



NOVEMBER 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."

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.

CURRENT OVERVIEW:

CCCPS continues to see a documented increase in clients served. We have served 174 clients thus far in 2021, a 28% increase in the total number of clients (136) served in 2020. In August, we passed the milestone of enrolling our 250th client and to date we have served 291 clients. We are grateful for the continued growth and are exploring adding kiosk reporting to help us expand services and the amount of clients we can supervise, in addition to supplementing existing supervision levels. Proposed system would be offered in collaboration with Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections, but is dependent upon pending funding requests.

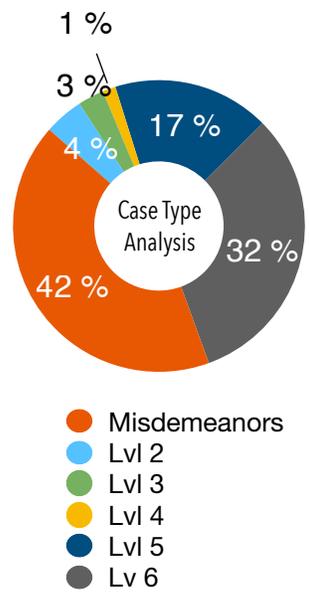
Pretrial Services currently has 69 active clients, 74 cases, and we served a total of 78 clients in October for a total number of 2,151 days. Our current caseload is 59% felony charged, while 23% are being supervised via electronic monitoring. 20 arrestee

evaluations and recommendations, with IRAS-PATs, were completed and 11

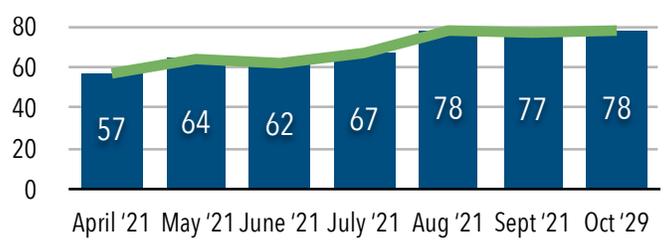
"Three years after launching on October 1, 2018, Cass County Court & Pretrial Services is now a State Certified Pretrial Services Agency that has served over 290 clients."

new intakes were completed. 6 clients successfully completed the program this month.

Offense Level & Case Type	Total
Misdemeanors	29
Level 6 Felonies	22
High Level Felonies	18
Courtesy Transfers	7
Probation Violations	1
Mental Health Adjudications	2
Special Conditions of Bond	8
Percent Felonies	64 %
Total	69



Monthly Clients Served 7 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 2,151 days in October, for an estimated monthly cost savings of \$86,040. As of November 8th, the Cass County Jail was 23% over capacity, and was housing 13 inmates in outside facilities at a cost of \$520 a day or \$16,120 a month. This is an 116% increase from last month. It is estimated that without Pretrial Services the jail would be 63% over capacity.

As of October the program has diverted an estimated \$820,080 in incarceration expenses alone (20,502 days served x \$40 daily per diem). Beyond fiscal costing savings, we must highlight valuable, intangible benefits to the clients, 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.

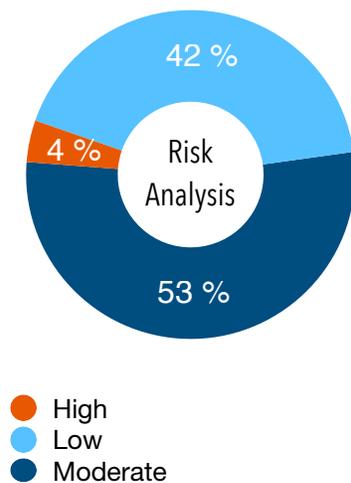
JAIL ANALYSIS:

The October Jail Analysis shows that 15% of inmates are classified as Pre-Adjudication/Pretrial, a 2% decrease. 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. 30%, an 8% increase, 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:

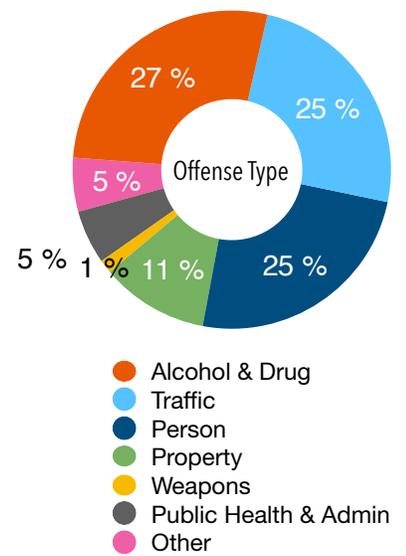
Trends show that 4% of active clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 53% as Moderate Risk, and 42% as Low Risk.



• Offense Type

Analysis:

Analysis shows that 27% of offenses are drug and alcohol related, 25% are traffic offenses, 25% are crimes against persons, 11% property related, 1% weapon related, 5% public health and administration, and 5% fall into the other category.



• Supervision Analysis:

- 35% of active participants are being supervised at Level 3 (High) Supervision, with weekly or daily reporting
- 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.

SERVICES:

24% of clients are currently participating in voluntary programming and services, including domestic violence & parenting classes, relapse prevention and peer recovery groups. Currently 7 clients are participating in weekly individual counseling with our CPCC Four County Doctoral Practicum Intern.

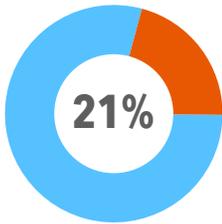
CLIENT FEEDBACK:

As a quality assurance measure, we collect anonymous electronic client satisfaction surveys via text in quarterly snapshots. Below is a sampling of feedback and client testimonials we have received.

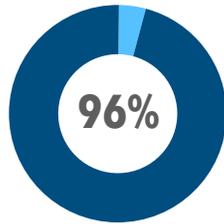
- *"The most important thing to me is that she feels like she cares I'm not just a number"*
- *"I appreciate the support. I have been treated very kindly. I have hope!"*
- *"I have had both the male and the female officer and I have zero complaints about either one of them. They are a positive influence and make sure that we know if we need anything even on our unscheduled days they encourage us to call in for anything really, They don't feel fake. But I think what I respect the most about them given the amount of people that they have to deal with. They show an amazing amount of empathy while not making emotional decisions."*
- *"Pretrial has really helped me out not only in my case but my life as well."*

PERFORMANCE METRICS:

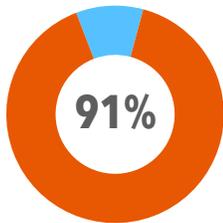
All our performance metrics have remained stable with no more than a 3% variance and all fall above or within State Standards.



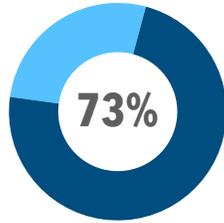
Violation Rate: the percentage of defendants who received a violation, pending violations are included in calculations



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

COURT SERVICES:

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, \$25,000 contribution to the CPCC Body Scanner, 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

JRAC:

Cass County held its first local JRAC Meeting independent of the CPCC Advisory Board last month, electing office holders and approving bylaws. Three members attended the IOCS JRAC Webinar last week. The Council is currently meeting monthly to review current practices and set data collection goals & agency performance metrics. JRAC has already facilitated increased communication & collaboration across departments.

OTHER UPDATES:

- In partnership with Juvenile Probation & Circuit Court we are working on developing new policy for the processing of juvenile expungements (IC 31-39-8-3.5) & juvenile electronic monitoring reimbursement.
- Pretrial Services continues to administer the BJMHS as part of the screening process, administering over 100 assessments in the past 60 days. Data metrics based on results will be available in this month's jail analysis.
- In partnership with Community Corrections, we relaunched the blog on our website, highlighting recent community recovery events. Continue to check back for updates including informational posts on JRAC and local jail programming.
- Court Services continues to provide assistance with the Four County Jail Therapy Program. We currently have 7 participants in the WRAP Group and are kicking off the bilingual group on Friday, November 12th.

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