



Overview of the MGPTF Evaluation

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Evaluation Overview

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- ❖ **PROJECT:** A 3 year evaluation including **retrospective** (1991-2012) **and prospective** analysis of San Jose's Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF)
- ❖ **PARTNERS:** The City of San Jose, Resource Development Associates (RDA) and Dr. Jeffrey Butts of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- ❖ **FUNDING SOURCE:** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) "Community-Based Violence Prevention" field research grant for \$499,711 over 3 years

Goals of the Evaluation

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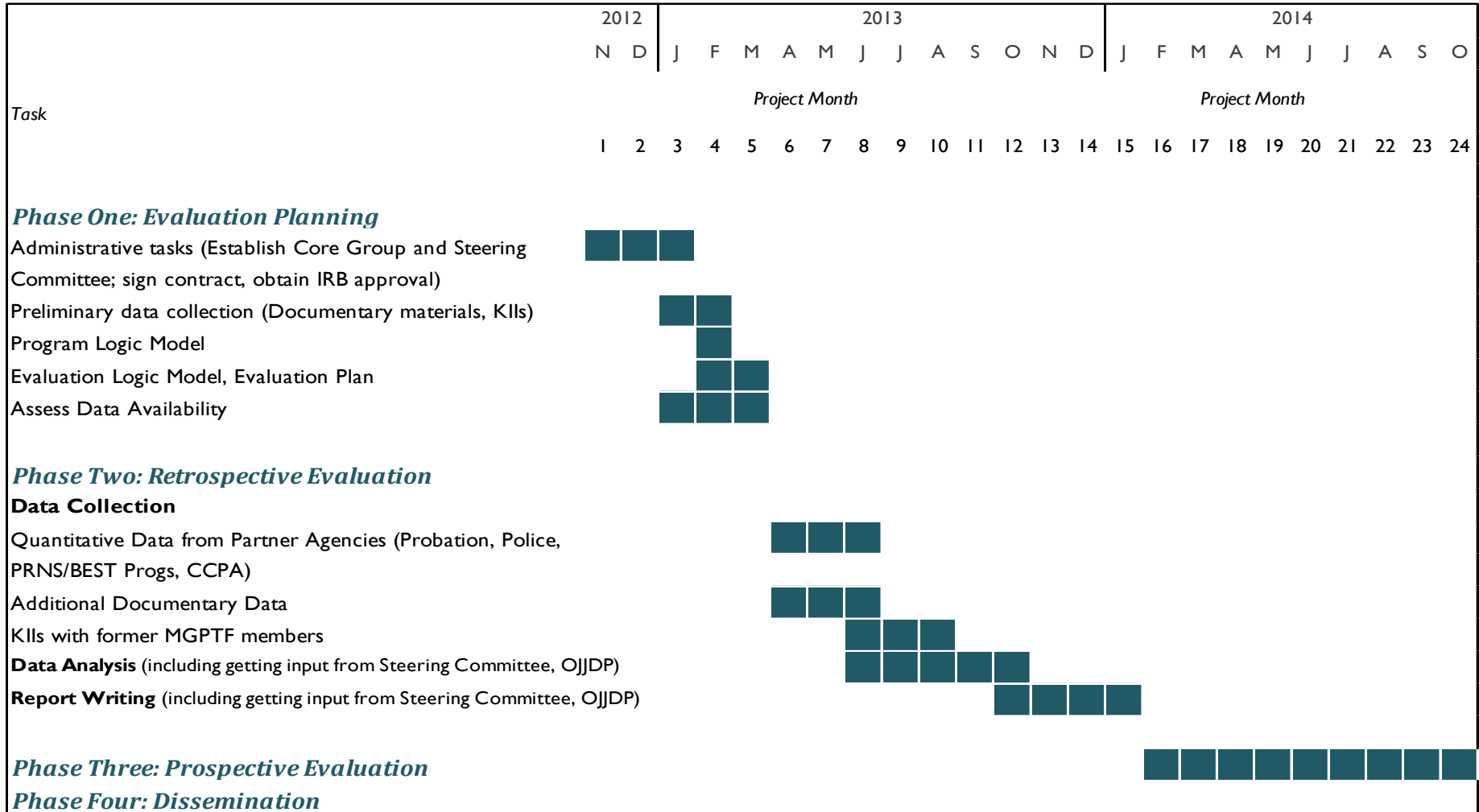
- **Assess implementation and effectiveness** Design a comprehensive evaluation of the MGPTF program.
- **Contribute to scientific research** The evaluation will have practical applications for other communities looking to reduce youth violence.
- **Disseminate evaluation findings** In collaboration with OJJDP, findings will be shared so that other communities may benefit from the lessons learned in San Jose.

Key Research Questions

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- How have the framework, strategies, and implementation of the MGPTF changed over time?
- What strategies have been most effective at improving client outcomes?
- What strategies have been most effective at reducing and preventing youth violence citywide?
- Does MGPTF use effective strategies that differ from established research?
- How does the MGPTF effort differ from other efforts described in the literature?

Evaluation Timeline



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