

COVID-19: How are Pretrial Service Agencies Dealing with the Coronavirus?

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Before We Get Started...

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Objectives

- Discuss the collaborative efforts between pretrial services and the Courts, District Attorney's Office and Jails to manage the pretrial population during the coronavirus pandemic;
- Identify innovative approaches to support defendant court appearance and connection with pretrial service officers;
- Highlight early successes and challenges;
- How technology is playing a key role in the new normal; and
- Provide key resources to the field.



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A Message from NAPSA

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National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies



NAPSA's Mission

Promoting Pretrial Justice Nationwide

The National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies' (NAPSA) mission is to promote pretrial justice and public safety through rational pretrial decision making and practices informed by evidence.

NAPSA's core values include: *learning; transparency and open communications; objective standards; collaboration; dignity; respect; and professional integrity.*



Panel Members Kentucky

Judge Karen Thomas

Chief Regional District Judge
17th Judicial District of Kentucky



Tara Boh Blair

Executive Officer, Kentucky Court of Justice
Administrative Office of the Courts
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Kentucky

About Kentucky Pretrial Services

- Created in 1976 as part of the Bail Bond Reform Act when commercial bail was abolished
- Practices are mandated by statutes and Supreme Court rules
- 284 employees divided into 10 regions covering all 120 counties
- Provides investigation, release, supervision, and diversion and processes 170,000-200,000 defendants per year

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Panel Members New Mexico

Kevin Burns, Captain
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San Juan County, New Mexico

About San Juan County, New Mexico

Pretrial services was implemented in San Juan County, New Mexico in 1998

Pretrial services conducts pretrial assessments and provides supervision for felony and misdemeanor defendants for San Juan County, New Mexico

Pretrial services currently has 335 defendants under pretrial supervision

AZTEC DISTRICT COURT San Juan County, New Mexico

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Panel Members

Thurston County District Court

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Marianne Clear

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Thurston County Pretrial Services



Thurston County Pretrial Services

About Thurston County Pretrial Services

- Established as an independent county department in 2015 by resolution, under the oversight of the Pretrial Services Governing Board;
- Supervises 550 defendants with pending felony cases; and
- Began Pretrial Services Diversion Program in 2019

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Panel Discussion

What is your current operating status?

Kentucky

New Mexico

Thurston County, WA



Panel Discussion

How are you maintaining contact with your pretrial defendants and your stakeholders?

And how are these changes affecting your pretrial defendants and stakeholders?

Kentucky

New Mexico

Thurston County, WA



Panel Discussion

What has been your biggest challenge?

Kentucky

New Mexico

Thurston County, WA



Panel Discussion

How is technology playing a role in the new reality?

Kentucky

New Mexico

Thurston County, WA



Panel Discussion

What opportunities have come from this experience?

Kentucky

New Mexico

Thurston County, WA



Questions from the field

Chat your questions to
“Everyone” now!!



Key Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

Government Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>

National Center for State Courts

<https://www.ncsc.org/>

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,
Veterans Justice Outreach**

<https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/VJO.asp>

**U.S Department of Veterans Affairs [See
Coronavirus FAQ's on homepage]**

<https://www.va.gov>

National Institute of Corrections

<https://nicic.gov/coronavirus>

www.nicic.gov/pretrial



Thank You!

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