



RESEARCH AGENDA

A broad overview of FY2022 research projects that reflect DCS's evidence-based approach to becoming the national leader in progressive and innovative community supervision.



ENHANCE PRACTICES

Procedural Justice (PJ): Explore the use of PJ as a means of improving interactions between officers and the community.

Mental Health Caseloads: Examine the effectiveness of specialized caseloads for improving outcomes among individuals with serious mental illness.

IMPROVE SERVICES

Day Reporting Center (DRC) Evaluation: Assess how DRCs improve outcomes for people with addiction problems.

Swift, Certain, and Fair Sanctions: Increase the use of Accountability Courts for diverting supervisees to treatment rather than prison.



INCREASE AWARENESS



Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Repository: Create a web-based portal to display the progress of JRIs.

Justice Counts: Participate in a national initiative to share critical criminal justice metrics across states.

ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE

Probationer-Officer Interactions & Outcomes (POIO): Investigate how the types of interactions between officers and supervisees impact outcomes.

Integrated Dynamic Risk Assessment for Community Supervision (IDRACS): Develop an artificial intelligence software tool to model risk and inform responses in real-time.



BUILD CULTURE

Community Corrections Report Card (CCRC): Validate a standardized quality assurance tool for assessing community supervision agencies' adherence to evidence-based practices.

Policy Assessment: Evaluate the impact and implementation of recent reforms at reducing probation sentence lengths.

RESEARCH PARTNERS

Through grant opportunities and strong relationships with the academic community, DCS strives to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application.



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