



Second Judicial District Court

Department Title: Court Services - Assessment Department

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Hours of Operation:

Washoe County Jail, 3:00 AM - 2:30 AM, 7 days per week

Program Description: The Court Services Assessment Department provides timely, unbiased reports to the presiding judicial authority so he/she can make sound release decisions for qualified defendants, allowing them to maintain life commitments while out of custody.

Accessible Services and Support: Process public defender applications, run criminal histories, release qualified defendants, advise the court of pending holds and rearrests, process court paperwork pertaining to bail, and request revocations for violations, process after hour Temporary Protection Orders.

Program History: In June of 2015, the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada created the Committee to Study Evidence-based Pretrial Release. The Committee focused their efforts on a review the current pretrial release systems and available risk assessment tools. They examined alternatives and potential improvements to the system made possible through the use of evidence-based practices. The Committee chose to develop a customized risk assessment tool and adopted a prototype tool known as the Nevada Pretrial Risk (NPR) instrument in February of 2016.

In September of 2016, the Nevada Pretrial Risk Assessment (NPRA) was successfully implemented in all seven courts within Washoe County as part of a pilot program. Upon arrest, all defendants facing new charges were screened with this tool, which identified the defendant's risk of failing to appear at a future court proceeding and for committing a future crime.

In March of 2019, the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada issued an Order Adopting the Statewide Use of the Nevada Pretrial Risk Assessment (NPRA) tool.

In September of 2020, the Second Judicial District Court's Pretrial Services Program was reorganized into two departments: The Pretrial Services Supervision Department, and the Court Services Assessment Department.

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Operating on the presumption of innocence, the National Associate of Pretrial Services Agency standards, the applicable Nevada Revised Statutes and approved court orders, the Court Services Assessment Department follows the most recent, evidence-based practices that relate to pretrial assessment and supervision with the goal of minimizing failure to appear and re-offense.