

PRETRIAL
FAIRNESS
ACT AND
THE
PROBLEM-
SOLVING
COURTS

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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Brief remarks regarding the Pretrial Fairness Act (PFA)
- Learning Objectives
- Ground Rules
- Brief Data Presentation
- Roundtable Discussions (Data, Process, Education)
- Debrief

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- IDENTIFY THE CHALLENGES TO PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS CAUSED BY THE ENACTMENT OF THE PRETRIAL FAIRNESS ACT.
- DETERMINE WHAT DATA HAS BEEN COLLECTED AND WHAT ADDITIONAL DATA IS NEEDED TO FURTHER DEFINE AND ADDRESS PERCEIVED CHALLENGES
- ASSESS WEAKNESSES IN CURRENT PROCESSES THAT HAVE EMERGED SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE PFA AND DEVELOP CHANGES WITHIN THE BEST PRACTICES FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN THOSE WEAKNESSES
- FORMULATE STRATEGIES FOR EDUCATING PROSECUTORS, DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, AND COMMUNITIES ON PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS AND INCREASE REFERRALS

GROUND RULES FOR THE SESSION

- PANEL MEMBERS WILL NOT HAVE ANSWERS TO ALL THE CHALLENGES
- BE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE EXPERIENCE AND IDEAS
- BE RESPECTFUL AND STAY ON TRACK
- BE OPEN TO CONTINUING TO WORK ON ISSUES AFTER THIS SESSION
- MAKE NOTE OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE SESSIONS

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ROUND
TABLE
DISCUSSION
TOPICS

- DATA
- PROCESS
- EDUCATION



ROUNDTABLE REPORT BACK

- PROVIDE A SOLUTION FOR ONE ISSUE DISCUSSED

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Is there training your PSC team needs on PFA?

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CLOSING REMARKS



RESOURCES

- LOYOLA-CHICAGO CENTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORT: THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PRETRIAL FAIRNESS ACT
 - <https://pfa-1yr.loyolaccj.org/>
- OFFICE OF STATEWIDE PRETRIAL SERVICES DATA DASHBOARD
 - <https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjoizTQ3YjI5M2QtNGE2ZC00OTc0LTk2OWEtYjA0ZDE1ZDM2YTE4IiwidCI6ImRjNjQxZWU0LTViNWQtNDlhMC04ZmY0LTdhYWZjNjExOGE0MiJ9&pageName=ReportSection99b6c765d104500ed9cc>
- LINK TO THE PRETRIAL FAIRNESS ACT
 - <https://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=072500050HArt%2E+110&ActID=1966&ChapterID=0&SeqStart=16900000&SeqEnd=19600000>
- WINNEBAGO COUNTY PRETRIAL DATA DASHBOARD
 - <https://pfa.wincoil.gov/>



THANK YOU

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