



# OCTOBER 2021 PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

## CASS COUNTY COURT & PRETRIAL SERVICES

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*"Serving the community by using evidence-based practices and needs-based supervision that prioritizes public safety, maximizes court appearance and reduces recidivism, while protecting the presumption of innocence."*

*"Three years after launching on October 1, 2018, Cass County Court & Pretrial Services is now a State Certified Pretrial Services Agency that has served over 280 clients."*

### INDIANA OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES CERTIFICATION:

After completing our certification review with the IOCS, Indiana Office of Court Services, on September 8, 2021, we are excited to announce that we received our Provisional Certification on October 1, 2021, with full certification expected after 6 months. Cass County is the 11th County in Indiana to receive State Certification. The Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference of Indiana adopted the Pretrial Services Rules in December of 2019. Counties who are voluntarily certified show compliance with the Indiana Pretrial Rules and best practices outlined in IC 35-33-8.

### RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

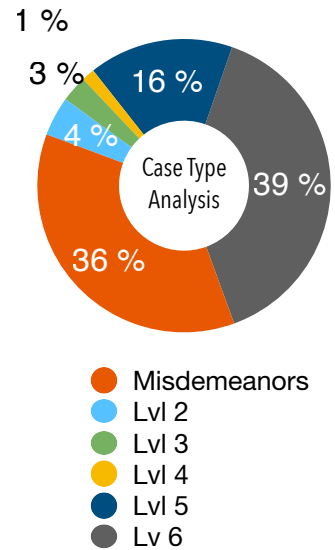
- In April of this year, the Director received her National Pretrial Services Professional Practitioner Certification from NAPSA, making Cass County both Nationally & State Certified.
- In September, our Case Manager, completed all requirements to become a state certified probation officer.
- In August, we passed the milestone of enrolling our 250th client and to date we have served 280 clients, a 12% increase in two months.

- October 8th marked the the third year anniversary of the Pretrial Release Program Launch..

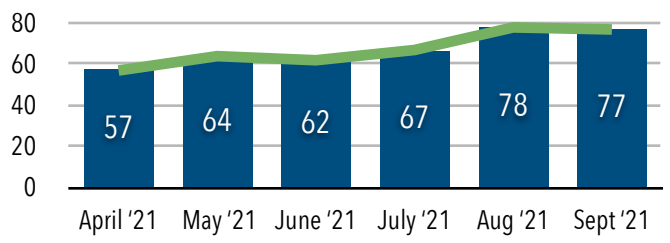
### CURRENT OVERVIEW:

CCCPS continues to see a documented increase in clients served. We have served 166 clients thus far in 2021, a 22% increase in the total number of clients (136) served in 2020. Pretrial Services currently has 69 active clients, 74 cases, and we served a total of 76 clients in September for a total number of 2,072 days. 31 arrestee evaluations and recommendations, with IRAS-PATs, were completed and 10 new intakes were completed. 8 clients successfully completed the program this month.

Offense Level & Case Type	Total
Misdemeanors	25
Level 6 Felonies	27
High Level Felonies	17
Courtesy Transfers	7
Probation Violations	1
Mental Health Adjudications	2
Special Conditions of Bond	8
Percent Felonies	64 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>



Clients Served 6 Month Trend Analysis

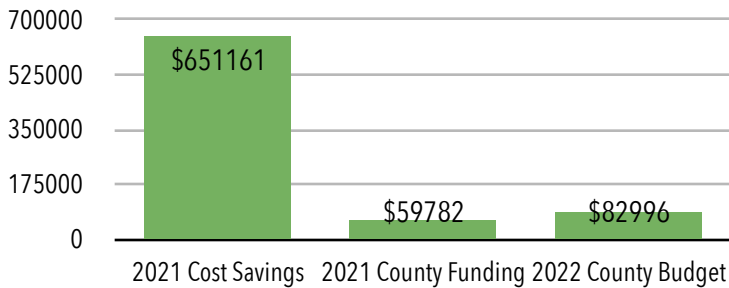


## COST SAVINGS:

Using the \$40 daily per diem used to house an inmate outside the jail, Pretrial Services is currently diverting \$2,760 daily in county incarceration expenses. As noted previously, we served 76 clients for a total of 2,072 days in September, for an estimated cost savings of \$82,880. As of October 10th, the Cass County Jail was 26% over capacity, and was housing 6 inmates in outside facilities at a cost of \$240 a day or \$7,440 a month. It is estimated that without Pretrial Services the jail would be 64% over capacity.

In April, the County funded the agency's transition to an independent department and expansion to include a full-time case manager. In the first month of operations, we diverted \$71,360, \$11,578 more than funding the council provided to support 2021 operations. As of September the program has diverted an estimated \$651,160 in incarceration expenses alone (16,279 days served x \$40 daily per diem). Approximately 350% over the county funding for 2021 and 2022. This does not take into account the valuable, intangible benefits to the clients,

Cost Savings vs Expenditures



including return to families and employment and treatment opportunities or the diversion of financial liability to the county by facilitating the supervised release of those with medical conditions, such as the two clients with high risk pregnancies currently under supervision.

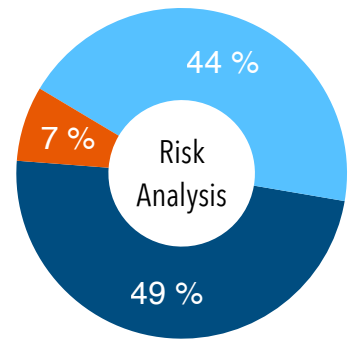
## JAIL ANALYSIS:

The September jail analysis shows that 17% of inmates are classified as Pre-Adjudication/Pretrial. Those detained and given a standard bond in lieu of release to CCCPS, have been assessed to be a high risk to public safety or have a hold that prevents release, i.e. INS, out of county warrant, or parole hold. 22% of the population classified as pre-adjudication have an out of county warrant that excludes them from the pretrial release program. Pretrial Services continues to see an increase in arrestees that identify as High Risk on the IRAS-PAT.

## STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT:

### • Risk Analysis:

Trends show that 7% of active clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 49% as Moderate Risk, and 44% as Low Risk.



● High ● Low ● Moderate

### • Offense Type Analysis:

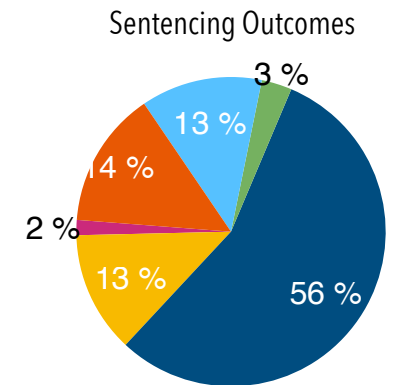
Analysis shows that 36% are drug and alcohol related offenses, 11% crimes against property, 32% crimes against persons, and 22% are traffic offenses.

### • Supervision Analysis:

- 36% of active participants are being supervised at Level 3 (High) Supervision, with weekly or daily reporting, a 24% increase in the last month.
- 17% of active clients have needs where supervised release was in the best interest of the county and the clients, including two high risk pregnancy and several client clients with injuries and chronic illnesses.
- 14% of active clients have multiple cases.
- 16 clients are being supervised with electronic monitoring facilitated by Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections.

### • Sentencing Outcomes:

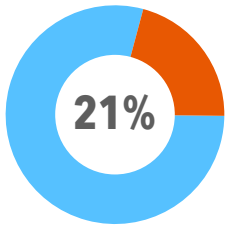
27% of those who have successfully completed Pretrial Release this year had their case dismissed or entered the Pretrial Diversion Program, while 13% received time-served, 3% were sentenced to Community Corrections and 56% were sentenced to probation.



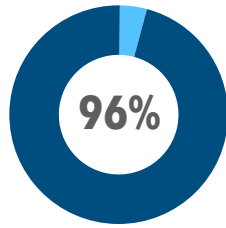
● Dismissed  
● Diversion  
● CPCC  
● Probation  
● Executed  
● Time Served  
● Fines

## PERFORMANCE METRICS:

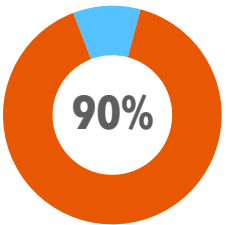
All our performance metrics have remained stable with no more than a 3% variance and all fall above or within State Standards.



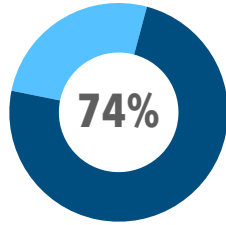
**Violation Rate:** the percentage of defendants who received a violation, pending violations are included in calculations



**Appearance Rate:** the percentage of defendants who attended all court hearings during their pretrial period

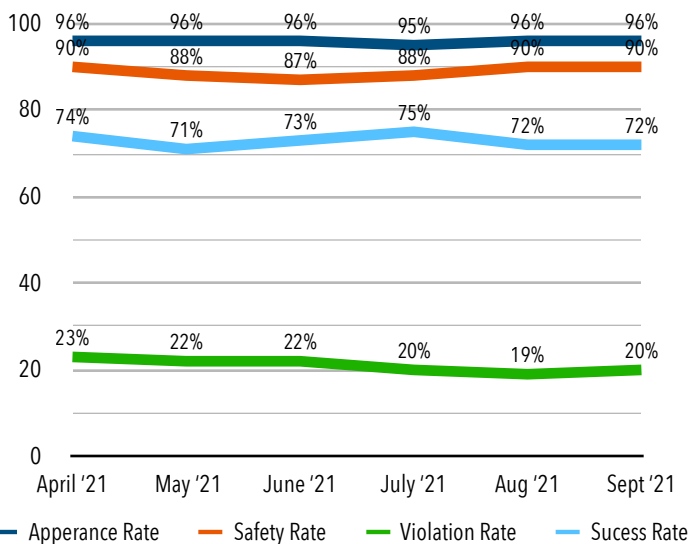


**Safety Rate:** the percentage of defendants who were not charged with a new offense during their pretrial period



**Success Rate:** the percentage of defendants who have not received a violation, FTA, or new offense while under supervision

Performance Metric 6 Month Trend Analysis



## SERVICES:

23% of clients are currently participating in voluntary programming and services, including domestic violence & parenting classes, relapse prevention and peer recovery groups. Currently 5 clients are participating in weekly individual counseling with our CPCC Four County Doctoral Practicum Intern.

## GRANT OVERVIEW:

Below is a brief description of the grants we were awarded this year, as well as applications we have pending. Part of our role as Court Services is to continue to seek funding that benefits all members of our local criminal justice system.

- **ICJI CESF COVID-19 Relief Grant, \$80,198:** Funding for over 1,000 Masks, 2,000 Gloves, and other Miscellaneous PPE, 5 Mobile Hotspots w/ Service, 29 Laptops w/ Accessories, Conferencing Monitors, Salary for Part-time Pretrial Assistant, Sound Panels for Jail, Thermometers, Virtual Therapy Equipment for Jail, 3 iPads for Virtual Services for Juvenile Probation, Pretrial Services, and Community Corrections
- **CARA Grant: Approximately \$100,000** in Narcan doses and Related Training for CPCC, Pretrial Services, and Adult & Juvenile Probation
- **IDOC 1006 Pretrial Grant, \$59,716:** CY2022 Funding for a Portion of Court Services Director Salary & Fringe
- **IDOC Community Corrections Grant:** Coauthored with CPCC Director, Dave Wegner, over **\$70,000** in new funding, including a new case manager.
- **Justice Systems Addictions Response (SIM) Grant, \$60,000:** CY2022 Funding for \$40,000 for Mental Health Evaluations, \$1,000 for JRAC/SIM Training, \$4,000 for CBT Curriculum for Pretrial Clients, \$15,000 for CPCC Virtual Therapy Computer Lab
- **Pending IOCS Pretrial Grant: \$65,000-\$75,000** for Part-Time Public Defender to Cover Initial Hearings, Day Reporting Kiosk and Service to Launch new CPCC & Pretrial Day Reporting Program, Client Emergency Services Funds, Automated Call-in Drug Screening Software

## OTHER UPDATES:

- Cass County was selected to be part of a needs focused Pretrial Research Study through George Mason University where we would receive specialized motivational interviewing training to help promote participation in services. An award announcement is expected in the coming weeks.
- Our first local JRAC Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2021.
- The Director participated in the Virtual NAPSA Conference this month.
- Court Services continues to provide assistance with the Four County Jail Therapy Program. We currently have 7 participants and hope to launch the Women's and Hispanic Groups soon.

