

## Iowa State Public Defender – CJJP

### Client Choice Project

#### PHASE ONE - COMPLETE

**Total Phase One: 1,313 cases examined. 217 surveys returned.**

**Group 1:** March 7, 2017 – August 4, 2017 (approx. 5 months)

- **240 cases examined**, Plymouth and Monona County cases ending during this time period
- 1 public defender; 36 contract attorneys
- 50 completed surveys

**Group 2:** October 9, 2017 – July 2, 2018 (approx. 9 months)

- **1,073 cases examined**, Plymouth, Monona, and Woodbury County cases ending during this time period
- 7 public defenders; 54 contract attorneys
- 167 completed surveys

**Surveys & Case Outcomes.** Surveys were sent to all indigent defense clients who could be located, and their survey responses were recorded. In addition, the following data was collected on each case:

- Length and Timeline of case by gathering:
  - Offense date & Filing date
  - Plea date (if any)
  - Sentencing or Dismissal date
- Pretrial Detention Information by gathering:
  - Detention start and end dates
  - Bond amount, whether bond posted, and date bond posted
  - Whether request was made for bond reduction, and if the request was successful
- Charge and Conviction codes by gathering:
  - Charged offense code, description, and class
  - Conviction offense code, description, and class
- Plea Bargains by gathering:
  - Whether or not defendant pled guilty
  - Level of offense pled to, as compared to level of offense originally charged
- Case Outcomes by gathering:
  - Sentencing type (fine, jail, deferred, suspended, prison, etc.)
  - Discretionary Sentencing Conditions
    - Length of probation, sentence, suspended/deferred, consecutive/concurrent
    - Amount of fine or civil penalty & whether suspended
    - Other conditions: Residential Treatment, Drug Court, Electronic Monitoring, etc.
- Other
  - Attorneys: number of attorneys per case & whether client requested new attorney
  - Dismissals: collecting data on basis for dismissal, if provided
  - Trials: collecting data on number/percentage of cases going to trial