

The Evolution of a PD Office – Why and How We Changed

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Recommended Reading

- “Using Data TO Sustain and Improve Public Defense Programs” ABA/SCLAID, Marea Beeman (2012)
http://texaswcl.tamu.edu/reports/2012_JMI_Using_Data_in_Public_Defense.pdf
- “Basic Data Every Defender Program Needs To Track: A Toolkit for Defender Leaders” NLADA, Marea Beeman (2014)
<http://www.nlada100years.org/sites/default/files/BASIC%20DATA%20TOOLKIT%2010-27-14%20Web.pdf>

NLADA Asks “Why Track Data?”

- **Client Advocacy**
- **Program Advocacy**
- **Policy Advocacy**

Benefits of Tracking Attorney Time

- Provides accurate data regarding the amount of attorney time required for the various case types so realistic, research based workload standards can be developed and enforced.
- Can you give you an accurate picture of what attorneys in the office are doing in their cases (visiting with clients, filing motions, etc.)
- Provides valuable information regarding changes in the amount of required attorney effort over a period of time due to prosecutorial policy changes, legislative changes or other changes in the local system. For example:
 - Legislative Changes In Juvenile Procedures
 - New Jail

Our Keys To Success in Using Time Data

- An advisory Committee which includes judges and other key players in the system
- An Independent researcher
- Buy in from staff attorneys
