



# The Pretrial Post

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In case you missed it...

### NAPSA Releases COVID-19 Survey Results

As state and local jurisdictions were dealing with the onset of the pandemic, NAPSA created a survey to learn what responses to COVID-19 were being taken by pretrial service agencies across the United States. We wanted to learn how various agencies had been impacted and understand in greater details how practices may have changed as a result of COVID-19. In sharing this information broadly, we can learn from one another and start a conversation for how we can be better prepared for the future. Understanding how practices have been modified pre-and-post- COVID-19, will help us assess whether the beneficial policies and practices being implemented have potential for expansion and to understand what future reforms are possible. To access the survey results, please click [here](#). To view an article written by The Crime Report about the survey findings, please click [here](#).

### NAPSA Conference Goes Virtual!

The annual NAPSA conference took place virtually over 4 days in September. The workshops showcased risk assessment, racial equality and inclusion, jurisdictional responses to COVID-19, and NAPSA's Standards for Pretrial Release, 2020 which are available to review at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1edS2bltwfNROieGeu1A6qKluTfzqop92/view>. The CAPS board was able to sponsor 6 scholarship applications for members to attend the conference, they're feedback on the conference is listed below.

### CAPS Fall Virtual Training

CAPS presented a training in partnership with Michael Jones of Pinnacle Justice Consulting. The recording and slides have been sent to all members but if you still need to access that information, please contact us at [caps@capscolorado.org](mailto:caps@capscolorado.org)

#### Session Description

This session covers the following topics:

- Perceptions of Pretrial Risk
- Basics of Pretrial Decisions and Assessment
- Types of Pretrial Assessment
- Racial Disparity in Pretrial Assessment
- Best Practices for Actuarial Pretrial Assessment
- Implications of Perceptions of Pretrial Risk

### Motivational Interviewing for Pretrial Services

We had a great 2-part training with Karen Alonge on MI in a Pretrial perspective.

Motivational Interviewing is a conversation style that builds rapport in the initial stages of the relationship. MI is collaborative and a conversation about change. The practice of Motivational Interviewing involves MI spirit, MI principles, and guiding the process toward eliciting client change talk and commitment for change. Change talk can be statements or nonverbal communications indicating the client may be considering the possibility of change.

# NAPSA Scholarships

"I am honored and grateful to have been able to attend the 2020 NAPSA training this year. Even though it was not in person, I believe the plenary and breakout sessions were excellent and full of information that will help to further pretrial services as a whole and my department specifically. My favorite sessions were the Implicit Bias Training and Cultural Collision Trainings presented by Pastor Edward L. Palmer. He is an excellent orator and the examples and video clips he presented were very enlightening. I thought it was excellent that in Kentucky, most or all of their criminal justice stakeholders take part in Palmer's training. With the current political climate, Pretrial and other stakeholders need to be made aware of how our practices and policies can cause racial disparities and what we can do to help remedy those causes. Throughout the training there was plenty of discussion and evidence-based information on how individuals of color are treated unequally within the criminal justice system. I hope that those who attended this training can help to educate and influence their respective agencies in order to make a difference in how the system currently operates. I know that I have already raved about Palmer's trainings to my supervisors and they are going to take further steps to educate the rest of my agency on implicit bias and cultural competency." -Nickolas Spade

"I was really excited with the topics this year; however, I didn't feel like there was any information presented that I wasn't already aware of. I guess that means we're doing pretty good here in Denver with keeping up with things! I did enjoy the Cultural Collisions presentation and will be sharing it with my staff. Thanks again for the scholarship!" -Robin Vanse

I am so grateful to the CAPS board for being chosen for one of the NAPSA scholarships! I truly enjoyed myself and took away so much from all the great presenters!

As we are all more than aware, there has been much debate with risk assessments and if they should be used. One thing that we can all agree on, is that, "risk assessments should not be the only thing keeping someone in custody". A major thing I took away from the discussions about risk assessments, is the way we present a person's risk. Instead of noting a person's percentage of failure, let's use one's percentage to succeed!

"The sky did not fall and more people have been released on PR bonds", a quote from one of the plenary sessions regarding how our Pretrial world has changed post COVID. It took a worldwide pandemic for more people to be released pretrial, and in the Pretrial world, this is a huge step! - Toni Papik

## Meet our newest CAPS Member:

I have worked for Larimer County Pretrial for a little over two years now, both units (Supervision and Intake). I currently am in Supervision right now, working on getting my II in January and becoming a GPS case manager. I am married and have an ADORABLE German Shepard, named Khaleesi (GOT fan obviously)! They are both my whole life. :) I love meeting new people and exploring new activities.

-Alex Carsrud



# Meet the Researchers Behind the CPAT Validation and CPAT-R Creation



Victoria Terranova, PhD is an assistant professor in the Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice at the University of Northern Colorado (UNCO). She earned a PhD in Criminal Justice at Texas State University. Prior to that she was a pretrial services officer for Travis County Pretrial Services in Austin, TX.

Dr. Terranova conducts research in the areas of corrections, pretrial decision-making, bail, and offender re-entry. She has led several evaluations in Colorado about pretrial decision-making. Of note, the CPAT Validation study which involved the validation of the CPAT,

construction and validation of the CPAT-R. She is currently completing a project constructing and implementing virtual training modules about pretrial risk assessment for pretrial practitioners and stakeholders in Colorado. In addition to this work she has conducted evaluations of structure decision-making in community corrections and offender reentry.

Besides research, Dr. Terranova teaches undergraduate and graduate crime theory, corrections, statistics and program evaluation at UNCO. She also serves as the department's internship coordinator. In her free time she enjoys hanging out with her dogs, playing Frisbee golf and learning how to garden. Emphasis on learning.



Kyle Ward is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Northern Colorado. Originally from Willow Grove, PA (a Philadelphia suburb), he spent most of his life in the Northeast prior to settling in Colorado in 2015. He received his Bachelor's degree double majoring in Psychology and Criminal Justice at Lebanon Valley College in



Pennsylvania, his MA in Forensic Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, and his PhD in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Outside of pretrial research, he conducts research on prison and jail reentry, the impact of marijuana legalization, rural crime, and evidence-based programs and policies. When not working, you'll find him hiking with his family, continuously trying and failing to get back into trail running, or at a local brewery. He lives in Longmont with his wife, Tara, newborn son, Dylan, and dog, Rocky.

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