

KENTUCKY PRETRIAL SERVICES

HISTORY

- 1976 • Created as part of the Bail Bond Reform Act when commercial bail was abolished
- 2005 • Evidence-based practices movement and internal reform
- 2006
 - Adopted LEBP, performance & outcome measures
 - Case Management System (PRIM) – houses virtually all pretrial data
 - Implemented quality assurance, improved training and staff development
- 2009 • Actively engaged stakeholders
- 2010 • JFA validation of Risk Assessment
- 2011 • HB 463
 - Judges to follow Pretrial’s release recommendation for low and moderate risk defendants, or have a written finding of danger and/or flight risk
 - Funding linked to evidence-based practices
- 2013 • Laura and John Arnold Foundation (LJAF) Risk Assessment implementation
 - Administrative Release pilot program

FACTS

- Only statewide program in the nation, housed within the KY Judicial Branch (Court of Justice)
 - Unified Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts
- 294 employees divided into 49 programs covering all 120 counties
- Practices mandated by statutes and Supreme Court rules
- Primary focus is on investigations leading to release recommendations and supervision
 - Monitored Conditional Release (MCR)
 - Deferred Prosecution
 - Diversion

FIGURES - 2012

- Annual Budget \$11,820,000
 - Personnel: \$10.7 million
 - Operations: \$1.1 million
- Cost of pretrial release per defendant was \$11.74 vs. \$613.80 for pretrial incarceration
- Cost avoidance of \$602.06 per defendant (171,067 defendants released = \$102.9 mil. incarceration costs avoided)
- 11,000+ defendants referred to MCR supervision
- Overall Release Rate: 70% (Non-financial Release Rate: 68%)
 - Overall Public Safety Rate: 92% (low risk 95%; moderate 90%; high 86%)
 - Overall Appearance Rate: 89% (low risk 92%; moderate 87%; high 86%)