



Standards for Excellence Impact Story - [Berks Connections/Pretrial Services](#)



How has the Standards Accreditation process impacted your organization?

The Accreditation process has had a very positive impact on our organization. It has not only strengthened our internal processes, but also the structure and activity of our board.

What have you done differently because of the Standards process?

Guided by the standards, we have been able to enhance our governance policies, fundraising and communication with donors.

How has implementing the Standards impacted your clients?

Through the improvements we have made in our program evaluation methods, we have been able to strengthen our appeal when developing our fundraising message, resulting in increased contributions!

What tips do you have for organizations planning to go through the process?

I would highly recommend the accreditation process to any organization in the nonprofit sector looking to maximize their potential. The process is very straightforward, and the staff at PANO are a pleasure to work with!

If there is an area that you are looking to develop/enhance, don't be afraid to ask for help! PANO offers assistance not only through their own materials, but also through information from their network of members. BCPS has greatly benefited from our membership to PANO, not only through becoming an accredited organization, but also through the strengthening of our overall internal processes!



Mission: Berks Connections/Pretrial Services works to create a safer, more prosperous community by providing services, support and community-based outreach to adult offenders, at-risk youth and their families through successful community reintegration and by providing pretrial-related assistance to the courts and effective supervision of pretrial defendants.