What is the MnSTARR 2.0?

The MnSTARR is a tool that helps to figure out how likely someone in prison is to commit crimes once released. In other words, it helps to assess an individual’s recidivism risk.

How is the MnSTARR 2.0 scored?

This tool was made after looking at years of research and information from prisons here in Minnesota.

Items used to score the tool includes things like your criminal history, supervision history, prison discipline, STG involvement, sentencing information, age at the time of release, educational history, participation in prison programming, prison visitation, and supervision status at the time of release.

The tool automatically pulls data from a few sources, mostly COMS, which means no staff are scoring the tool.

The scores are low, medium, high, or very high risk of committing crimes once released.

What can you do to lower your MnSTARR risk?

You can lower your risk by starting and finishing a number of DOC programs. Examples include CD and SO treatment, T4C and Moving On (for females), EMPLOY, CIP, Work Release, and PFA. Earning a secondary degree (GED or high school diploma) or post-secondary degree may also help lower your risk.

The best advice to make sure your risk does not increase is to have no discipline while in prison and be successful on supervision once released. It is likely that your risk may increase if you return to prison.

How do I find out more information about my MnSTARR score?

If you have questions about your MnSTARR score, start with your case manager and follow the chain of command. Case managers have been trained in the details of the tool and how the score relates to the type of supervision you may be placed on after release.