



National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies

2026 Annual Conference and Training Institute | Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV

Agenda Subject to Change

Judicial Education Track Sessions – for judicial officers only

Pretrial Fundamental Track Sessions

Sunday, August 30, 2026

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| 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. - | Pre-Conference Intensive: Pretrial 101 - Essential Elements of a High Functioning Pretrial System (Carson 3&4) |
| | Pre-Conference Intensive: Walking the Talk of Well Being: Rising from the Stress of Pretrial System Work (Carson 1&2) |
| 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. - | Registration Open |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - | Federal Pretrial Meeting |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - | New Mexico Meeting |
| 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. - | First Time Attendee Orientation |
| 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. - | Awards Gala Reception |
| 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - | Welcome and Awards Gala & Dinner |



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Monday, August 31, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Conference Registration opens
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. - Morning Coffee
- 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. - Welcome and Plenary Session
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Exhibitors open
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. - Concurrent Sessions
1. Building a Wellness Culture Within Leadership Teams (Crystal 1&2)
 2. Leading From the Bench: Defining a Judge's Role in Pretrial (Sierra)
 3. Facilitating Behavior Change: Building Training Capacity, Growing the Skills (Carson 1&2)
 4. Understanding Domestic Violence Victim Survivor Behavior for Pretrial Practitioners (Crystal 5)
 5. Supervising the Impossible: Pretrial Strategies for High-Risk and Transnational Defendants (Tahoe)
 6. Safety Baseline Training (Crystal 3&4)
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions
1. Alternatives to Incarceration in Federal Pretrial Services (Carson 3&4)
 2. Referee or Coach? Connecting Purpose to Practice (Reno)
- 11:25 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions
1. Leadership and Ethical Decision Making (Crystal 3&4)
 2. After the First Appearance: Judicial Leadership in Setting and Modifying Release Conditions (Sierra)
 3. Effective Use of Electronic Monitoring in Domestic Violence Cases (Crystal 1&2)
 4. Equity in Practice: Moving from Disparity Awareness to Operational Change (Crystal 5)
 5. Grounded in Law, Guided in Practice: Strengthening Daily Pretrial Work (Tahoe)
 6. Pretrial 101 (Carson)
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. - Lunch Break – on your own



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- 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. - Headshot Lounge open (Executive Boardroom)
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. - Regional Meetings (open to all attendees)
1. Northwest Region Meeting (Crystal 1&2)
 2. Midwest Region Meeting (Carson 1&2)
 3. Atlantic Region Meeting (Carson 3&4)
 4. Southern Region Meeting (Crystal 3&4)
 5. Northeast Region Meeting (Crystal 5)
 6. Southwest Region Meeting (Tahoe)
 7. LCAPS Meeting (Reno)
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. - Networking Break
- 3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions
1. Building the Future of Pretrial Leadership: Introducing the Leadership Academy for New Pretrial Executives (Reno)
 2. Diversion Courts: How we RISE (Tahoe)
 3. Effective Interview Techniques - Part 1 (Carson 1&2)
 4. Elevating Pretrial Practice Through Accreditation (Crystal 5)
 5. Intimate Partner Violence 101 (Crystal 3&4)
 6. Judicial Leadership Beyond the Bench: Building Effective Stakeholder Teams (Sierra)
 7. Pretrial Release and Probation: What is the Same and What is Different? (Crystal 1&2)
 8. The Impact (and Lessons Learned) from Illinois' Pretrial Fairness Act (Carson 3&4)
- 4:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions
1. Pretrial Services: Defining the Function and Aligning Expectations (Sierra)
 2. Beyond Pretrial Supervision – How You Can Help All Defendants Show Up to Court (Carson 3&4)
 3. Developing Data-Informed Strategies for Stepped-Down Pretrial Supervision (Reno)
 4. Developing Organizational Readiness for Trauma-Informed Pretrial Practices: Lessons from NYC (Crystal 5)
 5. Effective Interview Techniques - Part 2 (Carson 1&2)
 6. From Silos to Teamwork: Operationalizing Collaboration in Pretrial Justice (Crystal 1&2)
 7. Sentencing Options that Achieve Results: A Collaborative Court Model That Works (Tahoe)
 8. Measuring Client Success: Quantifying Positive Outcomes Beyond Traditional Performance Measures (Crystal 3&4)



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Tuesday, September 1, 2026

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Pretrial Fundamental Track Sessions

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. - Morning Coffee

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Registration Open

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. - Plenary Session

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. - Concurrent Sessions

1. A Pretrial Release Policy Based on Risk Assessment Would Reduce Unnecessary Incarceration, Increase Racial Fairness, and Save Money (Tahoe)
2. Beyond Pretrial Supervision – How You Can Help All Defendants Show Up to Court (Sierra)
3. Build a Better Pretrial Data System: Getting Centralization Right (Crystal 5)
4. Crisis Communication for Pretrial Systems (Crystal 1&2)
5. Pretrial Assessment - Part 1 (Carson 1&2)
6. So You Want to Start a Diversion Program (Crystal 3&4)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions

1. Evolving Practices in Electronic Monitoring: Research, Realities, and Resilience (Carson 3&4)
2. Mindset as a Lever for Change: Inside-Out Transformation of Pretrial Culture (Reno)

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions

1. A Different Lense: Domestic Violence Case Consideration & Supervision (Crystal 1&2)
2. Absorbing the Impact: Vicarious Trauma, Burnout, and Building Resilience (Tahoe)
3. Addiction 101 for Justice Professionals: Strengthening Diversion and Community Safety Through Overdose Response Partnerships (Crystal 3&4)
4. Leading from the Middle: Strategies for Developing Staff and Future Leaders (Crystal 5)
5. Pretrial Assessment - Part 2 (Carson 1&2)
6. Pretrial Release and Public Safety (Sierra)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Lunch – on your own



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- 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. - Plenary Session & NAPSA Business Meeting
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. - Networking Break
- 3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions
1. Assessment to Recommendations - Part 1 (Carson 1&2)
 2. Building Pathways and Breaking Down Barriers: Alameda Superior Court's Pretrial Services Resource Centers (Crystal 5)
 3. From Screening to Stability: Building a Pretrial Mental Health Service (Crystal 3&4)
 4. Leadership in Pretrial Justice: An Open Discussion on Current Challenges Facing Pretrial Justice Leaders (Reno)
 5. Research Collaborations in a Pretrial Setting: Risk Assessment and Supervision (Carson 3&4)
 6. Strengthening Pretrial Responses to IPV through Collaboration (Crystal 1&2)
 7. Success in Federal Pretrial Services (Tahoe)
 8. Sustaining Judicial Oversight: Best Practices After Initial Appearance (Sierra)
- 4:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions
1. Assessment to Recommendations - Part 2 (Carson 1&2)
 2. Data Quality in a Single Client System (Tahoe)
 3. Domestic Violence Risk Assessment: Lessons from ODARA, DVSI, and APRAIS (Crystal 1&2)
 4. From Impact to Influence: Telling the Story of Your Pretrial Success (Reno)
 5. From Principles to Practice: Advancing Pretrial Justice With Limited Resources (Carson 3&4)
 6. From Tracking to Trusting: Building Data Oversight for Court-Involved Programs (Crystal 3&4)
 7. National Pretrial Release Standards: What Every Judge Should Know (Sierra)
 8. Supporting Justice-Involved Veterans: Veteran-Centered Approaches in Pretrial Services (Crystal 5)



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Wednesday, September 2, 2026

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Pretrial Fundamental Track Sessions

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. - Morning Coffee

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. - Registration Open

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. - Closing Plenary

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. - Concurrent Sessions

1. Enhancing the Performance of Pretrial Risk Assessments: Lessons Learned from Validations (Crystal 3&4)
2. Motivational Interviewing in Pretrial Service (Crystal 1&2)
3. PACTS360 (Tahoe)
4. From Officer to Leader: The Skills You Are Assessed On (Crystal 5)
5. Supervising Defendants (Carson 1&2)
6. Courts and the Media: Building Relationships Between Judges and Journalists (Sierra)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions

1. Leadership, Love, and Implementation Science in Pretrial (Reno)
2. When Trauma Grows Up: Mental Health, Substance Use, Violence, and Justice System Contact in Emerging Adulthood (Carson 3&4)

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions

1. Conditions That Count: Kentucky's Study to Improve Pretrial Supervision (Crystal 3&4)
2. Measuring What Matters (Carson 1&2)
3. Pretrial Supervision: Is it needed? (Crystal 1&2)
4. Bridging the Gap: Leveraging Community Navigators and Community-Based Outreach to Reduce Pretrial Program Non-Compliance (Crystal 5)
5. Shared Challenges, Shared Solutions: Collaborative Pre Prison Education (Tahoe)
6. The Pretrial Assessment's Role in Judicial Decision-Making (Sierra)

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1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions

1. A Balancing Act: Enhancing Efforts to Promote Survivor Engagement in Pretrial Supervision (Crystal 3&4)
2. Alternatives to Prison Solutions Diversion Program in the Southern District of California (U.S. Courts) (Tahoe)
3. Pretrial Decision Making: Constitutional Principles Illustrated Through California's Experience (Crystal 1&2)
4. Enhancing Court Appearance and Public Safety Through Community-Based Engagement (Carson 3&4)
5. The Impact and Role of Background Investigation Reports in Pretrial Justice (Crystal 5)
6. The Well that Fills Itself - Self-Care Strategies (Carson 1&2)
7. What's it Really Take? Lessons Learned from Design to Deployment of the Oregon Pretrial Assessment Tool (Reno)
8. The Leadership Circle: A Judicial Capstone Roundtable (Sierra)

2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions

1. Sentinel Event Review (SER): A Systems-Based Approach to Strengthening Pretrial Outcomes (Crystal 5)
2. Criminal Justice Reform in New Jersey – Part 1 (Sierra)
3. Flipping the Script on Pretrial Decision Making: Transforming Pretrial Culture Through Leadership and Data (Tahoe)
4. Mobile Competency Restoration and Support: From Planning and Implementation to Outcomes (Crystal 3&4)
5. Practical Pretrial Strategies for Adopting a Support-Oriented Pretrial Supervision Agency (Carson 3&4)
6. Pretrial Partnerships in Action: Probation, Courts, and the Judicial Council of California (Crystal 1&2)
7. The Cost of Community Corrections Work: A Trauma-Informed Perspective (Carson 1&2)
8. Universal Screening in Rural Jurisdictions (Reno)



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3:50 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions

1. Creating Meaningful Client Contacts (Reno)
2. Balancing Liberty and Safety: The Repeat Impaired Driver at Pretrial (Carson 3&4)
3. Beyond Words: Unlocking the Power of Communication in the Workplace (Tahoe)
4. Release or Detention – Before and After Criminal Justice Reform in New Jersey – Part 2 (Sierra)
5. Centering Participant Voice in Pretrial Services: From Feedback to Policy and Practice Change (Crystal 1&2)
6. From Courtroom to Care Plan: Universal Screening Approaches to Health and Justice Integration (Crystal 3&4)
7. From Data to Impact: Aligning Pre-Trial Practice and Research for Effective Evaluation (Crystal 5)
8. The Role of Communications in Balancing Pretrial Justice and Safety (Carson 1&2)