



County Risk Assessment Implementation Network

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Overview

In February of 2013, the County Risk Assessment Implementation Network (CRAIN) had its first meeting. The network was originally formed to provide information, resources, oversight, and direction related to the consistent implementation of COMPAS in the counties. Since February of 2013, CRAIN has provided guidance for COMPAS implementation as well as created supporting documents for county and tribal use. The initial impetus for the creation of CRAIN still steers the direction of the group as we move forward.

Through the work of the WI Department of Corrections and partnering counties, we are striving to align current and future practice with research surrounding risk and need assessment. Often this alignment calls for significant shifts in policy and organizational culture. As we transition, the need for a cross-jurisdictional network of people to coordinate and collaborate on this effort is imperative. With the successful implementation of COMPAS for WIDOC, and the subsequent successful pilot with two counties, a broader collaborative effort is needed to assist future counties with the implementation of COMPAS. Despite best intentions, at times consistent implementation of COMPAS has been an afterthought, often leaving each County to develop business process in isolation. The network will develop communication and troubleshoot further obstacles encountered by counties throughout the implementation of COMPAS in counties statewide.

Project Purpose

The ultimate purpose of this network is to develop, review and guide county implementation of COMPAS statewide. This network will promote information sharing and be open-ended in nature, meaning that this work will be ongoing as additional counties develop, facilitate, and address concerns pertaining to County Risk Assessment Implementation Network work.

Objectives

1) COMPAS Implementation and Maintenance

This will be done by supporting active counties in COMPAS, as well as assisting new counties coming onboard to be most effective in their implementation. This objective will be operationalized at least in part by the generation and maintenance of supporting documentation such as a template for County and tribal business process, FAQs, a County Usage Document and any further documents identified as necessary. In addition, the regular networking and information sharing that occurs during CRAIN meetings cannot be overlooked.

2) Continuous Quality Improvement

As assessment and case plan information is ultimately shared across jurisdictions, the ongoing fidelity of these components must be addressed. CRAIN will ultimately establish standards intended to promote and sustain the ongoing quality of assessments and case plan content. This work should happen in conjunction with the CQI work taking place in WIDOC over FY15.

Project Scope

In Scope

1. Development of tools to assist current counties, new counties, and tribes in use of COMPAS.
2. Ongoing oversight and discussion of Evidence-Based Decision Points where COMPAS can be used.
3. Peer and Supervisor audit and continuous quality improvement practices.
4. COMPAS developments and changes.
5. COMPAS Reporting

Out of Scope

1. COMPAS Jail Classification
2. Local county policy for non-COMPAS related subject matter.

County Risk Assessment Implementation Network Composition

Chaired by the Reentry Cross Divisional Coordinator, CRAIN is made up of personnel who have a broad range of professional experiences, skills, and knowledge that will enable us to understand the issues relating to individual counties, the state courts, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. CRAIN is made up of at least one representative from each active tribe, county, both juvenile and adult, and one representative from the state courts and three WIDOC staff.

Operations

- 1) CRAIN will meet on a quarterly basis at a set date and time. CRAIN membership will determine if more frequent meetings are warranted.
- 2) Minutes will be taken for each meeting and adult/juvenile breakout. Reentry Cross-Divisional Coordinator and Reentry Project Manager will be responsible for minutes during the full CRAIN meeting.
- 3) CRAIN will be held in different locations as dictated by the predominant geography of the active counties.

4) Travel costs will be the responsibility of the respective county agency or tribal entity.

Acronyms & Abbreviations

- COMPAS – Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions
- CQI – Continuous Quality Improvement
- CRAIN – County Risk Assessment Implementation Network
- DOC – Department of Corrections
- EBP – Evidence-Based Practices
- FY – Fiscal Year
- WI – Wisconsin
- WIDOC – Wisconsin Department of Corrections