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Tools for Safe and Smart Bail System Changes: Data and Technology

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Information Sharing	Sharing relevant data across criminal justice agencies through one central system or interoperability protocols for consistent exchange. This integration ensures that key details about a defendant—such as pending charges, criminal history, court appearances, and rearrests—are readily accessible to relevant stakeholders.
Electronic Case Management	Advanced systems enable courts, law enforcement, and other involved parties to access and share case-related information in real time. Streamlining pretrial cases in this way can reduce paperwork, minimize errors, and accelerate the judicial process. These tools also facilitate service coordination, reporting, remote monitoring, communication with clients, assessment, intervention, and follow-up.
Data-Driven Performance Management	Using data analytics to assess and refine assessment tools, inform judicial decisions, and continuously monitor outcomes. By leveraging comprehensive data analysis, authorities can identify successful strategies, reduce biases, and optimize resource allocation. Through a continuous feedback loop, data-driven practices also ensure that pretrial release policies evolve in response to community needs.
Automated Systems	Automated systems can ensure better oversight and swifter response times by efficiently communicating court dates, support referrals, and bail condition compliance status. Routine paperwork can also be automated to streamline the process, save staff time, and improve alignment between the defendant and all system stakeholders.