# The Smart Pretrial Demonstration Initiative: Using A Smart Approach To Implement A Smart Change

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# Our Pretrial Challenge

- U.S. jail admissions doubled since '83
- Largest growth is in pretrial population
- People staying longer
- Wrong people in, wrong people out
- Poor performance and outcomes







In order to change an existing paradigm you do not struggle to try and change the problematic model. You create a new model and make the old one obsolete.

R. Buckminster Fuller

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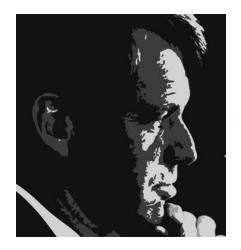
## Since 2010...

- NACo American County Platform
- Private funders

Public Welfare Foundation



- DOJ National Symposium on Pretrial Justice
- Legislation
  - Colorado/Prop 102
  - California/AB 109
  - Justice Reinvestment (KY, DE)









#### Essence of Smart Pretrial



- Test cost savings and public safety enhancements through
  - Pretrial risk assessment
  - Risk management strategies
- Measuring pretrial outcomes of (1) court appearance and (2) public safety







#### What makes it "smart"?

- Use of empirical analysis/independent research and evidence-based practices
- Improve performance and effectiveness while containing costs
- BJA's Smart Suite Policing, Probation, Prosecution, Defense, and <u>Pretrial</u>









## **Smart Pretrial Goals**

- 1. Maximize public safety
- 2. Maximize court appearance
- 3. Maximize appropriate use of
  - Release
  - Release conditions
  - Detention
  - Public resources







#### **Smart Pretrial Values**

Safety

Fairness

Effectiveness







# 7 Key Elements

- 1. Early release by law enforcement of eligible defendants
- 2. Assess every booked defendant for risk using empirically-derived risk assessment tool
- 3. Early review of charges by seasoned prosecutor







- 4. Presence of defense counsel at initial bail hearing
- 5. Release or detention of defendants informed by outcome of risk assessment and adversarial hearing
- 6. Use of empirically-supported risk mitigation (e.g., court date reminders and risk-based supervision)
- 7. Information sharing from pretrial to sentenced phases







## Inaugural Smart Pretrial Sites

Delaware

City/County of Denver

Yakima County, WA







## Phase 1 - Planning

- Started October 1, 2014
  - Sites have a policy team and local site coordinator
  - System assessment/vision
    - Baseline data collection and
    - Cost-benefit analysis
    - System mapping
    - Legal analysis
    - Racial and ethnic disparities assessment
    - Communications plan
  - Implementation plan for Phase 2







## Phase 2 - Implementation

- Implementation of action plan
  - Make the planned changes to policy and practice
- Continued education, training, meetings
- Ongoing data collection







## Phase 3 – Sustainability

- Continued implementation and data analysis
- Planning for post-initiative sustainment of change
- Development as learning sites
- Publications and possibly a Smart Pretrial Summit open to other interested parties













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