

Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research

Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles, and Values

Vision

Fair, just, equitable pretrial practices that positively impact people, systems, and communities.

Mission

Support and engage pretrial professionals and community members in the meaningful delivery of data-informed pretrial justice.

Guiding Principles

Principle 1

Pretrial decision making honors and operates consistently with both the presumption of innocence and the presumption of liberty. *Stack v. Boyle*, 342 U.S. 1 (1951); *U.S. v. Salerno*, 481 U.S. 739 (1987)

Principle 2

Everyone (the person charged, the victim, community members, and system stakeholders) is treated with dignity and respect.

Principle 3

Pretrial systems generate equitable outcomes for all people; all efforts to enhance pretrial justice include deliberate strategies to eliminate racial, ethnic, gender, and economic disparities.

Principle 4

System and community stakeholders collaborate to identify and implement strategies and services that help people meet their needs and succeed during pretrial release, while also prioritizing the safety and well-being of victims and the community.

Principle 5

Pretrial policies and practices are grounded in research and refined through experience and ongoing performance measurement.

Values

- Collaboration
- Equity
- Fairness
- Human dignity
- Integrity
- Transparency