

Jail Classification Assessment

Objective, practitioner-led evaluation to strengthen safety, consistency, and decision-making in your facility

A jail's classification system is the foundation of nearly every operational decision—from housing assignments and supervision levels to program eligibility and resource allocation. Yet classification is often one of the least reviewed and least updated processes in a facility. With staff focused on daily demands, it can be difficult to step back and evaluate whether your system still reflects current best practices, legal expectations, and operational needs.

equivant Corrections' Jail Classification Assessment gives facilities an unbiased, evidence-based review of their classification policies, scoring instruments, workflows, and outcomes. Built and delivered by former practitioners, this assessment helps you understand what's working, where vulnerabilities exist, and how to enhance safety, reduce liability, and strengthen your facility's foundation in a sustainable way.

Key Features

Our team of former practitioners conducts a comprehensive evaluation through document review, on-site engagement, data analysis, and staff interviews, focusing on:

 Classification Instruments & Scoring Criteria Assessing accuracy, reliability, and alignment with modern standards.	 Override Policies & Decision-Making Practices Evaluating how exceptions are used, documented, and justified.
 Housing Assignments & Bed Utilization Identifying inefficiencies, risks, and opportunities for safer placements.	 Reclassification & Review Cycles Ensuring timely updates based on behavior, incidents, and special needs.
 Staff Competency & Inter-Rater Reliability Measuring consistency, training gaps, and scoring confidence.	 Legal Compliance & Documentation Reviewing records, defensibility, and adherence to regulatory requirements.
 Incident Trends, Mishousings & Outcome Data Connecting classification decisions to safety, liability, and operational performance.	 Technology & Reporting Support Assessing whether current systems effectively support classification workflows.

With an equivant Corrections' Jail Classification Assessment, your facility:

- Receives a detailed findings and recommendations report
- Identifies gaps and vulnerabilities before they lead to incidents or litigation
- Improves safety for both staff and inmates through better housing decisions
- Strengthens defensibility and reduces liability exposure
- Optimizes bed use and resource allocation, easing operational pressure
- Positions your facility for long-term stability and compliance

Strengthen the core system that drives safety, efficiency, and fairness in your jail.