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SECTION 1: GROUP INTERVIEW





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PURPOSE: Use this tool to help you assess the quality of your court's pretrial data including bail data. It assesses the quality of existing data, infrastructure, the court's capacity to improve their data infrastructure, and their self-identified gaps. Users do not have to complete this assessment process in one session. However, we recommend that users meet weekly until finished. Users may tailor this tool to meet the needs of their local community.

RELATED TERMS

AGGREGATE CASE DATA - A metric calculated using data from a group of cases.

ASSESSMENT - Any systematic method of obtaining information from tests or other sources, used to draw inferences about characteristics of people, objects, or programs.

CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS) - A computerized system used by courts to manage cases in their court.

DATA - Facts collected for reference or analysis.

DATA COLLECTION - The process of gathering facts or information for analysis.

DATA ELEMENT - A specific piece of information, or data, such as "age at first arrest."

DATA INFRASTRUCTURE - A collection of databases, software, standards, classification systems, procedures, committees, processes, coordinates, user interface components, and other elements, which are involved in the making and use of data.

DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - System used to manage information from various sources and to produce reports.

DATA QUALITY - How "fit" data are for immediate organizational use.

DATA REPOSITORY - A physical or digital location where courts file data.

DATA SOURCE - A data source refers to the original information source for data collected by a court. The original data source refers to the first time the data were documented (e.g., on a law enforcement incident report).

INDIVIDUAL CASE - A primary unit of a court. Each case should have a unique identification number.

<u>PERFORMANCE MEASURE</u> - A calculated measure based on collected elements of data designed to assess how well a system achieves a stated objective. A performance measure often involves a comparison, either to a past measure or to an ideal or desired level.

PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT - A valid pretrial risk assessment instrument can classify defendants based on their flight risk and their threat to community safety. Validated instruments help standardize pretrial recommendation decisions and maximize the number of successful pretrial decisions.

RATE - A quantity, amount, or degree of something measured per unit of something else.

RELIABILITY - The degree to which scores on a measure are consistent over repeated applications of a measurement procedure, and hence are inferred to be dependable and repeatable for other similar individuals.

STAKEHOLDER - A person with an interest or concern in the matter at hand.

VALIDITY - The degree to which accumulated evidence and theory support specific interpretations of a measure's scores entailed by proposed uses of the measure.

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	PRETRIAL DATA GROUP INTERVIEW	

Instructions:

- 1. Assemble a core group of pretrial stakeholders. Consider judges, court administrators, clerks, pretrial program managers, pretrial staff, IT professionals, data managers, etc.
- 2. Explain the purpose and use of this data quality assessment to the group. Record the persons present.

PERSONS PRESENT

NAME	PRETRIAL ROLE/RESPONSIBILITIES

Instructions: Ask the group all applicable tables provided or on a separate document	-	tions that follow and reco	ord their answers in the
• Describe the history of your court's pr you have and how did you negotiate the		_	
• What do you hope to gain from this as	sessm	ent process?	
• If applicable, describe your court's pre-	etrial s	services (record answers	below).
CURRENT	PRE	TRIAL SERVICES	
Pretrial Services Offered (Describe)			
Date Began (month/year)			
Number of Dedicated Pretrial Services Officers or Other Responsible Party(s)			
Date Pretrial Services Officer Began			
Approximate Pretrial Services Officer Caseload or Other Responsible Party(s)			
OVERALL COUR NAME OF DATA SYSTEM		TA INFRASTRUCTU	RE VERSION
PRETRIAL DATA CO	LLE	CTION INFRASTRUC	CTURE
Data Repository(s) (Describe)			
Responsible Party(s) and Their Position			
Date Began Collecting			
Current Data Collected (Describe)			
Reason Data Collected (Describe)			
How Data Is Used (Describe)			
Can Run Reports? (Describe)			

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	BAIL D	ATA COLI	ECTION INF	RASTRUCTURE	
Data Repository	(s) (Describe	e)			
Responsible Part	ty(s) and Th	neir Position			
Date Began Colle	ecting				
Current Data Co	ollected (De	scribe)			
Reason Data Col	lected (Des	cribe)			
How Data Is Use	d (Describe)			
Can Run Report	s? (Describe	e)			
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PRETI	RIAL DATA	IS HELPFUL F	OR BETTER UND	ERSTANDING DEFENDA	NTS.
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
PRETRIAL	. DATA IS H	ELPFUL FOR	THE JUDGE TO H	IAVE WHEN MAKING DE	CISIONS.
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
PRETRIAL	DATA IS HI	ELPFUL FOR F	PROBATION TO F	HAVE WHEN MAKING DE	ECISIONS.
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
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REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY COLLECT PRETRIAL DATA.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

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In	structions: Ask the group all relevant questions and record responses.
•	How do you use pretrial data you collect, and for what purposes? Do you have longer term plans to use it for other purposes?
•	Do you think your court currently collects adequate pretrial data? Why?
•	What, if any, additional pretrial data do you want to collect?
•	What, if any, pretrial data is collected that is unnecessary?
•	If you could improve the capacity of your court to collect and use pretrial data, what would you improve?
•	What pretrial data are easy to collect? What pretrial data are difficult to collect?
•	In a perfect world, what would your pretrial data collection system look like? (For example what would your data management system do? What would you use the data for?) What would your court need to make it look this way (e.g., more money, more staff, vendor changes, etc.)?
•	Do you think your office currently collects adequate data on defendants on pretrial

supervision? Explain why.

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	DATA-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
In	structions: Ask group members all relevant questions and record their responses.
•	Who decided to collect the pretrial data elements in your case management system? Were you able to provide input?
•	Are there other pretrial data that you would like to collect, but your data management system (or court) does not have the capacity to do so? If so, what are those data?
•	What are your challenges to collecting pretrial data?
•	What has gone well in the collection of pretrial data?
•	In your estimation, how much time does it take to collect the pretrial data that will be put into the case management system (<i>Per Defendant</i>)?
•	How much time do staffs spend on pretrial data entry (i.e., putting the data into the case management system, per case)? Approximately how many cases per day do staffs enter into the system for the first time? Approximately how much time is spent updating case information on a pretrial defendant already in the system?
•	Do you believe the pretrial data entry/record keeping portion of your work is easy to do? Do you consider it time consuming?

• Does your CMS connect any pretrial information to bail data? If so, what data are connected?

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	DATA-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS - cont.	

- How do you use the pretrial data in the work you do for specific job tasks? How do you think others in your court use the pretrial data you collect (provide specific person's role, as well as how they use the data? (Example: "The judge uses pretrial data to help her make decisions about setting bail")
- Do you produce reports using your pretrial data? If so, what purpose do they serve?
- Should the court use its pretrial data for a different purpose (i.e., other than the way the court currently uses it)? If so, how and why would you change its use?
- Do you have access to bail data for a defendant? Is it included with your pretrial data on a case, or do you have to use a different system to access the information?
 - a. How do you use bail data (i.e., for what purpose)?
 - b. Do you think there is sufficient bail information for the purposes of your work? What other bail-related data would be useful?

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SECTION 2: PRETRIAL DATA ELEMENTS





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Instructions: Ask informants to answer five questions for each of the following data elements.

- 1. Do they collect the data element?
- 2. If so, what is the original data source?
- 3. Where is the data repository located?
- 4. How often does staff review the data for accuracy and update the data if needed?
- 5. Can staff run reports using their data systems for individual defendants and/or groups of defendants?

All of the following data elements can be useful for pretrial efforts. This inventory process may take some time. However, once you locate the data within your court, you can plan how to build regular reporting systems.

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: DEMOGRAPHIC & PERSONAL
GENDER
Data Collected? Yes □ No □
Data Source?
Data Repository?
How Often Reviewed/Updated?
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □
RACE
Data Collected? Yes □ No □
Data Source?
Data Repository?
How Often Reviewed/Updated?
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: DEMOGRAPHIC & PERSONAL - cont.							
ETHNICITY							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Source of Data?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
MARITAL STATUS							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Source of Data?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CURRENT RESIDENCE (RENT/OWN, LOCATION)							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Source of Data?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: DEMOGRAPHIC & PERSONAL - cont.							
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN COUNTY							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CURRENT PHONE NUMBER							
Data Collected? Yes \square No \square							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT/STUDENT							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: DEMOGRAPHIC & PERSONAL - cont.							
OTHER SOURCE OF INCOME							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CURRENT OR PAST DRUG/ALCOHOL PROBLEMS							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CURRENT OR PAST DRUG/ALCOHOL TREATMENT							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: DEMOGRAPHIC & PERSONAL - cont.							
CURRENT OR PAST MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CURRENT OR PAST MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: RECENT CASE(S)							
AGE AT CURRENT ARREST							
Data Collected? Yes No							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CURRENT ARREST CHARGE AND DATE							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
INITIAL APPEARANCE DATE							
Data Collected? Yes \square No \square							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: RECENT CASE(S) - cont.							
PRETRIAL STATUS TRACKING (I.E. HELD UNTIL APPEARANCE DATE, RELEASED)							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
PENDING WARRANTS							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CURRENTLY ON PROBATION, PAROLE, SUPERVISION IN COURT'S COUNTY							
Data Collected? Yes No							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: RECENT CASE(S) - cont.							
CURRENTLY ON PROBATION, PAROLE, SUPERVISION IN OTHER COUNTIES							
Data Collected? Yes No							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
NEW CHARGES OCCURRING AFTER PRETRIAL COURT APPEARANCE							
Data Collected? Yes No							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: CRIMINAL HISTORY							
PRIOR MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY ARREST OR CONVICTION							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
AGE AT FIRST ARREST							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
PRIOR VIOLENT CONVICTION							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: CRIMINAL HISTORY - cont.							
APPEARANCE RATE (NUMBER OF APPEARANCES/TOTAL SUMMONS)							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
PRIOR PROBATION/PAROLE/PRETRIAL REVOCATIONS							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
CRIME TYPE							
• Felony (Violent) • Felony (Non-Violent) • Misdemeanor • Technical violation							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT							
PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT SCORE							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							
PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT LEVEL (E.G. HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW)							
Data Collected? Yes □ No □							
Data Source?							
Data Repository?							
How Often Reviewed/Updated?							
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □							

INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT DATA: RELEASE AND BAIL						
BAIL AMOUNT (IF APPLICABLE)						
Data Collected? Yes □ No □						
Data Source?						
Data Repository?						
How Often Reviewed/Updated?						
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □						
• ROR/Personal Bond • Deposit Bond to Court • Surety Bond • Property Bond • Full Cash Bond • Supervision of Non-Financial Conditions • Supervision by Pretrial + Financial Bond						
Data Collected? Yes □ No □						
Data Source?						
Data Repository?						
How Often Reviewed/Updated?						
Can CMS Run Reports? For Individuals? Yes □ No □ For Groups? Yes □ No □						

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AGGREGATE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

PRETRIAL CASE DATA (AGGREGATE PROGRAM DATA)

CASELOAD RATIO

Definition: Number of supervised defendants divided by number of pretrial case managers What is the court's target ratio?

CMS CALCULATES CMS HELPS CALCULATE CALCULATE ENTIRELY BY HAND

PRETRIAL DETENTION RATE

Definition: Percentage of pretrial defendants detained throughout case processing

CMS CALCULATES CMS HELPS CALCULATE CALCULATE ENTIRELY BY HAND

PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT LEVEL BY DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORY

Definition: Percentage of pretrial defendants scoring high, medium, or low by demographic of interest (e.g., gender, races, income, etc.)

CMS CALCULATES CMS HELPS CALCULATE CALCULATE ENTIRELY BY HAND

RELEASE RATES BY RISK LEVEL

Definition: Percentage of those released by risk level

CMS CALCULATES CMS HELPS CALCULATE CALCULATE ENTIRELY BY HAND

RELEASE RATES BY TYPE OF RELEASE (ROR, ETC.)

Definition: Percentage of those released by release type

CMS CALCULATES CMS HELPS CALCULATE CALCULATE ENTIRELY BY HAND

TIME IN DAYS FROM ARREST TO RELEASE BY RELEASE TYPE

Definition: Days between arrest and release

CMS CALCULATES CMS HELPS CALCULATE CALCULATE ENTIRELY BY HAND

TIME IN DAYS FROM RELEASE TO START OF PRETRIAL SUPERVISION

Definition: Days between jail release/judicial order and first contact with pretrial

CMS CALCULATES CMS HELPS CALCULATE CALCULATE ENTIRELY BY HAND

TIME ON PRETRIAL SUPERVISION IN DAYS

Definition: Time between when pretrial supervision started and ended

CMS CALCULATES CMS HELPS CALCULATE CALCULATE ENTIRELY BY HAND

REASONS SUPERVISION ENDED? Definition: Narrative or checked boxes

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PRETRIAL OUTCOME MEASURES (AGGREGATE CASE DATA)

APPEARANCE (OR FTA RATE) BY RISK LEVEL, CRIME TYPE, ETC

Definition: Percentage who make all court events by risk level

APPEARANCE RATE BY TYPE OF RELEASE

Definition: Percentage who make all court events by release type

CONCURRENCE RATE

Definition: Recommendation matches actual release detention

What kinds of situations warrant overrides?

NEW CHARGES DURING PRETRIAL RELEASE

Definition: Number of new charges during pretrial release

SAFETY RATE

Definition: Number not charged with a new offense during pretrial release

SUCCESS RATE (PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WITH NO TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS, FTA, REARRESTS)

Definition: Percentage of those with no technical violations, FTA, rearrests

How do you define technical violations of conditions of release?

DETAINED FOLLOWING A GUILTY VERDICT?

Number

REVOKED DUE TO NON-PRETRIAL RELATED HOLDS

Number

VOLUNTARY RETURN RATE (PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WITH VIOLATIONS WHO RETURN VOLUNTARILY)

Definition: Percentage of pretrial defendants with violations who return voluntarily

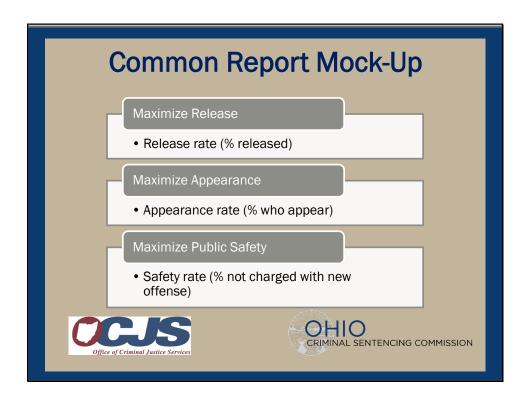
PERFORMANCE MEASURES: AGGREGATE PRETRIAL CASE DATA

PRETRIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES		
(AGGREGATE CASE DATA)		
ASSESSED FOR TREATMENT (MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE)		
Definition: Percentage of pretrial defendants assessed for mental health or substance abuse treatment		
PRETRIAL INTERVENTION RATE BY WARRANT TYPE		
Definition: Percentage of warrant arrests brought about by program staff		
RECOMMENDATION RATE		
Definition: Do they follow assessment criteria when recommending release?		
REFERRED TO TREATMENT PROGRAM		
Definition: Percentage of pretrial defendants referred to a treatment program		
RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT CONDUCT		
Definition: Percentage of violations with an appropriate staff response		
Policy on compliance?		
UNIVERSAL INTERVIEW		
Definition: Percentage of those interviewed out of all arrestees to determine eligibility		
UNIVERSAL SCREENING		
Definition: Percentage of release-eligible defendants who are screened		
What kinds of screenings occur?		

BAIL DETERMINATION MEASURES		
DATA ELEMENT USED	HOW USED	
Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (Name?)		
Bail Amount Definition: Mean or median bail amount		
Number of Persons who posted bail		

Court Telecommunication System Set up to Call or Text	Yes
Appearance Reminders?	No 🗆

CONCLUSION: Use your assessment results to help build regular pretrial reporting systems. Here is an example of a simple report that you could run each quarter.



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