

PRETRIAL SUPERVISION STRATEGIES

Safely maintaining individuals in the community and promoting return to court

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At Your Table

- What are the options available to you when building a pretrial supervision continuum?

Quick Poll

- Defendants in your pretrial supervision program have a 99% appearance rate. Is your program working, or do you need to make changes?

Quick Poll

- Judges in your district were detaining 64% of defendants that scored “low” on your risk assessment. Since introducing GPS monitoring, that rate has dropped to 35%, and the defendants are responsible for the \$6.95/day cost. Is your program successful?

Pretrial Supervision: What Do We Know?

- Without any intervention, most defendants are successful
- Research has shown modest positive effects of supervision
- Too many terms or over-supervision can lead to high failure rates and incarceration

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- 1) Looking back at your continuum list, how do you effectively match individual defendants to appropriate terms of supervision?
- 2) What data can guide your decisions about whether your supervision strategies are having their desired effect?

And Remember...

- ✓ Not one-size-fits-all
 - ✓ Risk-based placement
 - ✓ Expedient assessment and placement
 - ✓ Graduated responses to violations
 - ✓ Respect constitutional rights
 - ✓ Focus on success, not failure



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