

Pennsylvania Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (PaDRAI)

Purpose and Benefits of Detention Screening

Purpose of Detention: To ensure youth appear in court and to minimize the risk to public safety (reoffending), for the specific, short period of time while youth are awaiting final case disposition.

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Promotes	Enhances	Ensures	Creates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairness Consistency Equity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountability Effective resource allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transparency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defensible, rational system

What the PaDRAI is designed to measure:

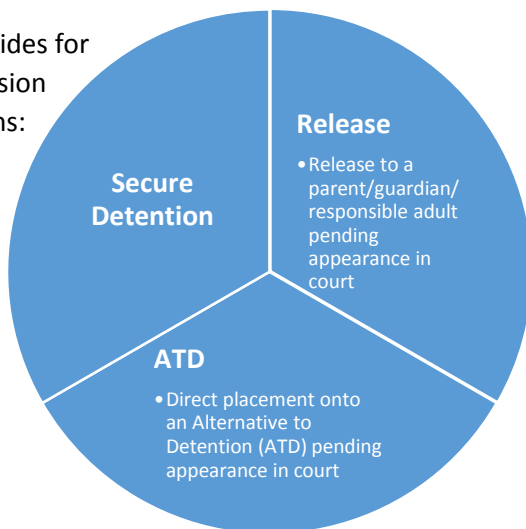
The PaDRAI is designed to measure risk to re-offend and/or fail to appear during the specific time period while the youth is awaiting his/her first Juvenile Court hearing.

Principles Underlying the PaDRAI



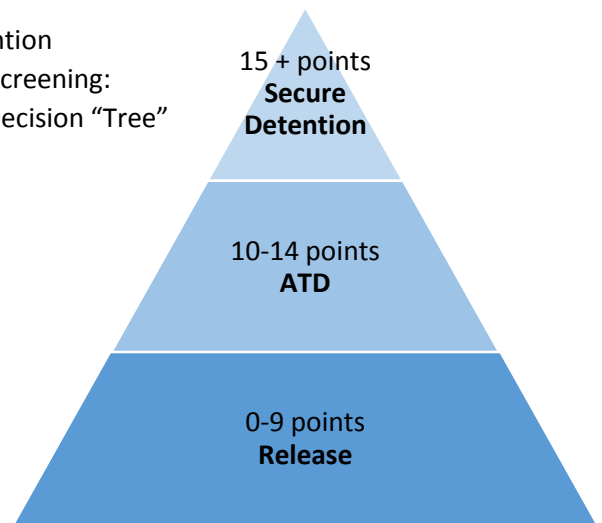
Detention Risk Screening: Supervision Recommendations

The PaDRAI provides for 3 detention-decision recommendations:



Recommendation is based upon the youth's cumulative risk score:

Detention Risk Screening: The Decision "Tree"



The Critical Role of the ATD

- Often youth are released following short periods of secure detention
- Appropriate use of ATDs are safe, allow for the youth to remain in the community, and provide for effective use of resources

