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# Criminal Justice Summary of 2011 Reports

## Judicial System

*Expansion Drug Courts Serving More Prison-Bound Offenders, but Will Not Fully Expend Federal Funds*, Report No. [11-21](#), November 2011. The 2009 Florida Legislature established eight post-adjudicatory drug courts to divert drug-addicted, prison-bound offenders to treatment, thereby saving state prison dollars. As of September 30, 2011, 1,190 offenders had been admitted to the program. Despite actions by the 2011 Legislature, the Office of the State Courts Administrator reports that the courts are not likely to serve enough offenders to expend all federal grant funds before they expire in March 2013.

While the number of prison-bound offenders served has continued to increase, only two of the eight expansion drug courts have had a majority of their participants facing mandatory prison sentences.

Current data indicates that Florida expansion drug court completion rates for early program participants may slightly exceed the completion rates of other post-adjudicatory drug courts.

*Pretrial Release Programs Generally Comply with Statutory Data Collection Requirements*, Report No. [11-27](#), December 2011. During 2010, 29 Florida counties had pretrial release programs that supervised defendants who had been released from jail while awaiting disposition of their criminal charges. No program reported receiving state general revenue, with most programs (27) primarily funded through

county funds. In addition, four programs received state or federal grants.

Eight programs were able to provide a breakdown of the nature of defendants' criminal history, which varied among programs. For these programs, the percentage of defendants with violent felony convictions ranged from 0.9% to 29.7%. Twenty-four programs reported that judges in their circuits have the discretion to assign a bond and require supervision by pretrial release programs to provide an additional layer of accountability.

Most programs reported that few defendants they served failed to appear in court or were arrested while in the program. As in prior years, programs reported varying outcomes for failures to appear, warrants for failure to appear, and defendant arrests.

Programs have generally complied with statutory requirements, as most (26) submitted an annual report to OPPAGA and reported that they maintain the required weekly registers. Most programs (27) also responded to OPPAGA's survey that requested additional information.

Some programs' annual reports do not contain all outcome data required by law. Some reporting requirements do not apply to programs that do not make release recommendations. Programs also could not report some criminal history information due to state and federal restrictions.