

**PSC STANDARDS UPDATES,
BARRIERS TO
CERTIFICATION AND
MEASURING RISK**

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**Special Supreme Court Advisory
Committee on Justice and Mental
Health Planning**

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

WHERE ARE WE GOING

Hon. Kathryn Zenoff
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THE COMMITTEE



- Created April 2010
- 22 judges named as members
- Original charges: strategic planning, education and training of PSC judges, effective use of resources
- Expanded charge in March 2013 – develop PSC Standards and Certification process
- Charges in Civil Commitment

STANDARDS

- Form Working Group (May 2013)
- Study Standards from 11 states and NADCP Best Practice Standards (June-December 2013)
- Writing the Illinois PSC Standards – 30 drafts (January 2014-August 2015)
- Review by Chief Judges – August 2015
- Adopted by Supreme Court – Nov 2015

STANDARDS

Role of JMHP Committee in Certification Process

- Panel reviews
- Conference calls
- Scoring guide

STANDARDS/AMENDMENTS

Working Group Discussion

- Certification before operation
- Team present in court
- Proposed Standard(s) for treatment; procedure for imposing sanctions; confidentiality and redisclosure

CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS TO PSC CERTIFICATION

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ELIGIBILITY AND REFERRAL

- Target Population
- Subjective and objective
- Transparency
- Access to Justice

STAFFING

- Discuss every case
- Team input
- Sanctions, Incentives and Therapeutic adjustments

TREATMENT

- Individualized
- Evidence-based; manualized
- Dosage and duration

TRAINING

- Required – Standards
- Minimum and ongoing
- Online at
[Https://treatmentcourts.org](https://treatmentcourts.org)

**Illinois Adult Risk
Assessment
(ARA)**

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Illinois Adult Risk Assessment (ARA)

- Created by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute as the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS)
- Fourth generation actuarial assessment
- Suite of tools- allowing criminal justice practitioners to assess clients at various points

Illinois Adult Risk Assessment (ARA)

- UCCI established continued quality improvement and parameters for fidelity
 - Certification Process
 - Standardized data points to ensure accurate information
- Opportunity for validation
 - Currently validated within other states

ARA- Community Supervision Tool (CST)

- Utilized at time of disposition
 - Aids in disposition decision
 - Determines risk level/level of supervision of client
 - Shows what areas are driving the clients' risk level
 - Helps officers prioritize treatment/programming needs
- Components of the CST
 - File Review
 - Self-Report Questionnaire
 - Interview
 - Collateral

ARA-CST

- **Domains**
 - Criminal History
 - Education, Employment and Finances
 - Family and Social Support
 - Neighborhood Problems
 - Substance Use
 - Peer Associations
 - Criminal Attitudes and Behavioral Problems

- **35 questions in total disseminated throughout 7 domains**

ARA- CST

Risk Levels

MALES		FEMALES	
LOW	0-14	LOW	0-14
MEDIUM	15-23	MEDIUM	15-21
HIGH	24-33	MEDIUM/HIGH	22-28
VERY HIGH	34+	HIGH	29+

ARA-CST

Risk Level By Recidivism

Males

Females

* Provided by UCCI

ARA-CST

- **Conducting the Assessment**
 - File review
 - Self-Report
 - Interview
 - Scoring out
- **Post Assessment**
 - Review results with client
 - Begin building case plan based off assessment with client input

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Thank you!

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