

Views from the Field

“Hennepin County, like many urban centers, has large numbers of drug-related arrestees each month. ... Researchers at TRI worked closely with us to develop a web-based triage system suited to our needs ... RANT has assisted in streamlining our operations and is yielding useful empirical evidence about our arrestee population and how we might best serve them ... It has been a pleasure to partner so effectively and congenially with academic researchers to make practical real-world improvements to our work. The TRI scientists and IT staff are responsive to our needs and questions, deal directly and quickly with issues that arise, and do so in a comfortable and professional manner.”

- Chief Judge Lucy Wieland; Thomas Merkel, Director, Community Corrections & Rehabilitation Hennepin County, MN

“For many of my years on the bench, TRI worked closely with our drug court program to identify subgroups of clients who respond differently to various types and amounts of services. The extensive TRI program of research demonstrated that drug court outcomes are greatly influenced by the match between offenders' risks and needs and their specific treatment and monitoring plans. As a result of these important findings, we greatly improved the success rates of our clients”

- Judge Jay James (Retired), New Castle County, DE; Court of Common Pleas

“Every day we try to improve on the services and techniques we use to help our drug court clients. Researchers from the Treatment Research Institute have greatly helped us in this process. RANT is a powerful tool that helps us better understand the risks and needs presented by each and every client, and target our approaches accordingly.

- Scott Kerstetter, Probation Officer, 17th Judicial District Drug Treatment Court, Union County, PA

“Our Drug Diversion program has used the TRI-CEP database for many years. It is efficient and the TRI staff is responsive to our needs and suggestions. We are looking forward to adding TRI's Risk and Needs Triage (RANT) to our program. We expect RANT will allow us to better understand the problems and needs of our clients and to target our limited resources. Ultimately, our use of RANT will give our clients a better chance to graduate and move on to crime-free and drug-free lives. Working with the professionals at TRI is a pleasure.”

- Hon. Andrea L. Rocanelli; Court of Common Pleas, New Castle County, Delaware