



# Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

*Ensuring Public Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

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Dear Commissioners:

The RNR (risk, need, responsivity) Workgroup formed by the Executive Committee in 2023 has been tasked to identify key issues in the retaking process. A significant challenge in managing this process, and the affected population, is identifying the factors leading to an individual's retaking and subsequent retransfer under the compact. Considering the complexities of these cases, the Executive Committee has approved an assessment for fiscal year 2025 to review states' actions in instances where supervised individuals are retaken and retransferred.

The purpose of this assessment is to gain a better understanding of the circumstances surrounding these occurrences, identify any potential patterns or systemic issues, and inform efforts to enhance the efficiency and efficacy of our compact procedures. This assessment is expected to provide valuable data and perspectives, enabling the Commission to make informed decisions and implement targeted improvements to our operations.

This fall, states will receive up to ten incoming cases, to which they will respond as the receiving state, addressing the following:

1. What was the original crime for which the individual was under supervision?
2. Was the original transfer 'reason' mandatory or discretionary?
3. What was the supervised individual's risk level based on the assessment tool used by your state at the time of the transfer to your state? Did that change during the supervision term?
4. What was the individual's supervision level at the time the violation was reported?
5. Did the receiving state use a risk tool or violation matrix in determining the violation should require retaking?
6. What type of violation led to the retaking? Describe the violation:
  - a. Technical, non-technical, abscond, etc.
  - b. Was retaking mandatory vs discretionary?
  - c. What incentives, corrective actions, graduated responses, or other supervision techniques were employed prior to initiating retaking? How were these techniques and outcomes reported?
7. Did the receiving state establish probable cause prior to retaking?

We encourage your active engagement and collaboration throughout this process. Your insights, feedback, and recommendations are integral to our collective efforts to strengthen the compact and better serve the needs of those under our supervision.

Sincerely,

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