

## Vermont Pretrial Services Act 195 (13 V.S.A. § 7554c)

### Pretrial Intervention

<b>Risk Assessments &amp; Needs Screenings</b>	<b>Prosecutor Referral Rapid Intervention/Precharge</b>	<b>Court Referral Monitoring</b>
<p>Pretrial Monitors offer risk assessments and needs screenings to those cited or arrested. Results are provided to the person screened, Defense Attorney, Prosecutor, and Court.</p> <p>Screening for needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental health</li> <li>• Substance use</li> </ul> <p>Assessing for risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonappearance</li> <li>• Risk of re-offense</li> </ul> <p>May inform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if clinical assessment is recommended</li> <li>• Prosecutor’s decision to refer to a pretrial intervention</li> <li>• all parties to determine if bail or conditions of release are required</li> <li>• Court decision to order Pretrial Monitoring</li> </ul>	<p>Pretrial Monitors provide a pretrial intervention for those</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cited or arrested</li> <li>• for whom the underlying cause of criminal behavior is substance use or mental health problems</li> <li>• willing to engage in treatment supports and repair harm when appropriate</li> <li>• referred by the Prosecutor</li> </ul> <p>Typically, these are individuals who are not eligible for Court Diversion, because of their criminal history, and whose repeated convictions have not led to any behavior change.</p> <p>Pretrial monitors report to the Prosecutor on the individual’s compliance and the Prosecutor decides whether to file a charge.</p>	<p>Pretrial Monitors support defendants to follow these conditions of release as ordered by the Court:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with the Pretrial Monitor for a needs screening or risk assessment</li> <li>• Meet with the Pretrial Monitor on a schedule set by the Court</li> <li>• Follow the recommendations of the Pretrial Monitor</li> <li>• Participate in a clinical assessment by a substance use or mental health treatment provider</li> </ul> <p>Pretrial Monitors provide case management support and help defendants address other unmet needs, connecting them to services when appropriate.</p>
<p>Between 10/1/15 – 9/30/16, Pretrial Monitors screened and assessed 1,246 individuals throughout all counties.</p>	<p>Prosecutors in Essex, Lamoille, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor Counties referred 80 individuals between 10/1/15 – 9/30/16. Two-thirds of these cases have closed; of those, 75% closed following full compliance of the individual and no charge being filed.</p>	<p>Judges in many counties, and consistently in Washington, Windham, and Windsor, have ordered conditions of release involving support by Pretrial Monitors.</p>

\*As of January 2017 Prosecutors in Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille, Rutland, and Windsor have established PTS rapid intervention/precharge programs.