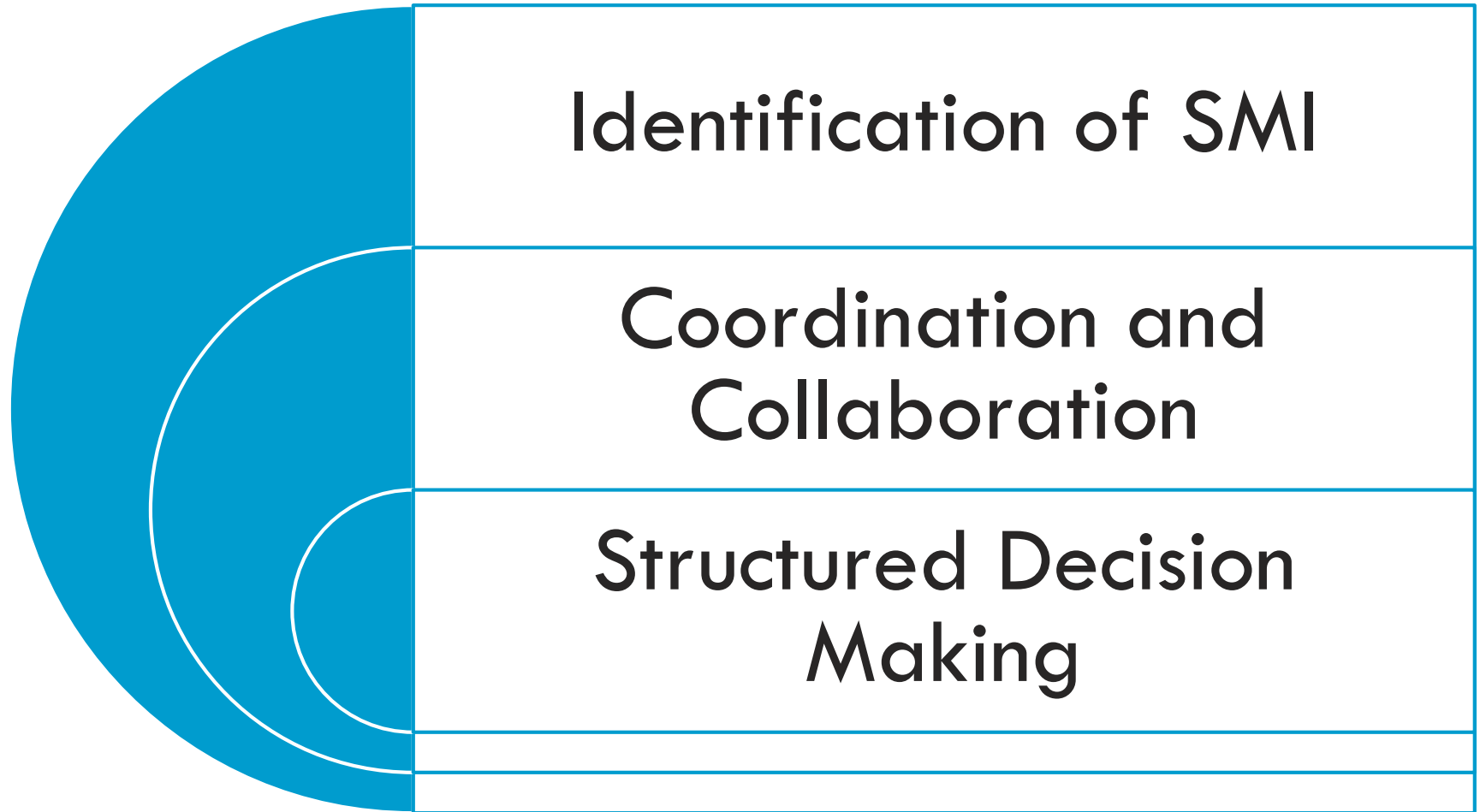
Developing a shared understanding of definitions  
across spectrums of risk and needs

# Standard Screening and Assessment

- Identifying Tools
- Using Screening and Assessments to Support Decision Making

# Screening & Assessment - Why?

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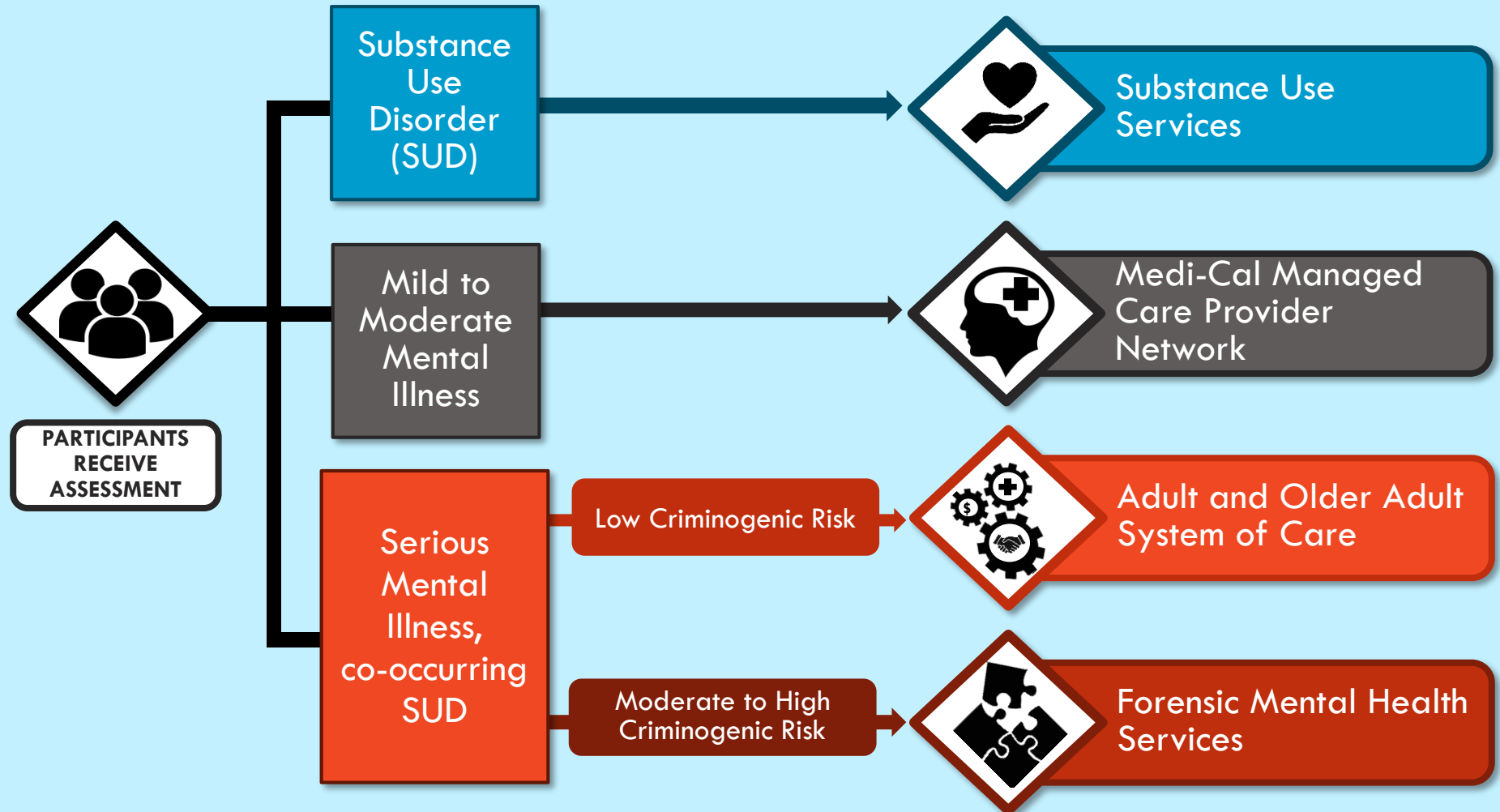
# What are CA Counties Doing?

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- Variability in Approaches
  - ▣ Most using Homegrown Tools
  - ▣ Inconsistency and variability in tools used for screening and assessments across partners
- Why does this matter?
  - ▣ Using standardized screening and assessment tools:
    - Increases Efficiency
    - Promotes Collaboration
    - Standardizes Outcomes

# Using Assessments to Determine Appropriate Treatment Options

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# Incorporating Standardized Screening & Assessment

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## What to Consider When Choosing a Tool?

- Time
- Cost
- Administration Requirements
- Partner Buy-In

## What to Consider When Implementing a Tool?

- Training
- Motivational Enhancements
- Information Sharing
- Data Informed & Structured Decision Making

# Discussion Questions

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1. Are standardized screenings or assessments used in the County you work?
2. If they are not, is there movement towards implementing standardized screening and assessments?
3. What excites you when you think about implementing standardized screening and assessment? What, if anything, causes pause?
4. What challenges implementing standardized screening and assessment do you foresee?
5. If you were planning to incorporate standardized screening and assessment in the County you work, what steps would need to be taken to do so? What would some of your biggest questions be?



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