



**ANNUAL REPORT
FY2019 Ext. - CY2020**

CASS COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES



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AGENCY HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Cass County Pretrial Services, CCPS, was established in 2018 by the local Judiciary in response to Indiana Supreme Court's Pretrial Initiative, CR 26 and the rising population of our local jail. In July of 2018, Cass County received HB1006 funding from the Indiana Department of Corrections for a dedicated Probation Officer to serve as a Pretrial Release Coordinator, who implemented and now runs the daily operations of the Pretrial Release Program. Cass County Pretrial Services began accepting clients in October of 2018 and has been since serving the Courts and Community by using evidence-based practices to supervise clients awaiting trial without the economic means to post traditional monetary bond. As an agency, we strive to provide an alternative to incarceration, while honoring community values, prioritizing public safety, maximizing court appearance and reducing recidivism. Beyond the number of participants enrolled in the program, each recommendation prepared assists the Judicial Officer in making a meaningful release/detention decision that is in the best interest of the community and the defendant by considering objective risk factors

versus relying solely on monetary and economic determinations.

Arrestees are evaluated using the Indiana Risk Assessment Pretrial Assessment, IRAS-PAT and placed at a supervision level that matches their risk level and identified needs when appropriate and while protecting public safety. In lieu of remaining incarcerated while their case is pending, clients are allowed to return to their families and employment. In addition to assistance with court appearances, clients are given the opportunity to participate in programming and treatment. Cass County Pretrial Services has served over 150 clients since the program launched and at any given time supervises between 75-80 clients in the program.

Before implementation of Pretrial Services, many defendants were historically detained solely because of their inability to post a monetary bond-not based on their risk of reoffending or to public safety, and the Cass County Jail's average population was 46% over capacity, with 70% of those incarcerated awaiting trial. In the two and half years since Pretrial Services has been operational, Cass



County has seen a reduction in the pre-adjudication (pretrial) jail population, with the percentage of those detained and awaiting trial below 20% for the third quarter in a row. Pretrial Services also works to expedite the release of those with mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities and physical/medical conditions when appropriate. Approximately 20% of our clients had autism or other developmental disabilities, mental health disorders, high risk pregnancies or an acute medical condition with needs that could not be met adequately if incarcerated and would create a financial burden to the county.

MISSION STATEMENT, VISION AND GOALS

Mission

To serve the community by using evidence-based practices to assess and supervise defendants in order to assist the Courts in making pretrial release decisions that prioritize public safety, maximize court appearance and reduce recidivism, while protecting the presumption of innocence.

Vision

- Protect the constitutional presumption of innocence by helping to reduce the pretrial incarceration of those who do not have the ability to pay a traditional money bond when appropriate, while increasing the reliability of guilty pleas and reducing the negative effects of pretrial detention on recidivism.
- Help reduce jail overpopulation and expenses by promoting appropriate pretrial release that prioritizes community safety by reserving jail resources for those who pose a danger to public safety and the community.
- Utilize evidence-based practices to accurately assess risk based on objective factors and promote pretrial justice when making pretrial decisions to best meet the needs of the community.

Goals

- Maximize Public Safety
- Maximize Court Appearance
- Maximize Release

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OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

The Pretrial Coordinator interviews every person booked into the Cass County Jail within 24 hours of his or her arrest, if arrestee permits, and evaluates them using the IRAS-PAT, a validated, statewide risk assessment that measures an arrestee's risk of re-offending and failing to appear. Based on the risk assessment results and other factors, such as criminal history, substance abuse, employment and residential stability, a matrix is used to aid in making a recommendation to Court regarding the inmate's potential release. The Pretrial Release Recommendation is provided to the Judge, Prosecutor and Public Defender and a determination regarding participation and release to Pretrial Services is made at arraignment or a Defendant's initial hearing.

If an arrestee is placed in the Pretrial Release program they are required to report to Pretrial Services within 24 hours of their release and placed at a level of supervision that matches their risk level and individual needs. Supervision requirements include, but are not limited to, making all court appearances, not committing a new criminal offense, text message reminders, office and telephone appointments, random drug screens, home visits and/or electronic monitoring.

SUPERVISION LEVEL SUMMARY

- Level 1 – One telephone appointment every two weeks and one office appointment every six weeks.
- Level 2 – One telephone appointment and one office appointment every month.
- Level 3 – Two telephone appointments and two office appointments. Weekly reporting may be ordered with electronic monitoring.

Pretrial Services reports directly to the Cass County Judiciary and has a local policy and stakeholder team that meets on a regular basis to collaboratively develop and approve local pretrial practices and review program performance metrics. Said meetings are held quarterly in conjunction with the Cass/Pulaski Advisory Board Meetings.

James Muehlhausen, Judge, Cass Superior Court 1, Supervising Judge

Stephen R. Kitts, II, Judge, Cass Circuit Court

Lisa L. Swaim, Judge, Superior Court 2

Hillary Hartoin, Pretrial Services Coordinator & Chair

Dave Wegner, Director of Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections & Vice Chair

Noah Schafer, Cass County Prosecutor

Sheryl Pherson, Chief Public Defender

Ed Schroder, Cass County Sheriff

Terry Haney, Chief Probation Officer

Will Scott, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

POLICY & STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

The Cass County Pretrial Services Policy & Stakeholder Team meetings are held in conjunction with the Cass County Advisory Board Meetings, which are held the third Tuesday of the first month of the quarter. Traditionally said meetings are held the Cass Government Building in the Bicentennial Room, but due to COVID-19 said meetings were held virtually via Lifesize.

The Pretrial Policy & Stakeholder Team Meetings held in 2020 were as follows:

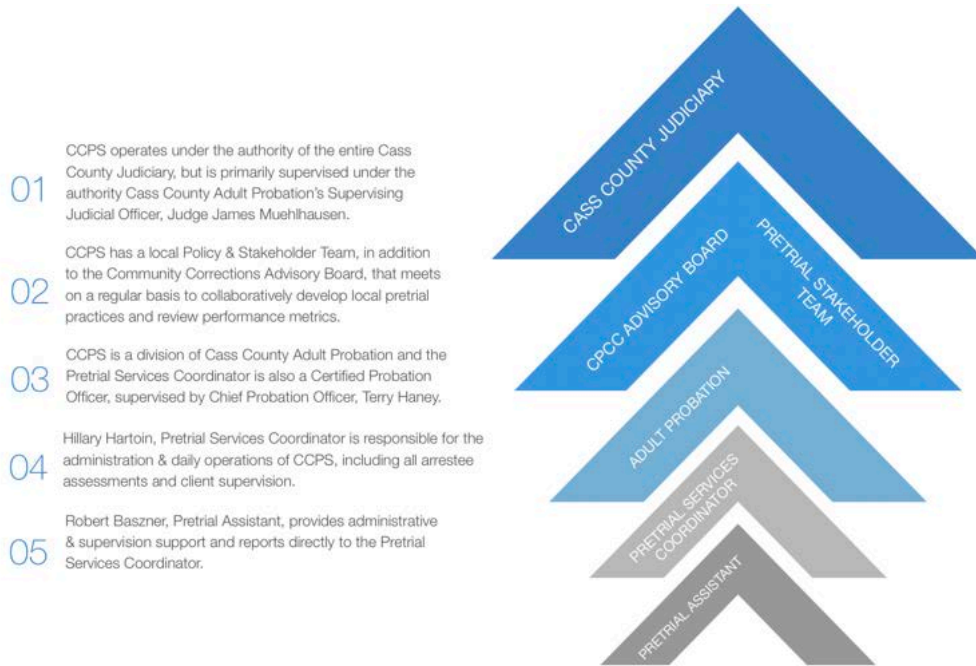
- February 18, 2020
- May, 19, 2020
- June, 30, 2020
- August 18, 2020
- November 17, 2020

The Pretrial Policy & Stakeholder Team Meetings tentatively scheduled for 2021 are as follows:

- February 16, 2021
- May, 18, 2021
- August 17, 2021
- November 17, 2021

Name	Position	Work Status
Hillary Hartoin	Pretrial Services Coordinator	Full-time
Robert Baszner	Pretrial Assistant	Part-Time

AGENCY ORGANIZATION CHART



STAFFING PLAN

Pretrial Services is comprised of two employees, the Pretrial Coordinator and the Pretrial Assistant. The Pretrial Coordinator, is a Certified Probation Officer and responsible for the overall administration and daily operations of the agency, ensuring the Courts' compliance with Pretrial Statutes and Rules, preparing and recording all statistics for reporting requirements, and writing and applying for grants and securing additional sources of funding. The Pretrial Coordinator also is responsible for the all arrestee assessments and the primary supervising officer for all program participants and works collaboratively with the Community Corrections Director in administrating county grants and other community supervision initiatives. The Pretrial Assistant is currently a part-time (14 hours per week) grant funded employee who provides administrative and supervision support for the program, including assisting in criminal records checks, statistical tracking and preparing court filings.

Analysis of current operations and the 2020 population show a substantial growth in not only active participants, but also in new arrestee evaluations. National and State industry standards recommend an average client caseload of no more than 35-45 clients per supervising officer. The Pretrial Coordinator's average daily caseload in 2020 was 60 clients, with a peak of 75 active clients. This, coupled with the administrative duties and daily evaluations of new arrestees, warrant the need for a full-time Pretrial Case Manager in the near future to ensure not only the sustainability of the program, but that clients remain supervised at a level of quality that ensures public safety.

STAFF TRAINING

Per Indiana Pretrial Services Rules Section 10(f) that states a Pretrial Services “coordinator and each pretrial services officer shall complete 12 hours annually of job-related continuing education approved by the pretrial services supervising judge” and pursuant to IC 11-13-1-1 that outlines the continuing education requirements for certified probation officers, program policy requires that the Pretrial Services Coordinator obtain 24 hours of continuing education units a year. This year despite the challenges that came with COVID-19, the Pretrial Services Coordinator was able to obtain 43 training/continuing education hours as outlined below from NAPSA, the National Institute of Corrections and the Waypoint Center. Due to the Pretrial Assistant being hired on in November of 2020 continuing education hours were not acquired, but the requirement to acquire 12 hours of continuing education hours will commence in 2021.

ODARA Online Training Program & Certification, <i>Waypoint Center</i>	3-25-20	4h
Motivation Interviewing (MI): Overview, <i>National Institute of Corrections</i>	4-3-20	1h
Interpersonal Communication Skills w/ Correction Offenders-Course 1, <i>National Institute of Corrections</i>	4-6-20	2h
Evidence-Based Practices in a Correctional Setting, <i>National Institute of Corrections</i>	4-14-20	8h
Defensive Tactics Training, CCSD, Nick Bowyer	6-17-20	4h
NAPSA Virtual Conference	9-20	19.5h
Jail Data Collection, <i>National Institute of Corrections</i>	10-24-20	2.5h
Jail Data Analysis, <i>National Institute of Corrections</i>	10-25-20	2h



When developing Pretrial Services’s 2021-2023 Strategic Plan, the goal was to identify areas of needed change based on the growth and challenges we have been presented with in the past three years. Our goals needed to continue to help us accomplish our mission and vision and be challenging, yet practical and measurable. Feedback collected from the IOCS, IDOC, Judiciary and local Criminal Justice Stakeholders helped us conduct an internal SWOT (Strengths, Opportunities, Weaknesses, Threats) Analysis to aid us in setting the five strategic goals outlined below and to help us leverage our strengths to overcome our weaknesses and to continue to capitalize on areas of growth.

SWOT ANALYSIS	
<p style="text-align: center;">Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commitment to EBP -Established Program with Proven Performance Metrics 	<p style="text-align: center;">Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Understaffed -Limited collaboration and lack of past training for local law enforcement
<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase in local thinking that prioritizes evidence-based supervision over monetary bond -Sustained growth in arrestee evaluations & active participants 	<p style="text-align: center;">Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Limited resources for Mental Health Clients

1. OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FROM THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES & NAPSA 9

Need: Certification not only ensures compliance with pretrial legislation, but also is a measure of quality assurance and helps the agency maintain and secure future funding

Objectives:

1.1: Prepare elements of Indiana Office of Court Services Applications, including Policy and Procedure Manual and all attachments.

1.2: Obtain presumptive certification and complete evaluation to obtain formal certification as a agency.

1.3: Coordinator will obtain National Pretrial Services Professional Certification from National Association of Pretrial Services (NAPSA).

Data Collection and Measurement: Pretrial services will comply with the deadlines and reporting requirements of the Indiana Office of Court Services.

2. INCREASE STAFFING TO CONTINUE TO MAXIMIZE RELEASE AND GROWTH WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

Need: Pretrial Services saw a 224% increase in clients served in CY2020 and current caseloads are larger than industry guidelines.

Objectives:

2.1: Hire Pretrial Case Manager, who primary duties will be to supervise low to moderate risk clients and to provide administrative support to the program, while the Pretrial Coordinator remains responsible for the daily operations of the program, arrestee evaluations and supervision of high risk and juvenile clients.

Data Collection and Measurement: Caseload ratio and grow rate will continue to be monitored to ensure participants are supervised at a level and quality that ensures public safety.

3. ENHANCE AND IMPROVE UPON ASSESSMENT OF ACTUARIAL RISK

Need: Pretrial Services serves clients with specialized needs and measurements of risk, such as sex offenders and juveniles.

Objectives:

3.1 Obtain training and certification to administer the Indiana Youth Assessment System to better assess risk and identify needs of juvenile pretrial participants..

3.2.Obtain training and certifications required to administer the STATIC-99 to better assess risk of recidivism for potential pretrial participants charged with a sex offense.

Data Collection and Measurement: Training and certification requirements for the IYAS are

set by the Indiana Office of Court Services and specialized training for the STATIC-99 will be provided and sought under the direction of Four County.

4. BETTER SERVE GROWING POPULATION OF CLIENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

Need: Over 20% of the Pretrial Population have mental health needs that remain undiagnosed or require outpatient/inpatient services. Pretrial Services and the Courts lack the resources and training to best serve this growing sector of the population.

Objectives:

- 4.1. Investigate further sources of funding to increase the budget available to mental health evaluations.
- 4.2. Seek training opportunities to improve identification of mental health needs and provide specialized supervision targeted to those needs.
- 4.3 Further collaborate with local services providers to increase resources and programming available to clients and the Courts.

Data Collection and Measurement: Pretrial Services currently collects data on participants with identified mental healths needs and is working collaboratively with Community Corrections and Four County to further identify the needs of those incarcerated in the local jail.

5. INCREASE EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Need: Local law enforcement and jail staff lack education and training regarding the scope and purpose of not only Pretrial Services, but also Community Corrections and Juvenile Probation.

Objectives:

- 5.1: Increase support from local enforcement and jail staff by conducting trainings in collaboration with Community Corrections and Juvenile Probation.
- 5.2: Promote collaboration by providing specialized education on evidenced based-decision making and community supervision alternatives.

Data Collection and Measurement: Pretrial Services will schedule and coordinate said meetings, tracking attendance and frequency.

While COVID-19 did present challenges, Pretrial Services with the support of the Courts and Sheriff's Department, was not only able to remain fully operational during the pandemic, but also leverage our services to meet the needs of our local community and criminal justice system. With the collaboration of the Intake Court, Cass Superior Court 2, pretrial release determinations were moved to an arrestee's probable cause hearing and 90% of eligible defendants were evaluated and released under the program's supervision within 12-24 hours of arrest. Expediting release allowed us to limit exposure to the existing inmate population. During the height of the pandemic's lockdown, Pretrial Services received a record number of 35 clients in one quarter, reducing the pretrial population in the jail by 63%, while maintaining a safety and appearance rate above 90%.

The changes made to how evaluations are conducted and supervision strategies, allowed us to identify and pilot new ways to streamline our operations and increase our efficiency, without jeopardizing public safety. Defendants will continue to be evaluated before arraignment via non-recorded video interviews and pretrial determinations will continue to be made at an arrestee's probable cause hearing to maximize and expedite release. The majority of the eligible defendants are arrested, booked, evaluated, arraigned, and released to Pretrial Services within 24-36 hours, in some cases less than 12 hours. We also expanded our target population in efforts to not only further maintain a lower jail population, but also make more individual release determinations versus blanket re-incarceration for minor violations. Defendants arrested on Failure to Appear Warrants and existing pretrial participants rearrested for a new misdemeanor charge are being screened and considered for release back to program at a increased level of supervision when appropriate. Use of intermediate and administrative sanctions has also been expanded.

While Pretrial Services has begun transitioning back to more traditional supervision techniques, we continue to utilize telephone appointments and increased electronic monitoring, in addition to office appointments, to more effectively supervise clients at a dosage that correlates with their criminogenic needs and risk level. Recognizing that social distancing and isolation can be a trigger for substance abuse and mental health issues, collaboration with services providers such as Four County and use of teleservices has helped us provide more easily accessible resources to clients.

This was a time of exponential growth for the program, not only because of COVID-19, but also because of the shift in local thinking that prioritizes risk/need supervision and evidence-based determinations over traditional monetary bond. Said growth, allowed us to seek and successfully obtain funding for a part-time assistant, who provides supervision and administrative support.

CY2020 IDOC PERFORMANCE METRICS

As required by the Indiana Department of Corrections, as a grant funded agency, Cass County Pretrial Services developed five quantifiable performance measures to track, evaluate, and report during the 2020 calendar year. CCPS either meet or exceed all of the goals outlined below.

- **Goal #1: Maintain an average Pretrial Appearance Rate above 80% and an average Safety Rate above 85% for FY2020.**
 - EXCEEDED: CCPS maintained an average monthly Pretrial Appearance Rate of 98.2% and an average Safety Rate of 94.3% in CY2020, a combined 27.5% over our goal.
- **Goal #2: Implement the use of the ODARA Domestic Violence Risk System.**
 - ACCOMPLISHED: The Pretrial Services Coordinator became certified to administer the ODARA in March of 2020 and implemented its use into normal practices.
- **Goal #3: Finalize the development of the Cass County Pretrial Services Policy and Procedures Manual, Attorney Overview Brochure, and Participant Exit Survey.**
 - ACCOMPLISHED: Policy and Procedure Manual was finalized and electronic exit survey was created and implemented into normal operations. In lieu of an Attorney Overview, Pretrial Services has its own dedicated page on Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections website, that serves as an attorney resource and a resource to clients.
- **Goal #4: In collaboration with Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections, develop and implement a mass text message system.**
 - ACCOMPLISHED: In March of 2020, the Mass Text Message System was launched. To date we have sent out over 250 unique informational and motivational texts to clients.
- **Goal #5: Maintain a Release Decision Concurrence Rate above 90% and a Supervision Concurrence Rate above 70%.**
 - EXCEEDED: CCPS maintained an average monthly Release Decision Concurrence Rate of 93.93% and an average Supervision Concurrence Rate of 76.77%, a combined 10.7% over our goal.

OTHER NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, as an agency we strived to continue to work toward our goals and improve our services offered. Below is a brief outline of some of the accomplishments we made in 2020.

- Pretrial Services passed the milestone of enrolling our 100th client in March 2020, then our 150th client in October 2020. To date we have had 187 participants in the program and have assessed over 550 arrestees.
- Pretrial Services moved to assessing arrestees before their probable cause hearing to better maximize release. 95% of eligible defendants are evaluated and successfully released and reporting to Pretrial Services within 12-24 hours of their arrest.
- We have seen a sustained increase in our active caseload with an average 200% increase in active clients since 2019.
- Pretrial Services began e-filing court filings and documents in March of 2020 and remains committed to continuing to operate as a paperless entity.
- We passed our first IDOC Fiscal Audit with no notable issues to report.
- As will be further detailed below, we diverted over at \$1,000,000 in local incarceration and juvenile detention expenses.
- In the Summer of 2020 the Pretrial Services Coordinator began serving as the Quality Assurance Coordinator for both Pretrial Services and Community Corrections to ensure both agencies comply with evidence-based practices, with a renewed focus on data analysis and fidelity and technology improvements. Said unification of the two agencies not only allows for process improvements, but continuity of care and consistency of practices across the local community supervision agencies.
- In November of 2020, Pretrial Services expanded and hired a part-time employee to provide administrative and supervision support. Said employee is currently funded by the ICJI COVID-19 Relief Grant.
- Pretrial Services reduced the pre-adjudication population of the Cass County jail by 43% in 2020 and by a total of 78% since launching in 2018.
- In March of 2020, in collaboration with Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections, Pretrial Services launched a mass text message to distribute motivational and informational texts to clients, as well as distribute electronic exit and satisfaction surveys. To date over 250 unique texts have been sent to both agencies' populations.

In Collaboration with Community Corrections, we launched a informational and interactive website in the Fall of 2020 that is also a mobile app. Pretrial Services has its own dedicated page, that includes program updates, documents for stake holders and links to community resources for clients.



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ABOUT US

Established in 2018, Cass County Pretrial Services serves the Courts and Community by using evidence -based practices to supervise clients awaiting trial without the economic means to post traditional monetary bond, providing an alternative to incarceration, while honoring community values, prioritizing public

MISSION

To serve the community by using evidence-based practices to assess and supervise defendants in order to assist the Courts in making pretrial release decisions that prioritize public safety, maximize court appearance and reduce recidivism, while protecting the presumption of innocence.

VISION

Protect the constitutional presumption of innocence by helping to reduce the pretrial incarceration of those who do not have the ability to pay a traditional money bond when appropriate, while increasing the reliability of guilty pleas and reducing the negative effects of pretrial detention on recidivism.

At the time of the submission of this report, CCPS currently has 59 active clients, 57 adults, 1 adult transfer and 1 juvenile. It should be noted that the slight decrease in the population is due to decrease in criminal filings and increased completions. For comparison, data review shows an active population of 40 clients in January 2020, a 42.5% growth in the past year. We saw 15 clients successfully complete in January 2021. As of February 10, 2021, Pretrial Services has had 191 clients participate in the program since launch in 2018, 187 adults and 4 juveniles .

The January jail analysis shows that 15% of inmates are classified as Pre-Adjudication/ Pretrial and has continued to stay below 20%. Those detained and given a standard bond in lieu of release to CCPS, 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. 40% of the jail population are classified as pre-adjudication have an out of county warrant that excludes them from the pretrial release program.

FEBRUARY 2021 COST SAVINGS:

Using the \$40 daily per diem used to house an inmate outside the jail and the \$200 daily juvenile detention expense, Pretrial Services is currently diverting \$2,480 daily in county incarceration expenses or approximately \$76,880 per a month. It was estimated in January of 2021 that without Pretrial Services the jail would be 44% over capacity.

FEBRUARY 2021 STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT:

- Case Type Analysis:
 - 66 Total Cases: 24 Criminal Misdemeanors, 31 Level 6 Felonies, and 11 High Level Felonies

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- Supervision Analysis:
 - 36% of active participants are being supervised at Level 3 (High) Supervision, with weekly, biweekly or daily reporting.
 - 22% of active clients have needs where supervised release was in the best interest of the county and the clients, including one high risk pregnancy.
 - 21% of active clients have multiple cases.
 - 7 clients are being supervised with electronic monitoring.
- Offense Type Analysis:
 - 39% drug and alcohol related offenses, 15% crimes against property, 24% crimes against persons, and 22% traffic offenses.
- Risk Analysis:
 - Trends show that 11% of active clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 59% as Moderate Risk, and 30% as Low Risk.

While the primary focus of Pretrial Services is to help ensure jail resources are reserved for those who truly pose a risk to public safety or flight, one cannot overlook the savings incurred and the intangible benefits to participants, such as the ability to return to their families and employment. Cost Savings is calculated by multiplying the total *Days of Supervision* by the daily per diem cost to house an inmate in the local jail, outside the jail if over capacity and a juvenile in a secure detention facility, as appropriate. The Cass County Sheriff has indicated that the daily per diem to house an inmate locally was \$37.50 in CY2020, while the average cost to house an inmate in another facility was \$40.00 per day .The agreed average rate to detain a juvenile in a secure facility was \$200 per day. It is important to highlight that this is a local diversion of savings.

25,144

Days Supervised in 2020

In 2020 supervised 136 individual clients a total of 25,144 days and for an average of 185 days per client. Included in the above total were 3 juvenile clients who were supervised a total of 347 days and an average of 116 days per client.

\$1,068,480

Cost Savings in 2020

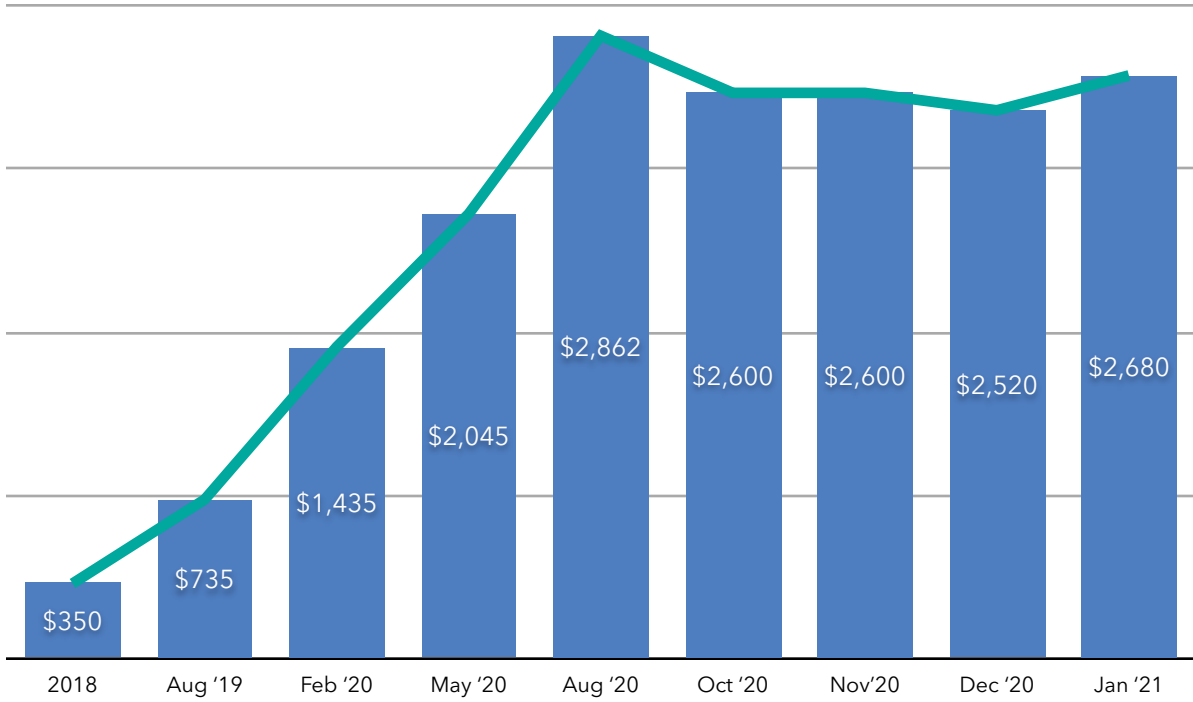
The costs savings for 2020 is calculated by multiplying the total number of days adult clients supervised by the \$40 daily per diem to house an inmate outside the jail and by multiplying the total number of days juvenile clients were supervised by \$200 detention per diem.

In 2019, Pretrial Services expanded its target population to include juvenile defendants that have been waived into adult court or are the result of direct files to divert costly detention expenses when appropriate and not a risk to public safety or flight. Juvenile participants also gain continued guidance through the adult criminal justice system and offered programming and resources, such as access to our virtual peer recovery groups or HSE program.

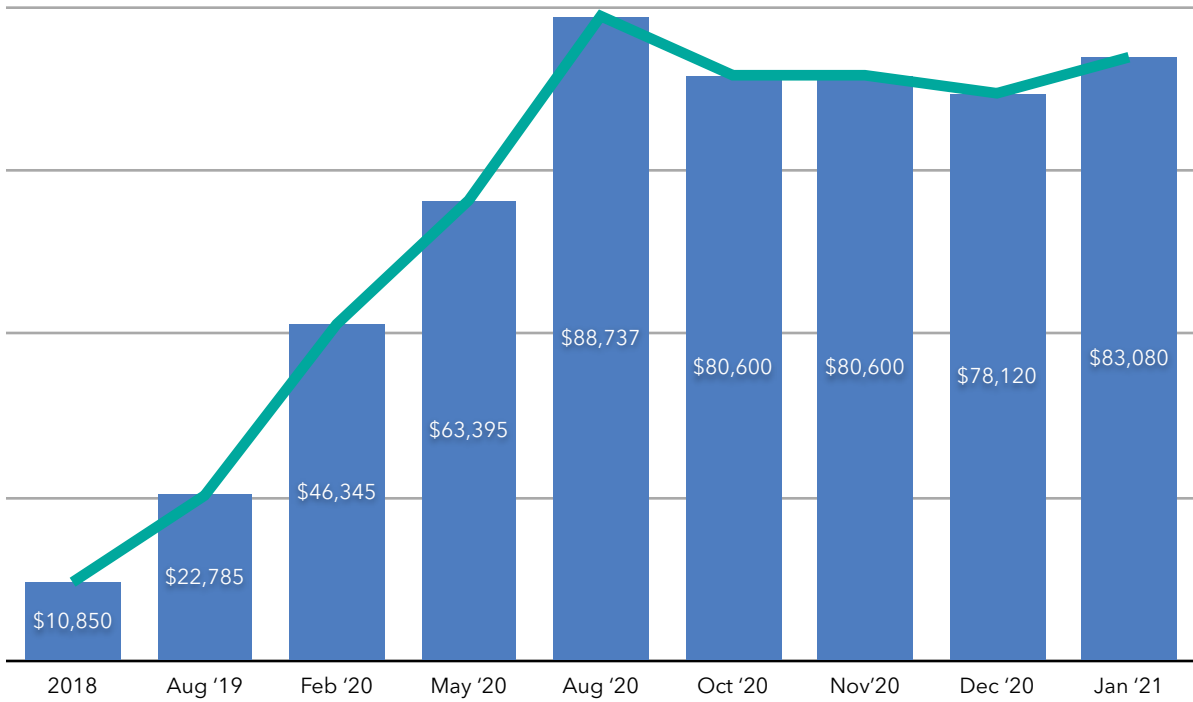
JUVENILE COST SAVINGS THREE YEAR TREND

	FY19	FY19EXT	CY20
Total Juveniles Served	2	3	3
Total Days Supervised	119	113	347
Juvenile Cost Savings	\$23,000	\$22,600	\$69,400

AVERAGE DAILY COST SAVINGS PROGRESSION



AVERAGE MONTHLY COST SAVINGS PROGRESSION



In addition to saving incarceration expenses and reserving jail resources for truly high risk offenders, the benefits of pretrial supervision are many, including participants being able to return to their families and employment and participating in treatment and programming. The consequences of pretrial incarceration on low to moderate risk offenders goes beyond loss of employment. Research has shown that detaining defendants solely based on inability to make bond increases their likelihood to reoffend or enter a guilty plea solely to exit jail.

In addition, there are further economic savings to the county that data cannot fully capture. Before Pretrial Services, those who obtained an injury while incarcerated or had an acute medical condition, such as a high risk pregnancy, were medically released on their recognizance, with no supervision or bond, as the Courts had no alternative course of action.

Pretrial Services absorbs these clients into the program to allow defendants access to needed medical care and diverts potential financial liability from the county, upwards of \$25,000-\$30,000 per a case. Clients who pose a risk to public safety are able to obtain necessary medical treatment and aftercare while under supervision and without financially burdening the county or jeopardizing public safety.

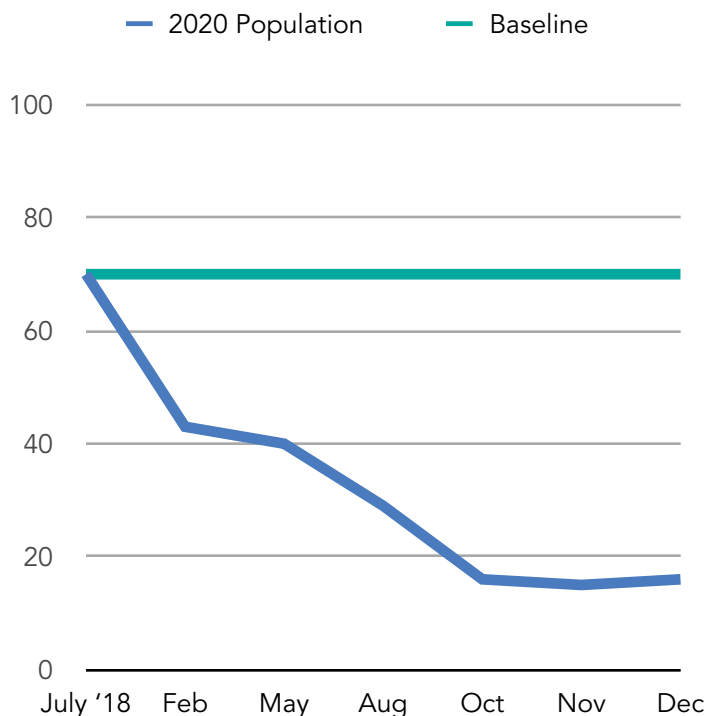
Since implementation, Pretrial Services has supervised 7 clients with high-risk pregnancies, 6 who obtained injuries while incarcerated or who were booked with injuries that necessitated release, approximately 15 clients with chronic conditions that required care that could not be provided at the same standard of care in the jail and over 10 clients with acute and/or elevated mental health issues requiring inpatient programming or continued care with their existing providers.

“Cass County Pretrial Services has served 7 clients with high-risk pregnancies, 6 with injuries that required release, 15 with chronic health conditions, and 10 with acute mental health

Before implementation of Pretrial Services in 2018, an analysis of the Cass County Jail revealed that the average daily population was 46% overcapacity and that 70% of those incarcerated were classified as Pre-adjudication/Pretrial, i.e. awaiting trial. The below analysis shows that Pretrial Services has reduced the pre-adjudication population in the jail by 63% in 2020 and by a total of 78% since launching in October of 2018. The December 2020 Jail Analysis prepared by Pretrial Services estimates that without the Pretrial Release Program the Cass County Jail would have been 49% overcapacity at the end of CY2020.

PRE-ADJUDICATION JAIL POPULATION REDUCTION

Pre-Program Baseline Percentage (Summer of 2018)	70%
February 2020	43%
May 2020	40%
August 2020	29%
October 2020	16%
November 2020	15%
December 2020	16%



“Cass County Pretrial Services produced a -63% reduction in the pre-adjudication jail population in 2020, a -78% reduction from 2018-2020.”

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The below identified trend shows a 205% increase from 2019 to 2020 in new participants and 224% increase in clients served. It should be noted that said increase in program participants started during the Fiscal Year 2019 Grant Extension period, July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. It is also pertinent to note that due to the supervision of higher risk clients charged with high level felonies, the agency closed the year with 64 clients on active supervision that will continue on into 2021.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS ON SUPERVISION THREE YEAR TREND

	FY19 (12 mth period)	FY19EXT (6 mth period)	CY2020 (12 mth period]
Total Individual Participants Served*	42	50	136
Adult High-Level Felonies	7	9	20
Adult Level 6 Felonies	16	21	60
Adult Misdemeanors	20	23	79
Electronic Monitoring	3	4	8
Juveniles	2	3	3
New Clients	42	32	128
Retained/Active at End of Year	19	25	64

*Individuals may be more than component totals due to dual component supervision and clients supervised with concurrent cases.

PARTICIPANTS SERVED BY OFFENSE LEVEL THREE YEAR TREND

	FY19	FY19EXT	CY20	CY2020 Percentage
Total Level 1 Felonies	0	0	0	0%
Total Level 2 Felonies	1	0	1	.01%
Total Level 3 Felonies	3	3	3	1.9%
Total Level 4 Felonies	1	3	3	1.9%
Total Level 5 Felonies	2	3	13	8.2%
Total Level 6 Felonies	16	21	60	37.7%
Total Misdemeanors	20	23	79	49.7%
Total Other	0	0	0	0
Total Individual Cases	43	53	159	100%

*Due to some clients being supervised with concurrent cases, total number served exceeds client population.

OFFENSE TYPE ANALYSIS CY2020

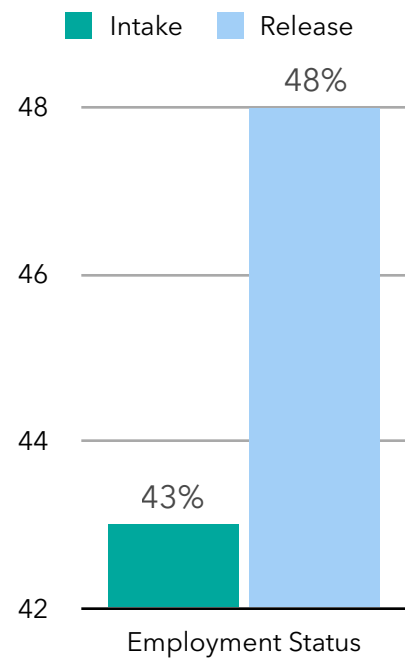
Offense Type	Total Charged Offenses	Percentage
Drug and Alcohol (Felonies)	30	17%
Drug and Alcohol (Misdemeanors)	28	16%
Crimes Against Property (Felonies)	10	6%
Crimes Against Property (Misdemeanors)	14	8%
Crimes Against Persons (Felonies)	34	20%
Crimes Against Persons (Misdemeanors)	28	16%
Traffic (Felonies)	8	5%
Traffic (Misdemeanors)	21	12%

*Due to some clients being supervised with concurrent cases and multiple charges, total number served exceeds client population.

EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS

Employment at the time of release indicates a form of stability. In CY2020, analysis shows an 5% increase in employment in the pretrial population at the time of discharge as indicated in this chart.

	CY20	Percentage
Employed at Intake	60	43%
Employed at Release	66	48%
Disabled/Retired/Student	12	9%



SEX BY RACE FOR AGENCY CY2020

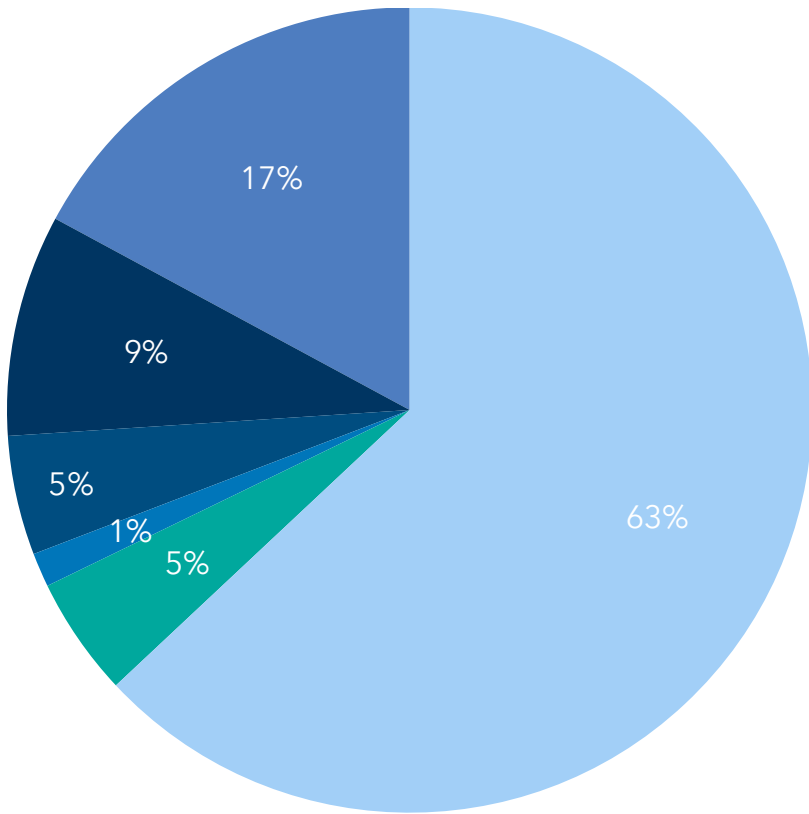
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Total	Percent of Demographic by Gender
Females	49	0	3	3	55	40%
Males	65	7	8	1	81	60%
Total	114	7	11	4	136	100%

AGE BY GENDER CY2020

	Under 21	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61 & Above
Females	7	23	12	6	8	1
Males	9	52	20	14	7	2
Total	16	55	32	20	15	3
Percentage	11.3%	39%	22.7%	14.2%	10.6%	2.1%

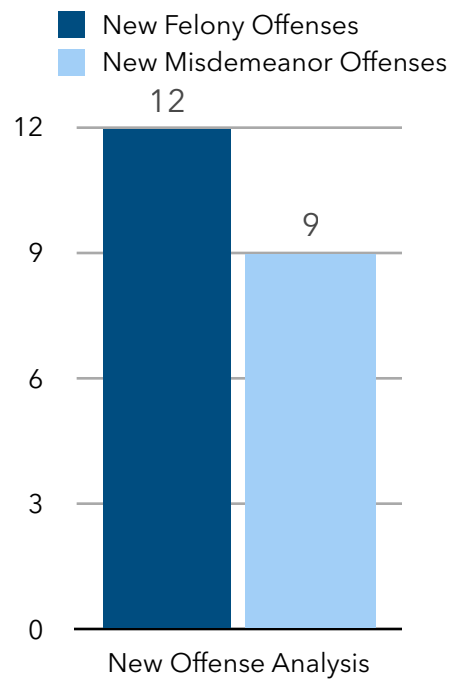
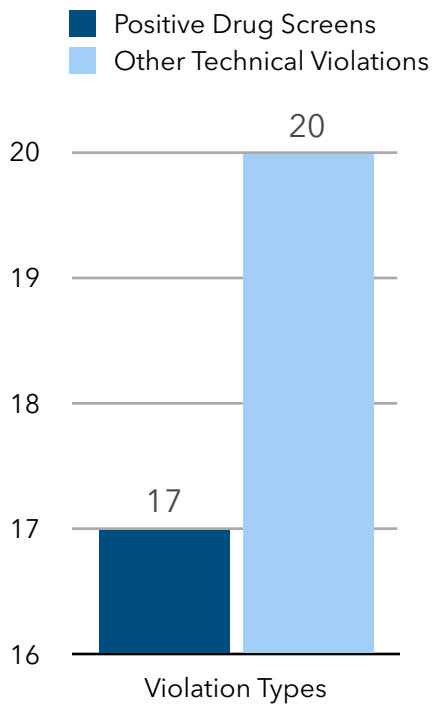
*Totals may be more than individual component totals due to this analysis measuring cases, i.e clients supervised with concurrent cases vs. unique offenders.





Completion Type	Total
Successfully Completed	92
Completed w/ FTA or Violation	7
Other	6
Terminated-FTA	7
Terminated- New Offense	13
Terminated-Technical Violation	25

- Successfully Completed
- Completed w/FTA or Violation
- Other Closure
- Terminated Due to FTA
- Terminated Due to New Offense
- Terminated Due to Technical Violation



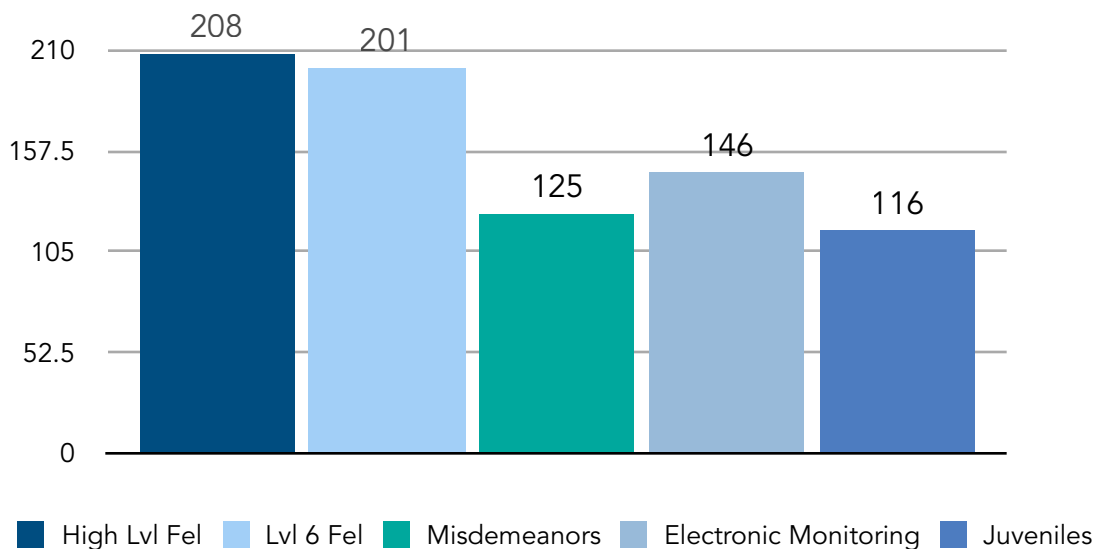
TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS SUPERVISED CY2020

Total Individual Participants Served*	136
Total Days Served*	25,144 Days
Adult High-Level Felonies	4,378 Days
Adult Level 6 Felonies	11,051 Days
Adult Misdemeanors	9,715 Days
Electronic Monitoring	1034 Days
Juveniles	347 Days

AVERAGE LENGTH OF SUPERVISION CY2020

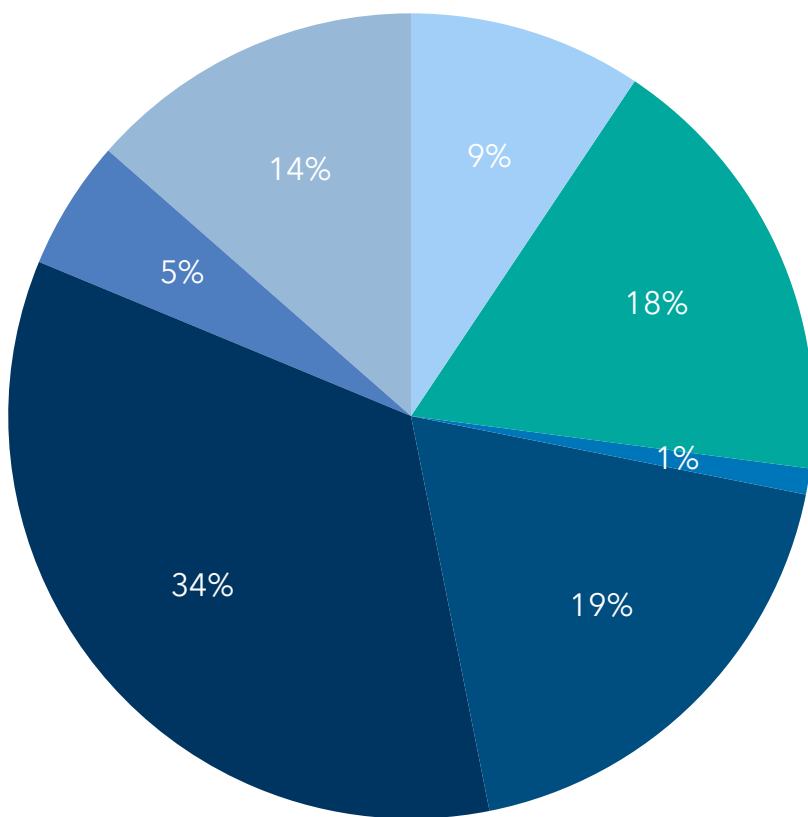
Total Individual Participants Served*	136
Average Length of Stay - All Offense Levels*	185 Days
Adult High-Level Felonies	208.4 Days
Adult Level 6 Felonies	200.9 Days
Adult Misdemeanors	124.6 Days
Electronic Monitoring	146.3 Days
Juveniles	115.7 Days

*This measurement is also known as the average length of stay and measures the average time period a client is under the supervision of Pretrial Services.



SECTION 7: SENTENCING OUTCOMES

Analyzing sentencing outcomes not only aids in using data to look at local sentencing disparities caused by pretrial incarceration, but also as an agency allowed us to identify a continued trend in diverting post-conviction sentences from incarceration in the county jail or IDOC. Of those who have successfully completed pretrial supervision since launch in 2018, 19% have resulted in a dismissal, 18% entered into a pretrial diversion agreement, 34% were sentenced to probation, 1% were sentenced to a term of community corrections, 14% were given executed time and 5% fines and/or time served.



Outcome Type	Total
Acquitted	1
Dismissed	18
Pretrial Diversion	17
Probation	33
Community Corrections	5
Executed Time	13
Fine/Time Served	9

- Time Served
- Acquitted
- Probation
- Executed Time
- Pretrial Diversion
- Dismissed
- Community Corrections

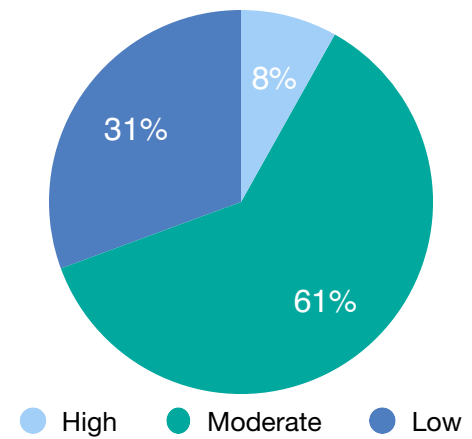
Pretrial Services uses the IRAS-PAT, Indiana Risk Assessment Pretrial Assessment Tool, as its primary means of measuring an arrestee's risk of reoffending and failing to appear. The IRAS-PAT measures factors such as criminal history, employment, residential stability, and drug use.

TOTAL IRAS-PATS ADMINISTERED THREE YEAR TREND

	FY19	FY19EXT	CY20
Total	192	145	258

PARTICIPANT RISK ANALYSIS

	FY19	FY19EXT	CY20	Percentage
High	2	2	13	7%
Moderate	31	38	98	65%
Low	9	13	49	7%
Total	43	53	159	100%



CY2020 Risk Analysis

RISK PREDICTIONS

Data collected from the completion rates and violation type and frequency of previous clients, helps us predict the projected success rate of each risk level and how they are most likely to violate pretrial release, allowing us to tailor supervision strategies and refer services to best offset and prevent these risks upon initial release. Data is based on the actual success and failure rates from clients in our community. Our belief is that by identifying the greatest risks most prevalent in our county, we can make recommendations and draft supervision plans that truly promote public safety and honor our community values.

LOW RISK

77.78% Successful

3.7% FTA, 7.4%
Reoffend

12.96% Violate

MODERATE RISK

72.31% Successful

4.4% FTA, 11.1%
Reoffend

11.85% Violate

HIGH RISK

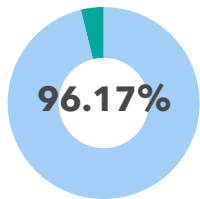
71.43% Successful

6.67% FTA, 6.67%
Reoffend

13.33% Violate

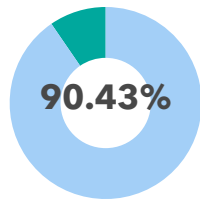
SECTION 9: PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Indiana Office of Court Services' Pretrial Committee has defined standard performance metrics that should be measured by a pretrial services agency. These, in addition to locally requested benchmarks and metrics suggested by National Institute of Corrections, are reported below. It's important to highlight that all metrics are equal or above state standards and remained stable despite the supervision changes necessitated by COVID-19 in 2020.



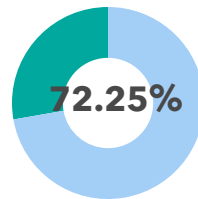
Appearance Rate

The percentage of defendants who attended all court hearings during their pretrial period



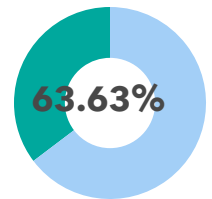
Safety Rate

The percentage of defendants who were not charged with a new offense during their pretrial period



Success Rate

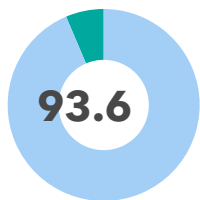
The percentage of defendants who have not received a violation, FTA, or new offense while under supervision



Completion Rate

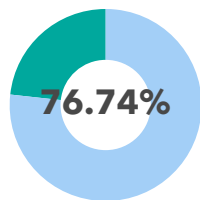
The percentage of defendants who remained under supervision until disposition;

Without drug screens projected rate is 70.63%.



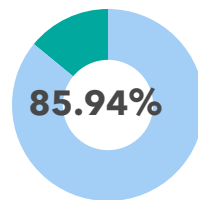
Release Decision Concurrence Rate

The percentage of court decisions that are consistent with the PSC's Recommendation



Supervision Concurrence Rate

The percentage of defendants being supervised at a level that matches their assessed risk; overrides not included



Retention Rate

Pretrial clients currently under supervision added to those who successfully completed in the reporting period.

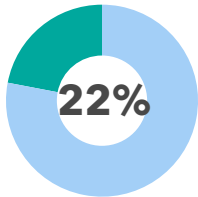
Notes on Supervision Concurrence: 36% of current participants are being supervised at Level 3 with weekly reporting, while 14% of clients were supervised on electronic monitoring. 80% of those defendants have criminogenic needs that warrant an override, such a medical and/or mental health issue or a charge that warrants increased supervision to ensure public safety. The remaining 20% are being supervised at the highest level despite being low or moderate risk. This exceeds the 10% override guideline. This trend is continually monitored to better apply the Dosage Principle when appropriate. Prioritizing supervision resources for truly high risk offenders also allows the agency to maximize its caseload capacity.

VIOLATION RATE

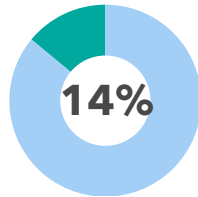
The percentage of defendants who received a violation, pending violations are included in calculations

It should be noted, that it is not standard practice for Pretrial Programs to drug screen their participants when comparing our metrics to other counties. The Cass County Judiciary and Pretrial Services believes that continued monitoring of participants' substance use is in the best interest of both the community and the participants.

Approximately 45% of violations are for positive screens. Moderate risk defendants are most likely to violate based on a positive screen.

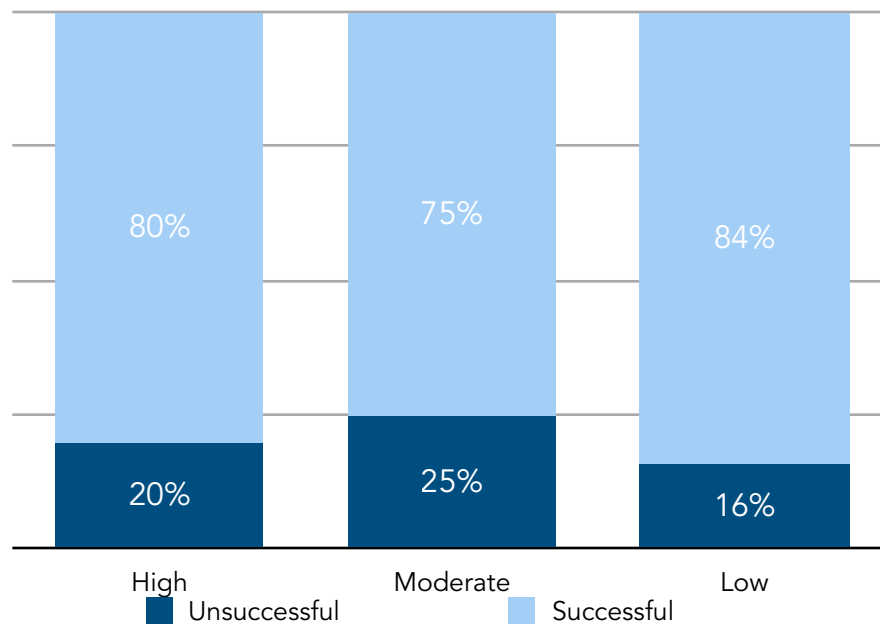


with screens



without screens

VIOLATIONS BY RISK LEVEL



POSITIVE DRUG SCREEN ANALYSIS

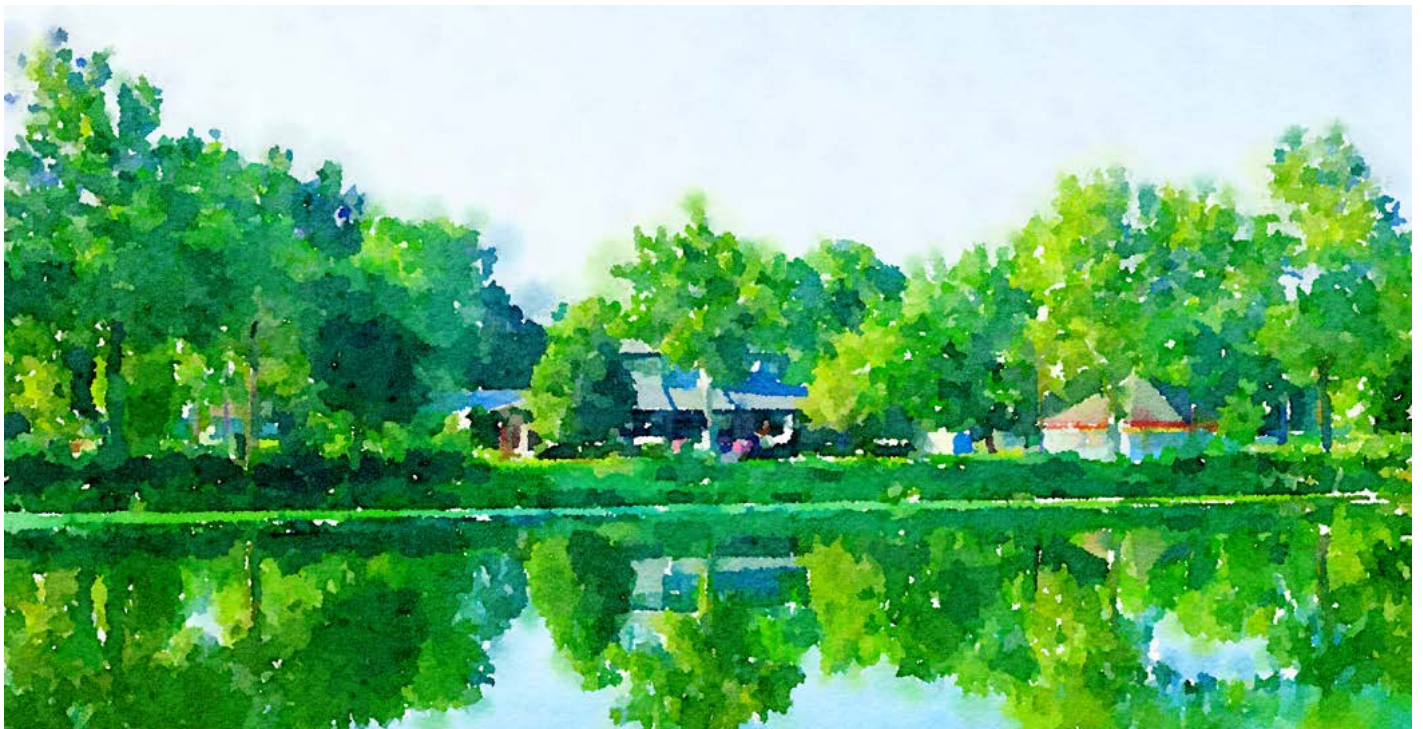
Illegal Drug	Percent of Positive Screens
Marijuana/TCH	40%
Methamphetamine	27%
Amphetamine	20%
Opiates	6%
Fentanyl	4%
Benzodiazepine	2%
Methadone	1%

FUNDING SOURCE AND BUDGET SUMMARY THREE YEAR TREND

	FY19	FY19EXT	FY20
Total Clients Served	42	50	136
IDOC Grant Funds	\$56,872	\$28,436	\$59,715.80
ICJI Grant Funds	\$0	\$0	\$1,063.67
Total Grant Funding Received	\$56,872	\$28,436	\$60,779.47
Probation Budget	\$0	\$0	\$4,906
IDOC Grants Returned	\$0	\$5643.35 (Carryover from FY19)	\$3,226.43 (Balance Remaining 12/31/20)
Total Expenditure	\$51,081.85	\$28,582	\$62,459.04
Percent Grant Funded	100%	100%	92%
Percent County Funded	0%	0%	8%

Funds charted above are allocated for Personnel Expenses only. Supplies and training expenses are included in Cass County Adult Probation’s or Community Correction’s budget and amount to an average of less than \$500 a year.

The IDOC requires that any grant funding not used in a calendar year is to be returned unless approved for another qualifying expense. Due to health insurance benefits being paid in advance and the Pretrial Coordinator being an existing county employee before taking this position, grant funds were returned. This is not projected to reoccur in future fiscal grant cycles.



FEE SCHEDULE

Pretrial Release Participants are only required to pay the cost of drug screens administered during their pretrial supervision and the cost of GPS Monitoring, if they are found to be guilty of the alleged offense for which they were released. Said costs are assessed as a judgment at the end of their case and ability/inability to pay is not a factor in determining their participation in the program.

The cost for Pretrial Release GPS Monitoring is \$7 per a day, as outlined in the Cass Pulaski Community Corrections User Fee Schedule. In 2020, 7 participants were supervised with electronic monitoring for a total of 1,024 days, at a cost of \$7,168 in judgements payable to Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections. If not paid, CPCC, considers it a contribution in kind to the program.

PROGRAM PER DIEM

Pretrial uses the following formula to calculate the estimated average cost to supervise a participant:

$\$62,459.04$ Total Yearly Expenditure/ 365 Days Per Year/ 60 Average Participants Per Day =

\$2.85 Average Cost Per Participant Per Day of Supervision vs. the \$40 daily per diem to house an inmate in the local jail or the \$200 daily per diem to detain a juvenile.

***“The current Pretrial Daily Per Diem is \$2.85 vs the \$40 daily per diem to house an inmate in the local jail, a 93% savings.*”**

SECTION 11: QUALITY ASSURANCE & EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION:

Cass County Pretrial Services is founded upon the eight principles of intervention as outlined below and has incorporated pretrial research into our daily operations as further detailed in our Policy and Procedure Manual.

Assess Actuarial Risk/Needs: We believe in the need to maintain an ongoing system of risk screening and needs assessment and that said assessments are most reliable when staff is formally trained.

- Cass County Pretrial Services utilizes the IRAS-PAT as the primary means to determine an arrestee's eligibility for potential participation in the program and risk level. Said risk level is also utilized to place clients at a supervision level that correlates with identified needs to best ensure court appearance and reduce risk of re-offending.
- The Pretrial Services Coordinator has been certified to administer the IRAS-PAT by the Indiana Office of Court Services and participates in IRAS Intra-rater refresher training.
- IRAS-PAT results are documented in INcite within 24 hours of administration. Cass County Pretrial Services ensures compliance with confidentiality standards put in place by the Indiana Office of Court Services.
- The Pretrial Services Coordinator is certified to administer the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA.) Results of the ODARA

Risk Assessment are provided as a supplemental tool on a Pretrial Recommendation at the request of the Judicial Officer or Prosecutor on defendants charged with a domestic violence offense.

Enhance Intrinsic Motivation: We believe that staff should communicate with clients in a responsive and constructive manner.

- The Pretrial Services Coordinator has participated in training in Motivational Interviewing Techniques through the National Institute of Corrections.
- Cass County Pretrial Services uses motivational interviewing and other effective communication techniques to encourage pretrial release participants to voluntarily seek treatment during the pretrial period, but the primary focus of supervision is to enhance a client's intrinsic motivation to ensure court appearance, reduce the risk of reoffending and promote compliance with pretrial terms and conditions.

Target Interventions: We believe that the staff should target interventions by prioritizing supervision and treatment resources for higher risk clients; target interventions to criminogenic needs; be responsive to temperament, learning style, motivation, gender, and culture when assigning programs.

- When drafting proposed conditions, Cass County Pretrial Services outlines the least constrictive conditions that ensure public safety

and court appearance. A greater dosage of communication is required for higher risk clients verses lower risk clients in accordance with the Risk Principle. Needs uncovered in the pretrial interview are prioritized and combined with the resulting risk level to ensure that the appropriate dosage of supervision is given to each client and to help target needs that pose the greatest risk to the community, court appearance, and the client.

Skill Train with Directed Practice: We believe that, in order to be effective, the department has to provide evidence-based programming that emphasizes cognitive behavioral strategies and is devolved by trained facilitators.

- While programming cannot be made a condition of release to protect the presumption of innocence, Cass County Pretrial Services uses motivational interviewing and other EBP techniques to encourage pretrial release participants to voluntarily seek treatment during the pretrial period, but the primary focus of supervision remains ensuring court appearance and reducing the risk of reoffending. CCPS utilizes Cass Pulaski Community Corrections' range of cognitive behavioral programming and has access to services provided by Four County Counseling and Snyder Counseling, who offer mental health & drug/alcohol services. CCPS collaborates with the Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections Therapist and Four County Criminal Justice Liaison to connect clients with virtual peer support recovery groups, counseling, virtual services, recovery coaching and IOP.
- County Pretrial Services ensures that at all referrals are made to programs and agencies that are administered and facilitated by a certified trainer and inspected for their

effectiveness and adherence to evidence-based practices.

Increase Positive Reinforcement: We believe that, when learning new skills and making behavioral changes, most people respond better and maintain learned behaviors longer when provided with positive reinforcement.

- Pretrial Services practices positive reinforcement by rewarding clients in good standing primarily by the means of verbal praise and positive feedback, decreased reporting, travel pass approval, positive progress report filed with the Court and reduction of supervision level or reporting requirements when appropriate.
- This practice is monitored by client satisfaction surveys.

Engage Ongoing Support in Natural Communities: We believe that clients are best served when they actively engage in pro-social support in their community.

- While participation in pro-social and community-based peer recovery programs cannot be made a condition of release to protect the presumption of innocence, information about community resources and programs, such as Celebrate Recovery, AA/NA and employment agencies are provided to clients if believed to enhance their compliance and public safety.

Measure Relevant Processes/Practices: We believe that accurate and detailed documentation of case information, along with a formal and valid mechanism for measuring outcomes, is the foundation of evidence-based practices.

- Cass County Pretrial Services collaborates with Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections by chairing their existing Quality Assurance Committee.
- Performance metrics are examined, in addition to an audit of the accuracy of client's information in SRS, Pretrial Services' case management system. To further ensure compliance with EBP, supervision concurrence, contact frequency and the results of the electronic client exit surveys are reviewed. Referred resources are audited to verify if they correlate with identified needs and risk level. Monthly and quarterly reports are submitted to the Pretrial Services Stakeholder Team, CPCC Advisory Board and IDOC.

Provide Measurement Feedback: We believe that a multi-layer quality assurance system is essential to monitor the delivery of services and maintain fidelity and reliability.

- Pretrial Services calculates and monitors the following metrics using both the measures approved by the Pretrial Services Committee and the additional metrics defined below to ensure adherence to EBP and aid in further development of policy and procedure:
 - *Appearance Rate*
 - *Safety Rate*
 - *Success Rate*
 - *Violation Rate*
- Pretrial Services also collects and measures data on projected saved incarceration expenses, diverted juvenile detention expenses, sentencing outcomes, recidivism and population demographics.
- Pretrial Services gathers the results of said metrics and analyses information from the quality assurance reports to present applicable information to staff, clients, the Judiciary, Pretrial Policy Stakeholder Team and Advisory Board and annually examines the effectiveness of programming and practices.
- Pretrial Services analyzes the jail population and cross references data with Odyssey to provide current information to stakeholders on offenders' risk level, bond, pretrial/incarceration status, offense type, holds, etc. Information is shared with Community Corrections, Probation and the Advisory Board to assist our local Criminal Justice System in making evidence-based decisions in both pretrial and post-conviction settings. Said analysis as is utilized as a sequential review process to identify defendants who remain in detention past the point at which release was expected to have occurred.
- *Completion Rate*
- *Average Length of Stay*
- *Supervision Concurrence Rate*
- *Release Decision Concurrence Rate*

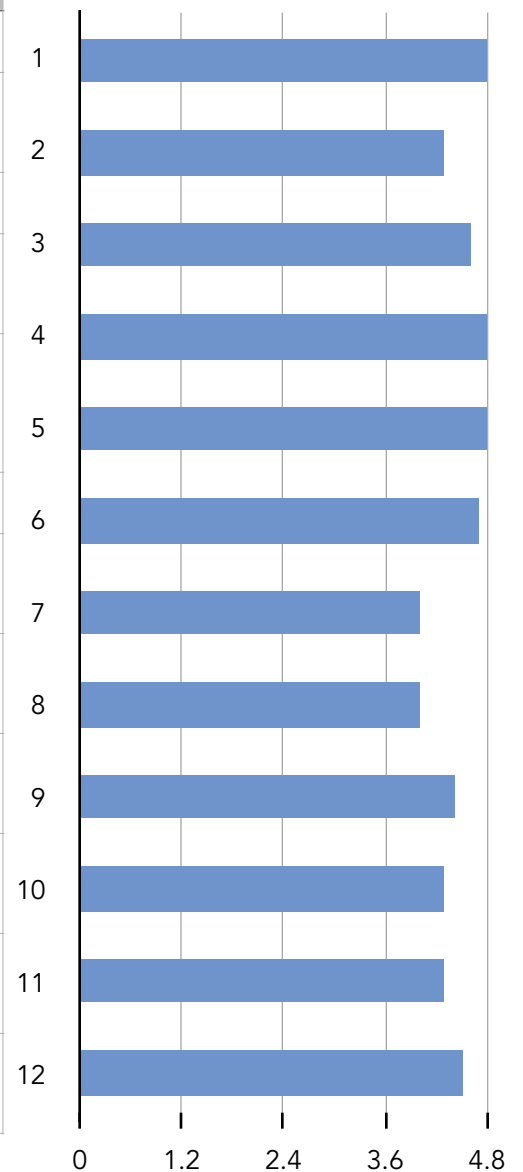


Client Exit and Satisfaction Survey Results

In 2020, Pretrial Services developed an anonymous electronic client exit/satisfaction survey and distributes it to clients via text at the end of supervision and in quarterly snapshots. Below is a summary of the results of a pool of 30 clients with a sampling of feedback received.

CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

SURVEY QUESTIONS	AVERAGE RESPONSE
I am treated with respect by my Pretrial Officer	4.8
The rules of my Pretrial Supervision were clearly explained to me.	4.3
My Pretrial Officer listens to me.	4.6
I understand the expectations of what I need to do in order to successfully complete my supervision.	4.8
I was offered resources to help me with my drug/ alcohol abuse, mental health, healthcare, education or unemployment.	4.8
I have been given notice of all my court hearings.	4.7
I had input in my case plan and my Pretrial Officer customized it to meet my individual needs.	4
My family/significant other is involved in my supervision as much as I want them to be.	4
I believe that I receive more positive reinforcement than sanctions (i.e. verbal warnings, loss of privileges).	4.4
I believe that I have enough time with my Pretrial Officer to meet my needs.	4.3
I believe that my life has stabilized as I have participated in the program.	4.3
Overall, I am pleased with how my pretrial supervision is going	4.5



SCALE: (5) Strongly Agree, (4) Agree, (3) Neither Agree or Disagree, (2) Disagree, (1) Strongly Disagree

- *“She is very helpful to me as far as not feeling completely overwhelmed by the situation and helps me keep things in perspective.”*
- *“A pre trial release program supervisor is kinda like having your own personal day to day help guide very easy to talk to about anything”*
- *“Hillary is the very best officer. She’s always kind and understanding. She’s literally the best of the best.”*
- *“I was new to this whole process and didn’t know anything. Hillary was always positive and pleasant to talk with. She made a scary/situation seem less scary. She also gave me a lot of praise for doing things to better myself. Which ultimately, made me feel better.”*

Client Files (Program and Therapeutic)

Pretrial Services is a paperless entity and all files are digitally stored in SRS, our case management system. The latest client file audits show that IRAS assessments are being conducted per standards, and that case notes and documents are being properly entered.

Caseload Ratio and Contact Frequency

The below measurements are an analysis of not only the caseload of the Pretrial Release Coordinator, but also help ensure that clients are being supervised in accordance with the Dosage Principle, which states that higher risk clients should receive a higher dose of supervision. The latest audit shows the frequency of clients’ contacts is in line with program supervision policy. Contacts include home visits and scheduled telephone

CY2020 CONTACT FREQUENCY ANALYSIS

	Total	Low	Moderate	High
Total Number of Participants	136	40	86	10
Average Number of Contacts Per Month	177.5	57.9	100.5	19
Average Number of Contacts Per Participants	15.6	17.3**	14.03	22.9
Total Number of Contacts	2131	695	1207	229

and office appointments. Telephone contact confirming appointment or hearing dates or granting passes were not included so as not to falsely inflate reported numbers. It also should be noted that this is only a analysis of those under supervision and does not include interviews for Pretrial Recommendations. Further analysis shows that 30% of the low risk population was supervised at a higher level of supervision, accounting for higher average number of contacts. This population included sex offenders who statically score low risk and judicial overrides.

SERVICES

While participation in treatment is always voluntarily to protect the presumption of innocence, Pretrial Services recognizes the positive impact services have on not only a client's success in the program, but also in the community. Pretrial Services utilizes Cass Pulaski Community Corrections' range of cognitive behavioral programming and has access to services provided by Four County Counseling and Snyder Counseling, who offer mental health and drug/alcohol services. We also work with the Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections Therapist, Four County Criminal Justice Liaison and Peer Recovery Specialist to connect clients with virtual peer support recovery groups, individual counseling, recovery coaching and IOP.

Clients are offered assistance applying for HIP and obtaining presumptive coverage to cover or make medical treatment and/or counseling services more affordable or in most cases, free for clients. The Navigator works to make sure that clients' access to available resources and benefits is maximized.

Pretrial Services also utilizes SafeLink, to see if clients qualify for a free cellphone, if needed, to receive text notifications of their hearings and participate in telephonic appointments.

Information about community resources, programs, such as Celebrate Recovery and AA/NA, and employment agencies, such as WorkOne and Staffing Resources is also provided if believed to enhance their compliance and public safety. We also facilitate a virtual High School Equivalency Program in partnership with the Cass County Sheriff's Department.

To date, we have made over 30 referrals to outside service providers, such as Four County and have seen many clients complete key programming prior to sentencing, including domestic violence, IOP and anger management classes.

Several clients have also attended and successfully completed residential and inpatient programs, including the Gilead House and BOSMA. Approximately 20% of clients voluntarily participate in services or treatment while enrolled in the Pretrial Release Program.





Cass County Pretrial Services believes that collaborating with the Courts and other agencies in the local criminal justice system and surrounding communities, as well as local service providers is key to making an impact in not only the lives of our clients, but also our community. Below is a brief description of some of our collaborative initiatives endeavored in 2020 and our community partners.

Cass County Pretrial Services partners with Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections in our commitment to evidence-based practices, grant reporting and writing, Advisory Board and Stakeholder meetings and community supervision initiatives. Community Corrections, as noted above, also provides electronic monitoring for pretrial clients and the Pretrial Coordinator currently serves as the Quality Assurance Coordinator for both agencies and facilitates SRS staff trainings. The Community Corrections Director and Pretrial Coordinator also come along side other counties seeking to start pretrial and community supervision programs. In addition, the two agencies continue to partner on technology improvements, most notably the launch of our interactive website and mass text message system that was highlighted earlier in this report.

The agency further partners with Four County Counseling, the Cass County Sheriff and Community Corrections in a collaborative initiative to bring therapeutic treatment to the local jail for inmates not appropriate for release or who are serving an executed sentence. We have identified the risk level of 84% of the inmates incarcerated to aid in targeting referrals to inmates with substance abuse and mental health needs. We continue to partner with the Cass County Sheriff's Department in a Virtual HSE Program for not only inmates, but also Probation, Pretrial and Community Corrections clients and in conducting a monthly jail population analysis.

Pretrial Services also assists the Courts with tasks including judicial conflict prescreening, case allocation, quality assurance and statistical reports, abstract preparation and training. The agency also aids in seeking and managing news sources of funding and grants, most notably the ICJI COVID-19 Relief Grant that was obtained in partnership with Superior Court 2 last Fall. Said grant, provided \$84,000 in funding for supplies, personnel and equipment needed to help counter the effects of COVID-19 and is shared across all local criminal justice agencies.

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