A low-angle photograph of the Lady Justice statue, a symbol of the legal system. The statue is shown from the waist up, holding a pair of scales in her raised right hand and a sword in her left. The background is a dramatic sky with soft, warm light from a low sun, creating a gradient from blue to orange. The statue's face is serene and looking upwards. The scales are detailed with a chain and a circular weight. The sword is held vertically, with the hilt visible. The overall mood is one of justice and authority.

CASS COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2020 QUARTERLY REPORT

Who We Are

Quarterly Overview

Cass County Pretrial Services (CCPS) was established in 2018 by the Cass County Judiciary in response to Indiana Supreme Court's Pretrial Initiative and Criminal Rule 26. Since that time, CCPS has been able to successfully serve the Courts and the community by using evidence-based practices to assess and supervise defendants without the economic means to post a traditional monetary bond, while honoring community values, prioritizing public safety, maximizing court appearance, reducing recidivism, and protecting the presumption of innocence. To date, we have conducted over 350 IRAS-PATs and have had 87 participants in the program, including 84 adults and 3 juveniles. We have had a total of 51 felony cases and 48 misdemeanor cases. 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 both in the best interest of the community and the defendant by considering objective risk factors versus relying solely on monetary determinations.

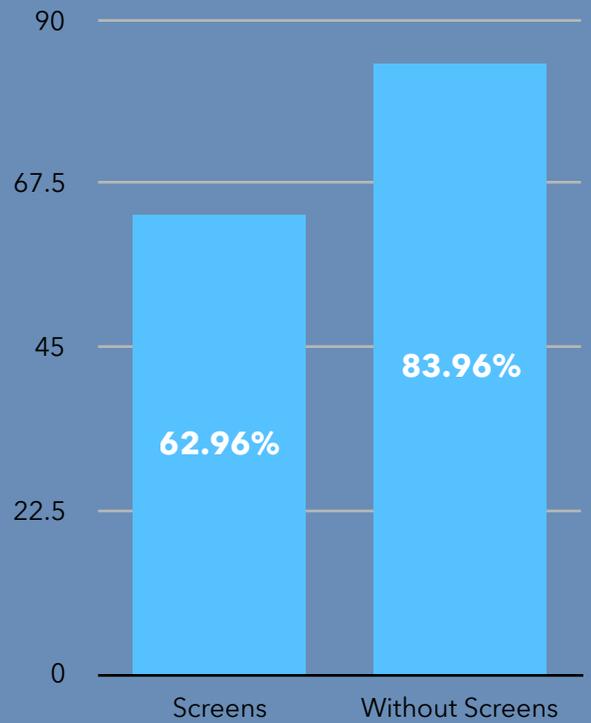
With a 35% percent increase in new participants in the past six months, this year's goals are focused on quality assurance, better identifying risk and needs, with increased collaboration with community programming to improve outcomes and increase clients' chances of success, further maximizing release, and implementing new technology to better improve supervision strategies. As CCPS's client base continues to grow and we enroll more high-risk defendants, our commitment to community values and public safety remain a priority.



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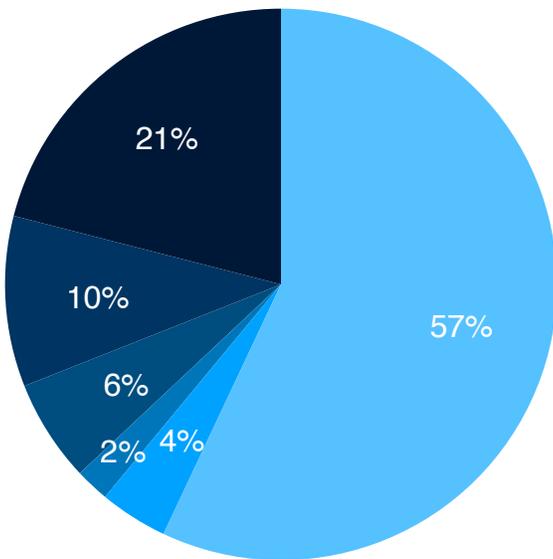
Outcomes

To date, we have seen 32 participants complete the Pretrial Release Program. We are currently tracking a 62.96% Completion Rate (percentage of defendants who remained under supervision until disposition), a 4% decrease from last quarter. This decrease is partly due to an increase in higher felony cases that take longer to dispose. CCPS offsets this with improved supervision strategies & administratively handling minor violations, such as failure to report, when appropriate versus immediate re-incarceration. To accurately assess our performance against the majority who do not screen defendants, our projected completion rate without drug screen violations would be 83.96%. CCPS strives to look at each defendant's case individually and avoid blanket sanctions and considers increasing supervision dosage and the impact of re-incarceration when addressing violations to best protect the community and meet the needs of defendants. For example, moderate/high risk participants with substance issues make up 68% of those who are unsuccessful on Pretrial Release. CCPS facilitates defendants' release into the program in order for a defendant to participate in IOT or substance abuse counseling, by working with service providers, such as Four County, to connect defendants with resources that increase their chances of success.



Actual Completion Rate vs. Projected Completion Rate Without Drug Screens

- Successfully Completed
- Completed w/ FTA
- Completed w/ Technical Violation
- Terminated-FTA
- Terminated-New Offense
- Terminated-Technical Violation



Completion Analysis

28% of defendants' cases resulted in either an Acquittal, Dismissal, or Pretrial Diversion. CCPS works with the Cass County Prosecutor's Office by helping detect diversion candidates earlier in the process and releasing them back to their employment until they are able to obtain the fees to enter the diversion program. 35% have been sentenced to executed time, 48% to probation or community corrections and 17% received fines/time served. While we still see the trend in diverting post-conviction sentences from incarceration in the Cass County Jail or Department of Corrections to another form of community supervision, 60% more defendants who have successfully completed have been sentenced to executed time, which directly correlates with an increase in participants charged with higher level felonies.

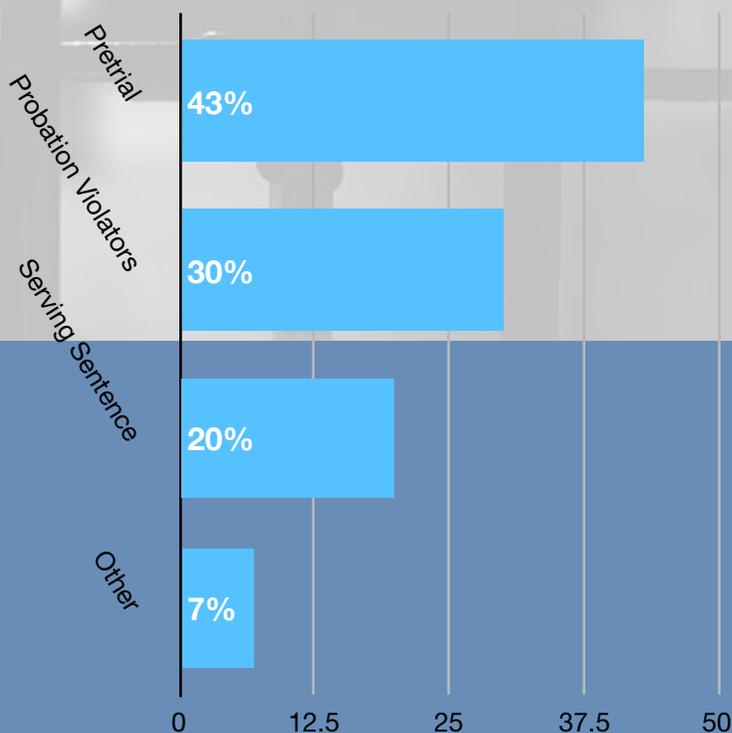
Cost Savings Jail Impact

COST SAVINGS

Currently Pretrial Services Services saves an approximate \$1495 a day in incarceration expenses and juvenile detention savings, using the respective \$35 and \$200 daily per diems. The average savings per a case is \$3863.37 and does not take into account the intangible benefits to the defendant and the county that the data cannot capture, beyond allowing defendants to retain employment and return to their families, such as: outpatient treatment opportunities, mental health services, healthcare, and medical liability & transportation savings for the county. 16% of our current caseload have specific needs that could arguably not be meet adequately, cost effectively, or without liability to the county, including participants with autism & other developmental disabilities, mental health disorders, high risk pregnancies, & acute medical conditions. In addition, Pretrial Services & the Pretrial Coordinator provide other services & assist in other duties such as grant writing & data reporting, assisting with court technology issues, SRS & Intelligrant Management, probation officer duties, HSE Program Administration, etc.

IMPACT ON JAIL

While Pretrial Services primarily focuses on helping ensure jail resources are reserved for those who pose a risk to public safety & that those with special needs or at lower risk can be released under conditions that maximize compliance & court appearance, while ensuring public safety, we have seen a positive impact on the jail population & statistics. Average population over the past three months has been between 190-200 inmates versus the 2019 average of 230-240 inmates. 43% of those currently incarcerated are awaiting trial (Pretrial) excluding probation violations.



Jail Population Analysis

19% of Pretrial detainees are being held without bond (FTA Warrants, Bond Revocations), 30% of those incarcerated are being held on a probation or community corrections violation. Less than 3% are being held solely on a misdemeanor charge. 20% are serving an executed sentence.

The average time a defendant is on pretrial supervision is 103 days. 90% of defendants are assessed within 48 hours of arrest and CCPS no longer has any offense specific exclusions. The only defendants excluded are those excluded under CR 26, i.e. probation or community corrections violators. Anyone with a bond that does not have a hold (parole, INS, out of county warrant, etc.) is eligible for evaluation and an attorney can request an override by the Judge for a previously excluded defendant to be evaluated. Superior Court 1 is also testing letting probation violators participate in Pretrial Release pending their Fact Finding and CCPS is also beginning to supervise defendants as a special condition of bond when public safety is a concern or as an alternative to blanket bond revocations.

Demographics

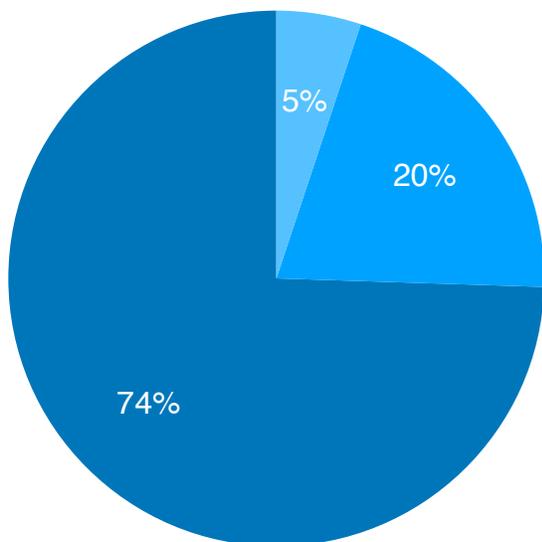
We have 38 active participants and 45 cases: 19 Criminal Misdemeanors, 16 Level 6 Felonies, and 10 High Level Felonies; 37 adults and 1 juvenile.

47% of active participants are being supervised at Level 3 (High) Supervision, with weekly reporting and 24% of active participants have needs where supervised release was in the best interest of the county and the defendant. 16% of active participants have multiple cases.

Active participants instant offenses are identified as follows: 33% drug and alcohol related offenses, 21% crimes against property, 37% crimes against persons, and 9% traffic offenses.

Trends show that 5% of active and past clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 74% as Moderate Risk, and 20% as Low Risk

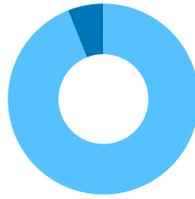
● High ● Moderate ● Low



Risk Level Analysis



Performance Metrics

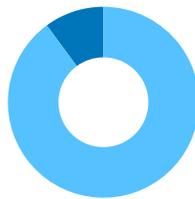


93.94%

Appearance Rate

(the percentage of defendants who attended all court hearings during their pretrial period)

Data shows Moderate Risk defendants are the most likely to FTA.

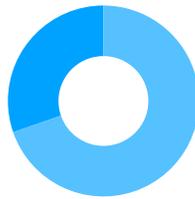


89.90%

Safety Rate

(the percentage of defendants who were not charged with a new offense during their pretrial period)

High Risk defendants are most likely to reoffend while on Pretrial & of the offenses committed 33% were felonies & 67% were misdemeanors.



69.69%

Supervision Concurrence Rate

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

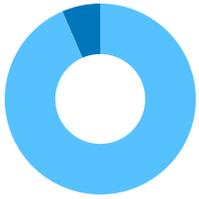
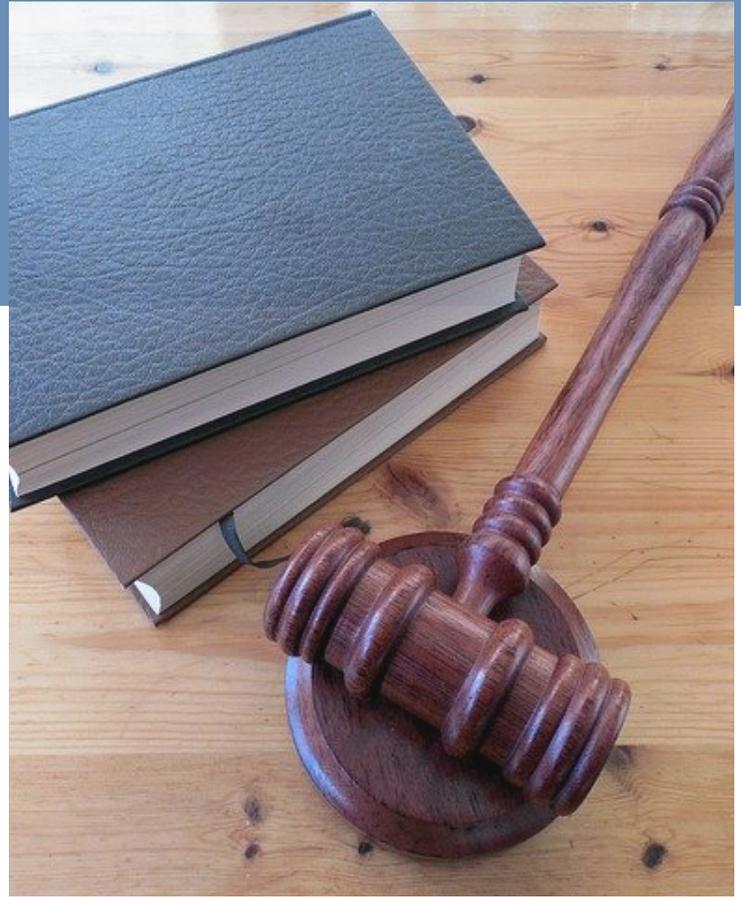
47% of current participants are being supervised at Level 3 with weekly reporting.

24% of those defendants have criminogenic needs that warrant an override, such as a medical and/or mental issue or a charge that warrants increased supervision to ensure public safety.

The remaining 23% are being supervised at the highest level despite being low or moderate risk. This exceeds the 10% override guideline. CCPS seeks to begin monitoring this trend to better apply the Dosage Principle when appropriate. Prioritizing supervision resources for truly high risk offenders would also allow CCPS to maximize its capacity.



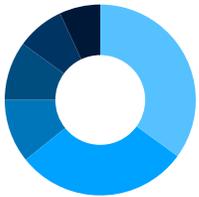
Performance Metrics (continued)



93.50%

Release Decision Concurrence Rate

(percentage of court decisions that are consistent with the Pretrial Coordinator's Recommendation)

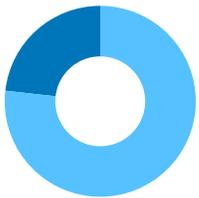


80.00%

Success Rate

Success Rate (the percentage of defendants who have not received a violation, FTA, or charged with new offense while under supervision.)

85% of Low Risk defendants are successful, while 60% of High Risk & 76% of Moderate Risk are successful.



76.77%

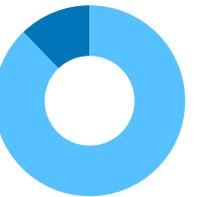
Violation Rate

Violation Rate (the percentage of defendants who did not receive a violation, pending violations are included in calculations)

48% of violations are are technical, 95% of which are positive screens.

with screens

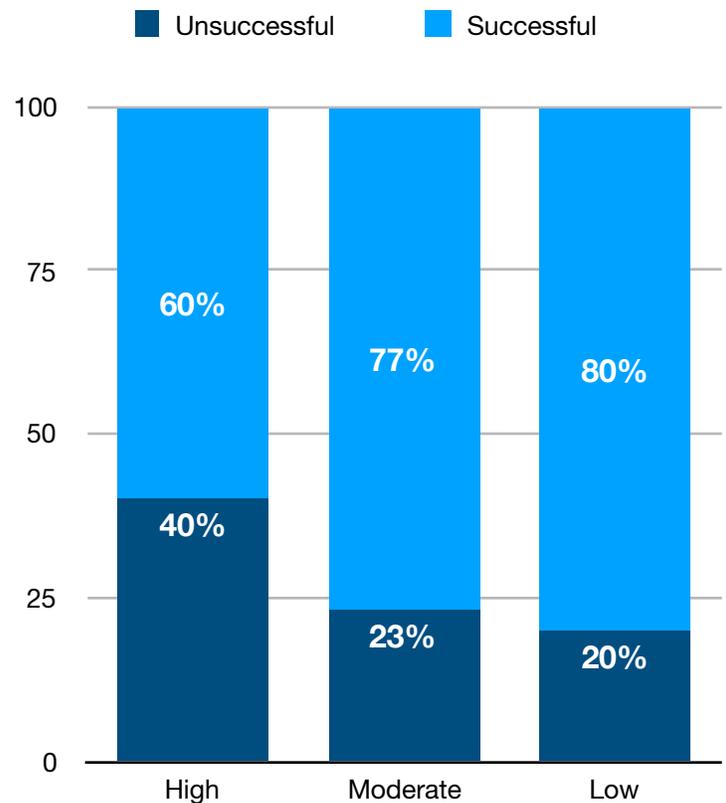
Moderate risk defendants are most likely to violate based on a positive screen.



87.77%

without screens

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' drug use is in the best interest of both the community and the participants.



Violations By Risk Level

RISK PREDICTIONS

LOW

85% Successful
0% FTA, 10% Reoffend
20% Violate

MODERATE

76.3% Successful
8.33% FTA, 9.72% Reoffend
23.61% Violate

HIGH

60% Successful
0% FTA, 20% Reoffend
40% Violate

Data collected now helps predict the projected success rate of each risk level and how they are most likely to be unsuccessful, allowing us to tailor supervision strategies & apply services to best offset and prevent these risks upon initial release.

***Data is county specific; not based on state analysis, but rather on the success rates of actual defendants from our community. These findings further enable CCPS to make informed release recommendations and draft supervision plans that are tailored to and honor our community values.

Updates

Looking Forward

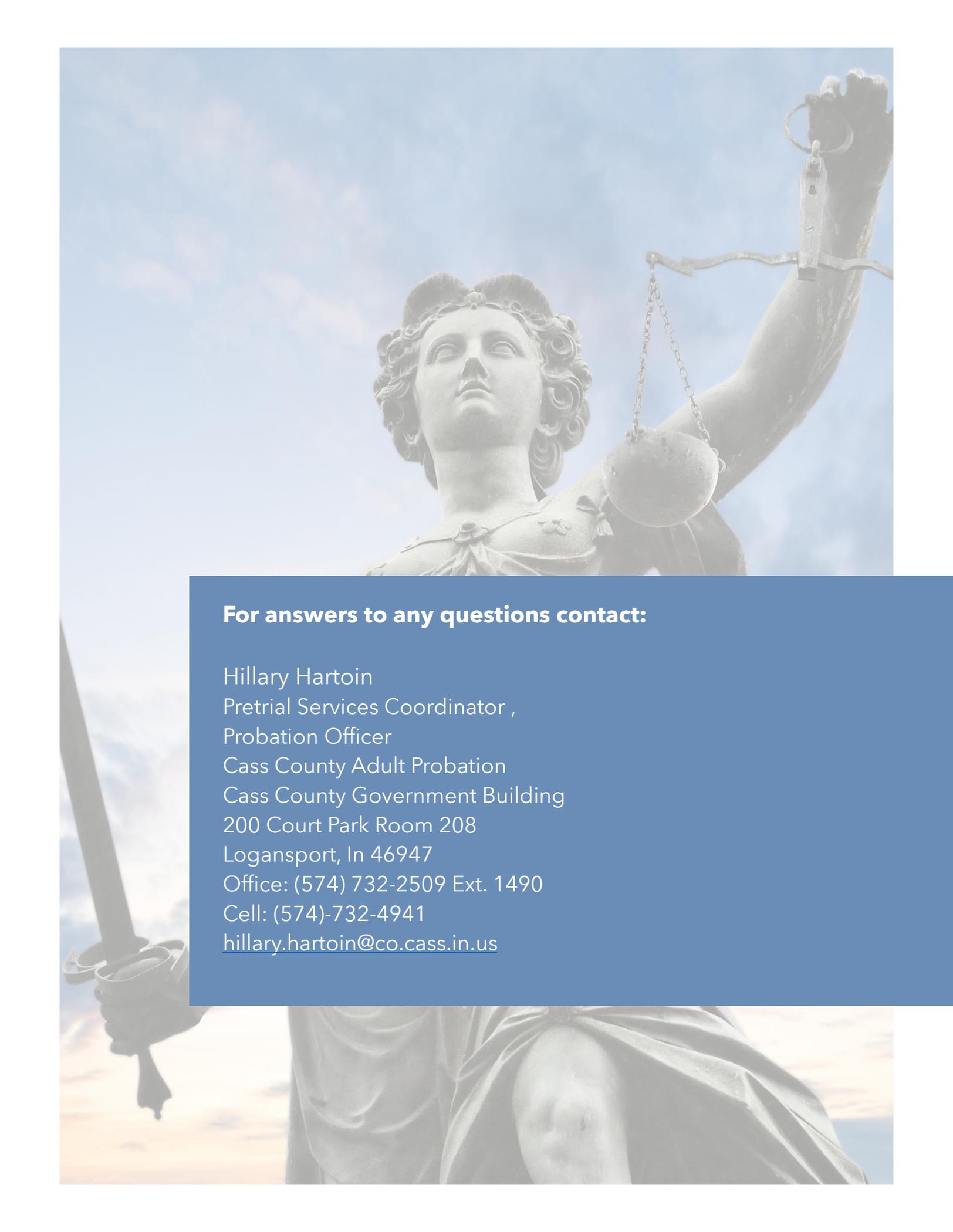
CCPS is working with the new Four County Liaison & will be working with the Public Defender Pretrial Specialist to help facilitate and monitor Defendants released into treatment & programming. Our goal is to help better meet clients' needs and increase their chances of success, while remaining the objective, overarching entity that supervises all pretrial matters for the Courts.

In collaboration with Superior Court 2, CCPS will be participating in changes that facilitate public defender and prosecution participation in criminal misdemeanor initial hearings and will be working toward the goal of detaining less than 15% of pretrial defendants held on a misdemeanor charge in the Cass County Jail.

The Pretrial Coordinator is working toward becoming certified in the ODARA Assessment to provide the Courts an objective and more in depth analysis for domestic violence cases and will also be attending sex offender specific training this Spring.

CCPS is collaborating with Cass/ Pulaski Community Corrections to develop & implement a new text message system to interact with clients beyond hearing reminders. We hope to develop this program to not only motivate and remind defendants to attend process groups & appointments with case managers, but also to increase the level of positive feedback administered, automate drug screen call-ins, create electronic exit surveys.



A low-angle photograph of the Lady Justice statue, showing her head, shoulders, and right arm holding the scales of justice. The background is a bright, slightly hazy sky. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle containing contact information.

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