



Potential FTA Analysis Framework

Community Justice Council

October 8, 2025

Building on past work on Failures to Appear (FTAs)

- Judge McNamara's analysis of use of signature bonds
- Both implementation and evaluation of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA)
- May 2023 MDRC presentation to the Community Justice Council – Pretrial Services reviewed FTAs among people who had gotten the PSA

Potential scope of FTA analysis

- Analyze CCAP data to determine prevalence, trends, and characteristics of people who don't appear
- Connect with individuals who didn't appear to ask about reasons
- Inventory the tools that Dane County currently uses to promote appearance rate
- Identify successful initiatives in other locations and assess potential to be implemented in Dane County, and potential evaluation

Potential project process

- Community Justice Council to meet on the strategic plan on November 20, 2025
- Potential work through most of 2026
- Connecting on the 1:1 level as well as at the subcommittee level for input/feedback

Questions/Comments



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