

# **U.S. PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY**

## **Eastern District of New York**



### **VISION STATEMENT**

The Pretrial Services Agency in the Eastern District of New York strives to serve with the highest level of professionalism and dedication and provide services to the court, community and defendant with fairness, impartiality and integrity.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Pretrial Services Agency in the Eastern District of New York is twofold: (1) To conduct bail investigations for the Court and, (2) To supervise defendants released to the agency's care. Virtually all defendants arrested in the Eastern District of New York are interviewed by Pretrial Services Officers following apprehension. Through the bail interview and investigation process, Pretrial Services determines the community ties of defendants, evaluates pertinent social circumstances that might interfere with the defendants' ability to meet Court dates, evaluates any danger or risk to the community that might be occasioned by the defendant, and recommends specific bail options or detention, if necessary. For those defendants released under the supervision of Pretrial Services, officers have a wide range of resources at their disposal to assist them with supervision activities and/or the protection of the community.

In addition to its work for the Court, the Pretrial Services Agency also performs a statutory service in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office. Pretrial Services completes social background investigations of individuals whom the United States Attorney's Office refers for possible inclusion in the Diversion Program. Candidates for the Diversion Program have committed a relatively minor first offense, have a minimal prior criminal record history, and have accepted responsibility for their criminal behavior. If accepted into the Diversion Program, defendants are supervised by a Pretrial Services Officer who offer the same resources as those under regular bail supervision.

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