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# INNOVATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES

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## Recidivism

Where: Yavapai County, Arizona

Program: Reach Out

[https://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/documents/Four%20Key%20Measures\\_FULL%20report\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/documents/Four%20Key%20Measures_FULL%20report_FINAL.pdf)

In 2018, Yavapai, Arizona implemented a three-year pilot project called “Reach Out” to better and more quickly connect individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders in the jail to treatment and services in the community. With this program, jail intake officers screen every person booked into the jail for symptoms of mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Those who screen positive for mental illness and/or substance use disorders are connected to appropriate providers for further assessment. This information is then provided to the courts for use during initial appearance.

Participation in the program is voluntary and offered to anyone who screens positive for symptoms of mental illness or substance use disorders. Participants are provided reentry support through employment, housing, coaching and other community resources.

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## Educational and Vocational Training

Where: Pennsylvania

Program: Financial Literacy Courses

<http://www.witf.org/news/2018/10/pa-banking-on-new-program-providing-former-inmates-with-financial-savvy-to-succeed.php>

In 25 state prisons in Pennsylvania, Becky MacDicken teaches a class to inmates that runs approximately 45 to 90 minutes and covers how to monitor credit and how to use a bank or credit union. Pennsylvania state research shows three-quarters of inmates with bank accounts do not return to prison. Of those who do come back, only 39 percent have bank accounts.

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## Pretrial Practices

Where: City and County of Denver, CO; Yakima County, WA; State of Delaware

Program: Pretrial Justice Institute’s Smart Pretrial Initiative

<https://www.pretrial.org/what-we-do/plan-and-implement/smarter-pretrial-for-local-reform/>

<https://university.pretrial.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=56a48c85-d376-eaba-e15c-1e34fe8f05a2&forceDialog=0>

In the interest of maximizing public safety, court appearance, and appropriate use of release and resources, the outcomes of Smart Pretrial Initiative from three counties across the U.S. showed an increase in the percentage of defendants released pretrial, while court appearance and arrest rates remained steady. Movement away from money bail and toward models supporting monitoring and supervision based on risk assessments, have proven to be valuable and evidence-based practices. Stakeholder relationships, victim representation, law enforcement participation, and data evaluation are important factors in policymaking and coordinating efforts to change pretrial systems.

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