



Service Description

Pretrial Risk Assessment Services

CCAB: Northeast Michigan	FY: 2025
Local Program Name: PRAXIS Risk Assessment	
Service Provider: Northeast Michigan Council of Governments	
CCIS Service Type: F22 - Pretrial Assessment	
Total Projected Number of New Assessments (enrollment): 400	
For Regional CCABs, total projected number of new assessments by member county: Crawford: 90 - Otsego: 168 - Alpena: 142	
Program Location (select all that apply): Jail: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Program Status: Continuation	
If modification, describe here:	

PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT SERVICES –

- Provides for risk assessment of pre-adjudicated defendants.
- Funding under F22 Pretrial Assessment may include the following: The interview with the defendant, criminal history investigation, verification of interview information, and conducting the Praxis and subsequent report to include presentation at arraignment.
- Enrollment projections should also include an appropriate calculation of staff’s time. The total amount of time spent per projected enrollee should balance with the requested funding amount.
- To be considered for funding, you must utilize the Praxis Risk Assessment Tool (2023 version) for all completed assessments.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS USING “NA” IF NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM

1. Describe the service:
a. Describe eligibility criteria, including exclusionary criteria, for the assessment: The individuals eligible for this program are defendants charged with a high misdemeanor and/or Felony offense. Defendants are eligible at any point in time prior to sentencing while on bond. Sentenced offenders are disqualified unless they are sentenced to a Misdemeanor and pending Felony charges.
b. What PA-511 funded programs does this assessment support (check all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F23 Pretrial Supervision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D08 Electronic Monitoring
c. Are you using the Praxis Risk Assessment Tool (2023 version)? Yes
d. Is the assessment completed through an interview with the defendant or would the defendant fill out a questionnaire for later scoring? All three counties will utilize the same process, the initial questionnaire will be given during booking, the assessment will then be completed through meeting the offender while incarcerated or after they are released. If the offender is deemed unsafe by corrections staff, the interview will take place over the jail phone.
e. Is the assessment completed prior to arraignment? Yes
f. How much time is anticipated to score one pretrial risk assessment (not including subsequent development of a recommendation or plan)? 30 minutes.
g. How much time is estimated to interview the defendant? 15-30 minutes.



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<p>Explain your response. Defendant interviews do not take extensive time. Occurrences where it does take more time are likely due to the lack of available staffing at the Jail, which delays Pretrial Case Manager from meeting with all defendants in a timely fashion.</p>
<p>h. How much time is estimated to complete a criminal history investigation on the defendant? 15 minutes. Explain your response. Defendant’s criminal history is run through ICHAT as the NEMCCAB does not have access to LEIN. If utilizing Judicial Data Warehouse (JDW) background checks can take upwards of 45 minutes due to having to travel to the public access terminal in the County building.</p>
<p>i. How much time is estimated to verify interview information? 20 minutes. Explain your response. Employment verification may require additional time as interviews are conducted prior to arraignment, and the business may not be open. With consideration of this and the time it takes to review any additional information (i.e. probation enrollment, pending charges, history of failure to appear, reference check) it can take up to 30 minutes to verify.</p>
<p>j. How much time is estimated to complete the subsequent report, including the presentation at arraignment/court? 30 minutes. Explain your response. Report is typed and submitted to the court after information is verified. Arraignment times may vary based on docket and availability of a Court Appointed Attorney.</p>
<p>k. What is the total amount of time required to complete the assessment process? (add the time responses to questions i. through m.) 110 - 125</p>
<p>l. Is subsequent verification of information attempted prior to making a recommendation or determining eligibility? Yes</p>
<p>m. Is the recommendation written? Yes</p>
<p>n. For defendants who do not gain release, does your County utilize a review process (sequential review)? Choose an item. Explain: Bond can be reviewed at any point during the duration of the case. The Pretrial Case Manager regularly attends motion week and is able to provide assessment information when requested.</p>
<p>o. Is information about the number of completed assessments entered in COMPAS Case Manager and tracked for CCIS purposes? Yes, all defendants who receive an assessment are entered for CCIS tracking purposes.</p>
<p>p. Review your answers above. Summarize other aspects of the program not specifically identified above that you feel are critical to understanding this program: Without the assessment program, the NEMCCAB is limited in its ability to serve the population that is moderate-high risk/need within the community prior to sentencing. Treatment and services should begin after the defendant is charged to ensure offender success with the potential of reducing sentencing. Defendants who are detained pre-trial are less likely to be successful in the community and are more likely to commit new offenses based solely on the indicator of time incarcerated pending trial. Those defendants who would otherwise be detained and are released, due to supervision, are able to maintain employment, housing, and have access to better defense counsel. In order to access these alternatives, this assessment is essential.</p>



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2. Evaluation is part of evidence-based principles which you **must** identify in section (a). Required key performance measures for this program are identified in section (b). You may include additional key performance measures as well. Be sure to include the data source, how its tracked and measured. **NOTE:** Successful completion of programming, if listed as the only key performance measure, is not sufficient.

a. Describe how this program meets each of the following Evidence Based Principles:

1. **Assess Actuarial Risk/Needs** – The purpose of the PRAXIS Assessment is to help the court determine a defendant's likelihood of court appearance and arrest-free behavior when making a pretrial release decision. Pretrial best practice standards indicate that this assessment should be completed prior to the arraignment whenever possible, and prior to the pretrial release decision being made by the Court (this may include subsequent pretrial hearings where release/bond/bail may be considered).
2. **Enhance Intrinsic Motivation** – Through support of the PRAXIS, Pretrial Supervision encourages willful participation through least restrictive means.
3. **Target Interventions (indicate all that apply)**
 - a. **Risk Principle:** Prioritize supervision and treatment resources for higher risk offenders -The PRAXIS specifically assesses public safety and appearance risk for pretrial defendants.
 - b. **Need Principle:** Target interventions to criminogenic needs -NA
 - c. **Responsivity Principle:** Be responsive to temperament, learning style, motivation, culture, and gender when assigning programs -NA
 - d. **Dosage:** Structure 40-70% of high-risk offenders' time for 3-9 months -NA
 - e. **Treatment Principle:** Integrate treatment into the full sentence/sanction requirements -NA
4. **Skill Train with Directed Practice** – The person performing the assessment will be trained in the PRAXIS. Training to conduct the assessment by Community Corrections Program Manager will also be required of all staff using the assessment tool. Program utilizes the most recent addition of the PRAXIS Instruction Manual. Pretrial Supervision encourages and allows participant to practice compliance with pretrial release order in the least restrictive environment while honoring Due Process.
5. **Increase Positive Reinforcement** – Through the support of the PRAXIS, Pretrial Supervision encourages and allows the participant to practice compliance with pretrial release order in least restrictive environment while honoring due process.
6. **Engage Ongoing Support in Natural Communities** – Through the support of the PRAXIS, continued compliance with pretrial supervision rules and expectations, results in reduced requirements when appropriate.
7. **Measure Relevant Processes/Practices** – Captures statistical data for concurrence rate within counties served.



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8. Provide Measurement Feedback – Shares data regarding participation/program success and effectiveness with stakeholders.

b. Program Key Performance Measure - **Concurrence Rate – (REQUIRED)** – *Enter your projected percentage in the text box: 90 % of OCC-funded defendants will have release decisions/court-ordered bail corresponding with their assessed risk level (Praxis).*

Data Element – Number of defendants screened, number of defendants who receive/ do not receive pretrial release, PRAXIS and Pretrial Orders/Bond Conditions for each defendant will be tracked from assessment to Pretrial Release Decision.

Tracking Source -

1. Who is tracking the Data Element? NEMCCAB Program Manager
2. How is it being tracked? Community Corrections Pretrial Supervision Case Manager will enter pretrial supervision and PRAXIS enrollment information into an excel spreadsheet per assessment.
3. At what frequency is it being tracked? Quarterly

Program Key Performance Measure – **Release Rate (REQUIRED)** - *Enter your projected percentage in the text box: 86 % of OCC-funded defendants will secure release pending case disposition.*

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Additional Program Key Performance Measure -

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2. How is it being tracked?
3. At what frequency is it being tracked?