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# INNOVATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES

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## Alternative Sentencing

Where: New York, New York

Program: Alternative to Incarceration

<https://brooklyneagle.com/articles/2020/10/23/new-york-city-expands-its-alternative-to-incarceration-programs/>

New York City's Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is expanding its Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) program, and increasing the number of providers and programs across the city. The expansion follows a multi-year, cooperative effort by the city, policy experts, non-profits and justice-impacted people to revamp the Office's original ATI program. This expansion offers new opportunities including increased capacity for felony cases and voluntary post-mandate services, evidence-based practices and quality assurance, additional substance abuse, mental and physical health services, and additional programming focused on women and youth. The ATI program will help more people stay out of jail, both during their participation in ATI and by reducing future recidivism.

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## Probation

Where: Bishop, California

Program: Probation Automated Check-Ins during COVID-19

<https://www.courtstoday.com/blog/automated-check-ins-streamline-probation-during-covid-19-outbreak>

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and following distancing guidelines, Inyo County Probation Department has implemented a new way to manage its supervision cases and interact with clients, especially regarding clients checking in with their supervision officer. The department worked with Tyler Technologies to implement a new automated check-in feature that uses interactive technology to have clients complete their check-ins over the phone. The new check-in also helps streamline case management with automated reminders and reporting features. Upon enrollment, officers are notified remotely of any issues needing verification or follow-up.

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## Veterans Affairs in Criminal Justice

Where: Akron, Ohio

Program: Valor Court

<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/akron-canton-news/akron-court-program-helps-veterans-caught-in-criminal-justice-system-get-back-on-their-feet>

Akron, Ohio has taken a proactive approach by establishing a specialized, Valor Court, to help veterans involved in the criminal justice system. By identifying and address issues related to their charges or criminal involvement, the goal of Valor Court is to offer veterans rehabilitation and social reintegration options and opportunities, rather than adding charges to their records and detaining them. The voluntary program has seen an 87% successful completion rate, with less than 17% of participants reoffending post completion.

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