

Prosecutor-Led Diversion Programs

Please find below some resources about prosecutor-led diversion programs.

Components of a Prosecutor-Led Diversion Program

Coordinated approach with key justice stakeholders

Goal

Population Target

Eligibility

Referral Process

Intake, Screening and Assessment, Case Plan

Case Management

Program Completion

Termination from Program

Performance Metrics and Reporting

Program Evaluation and Review

Survey of Prosecutor-Led Diversion Programs: This first piece is a survey of some of the main prosecutor-led programs that exist in the United States.

- Prosecutor-Led Diversion: A National Survey, Center of Court Innovation, March 2019
https://www.courtinnovation.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2019/prosecutor-led_diversion.pdf

Evaluation of Prosecutor-Led Diversion Programs: To do a deeper dive, here is a piece that evaluates 16 diversion programs in 11 different offices.

- Prosecutor-Led Pretrial Diversion: Case Studies in Eleven Jurisdictions, Center for Court Innovation, April 2018
https://www.courtinnovation.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017-11/pretrial_diversion_case_study_report_final_provrel.pdf

Pitfalls and Challenges of Prosecutor-Led Diversion Programs: This last piece was recently published in the Annual Review of Criminology and has some wonderful discussion of some of the pitfalls of prosecutor-led diversion including net widening, unilateral decision making and limited accountability, challenges of documenting results, and program and eligibility criteria.

- Models of Prosecutor-Led Diversion Programs in the United States and Beyond, Annual Review of Criminology, 2021
<https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev-criminol-061020-022236>