



CANS National Benchmarking Update



Louisiana CSoC Governance Board

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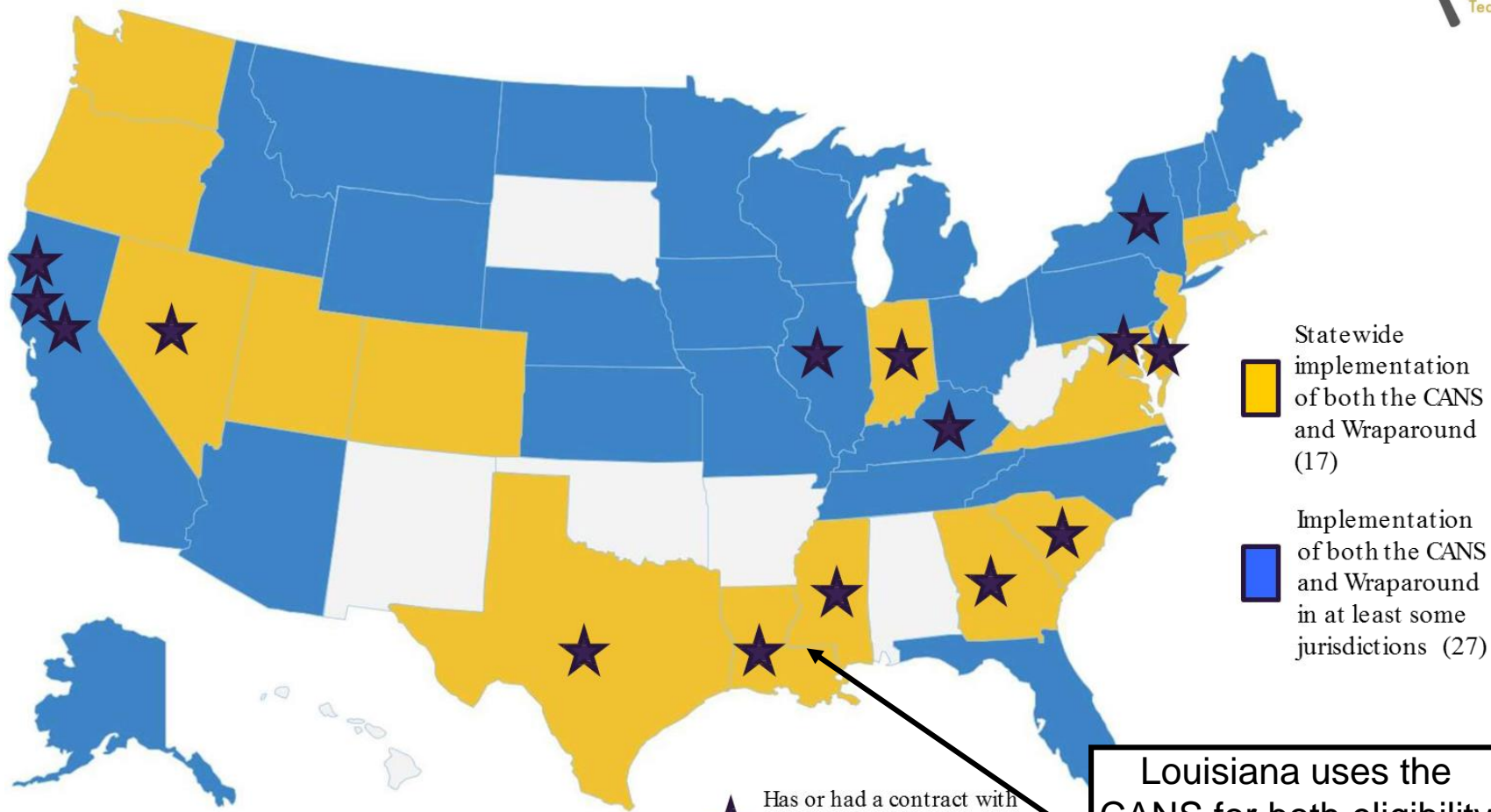


CANS National Benchmarking Project

- In 2015, Magellan and LDH began sharing CANS data with the University of Washington's **Wraparound Research and Evaluation Team (WERT)**.
- **Goal:** To better understand how the CANS is being used in Wraparound programs across the nation with a goal to provide guidance for program and system-level CANS usage, including:
 - *What are the typical strengths and needs of Wraparound-enrolled youth and families?*
 - *How much change can programs and systems can expect to see in CANS scores over time?*
 - *How do CANS scores vary across states and sites?*



CANS and Wraparound are being implemented in nearly every state



As of 2016

★ Has or had a contract with the National Wraparound Implementation Center

Louisiana uses the CANS for both eligibility determinations and outcomes monitoring.

CANS: Identifying Actionable Needs



Each CANS item is scored on a 0-3 scale, corresponding to need for action.

Level of action corresponding to Rating

No Evidence →

Watchful waiting/prevention →

Indicates item is an “Actionable Need”

Action →

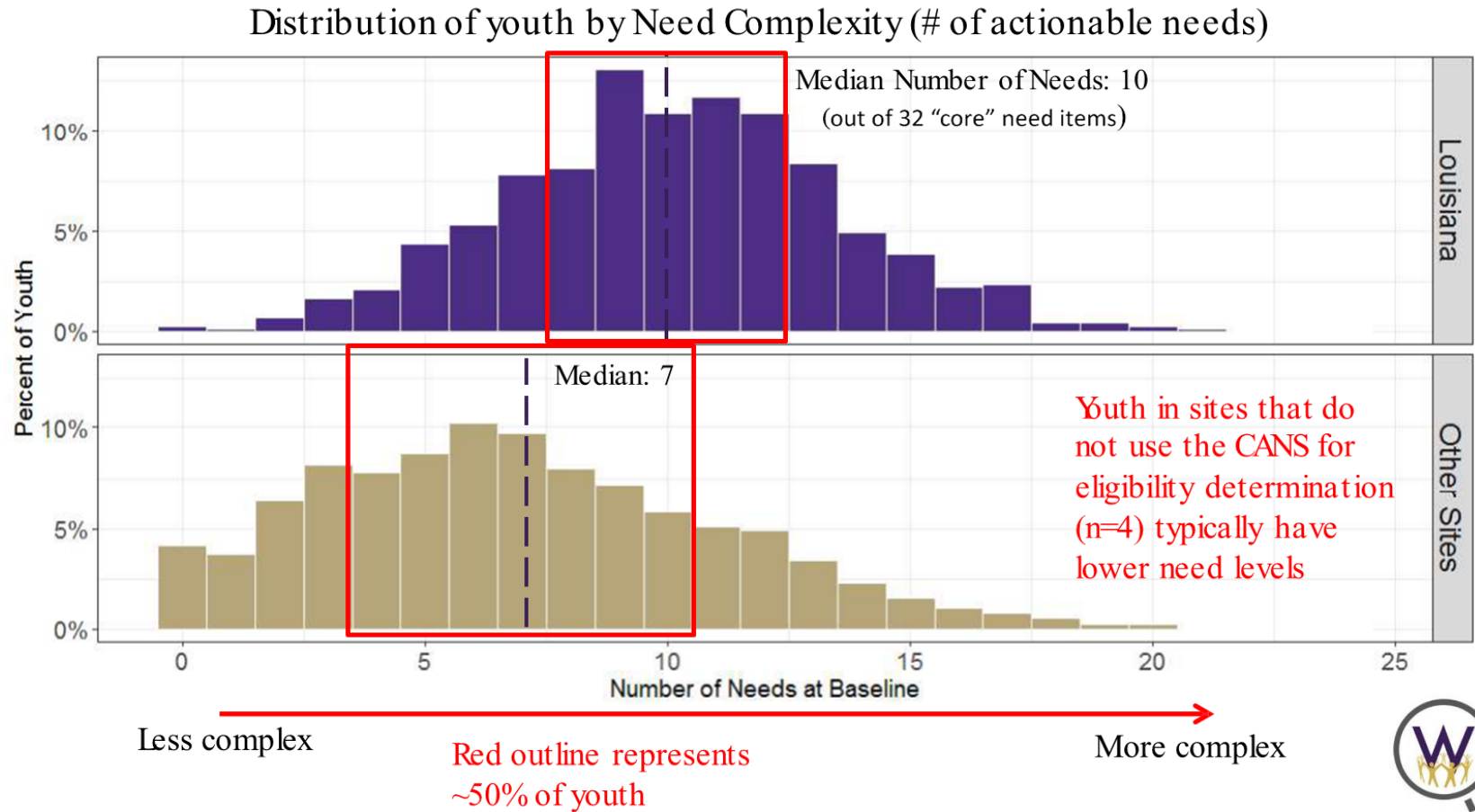
Immediate/Intensive Action →

Check	FAMILY Functioning <i>Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days</i>
0	Child is doing well in relationships with family members.
1	Child is doing adequately in relationships with family members although some problems may exist. For example, some family members may have some problems in their relationships with child.
2	Child is having moderate problems with parents, siblings and/or other family members. Frequent arguing, difficulties in maintaining any positive relationship may be observed.
3	Child is having severe problems with parents, siblings, and/or other family members. This would include problems of domestic violence, constant arguing, etc.

- Strengths are scored based on their usefulness for planning from 0, “Centerpiece Strength” to 3, “No Strength Identified”
- Scored by a professional administers based on their knowledge of the youth and family, typically every 3-6 months

How does Louisiana Compare?

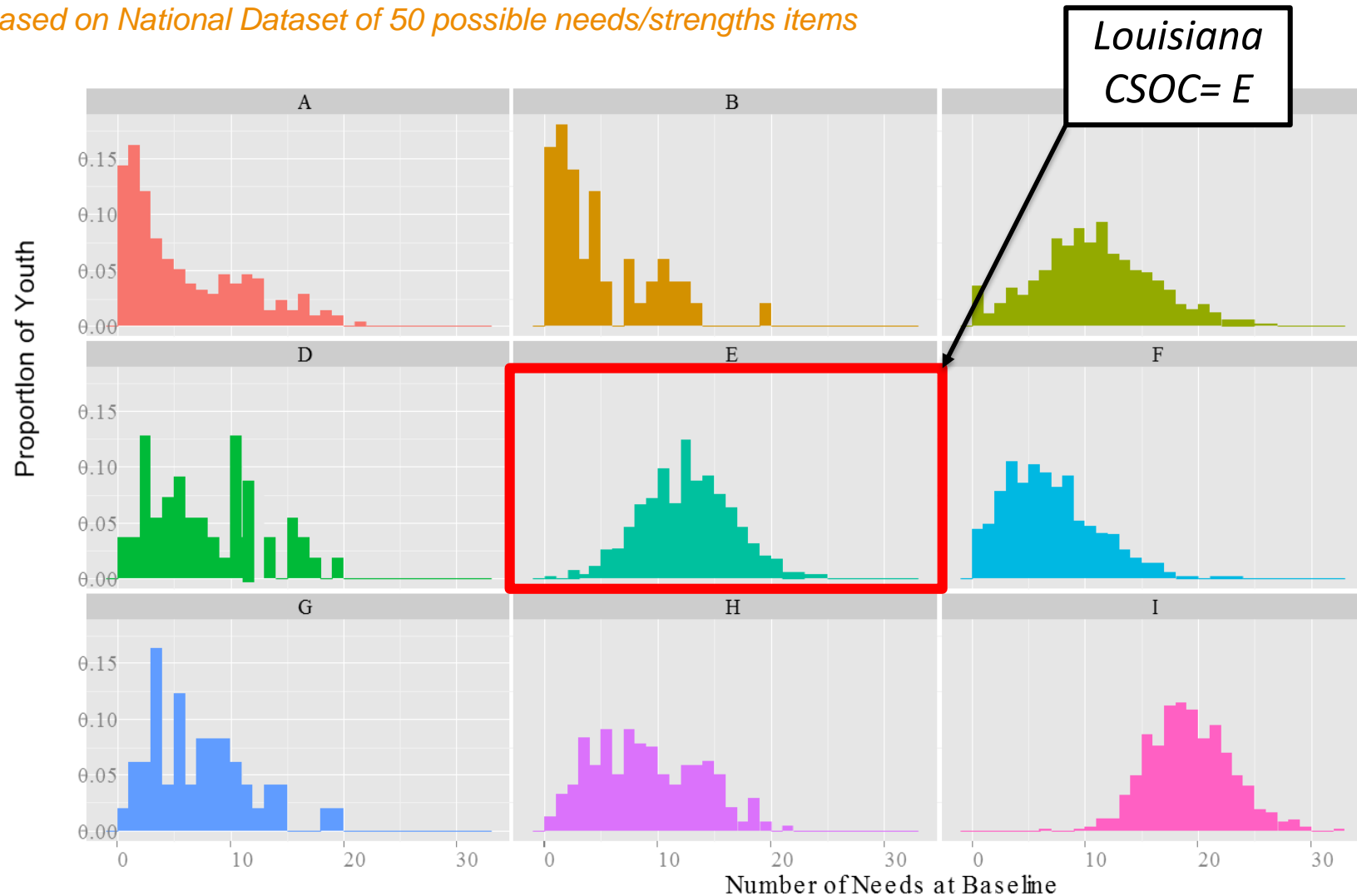
At enrollment, the typical LA youth has 3 more actionable needs*



*Based on 40 "core" items from National Dataset

Baseline Needs Vary across Programs

Based on National Dataset of 50 possible needs/strengths items

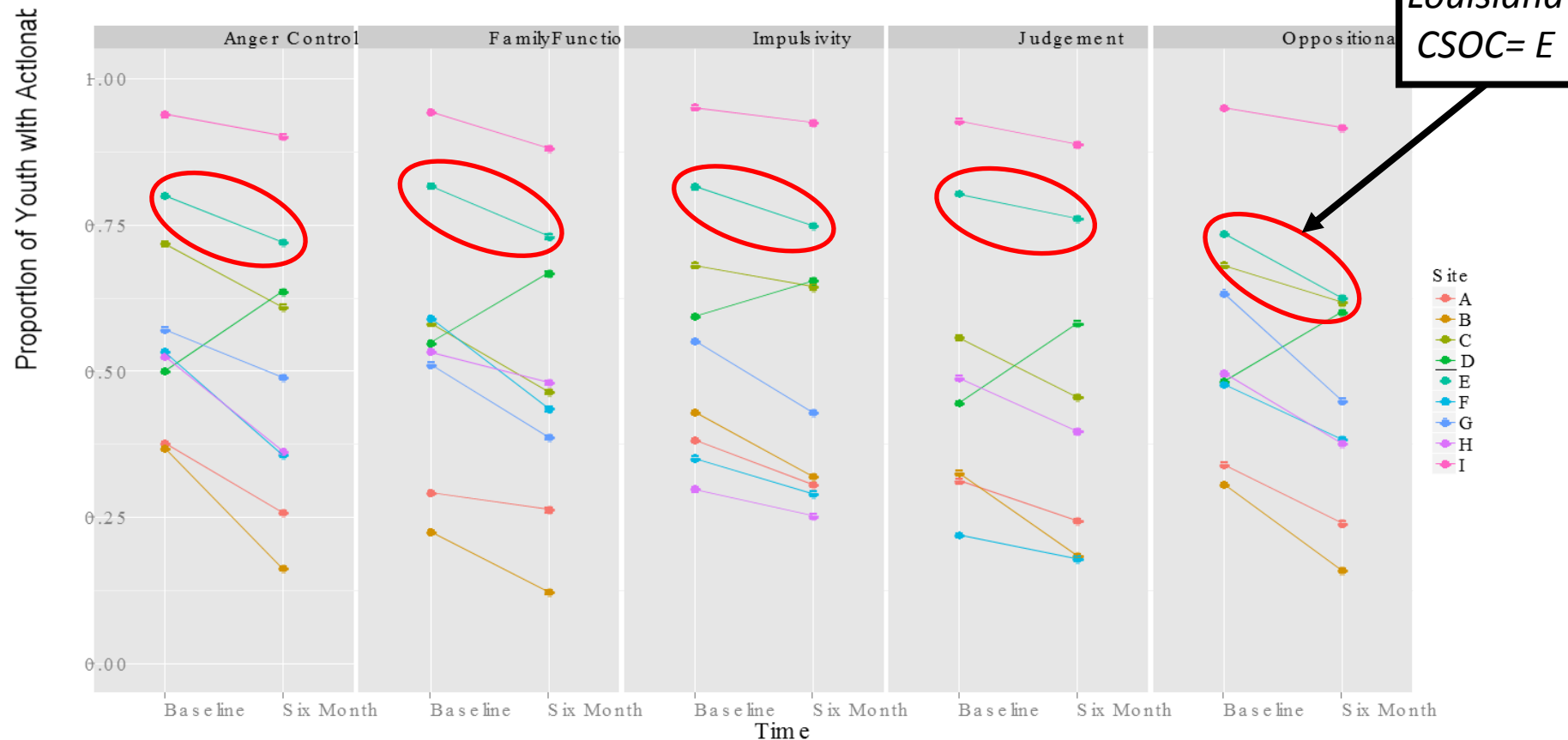


There is considerable site-level variation in the number of Baseline needs.

CSoC is Serving the Right Members

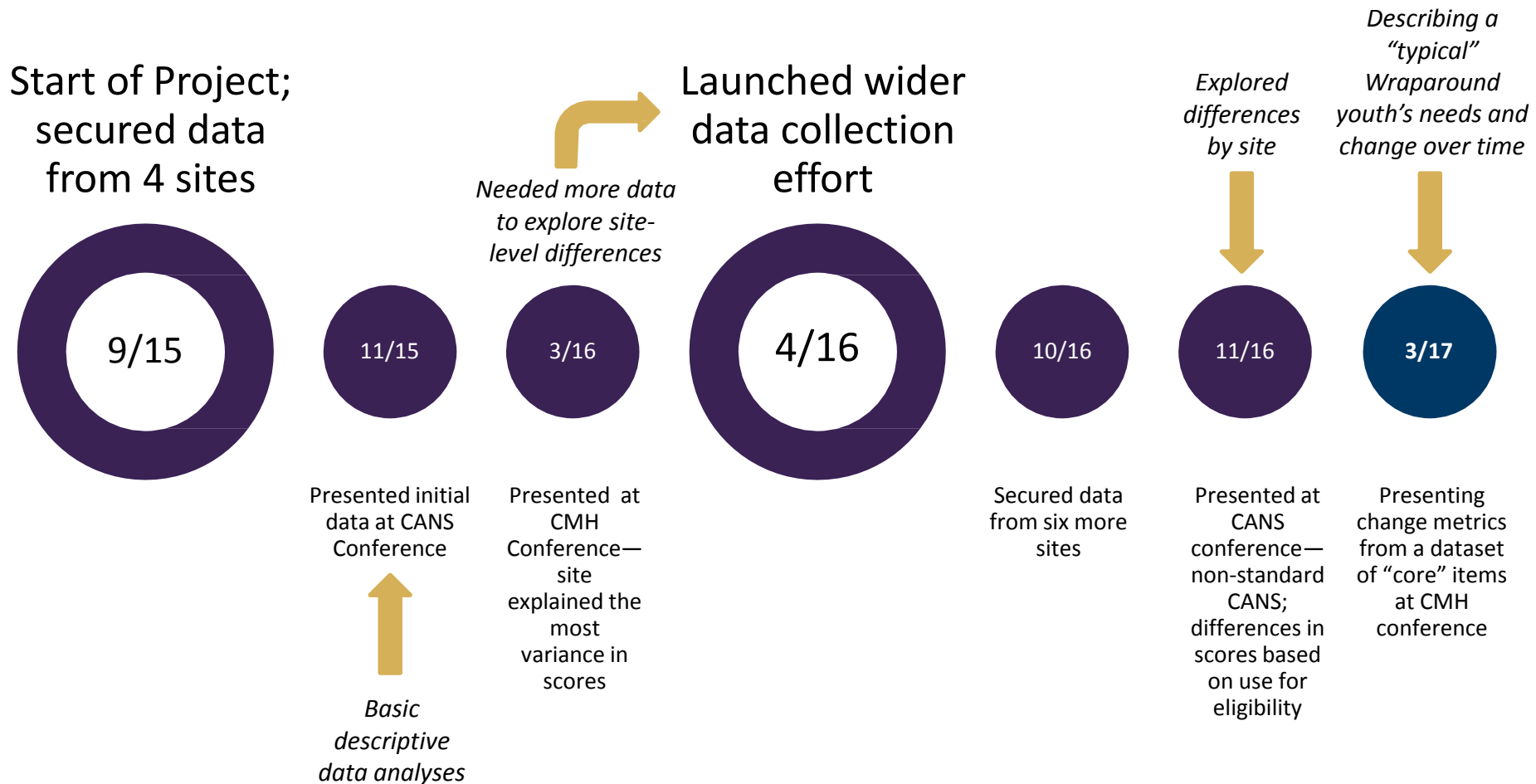
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Ratings of Top Five Most Commonly Prevalent Actionable Needs at Baseline by Site



Conclusion: Louisiana CSoC is enrolling the targeted population-children and youth at high risk of out of home placement.

How Project has Evolved and Changed



Wraparound Evaluation & Research Team



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