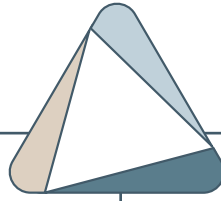


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PRA Releases “Conversations on Leadership” Podcast Series

In April, PRA released the three-episode “[Conversations on Leadership](#)” podcast series, which explores PRA’s leadership transition. In May 2022, Sarah L. Desmarais, PhD, became the firm’s President; previous President Pamela Clark Robbins will retire in December 2022. In this series, Dr. Desmarais and Ms. Robbins offer their perspectives on the transition, the evolution of PRA over the past 35 years, and what the future holds for themselves and the organization.

The series is composed of the following three episodes:

- Episode 1: The Leadership Transition [[SoundCloud](#)]
- Episode 2: The Future of PRA [[SoundCloud](#)]
- Episode 3: Pam’s Reflection on 35 Years [[SoundCloud](#)]



The Academic Training to Inform Police Responses Pilots Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program in Corvallis, Oregon

In May, the Academic Training to Inform Police Responses conducted a Crisis Response and Intervention Training (CRIT) with the Corvallis (Oregon) Police Department. The 40-hour CRIT; program, developed by the Academic Training, provides officers with a better understanding of how to safely and effectively deescalate and interact with individuals experiencing a crisis related to behavioral health conditions and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Corvallis was one of four agencies selected to participate as a pilot site for the CRIT, the other agencies include the Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) Bureau of Police, the Rapid City (South Dakota) Police Department, and the Shreveport (Louisiana) Police Department. These agencies engage in comprehensive strategic planning, which includes program design, implementation, and partnership building to support recovery and treatment for persons experiencing a crisis or at risk of experiencing a crisis.

Watch this [news feature](#) on the Corvallis CRIT and learn more about the [CRIT curriculum](#).



New Publication From Research and Evaluation Area: “Comparing the Relationships Between Money Bail, Pretrial Risk Scores, and Pretrial Outcomes”

In June, “Comparing the Relationships Between Money Bail, Pretrial Risk Scores, and Pretrial Outcomes,” co-authored by Research Associate Samantha Zottola, PhD, and President Sarah L. Desmarais, PhD, was published in [Law and Human Behavior](#). In their research, Drs. Zottola and Desmarais examined the following questions:

1. How do bail and pretrial risk assessment scores differ between people who do and do not experience failure to appear or rearrest?
2. Are pretrial risk assessment scores associated with failure to appear or rearrest when controlling for bail amount and relevant covariates (i.e., current charges, age, sex)?
3. Are pretrial risk assessment scores associated with failure to appear and rearrest when controlling for bail amount in a sample disaggregated by race?

The findings of their analyses did not support the use of money bail to ensure that people return to court and avoid rearrest. In a [blog post](#), Dr. Zottola notes, “The threat of lost money will not influence many reasons for rearrest. Other solutions are required to meet people’s needs and change system practices.”

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