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The High Point OFDVI

Preliminary Evaluation Results



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Defining Success of the Strategy:

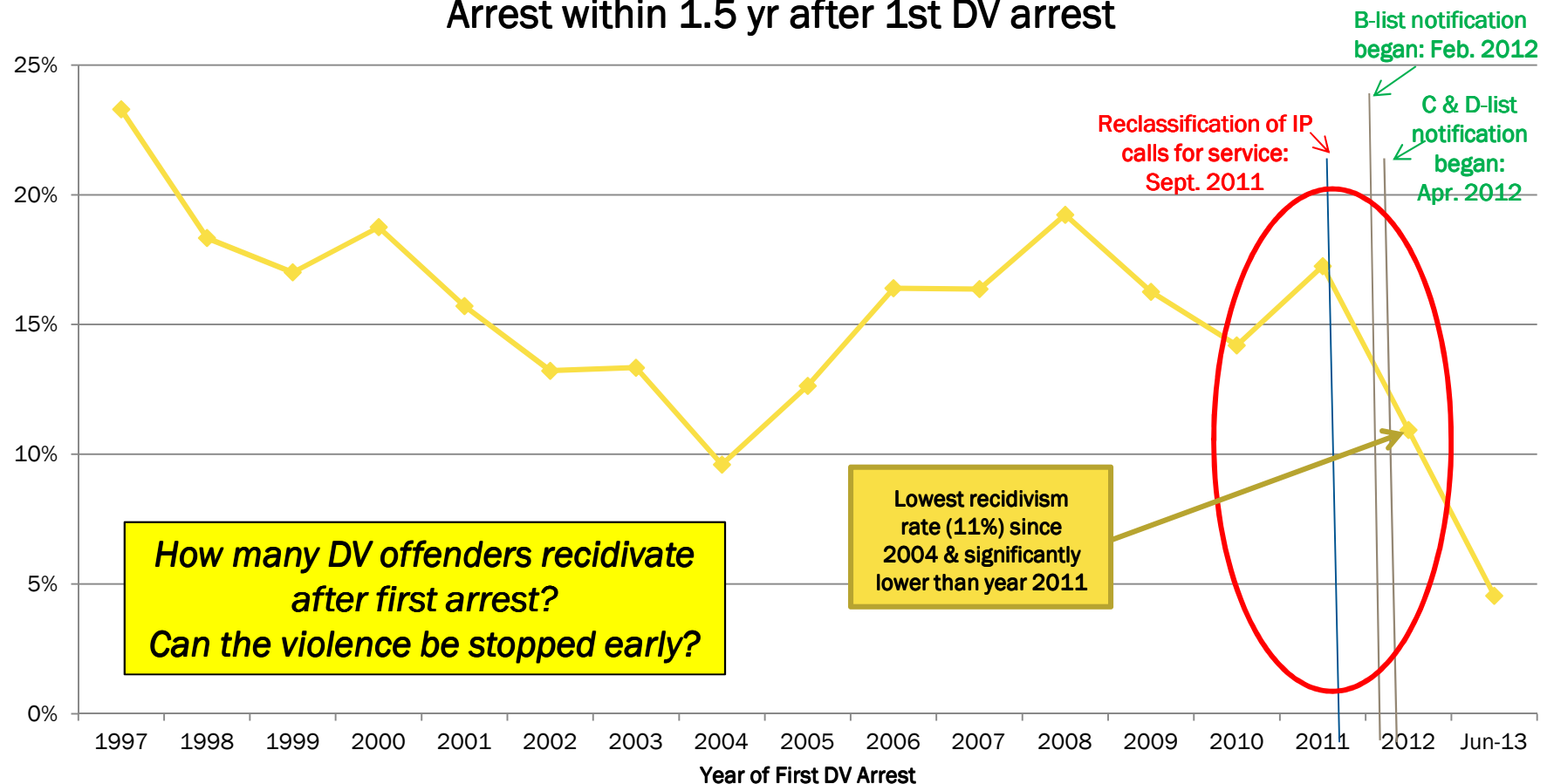
Research Questions & Operational Definitions

- ∞ Is offender behavior changing?
 - According to DV victim interviews, they stated, “I just want the violence to stop.”
 - Offender recidivism = subsequent DV-related arrest
 - DV arrests: changes over time
 - ∞ Is victim harm decreasing?
 - Harm = reported injuries from DV arrest reports & homicides
 - ∞ What will the effect of the strategy be on law enforcement resources?
 - More of an exploratory question that will be important for replication
 - Resources = calls for service impact
 - Changes over time: pre- vs post-implementation
 - ∞ For crime trend data, we must examine month-over-month trends due to seasonal variations known to be associated with crime
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Is offender behavior changing?

Domestic Violence Offender Recidivism

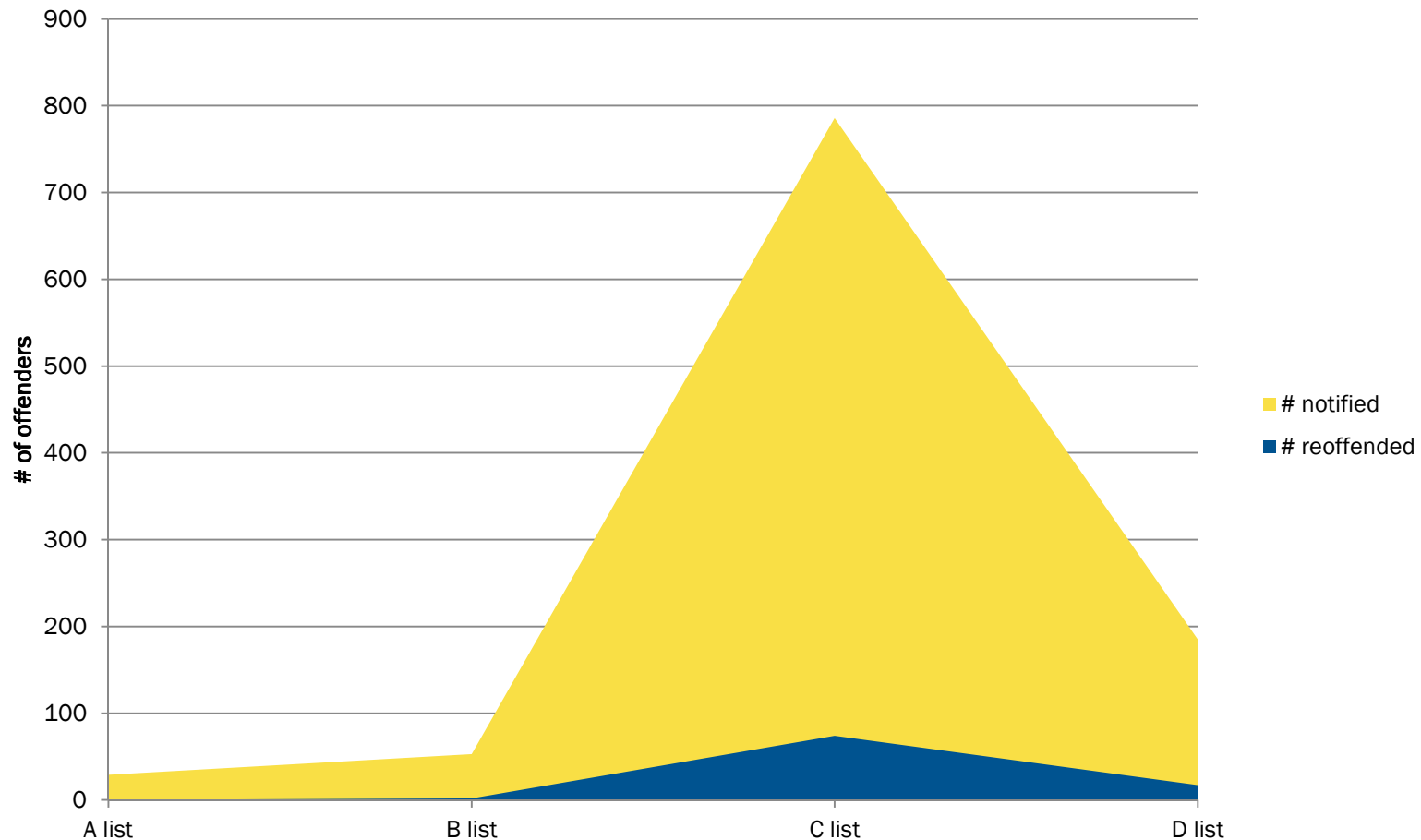
Percentage of First-Time DV Offenders who Reoffended with a DV Arrest within 1.5 yr after 1st DV arrest



Is offender behavior changing?

Domestic Violence Offender Recidivism

As of April 2014, only 9% of notified offenders across lists have reoffended ($N = 1024$)



Review of Offender Based Treatment & Other Approaches

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2012 study

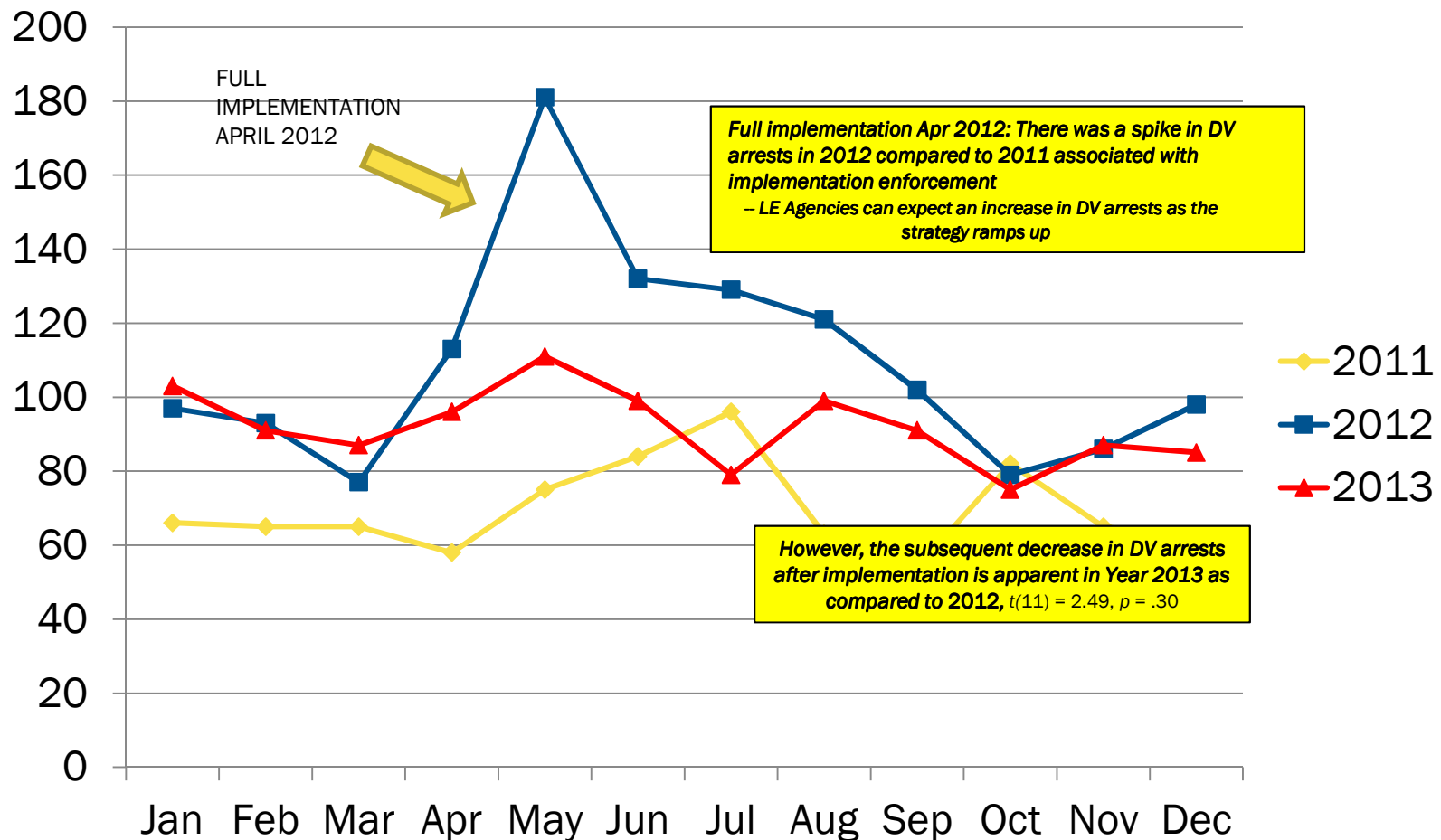
	<u>Any Domestic Violence Offense:</u>		
	Misd	Felony	Misd or Felony
<i>Study Group:</i>	%	%	%
Fines/proscriptions only:	24	4	26
Treatment:			
Anger management:	19	2	21
Domestic violence	28	5	29
Victim-oriented	10	3	12
Probation:	13	2	14
Jail:	51	17	55
Any treatment & probation:	17	3	18
Any treatment & jail:	43	11	47
Jail & probation:	39	11	42
Jail, probation, and any treatment:	36	11	10
<i>All study groups: (n = 14,113)</i>	44	14	47
<i>All sentenced DV offenders: (n = 27,218)</i>	41	12	45

~9% of offenders notified through the OFDVI strategy have reoffended with a DV arrest which is significantly lower than other more traditional offender treatment options AND... without additional associated costs

Is offender behavior changing?

DV Arrests

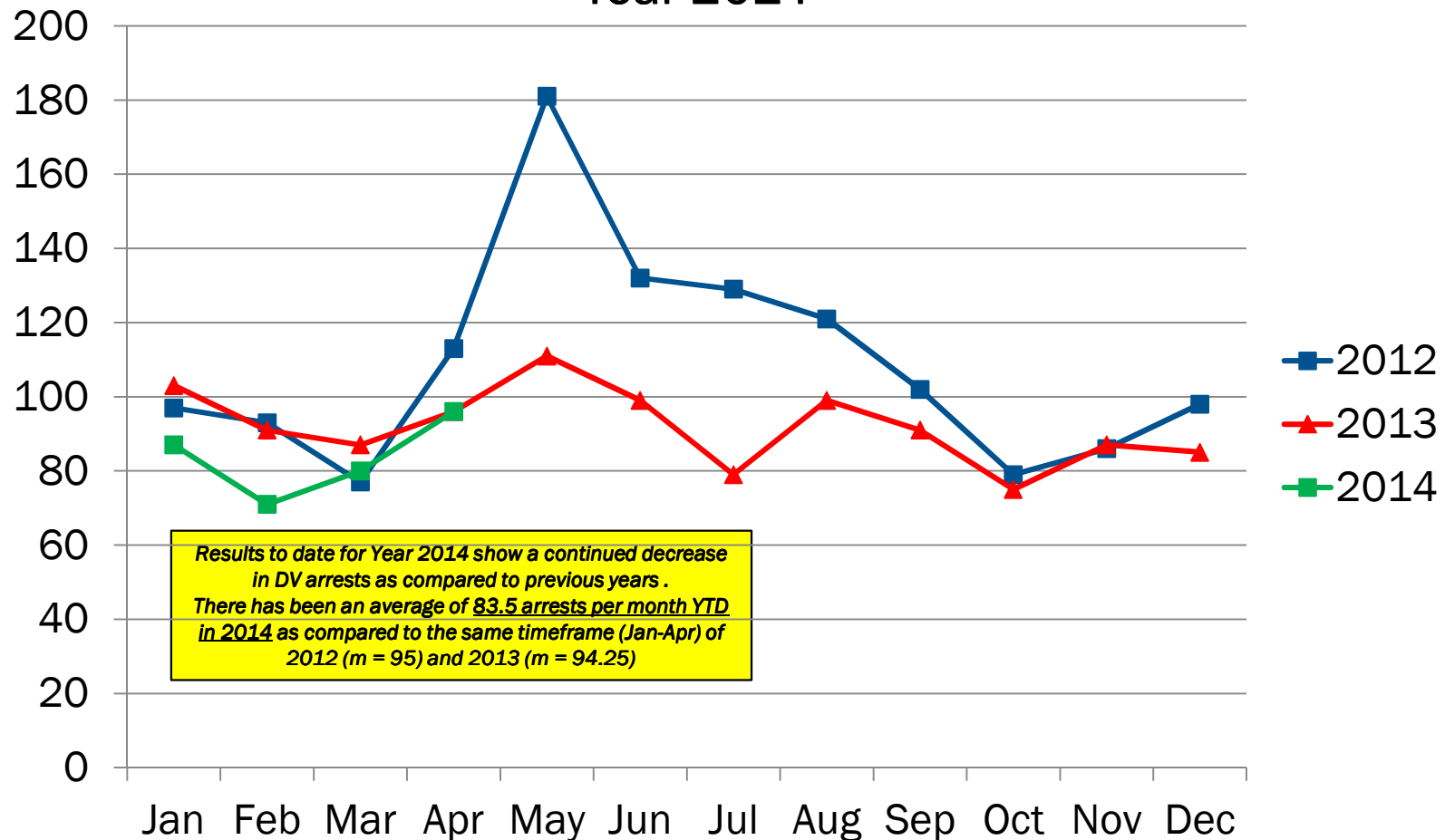
DV arrests have decreased significantly since strategy implementation, Year 2012-2013



Is offender behavior changing?

DV Arrests

DV arrests have continued to decrease into Year 2014

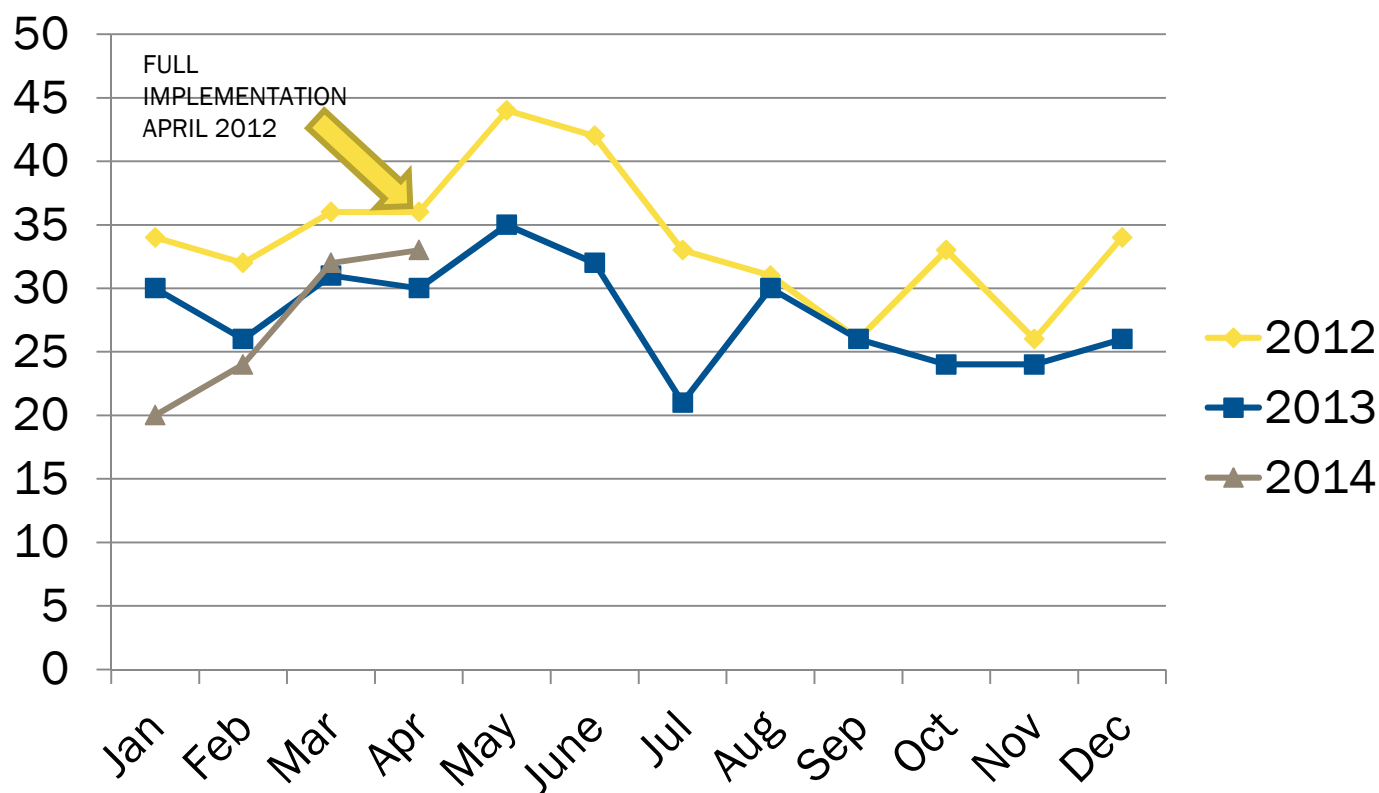


Is victim harm decreasing?

Assaults with Reported Injuries

DV assaults with injuries have decreased significantly since strategy implementation,

$t(11) = 5.52, p = .0002$ (year 2012-2013)

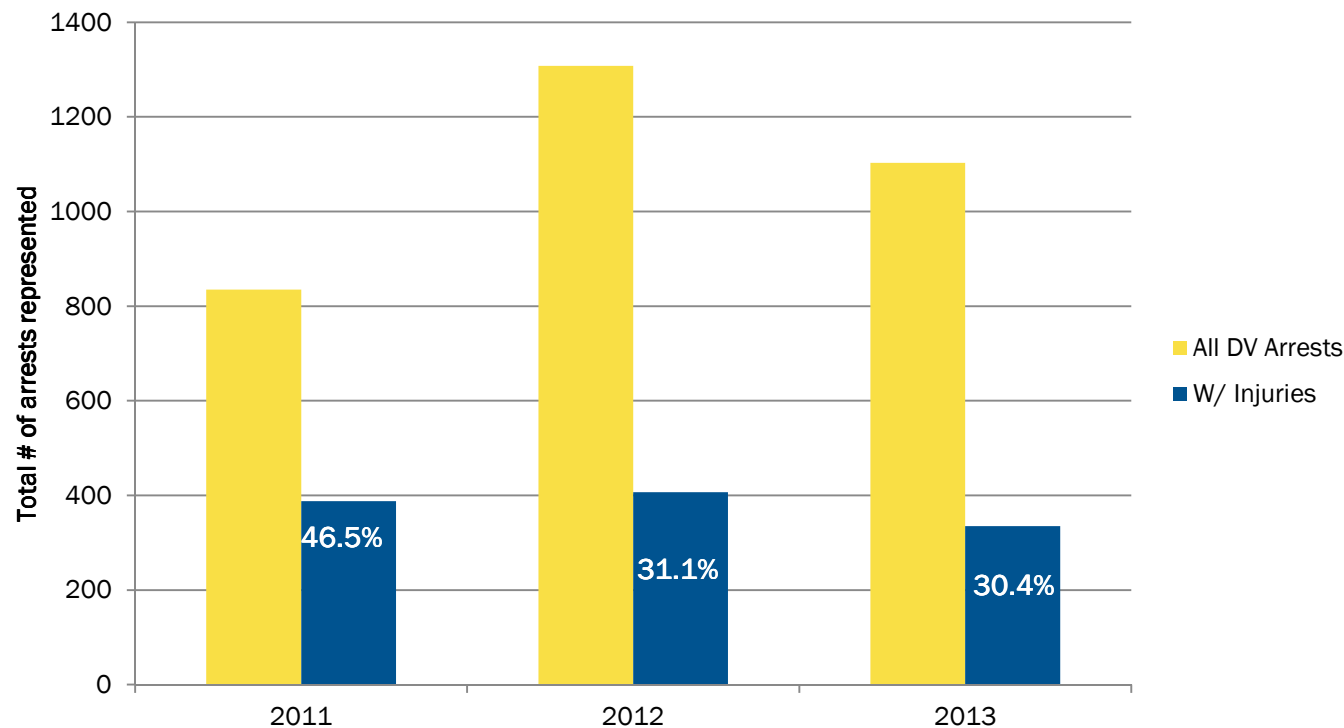


Is victim harm decreasing?

Percentage of Assaults with Reported Injuries

The percentage of total DV arrests with reported injuries to the victim has significantly decreased over time; Year 2011 vs 2013.

$$\chi^2(1) = 23.31, p < .0001$$



Is victim harm decreasing?

Domestic Related Homicides In High Point

According to US DOJ stats, nationally 16.3% of all homicides involved intimate partners

- ▶ 2004 – 3 of 11 DV related (27%)
- ▶ 2005 – 5 of 9 (56%)
- ▶ 2006 – 4 of 10 (40%)
- ▶ 2007 – 1 of 10 (10%)
- ▶ 2008 – 4 of 12 (33%)

- ⌘ 2009 – 0 of 3
- ⌘ 2010 – 0 of 4
- ⌘ 2011 – 0 of 4
- ⌘ 2012 – 0 of 3
- ⌘ 2013 – 1 of 2

Guilford County has experienced 7 of 18 (39%) and NC has experienced 49 DV-related homicides up to Oct 2013 for the year (NCCDAV, 2013)

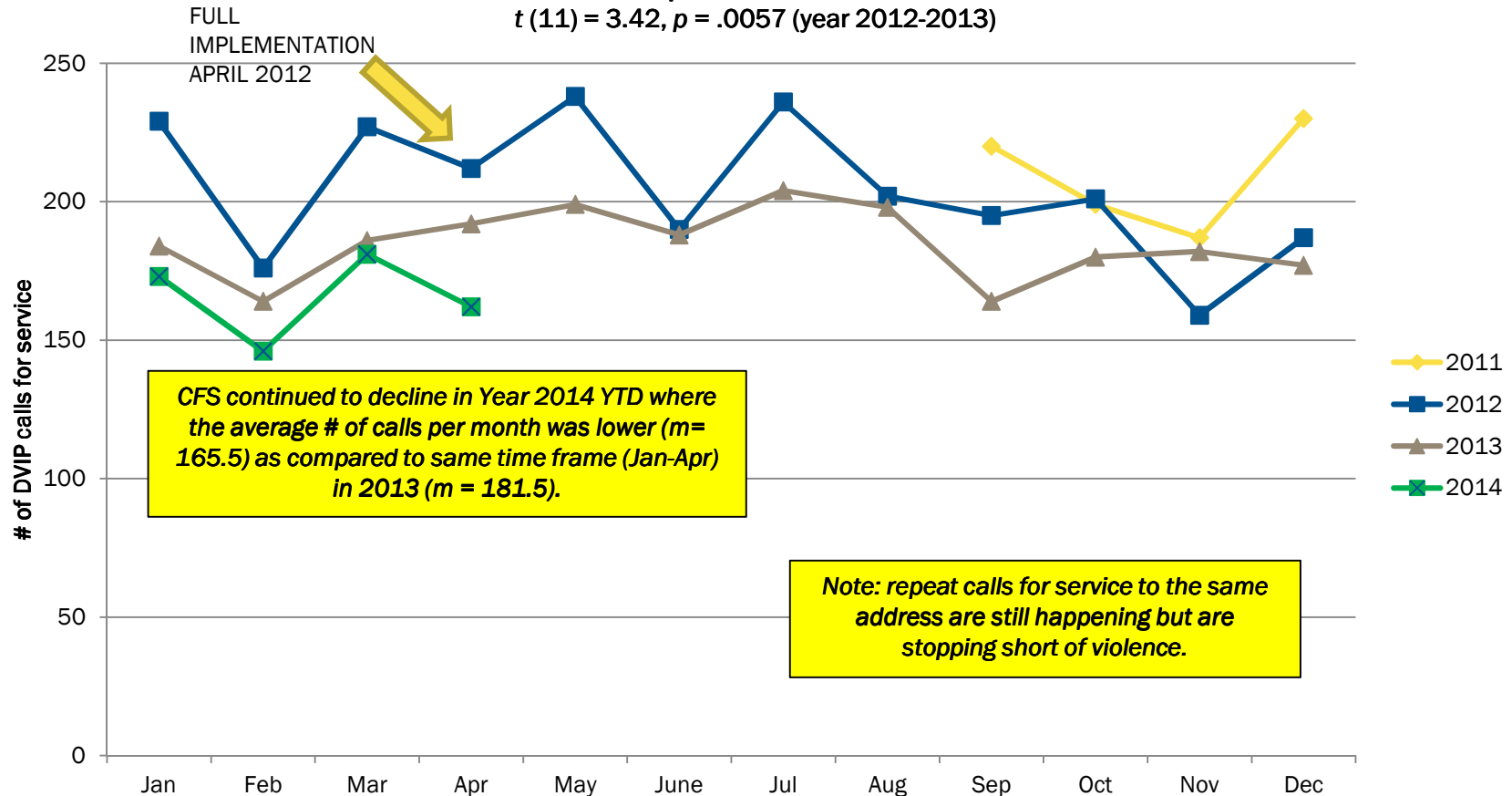
Family recently moved to HP from Ethiopia, no calls to residence, no DSS calls, no ER calls

What is the effect on law enforcement resources?

Calls for Service:

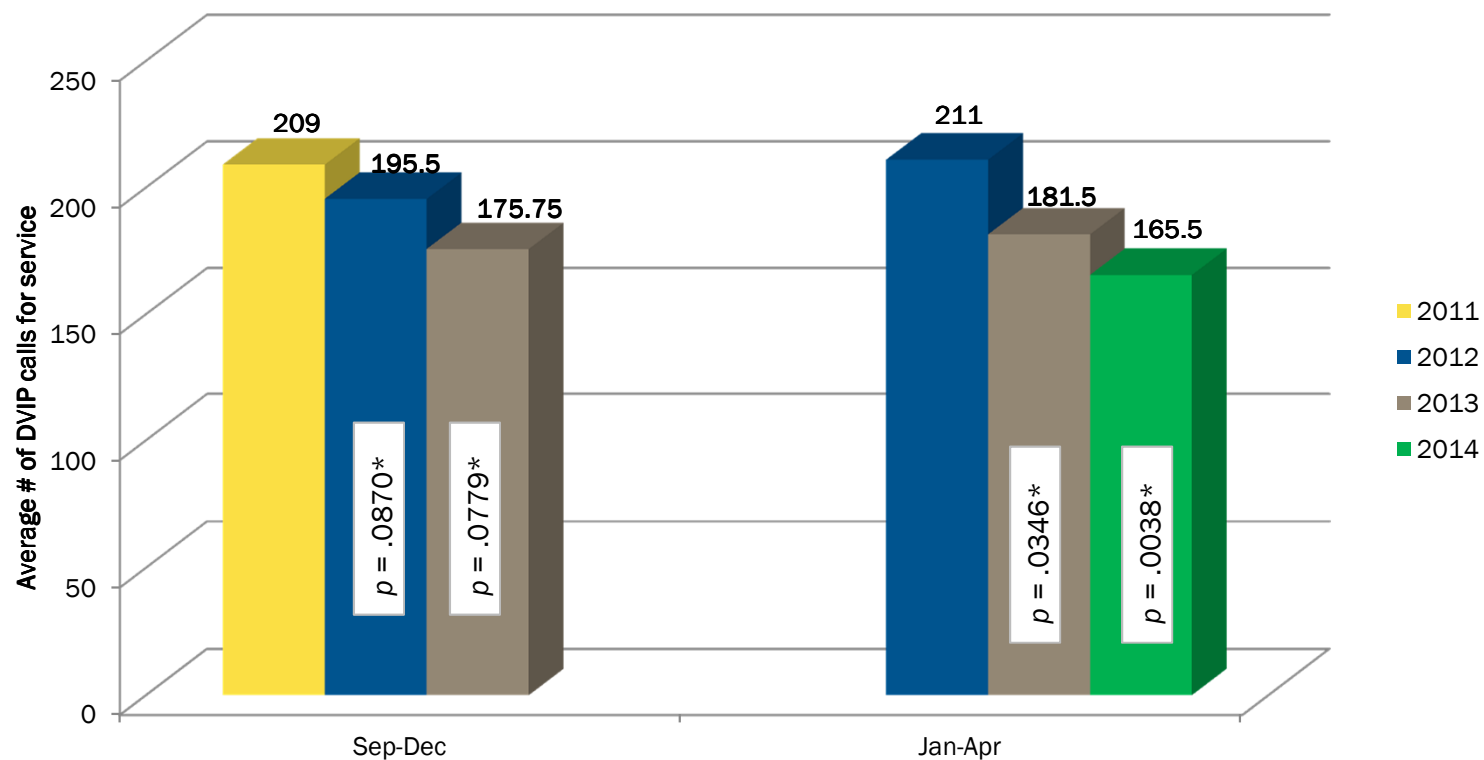
DVIP calls have decreased significantly over time since strategy implementation

$t(11) = 3.42, p = .0057$ (year 2012-2013)



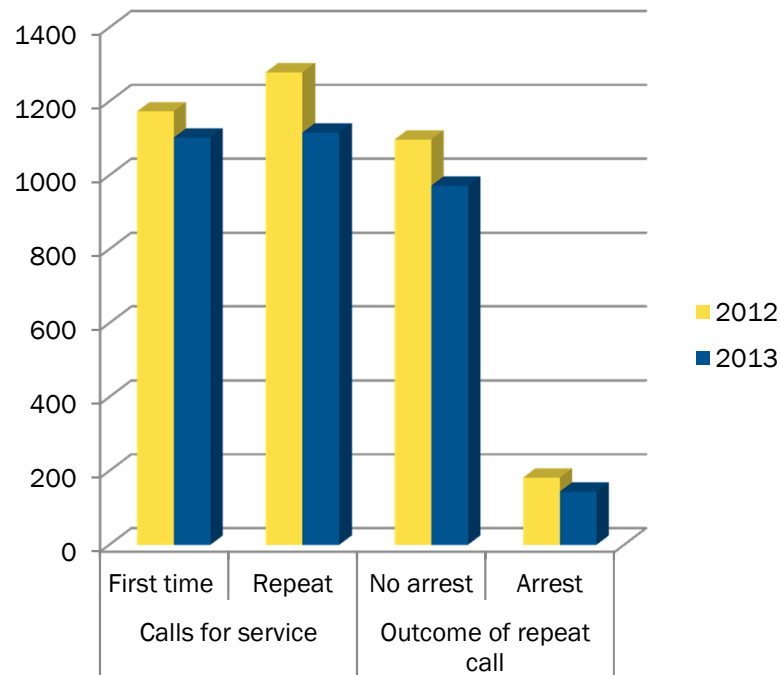
Reduction in Calls for Service Over Time

Average number of DVIP calls within each timeframe assessed has decreased over time since strategy implementation.



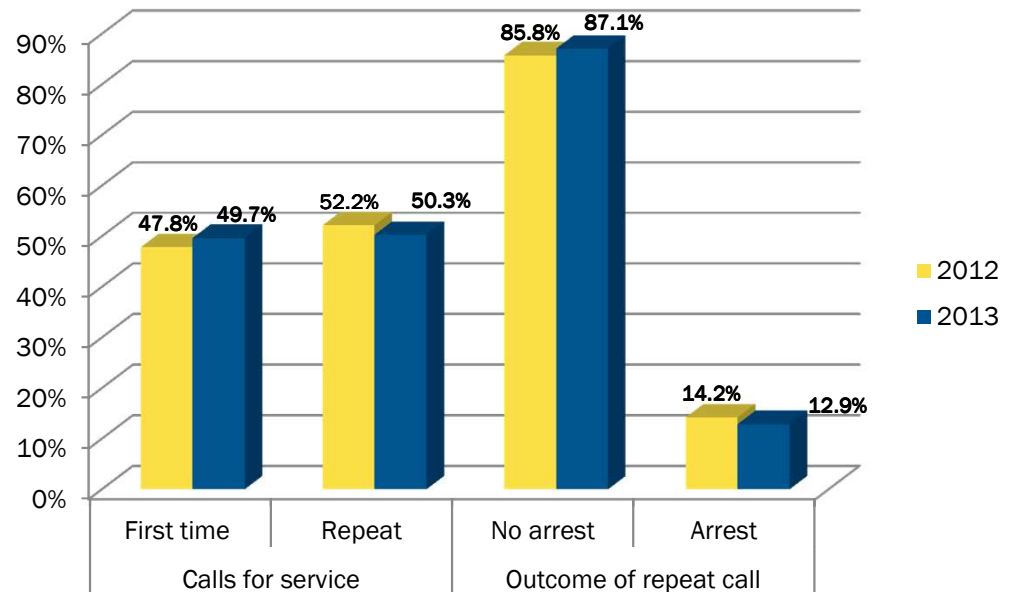
* p-value is for comparison of current year vs. first year in the timeframe

What's happening with repeat CFS?



Note: We can only look at IP CFS back to Sept. 2011 when the new call classification was put into place.

Something interesting is happening here. Somewhere around 50% of all CFS are repeat calls with the number dropping slightly in 2013. The percentage of arrests made in repeat calls dropped slightly in 2013. Repeat CFS occur, but stop short of violence (thus no arrest).



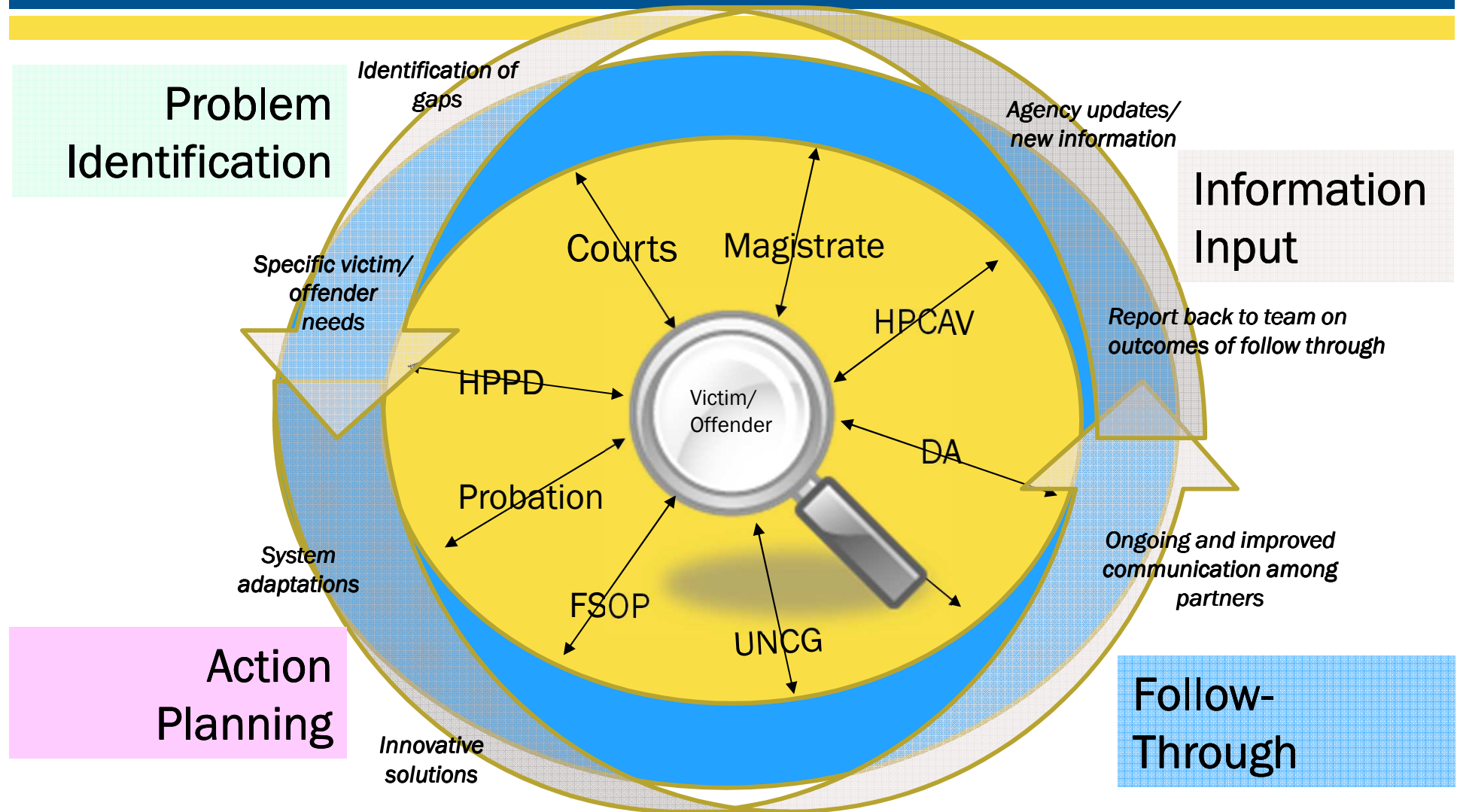
So What's the Story?

- ∞ Domestic violence offender behavior can be changed by...
 - Stripping their anonymity and putting them on notice
 - Creating swift, certain, and predictable consequences for offending
 - Allowing them to make a rational choice as to whether to reoffend
 - All without any additional harm to victims
 - ∞ Changing offender behavior will decrease victim injuries & deaths and increase victim use of services
 - ∞ Leading to a huge savings in terms of less reliance on...
 - Law enforcement resources
 - Traditional responses to DV offenders (incarceration, treatment programs, anger management, etc.)
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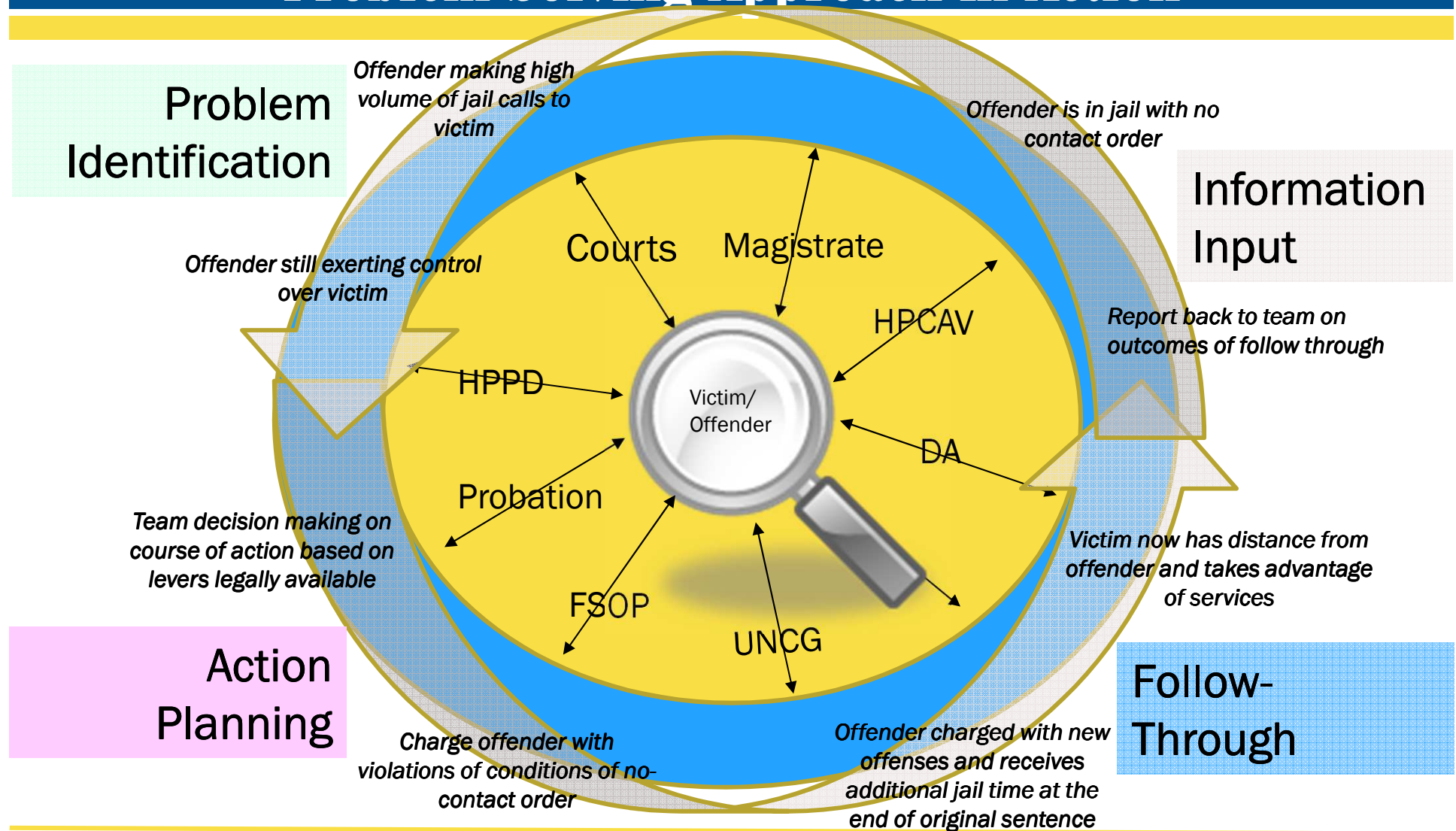
Implications & Next Steps



OFDVI Team Problem Solving Approach



Real World Example of Problem Solving Approach in Action



What We Know

When the right people from the right agencies:

- ∞ utilize data,
- ∞ communicate regularly in a structured /purposeful meeting,
- ∞ exchange information about offenders, victims, and systems,
- ∞ value input from partners,
- ∞ work together to create more effective systems /identify and fix existing system gaps,
- ∞ and focus collective efforts to communicate expectations, rules, and consequences for specific types of behavior

...real and meaningful changes can happen.

*It's happening every day in High Point, NC
with the OFDVI Initiative.*

What's Next?

∞ COPS grant awarded

- Replication to a new site (Lexington, NC)
- Model policy
- Full evaluation

∞ Continue to problem solve and address system issues

- Continuous quality improvement

∞ Community foundation grant for Family Justice Center

- Victim advocate
 - Civil attorney for victim
 - Prosecutor dedicated to DV cases
 - Co-located with Child Trauma services
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