

PRETRIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

In 1976, the U.S. Department of Justice funded the establishment of the Pretrial Services Resource Center, in response to a request from The National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (NAPSA) Board of Directors.

As stated in the Articles of Incorporation, we were founded "...to promote research and development, exchange of ideas and issues, and professional competence in the field of pretrial services, to encourage the establishment of responsible agencies to provide such services, to provide technical assistance to those agencies providing such services, to provide a regular means of communication among such agencies and to develop and implement training materials and techniques for those engaged in delivering such services."

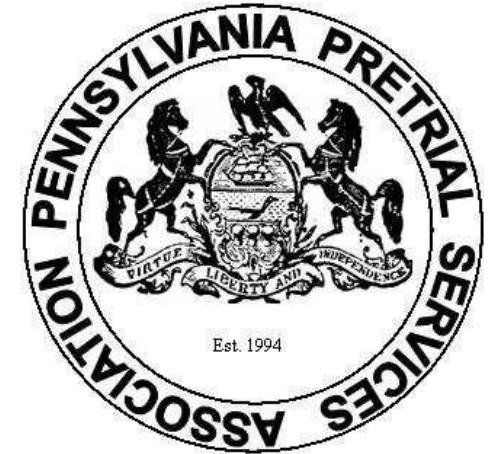
In 2007, we changed our name to the Pretrial Justice Institute to more accurately reflect our mission to advocate nationwide for fair and effective pretrial practices that eliminate inappropriate detention, optimize diversion from prosecution, and maintain community safety. The Pretrial Justice Institute seeks to accomplish this mission by facilitating research that drives evidence based practices, assisting state and local governments in improving their pretrial policies, and providing technical assistance to elevate local pretrial practice.

For more information about pretrial practices nationally, contact the Pretrial Justice Institute at 202-638-3080 or pji@pretrial.org, or visit our web site at www.pretrial.org

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PENNSYLVANIA PRETRIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION



*Promoting the establishment of
professional Pretrial Services programs
and practices since 1994*

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MISSION AND ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

The Pennsylvania Pretrial Services Association's mission is to organize and educate practitioners and the general public about pretrial services, to promote and disseminate research and act as a forum for new ideas in pretrial services, to provide technical assistance in establishing new pretrial service agencies and overall, to promote the establishment of professional pretrial services throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of which benefit defendants, victims, witnesses, other criminal justice agencies, and the general public.

Membership

The Association shall have four classes of members.

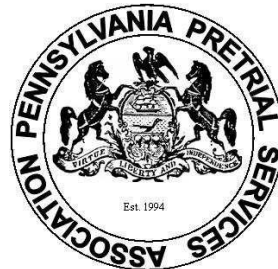
Professional: An individual who subscribes to the purposes and goals of the Association shall be eligible for a Professional membership. Such a member in good standing who has paid the annual dues shall be entitled to vote, hold office, and serve on special or standing committees of the Association.

Organizational: An agency or organization or program which subscribes to the purposes and goals of the Association shall be eligible for an Organizational membership. An organization shall be entitled to designate in writing to the Secretary, at its discretion, persons currently in its employ to hold the four organizational

membership cards of the Association. Each duly designated organizational cardholder shall be entitled to vote, hold office, and serve on special or, standing committees of the Association.

Student/Associate: An individual who subscribes to the purposes and goals of the Association shall be eligible for a Student/Associate membership. A Student/Associate member in good standing who has paid the annual dues shall be entitled to serve on special or standing committees of the Association. Each duly designated Student/Associate cardholder shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

Corporate Partner: An agency or organization that provides a service to, or supports the purposes and goals of, the Association shall be eligible for a Corporate Partner membership. Corporate Partners may designate up to four employees who shall receive notices and newsletters from the Association. A Corporate Partner will not be entitled to vote, hold office, or serve on special or, standing committees of the Association.



The Pennsylvania Pretrial Services Association (PPSA) would like to take this opportunity to reach out to our colleagues and communicate how an effective Pretrial Services program can make a difference in your County. Pretrial services programs are a vital part of the criminal justice system and can provide a positive impact by assisting in reducing jail overcrowding, providing information and assessments to the Courts to be used when setting bail, supervising released pretrial status defendants, and identifying special needs of the defendants (drug, alcohol, mental health) and providing appropriate referrals for services.

The Board of Directors of PPSA is dedicated to promoting the establishment of Pretrial Services programs, as well as providing technical support to enhance existing programs. Your support in the form of a membership to PPSA entitles you access to Pretrial Executives to consult with information on pretrial services including the formation or expansion of your Pretrial Services program, reduced registration rates for our annual conference in State College, reduced membership rate to the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA), a membership certificate and our newsletter.

We would encourage you to become a member of PPSA and support the only professional organization in Pennsylvania dedicated to serving the needs of the Pretrial Services field. If you have any questions or would like additional information, feel free to contact any board member.