

Community-based Restorative Justice Services Funded By AGO, DCF & DOC

January 2023

	Point 0		Point 1			Point 2		Point 3		Point 4
	Community	ı	Law Enforcem			Pre-adjudicat	1	Adjudication		Re-entry
Service	Supports for at-risk youth	Dispute resolution	SBIRT underage possession	Restorative panel	Case Mgt. & Restorative Services Risk and Needs Screening	Court Diversion	Pretrial Services	Restorative panel & Ongoing Case Management	Restorative panel	COSA & furlough violation response
Statute governing service			7 V.S.A. § 656 & 18 V.S.A. § 4230b		33 V.S.A. § 5225 (b)(2) -pre-charge 33 V.S.A. § 5225 (b)(1) - risk and needs assessment	3 V.S.A. § 164 & 3 V.S.A. § 163	13 V.S.A. § 7554c	33 V.S.A. § 5232(a)(7)	13 V.S.A. § 7030 28 V.S.A § 910	
Referral source	DCF, schools, community members, et al.	Community members & schools	Law enforcement	Law enforcement direct referral (SA policy for pre- charge)	Law enforcement Direct referral (SA policy for pre- charge)	Prosecutor post-charge referral	Judge issues PTS order	Judge or DCF Social worker	Judge or DOC Probation Officer	DOC Probation Officer
Target Population	Youth	Youth & adults	Youth	Youth & adults	Youth	Youth & adults	Youth 18+ & adults	Youth	Adults	Adults
Funder	DCF	DOC	AGO	DOC	DCF	AGO	AGO	DCF	DOC	DOC
Service area	All services are available statewide.									

PRETRIAL SERVICES

Support for defendants thought to need mental health and/or substance use treatment.

PTS Coordinators

- Screen people for treatment needs
- Help people make and keep appointments for clinical assessments and treatment
- Connect defendants to recovery supports and other services
- Assist defendants in meeting conditions of release, including conditions to appear for judicial proceedings
- Report to the Court, prosecutor, and defense attorney whether clinical assessment or treatment is indicated, a person completed an assessment, and if further engagement with PTS is recommended.

The Court may order

a person to meet with a Coordinator, participate in a needs screening or clinical assessment and follow the recommendations of the provider.

Defendants may self-refer.

13 V.S.A. §7554c

Why is an order not a Condition of Release (COR)?

Defendants, their attorneys, and others appreciate that a PTS order is about the person's health. If a person does not follow a PTS order, they do not face any criminal liability.

Will people follow an order that's not a COR?

Yes. Defendants also understand that a judge or prosecutor may look favorably on engagement with Pretrial Services and treatment.

Who is eligible?

Any defendant except someone charged with an offense that requires registration as a sex offender or an offense punishable by a term of life imprisonment.

Youth aged 18 and older in Family Division are eligible.

Number of PTS Orders

FY 2019: 729 ♦ FY 2020: 768 ♦ FY 2021: 733 ♦ FY 2022: 907

Pretrial Services – Court Orders

	FY 2022			FY 2021			FY 2020		
	New Misd Charges	Pretrial Services*	PTS as % of New Misd Charges	New Misd Charges	Pretrial Services*	PTS as % of New Misd Charges	New Misd Charges	Pretrial Services*	PTS as % of New Misd Charges
Addison	302	87	29%	251	62	25%	293	58	20%
Bennington	668	30	4%	767	19	2%	789	17	2%
Caledonia	524	50	10%	525	11	2%	424	29	7%
Chittenden	1,558	268	17%	1,458	197	14%	2,495	181	7%
Essex	66	3	5%	58	4	7%	46	7	15%
Franklin	921	55	6%	976	34	3%	1,027	60	6%
Grand Isle	48	6	13%	94	4	4%	82	2	2%
Lamoille	365	99	27%	414	156	38%	428	196	46%
Orange	234	31	13%	328	10	3%	261	39	15%
Orleans	451	68	15%	581	46	8%	560	30	5%
Rutland	755	10	1%	694	6	1%	805	15	2%
Washington	1163	91	8%	1,149	96	8%	1,015	83	8%
Windham	851	109	13%	903	86	10%	707	49	7%
Windsor	713	0	0.0%	981	1	0.1%	602	2	0.3%
Total	8,619	907	11%	9,179	732	8%	9,534	768	8%

New Misdemeanor Charges - data provided by Vt. Judiciary Other data gathered by AGO from county programs

Excerpt from Pretrial Services Court Diversion Annual Report to the Legislature, December 2022

Community Based Restorative Justice Providers January 20, 2023

	Funders/Grants							
	AGO	DCF	DOC					
County	Court Diversion & Pretrial Services (CD/PTS)	Balanced & Restorative Justice (BARJ)	Community Justice Center (CJC)					
Addison	Addison County Restorative Justice Services	Easter Seals	Addison County Restorative Justice Services					
Bennington	Center for Restorative Justice							
Caledonia & Essex	The Community Restorative Justice Center	Northeast Kingdom Community Action	The Community Restorative Justice Center					
Chittenden	Burlington Community Justice Center							
			Essex Community Justice Center South Burlington Community Justice Center					
			Williston Community Justice Center					
Franklin & Grand Isle	Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center							
Lamoille	Lamoille Restorative Center							
Orange	Orange County Restorative Justice Center	served by neighboring county providers	Orange County Restorative Justice Center					
Orleans	Northeast Kingdon	Orleans County Restorative Justice Center (& northern Essex County)						
Rutland	Rutland County Rest	Rutland County Community Justice Center						
Washington	Washington County Diversion Program		Greater Barre Community Justice Center					
			Montpelier Community Justice Center					
Windham	Youth Serv	vices/Brattleboro Community Ju	stice Center					
			Greater Falls Community Justice Center					
Windsor	Valley Cou	rt Diversion	Hartford Community Justice Center					