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Pre-trial Release Screen

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First things first...



Best Practices

- The tool should be proven through research to predict risk of failure to appear and a danger to the community pending trial.
- The instrument should equitably classify defendants regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or financial status.
- Factors utilized in the instrument should be consistent with applicable state statutes.
- Factors utilized in the instrument should be limited to those that are related either to risk of failure to appear or danger to the community pending trial.

Research

- Research indicates that several variables relating to the current offense, criminal history and personal circumstances improve the ability to predict FTA's and new criminal offenses
- Preliminary review of local data for available variables supports these findings.

Current Offense Variables

- Three or more counts
- Felony offense
- Offense involves drugs, firearms, or immigration

Criminal History

- Active warrants
- Prior felony convictions
- Prior FTA's

Personal Circumstances

- Current drug problem
- Lives at address more than 6 months
- Employed
- Education
- Age at arrest
- Phone
- Automobile access

Next Steps

- Identify which personal circumstance variables can be reasonably obtained
- Collaboration with stakeholders to plan and implement pilot screen
- Coordination with data management services to collect and organize data in an efficient manner
- Pilot
- Evaluation of screen
- Refinement of screen if necessary

Questions?
