

Recidivism Reduction Fund Court Grant Program

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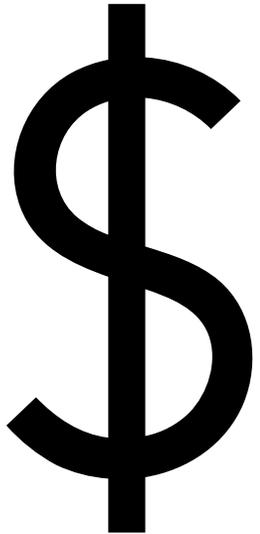
Criminal Justice Services



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Background

2014-15 Budget



Programs & practices known to **reduce offender recidivism** and **enhance public safety**

\$16.3 million
RRF Fund

39 local projects:

- 11 pretrial programs
- 20 collaborative courts
- 8 12-month TA projects



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Evaluation

Collaborative Court Programs

- Served a high volume of participants (4,000 entries)
- Retained most participants (80%)
- Low reported recidivism rates (7% received new charges)

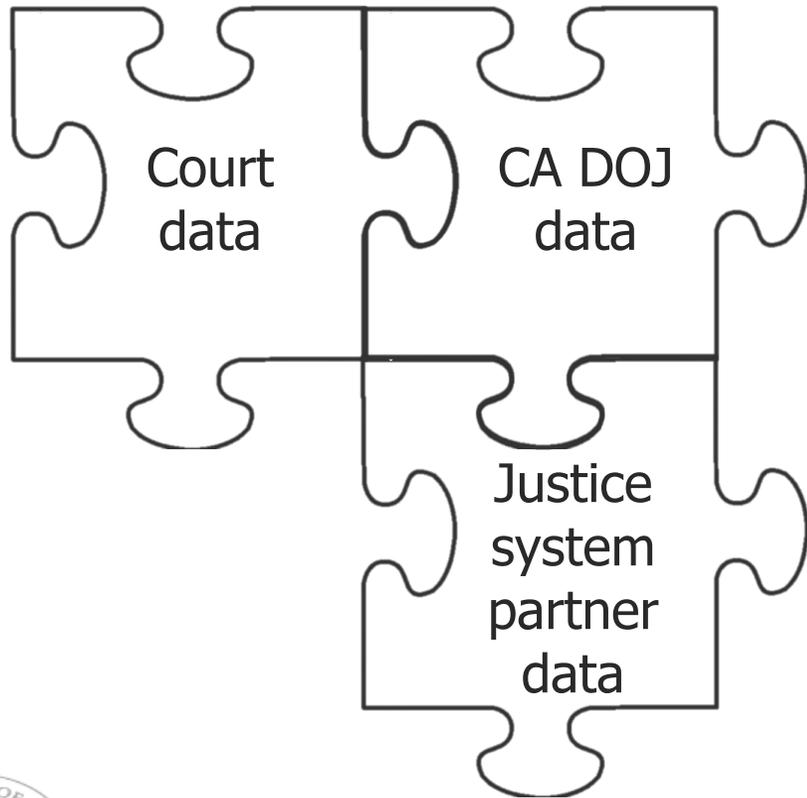
Pretrial Programs

- 11 programs conducted nearly 50,000 pretrial risk assessments
- Reported FTA and new arrest rates for defendants released under RRF monitoring were consistent with defendant's assessed risk levels



Supplemental Pretrial Evaluation

Individual Level Data Matching



- Extensive analysis of 4 counties:
 - RA tools worked well to differentiate defendants by risk level
 - Analysis suggests that pretrial programs could be used to safely release more low and moderate risk defendants pretrial without increasing risk to public safety or FTA



Conclusions

- The success of the collaborative courts and pretrial programs could be replicated and expanded to maximize safety and more just outcomes
- Risk-informed decision-making can increase release without jeopardizing public safety and appearance in the court

Moving forward...

- The RRF evaluation can provide a roadmap for the new pretrial pilot courts to implement policies and procedures to maximize pretrial release while maintaining public safety

