

Stakeholder Trainings on the Indiana Risk Assessment System (IRAS) and the Indiana Youth Assessment System (IYAS)

The Indiana Office of Court Services (formerly the Indiana Judicial Center) will be conducting regional Stakeholder Trainings on the Indiana Risk Assessment System (IRAS) and the Indiana Youth Assessment System (IYAS) late October and in November. Evidence-based practices are critical to each community in working toward better outcomes with criminal and juvenile justice systems. One of the foundational elements of evidence-based practices is risk assessment. Validated risk assessments provide information to aid in determining supervision strategies, areas for further assessment, and targeted services and interventions. The Indiana Office of Court Services would like you to join us for these informative sessions to aid you in a better understanding of risk assessment systems and their benefits.

Eligible attendees include: Judges; Prosecutors; Defense Attorneys; Law Enforcement; Treatment Providers; DOC employees; Community Supervision Officers like Probation, Parole, Community Corrections, Problem-Solving Courts, and Court Alcohol & Drug Programs; and Government Officials, like Legislators, and Council members.

Curriculum: Each session will be consistent with evidence-based literature and will focus on the following components:

- Review the definition of risk for the purposes of conducting IRAS/IYAS assessments and provide an overview of the principles of effective intervention (risk, need, responsivity, and fidelity principles);
- Provide a brief overview of how the principles of effective intervention were used to create and validate the IRAS/IYAS (i.e. the research that went into developing and validating the actuarial assessment);
- Explain the importance of using a risk assessment system generally and why the IRAS/IYAS is beneficial for correctional agencies/facilities across the state of Indiana;
- Review briefly how IRAS/IYAS assessments are conducted, providing an overview of how each component of the process is used to complete an assessment (i.e., using self-report information, conducting an interview, scoring out an interview, etc.);
- Describe appropriate uses for IRAS/IYAS assessment information and how it may guide decision-making for the criminal justice system at the pre-trial, community supervision, prison intake, and reentry levels; and juvenile justice system at the diversion/detention, community supervision, residential intake, and reentry levels.

Registration information:

Below is a list of the sessions being offered, the location, and time of the session. Each session has limited space. Please register for the session(s) you would like to attend. If the link you are trying does not work, then that session is full. After registering, you will receive an email confirmation with full details and location address. Please check any junk or spam folders if you do not receive your confirmation since they are auto-generated from the registration system. Lunch will not be provided and travel expenses (mileage or hotel overnight) will not be reimbursed. If you need to cancel or make a change to your registration, please contact Teri Simmons at teri.simmons@courts.in.gov.

Date and Time	Session Title	Location	Registration link
October 27 - 8:45 AM	IRAS (Adult) Session	Fort Wayne	October 27 Morning Session-Adult
October 27 - 1:15 PM	IYAS (Juvenile) Session	Fort Wayne	October 27 Afternoon Session-Juvenile
October 31 - 8:45 AM	IRAS (Adult) Session	Plainfield	October 31 Morning Session-Adult
October 31 - 1:15 PM	IYAS (Juvenile) Session	Plainfield	October 31 Afternoon Session-Juvenile
November 1 - 8:45 AM	IRAS (Adult) Session	Muncie	November 1 Morning Session-Adult
November 1 - 1:15 PM	IYAS (Juvenile) Session	Muncie	November 1 Afternoon Session-Juvenile
November 7 - 8:45 AM	IRAS (Adult) Session	Merrillville	November 7 Morning Session-Adult
November 7 - 1:15 PM	IYAS (Juvenile) Session	Merrillville	November 7 Afternoon Session-Juvenile
November 14 - 8:45 AM	IRAS (Adult) Session	French Lick	November 14 Morning Session-Adult
November 14 - 1:15 PM	IYAS (Juvenile) Session	French Lick	November 14 Afternoon Session-Juvenile
November 17 - 8:45 AM	IRAS (Adult) Session	Clarksville	November 17 Morning Session-Adult
November 17 - 1:15 PM	IYAS (Juvenile) Session	Clarksville	November 17 Afternoon Session-Juvenile