





*present research on the effectiveness of release decisions which are based on gut instinct alone, in comparison to release decisions which incorporate risk and/or need assessment information. Various approaches which are being used nationwide will be discussed, as well as how to practically implement the use of such tools.*

**Sentencing Guidelines and Probation – Workshop Discussion**

*Probation is one of the most highly utilized sentencing options, yet the interaction between probation and sentencing guidelines varies greatly in guidelines jurisdictions. In some systems, aspects like the length of probation and potential conditions are built into the guidelines, but in others, the guidelines indicate a recommended in/out decision but provide no further guidance with regard to probation. In some systems, the guidelines govern sentencing or resentencing when probation is revoked; in others, the guidelines apply only to the initial decision to impose probation or not. This workshop will give attendees an opportunity to learn from each other and discuss these varying approaches.*

**11:45 p.m. Lunch**

NASC Business Meeting

**1:15 p.m. Plenary Session 5: How High Profile Cases Impact Sentencing Policy**

*How do Sentencing Commissions maintain the integrity of their Guidelines when faced with sentencing for a “sensational/high profile” criminal case? Panel members will share a variety of experiences responding to high profile cases that had the potential to or resulted in changes to their Sentencing Guidelines. This discussion will address issues faced by high profile cases and how best to navigate those issues.*

**2:30 p.m. Conference Adjourns**