



Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative

System Scorecard

Four Commitments We Make to Criminal Justice in Milwaukee

The Milwaukee County Criminal Justice Council, a collaboration of all stakeholders in Milwaukee's justice system, is firmly committed to greater accountability in criminal justice and better stewardship of criminal justice resources.

To make this vision a reality, we are implementing **Four Systemic Changes** with the assistance of the National Institute of Corrections and the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

By applying what research and data tell us about what works in protecting the community, holding offenders accountable and making the smartest possible use of our limited resources, by the end of 2013 we will:

- 1. Reduce by 25% the number of people with mental health needs who lose their benefits due to being jailed or losing housing, and increase by 25% the number of individuals with mental health needs who are reconnected to the services they need within 20 days after arrest.**
- 2. Safely release and/or supervise 15% more pretrial detainees in the community rather than in jail, generating at least \$1,000,000 in savings that can be reinvested in the community, and at the same time reduce by at least 40% the already low rates at which defendants waiting for trial fail to follow pretrial rules.**
- 3. Divert or defer prosecution in 10% more cases than we do currently, holding offenders accountable, compensating victims and reducing recidivism, while generating at least \$350,000 in savings that can be reinvested in the community.**
- 4. Demonstrate in a pilot project that by terminating probation as soon as an offender in need of treatment has received sufficient treatment, we can cut the cost of probation by at least 50% and at the same time reduce probation recidivism by 50%.**