



Which Pretrial Services Are Most Helpful? New Video Highlights Defendants' Insights

The time between a person's arrest and court date is critical for providing services and enhancing public safety. A new 5-minute video featuring responses from 256 defendants across 10 Indiana jurisdictions explores the needs, risks, and services most critical during the pretrial period.

So, what works? Defendants preferred that courts use risk assessment instruments over money bail to determine pretrial release conditions. They also recommended leveraging risk assessment results to connect defendants to needed services. The most pressing needs identified were finances, transportation, stable housing, mental health care, and access to communication devices.

This video and the accompanying research offer insights for policymakers and criminal legal professionals. By implementing defendant-requested resources—such as service referrals, job and housing assistance, court reminders, and flexible childcare options—communities can enhance public safety and reduce further involvement in the criminal legal system.

To delve deeper into these findings, watch the full video or explore key takeaways in eight shorts on the Policy Research YouTube channel. These insights are a valuable tool to shape effective pretrial policies.

Pretrial Service Improvements: Recommendations from Indiana Defendants

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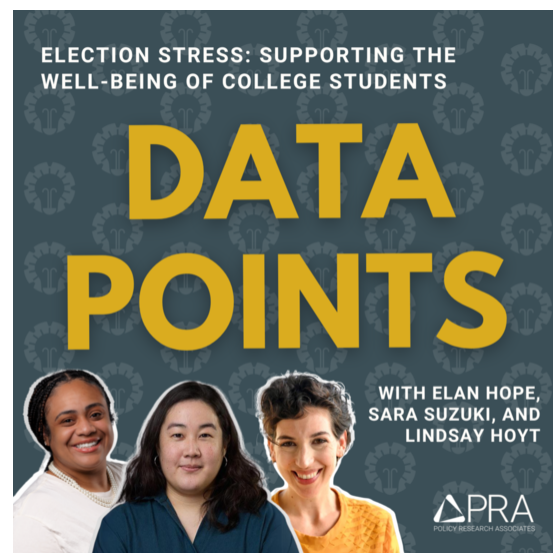
This [video](#), produced by Policy Research, summarizes research completed by partners at the Early Justice Strategies Lab at George Mason University. Their research article is forthcoming. The study and this video were made possible by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Pretrial Risk Management Project.

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New Episode of *Data Points* Examines Effects of Sociopolitical Stress on College Students

How do college students respond to the stresses of elections? A new *Data Points* podcast episode examines how colleges can acknowledge sociopolitical stress among students and support their well-being.

This episode, "Election Stress: Supporting the Well-Being of College Students," features Elan Hope, PhD, Vice President of Research and Evaluation at Policy Research; Sara Suzuki, PhD, Senior Researcher at the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning at Tufts University; and Lindsay Till Hoyt, PhD, Associate Professor of Applied Developmental Psychology at Fordham University.



In this episode, Drs. Hope, Suzuki, and Hoyt dive into the research behind their paper, "Trajectories of Sociopolitical Stress during the 2020 United States Presidential Election

Season: Associations with Psychological Well-being, Civic Action, and Social Identities," and discuss the following topics:

- Stress trajectories among college students before, during, and after the 2020 U.S. presidential election
- The impact of sociopolitical stress on students' well-being
- The role of civic engagement in reducing sociopolitical stress
- Recommendations for colleges to support students during political events

Data Points is a podcast series produced by Policy Research that translates research into key takeaways you can use to enhance your work and advance positive social change. Listen to the episode and subscribe to the Policy Research podcast today! *Data Points* is available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Soundcloud](#).

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Policy Research Publishes Land Acknowledgment

Policy Research is proud to announce the publication of our Land Acknowledgment, which honors the Indigenous communities connected to the lands where we work.

Policy Research's Land Acknowledgement is vital to our commitment to recognizing and serving Tribal communities. Our commitment includes the following actions to accompany the Land Acknowledgment:

- Staff will receive a user guide for the Land Acknowledgment, which offers context and instructions for delivering it at meetings and events.
- Employees will participate in an activity to learn more about the Indigenous peoples in their communities and share what they have learned with the broader company.
- Policy Research's corporate philanthropy plan requires that a portion of corporate donations be directed to organizations supporting Indigenous people.
- Policy Research's projects have developed specific resources and tools for Native communities, available in a condensed format on the Policy Research [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources](#) page.

The Land Acknowledgment was carefully crafted by an internal team with lived and professional experience working with Tribal Nations. Senior Project Associate Violette Cloud, PhD, *Diné (Navajo Nation)*, Project Assistant Alisha Fletcher, *Cherokee Nation*, and Vice President Terri Hay authored the Land Acknowledgment. Additional contributions were made by Drs. Kamiya Stewart, Elan Hope, and Sarah Desmarais.

Read the Land Acknowledgment

Upcoming Webinars

GAINS: Guiding Principles and Recommendations for Trauma-Responsive Treatment Courts

August 22, 2024, 12:30–2:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will feature highlights and core recommendations from a forthcoming publication that guides practitioners in implementing trauma-informed practices within treatment court settings.

GAINS: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Criminal Justice Settings: Current Updates in Case Law

August 29, 2024, 2:30–4:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will explore the legal obligations for providing comprehensive substance use disorder treatment within jails and prisons.

GAINS: Implementing Risk-Need-Responsivity Strategies in Drug Courts and Reentry Programs: Lessons Learned from a SAMHSA's GAINS Center Learning Collaborative

September 4, 2024, 2:30–4:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will share the outcomes and insights from the "Implementing Risk-Need-Responsivity Strategies in Drug Courts and Reentry Programs" Learning Collaborative.

Addressing the Equity and Fairness of Assessments: How the National Guidelines Can Transform Agencies' Communication and Use of Post-Conviction Risk and Needs Assessments

September 26, 2024, 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET

Featuring Policy Research President and CEO Sarah Desmarais, PhD, this webinar will describe the newly released national guidelines that advise criminal legal agencies on prioritizing accuracy, fairness, transparency, and effective communication and use of post-conviction risk and needs assessments. This session will be hosted by the Community Supervision Resource Center.

Policy Research: Court Navigation Programs: Providing Connections and Support Across the Legal and Behavioral Health Systems

September 27, 2024, 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET

In this webinar, researchers from Policy Research will share findings from a [three-year study of court navigator programs](#) located across the United States. Researchers will

summarize findings across programs regarding the structure, daily workflow, lessons learned, and reported benefits of court navigator programs.

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State of the States in Brain Injury Conference

September 16–19, 2024, Eugene, Oregon

Join Senior Project Associate Regina Huerter at the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators' (NASHIA) State of the States in Brain Injury Conference! She will moderate the "Colorado's Work With Brain Injury Survivors in the Legal System" session on September 17 at 10:15–11:15 a.m. PT.

Policy Research is proud to sponsor NASHIA's State of the States in Brain Injury Conference and support the association's mission of promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with brain injury and their families.

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