

# Key Partners in the Release Assessment Update Process

The Criminal Justice Agency (CJA) is New York City's main nonprofit pretrial services agency, combining operations, demonstration projects, and research under one roof. CJA interviews nearly all defendants before they see a judge (over 200,000 annual interviews) and makes release recommendations to the court. CJA has played a key role in ensuring that close to 70 percent of defendants are released on recognizance. CJA also runs a series of demonstration projects designed to address key pretrial detention issues, including launching Supervised Release in Queens (an alternative to cash bail program that was recently expanded to each of New York City's five boroughs) and the Bail Expediting Program, which helps defendants navigate the confusing bail payment process. Finally, CJA produces groundbreaking research on topics such as bail reform, release decision making, supervised release, and juvenile offending.



As the Mayor's chief advisor on public safety strategy, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice shapes and funds strategies at every stage – from interactions with first responders on the street, to how cases are processed through the criminal justice system, to connecting individuals leaving Rikers Island jails with programs and services to help them build productive and healthy futures



ideas 42 uses the power of behavioral science to design scalable solutions to some of society's most difficult problems. From a small project at Harvard in 2008, when a team of top academics joined forces to create the first behavioral design lab in the world, ideas42 has grown into an organization with global reach and influence, with offices in New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C., and work on projects in almost every corner of the world. ideas42 is made up of a group of talented, creative professionals from different backgrounds and disciplines, including a network of more than 60 academic affiliates and advisors, including the world's most influential pioneers in applied behavioral science.

# CRIME LAB New York

Crime Lab New York partners with policymakers and practitioners to generate evidence about the strategies that reduce crime and make the criminal justice system more effective and fair. A research center affiliated with the University of Chicago, Crime Lab New York uses randomized controlled trials, insights from behavioral economics and data science to help better understand which interventions work, for whom, and why. With this body of rigorous evidence, Crime Lab aims to help our partners in New York City and beyond make investments in programs and policies that are cost-effective, targeted and scalable, with the goal of keeping our most vulnerable communities safe and improving human lives.



Luminosity, Inc. is a women-owned, small business whose mission is to advance pretrial justice in America. For nearly two decades, Luminosity has leveraged data analytics and implementation science to improve public safety, fairness, and cost effectiveness in communities across the country. The Luminosity team is led by Dr. Marie VanNostrand, an experienced practitioner, skilled researcher, and nationally recognized expert in the pretrial stage of the justice system. She has presented her work at more than 100 national and state conferences, including a White House Convening on Criminal Justice Reform, the US Attorney General's Symposium on Pretrial Justice, and the Congressional Briefing on Pretrial Justice. Under her leadership, Luminosity's Data Analytics Team conducted the largest study on the effectiveness of alternatives to pretrial incarceration and developed the nation's first statewide, data-driven, pretrial assessment. They also conducted the research credited as the catalyst for criminal justice reform in New Jersey, and worked in partnership with the New Jersey Courts to implement those reforms. As part of New York City's research collaborative, Luminosity researchers leveraged their pretrial expertise, extensive experience in conducting pretrial research, and expertise in implementation science to support the development of the updated CJA Release Assessment.