Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool Revision

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- Risk assessment, preventative detention and jail overcrowding.

- Inform bond decisions and release of low-risk pretrial defendants.

- CPAT
  - Constructed and implemented in 2012.

Current Issues to Address

- Risk classification:
    - Category overload
    - Serious crimes

- Implementation:
    - Consistency
    - Judicial buy-in
    - Interview

Purpose

Empirically assess the validity, impact, and implementation of the Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool (CPAT) to improve the effectiveness of this instrument at assigning a defendant's risk to the public's safety and successfully completing the trial process.

Objectives

1. Evaluate the relationship between the CPAT risk levels and pretrial outcomes.

2. Evaluate the predictive ability of the CPAT risk classification levels.

3. Evaluate the assignment of bond conditions in accordance with the CPAT risk classification levels.

4. Identify evidence-based strategies for effective implementation of the CPAT.

Study Components

- Phase 1: Validation
  - Retroactive
  - Online survey of officers and administration

- Phase 2: Implementation
  - Focus Groups
  - Onsite observation

- Phase 3: Pilot Test
  - Random assignment of CPAT and alternative tool

Timeline & Final Product

- January 2018 – May 2020
  - Phase 1: Jan/18 – June/18
  - Phase 2: Mar/18 – Aug/18
  - Phase 3: Aug/18 – May/20

- Final Product:
  - Final report with recommendations:
    - Risk assessment
    - Condition assignment
    - Implementation
    - Evidence-based interview protocol
  - Implementation manual

THANK YOU!

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