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## Pretrial Release Task Force

This task force was placed on hiatus in June 2020 and did not meet during fiscal year 2022. For membership information, consult the Commission website at [ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-prtf](https://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-prtf)



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# 1 Introduction

This report documents the Commission’s fifteen year of activities and accomplishments, specifically describing the Commission’s activities between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. During this period, all Commission meetings continued to occur on a virtual platform due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. In Fiscal Year 2022, the Commission’s work focused on issues related to sentencing reform and received in-depth presentations on Colorado crime trends, victims’ services and human trafficking, and pretrial outcome research. Additionally, Commissioners heard updates on the Governor’s budget, the newly created Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), regular updates regarding legislative activities, and the Task Force and Working Groups’ progress. An annual boards and commissions best practices training was offered to Commissioners in October 2021. More detailed information can be found in the “Activities of the Commission” section.

The Sentencing Reform Task Force was seated by the Commission in September 2020 to address the

sentencing topics delineated in the 2020 biennial letter from Governor Jared Polis pursuant to House Bill 2018-1287 (See Fiscal Year 2021 CCJJ Annual Report). Subsequently, the Task Force created working groups to focus on the areas of sentence progression, probation and sentencing alternatives, conditions of parole, and sentence structure. The Parole Working Group concluded its work at the end of fiscal year 2021. The Sentence Progression Working Group was placed on hiatus in July 2021 and re-activated in September 2022 with additional members.

During Fiscal Year 2022, the Commission approved a total of seven recommendations – six legislative and one policy - in the areas of probation, professional licensure offenses, theft of public benefits, intermediate sanction confinement facility, and possession of weapons by previous offenders. During the 2022 legislative session, six recommendations from the Sentencing Reform Task Force were drafted into legislation and signed into law by Governor Polis. The content of two pieces

of legislation included elements of six Commission recommendations (see Table 1.1 on the next page.) Legislative reforms are one type of systemic change the Commission pursues. It also recommends changes to operational policy, business practice, and agency philosophy.

This 2022 report is organized as follows: Section 2 provides a summary of the Commission’s mission as reflected in its enabling legislation, along with its membership; Section 3 discusses Commission and committee activities from July 2021 through June 2022; Section 4 details the Commission’s recommendations and outcomes; and Section 5 describes the Commission’s next steps.

**Table 1.1 Commission-supported bills presented to the 2022 General Assembly**

Bill Number	Bill Title	Status
House Bill 22-1257	The adoption of 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses:  FY22-SR #01. Define the Purposes of Probation FY22-SR #05. Implement Individualized Behavioral Responses to Probation Violations FY22-SR #06. Revise Penalties for Unauthorized Practice of Certain Professions or Occupations FY22-SR #07. Revise Value Basis for Theft of Public Benefits FY22-SR #08. Add Prison as an Intermediate Sanction Confinement Facility FY22-SR #09. Revise Felony Offenses Eligible for the Crime of POWPO	Signed

**Bills that are related to previous recommendations or provide clarifying changes to previous CCJJ bills**

Bill Number	Bill Title	Status
House Bill 22-1229	Adopt clean-up provisions to Senate Bill 21-271 which enacted the 2021 recommendations of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.  (Note: This "clean-up" bill was not initiated by CCJJ, but reflected continuing work by CCJJ and collaborating entities, agencies and legislators.)  <i>This bill revised elements of statute related to SB 21-271 related to CCJJ Recommendation FY21-SR #01. Revise Misdemeanor Sentencing and Offenses)</i>	Signed
Senate Bill 22-018	Expand the court reminder program (Note: This bill was not initiated by CCJJ, but included elements of a previous CCJJ recommendation.)  <i>(See also SB 19-036 related to CCJJ Recommendation FY19-PR #10. Create a Statewide Court Date Reminder System)</i>	Signed



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## Legislative Intent and Membership

The Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (“Commission”) was created by House Bill 2007-1358 with specific mandates. These initial mandates may be found in §16-11.3-101 through §16-11.3-105, C.R.S. and §24-1-128.6, C.R.S. The Commission was re-authorized during the 2018 legislative session by House Bill 2018-1287. More information on the Commission enabling legislation and statutory duties can be found on its website at [ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-creation](http://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-creation).

The Commission comprises 29 voting members and one ex-officio, non-voting member. Twenty members are appointed representatives of specific stakeholder groups, and ten are designated to serve based on their official position. Terms of the appointed members are for no more than two consecutive three-year terms, in addition to any partial term. The Commission includes state agency

representatives, legislators, the department of law, and multiple private and public stakeholders. As such, approved recommendations represent the views of the entire Commission and not that of any single agency or Commission partner.

During Fiscal Year 2022, the Commission saw a turnover in membership with the departure of four Commissioners whose first term expired on June 30, 2021. Tajundin “Taj” Ashaheed replaced Andrew Matson, Steve O’Dorisio replaced Nancy Jackson, Kristiana Huitron replaced Jennifer Stith, Derek McCoy replaced Ann Tapp. Additionally, Jaime FitzSimons was appointed for a partial term to replace Matt Lewis, who resigned in July 2021, and the replacement of Kristen Hilkey—who resigned in December 2021, had not yet been announced.







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## Activities of the Commission

This section summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the Commission in Fiscal Year 2022. The topics covered in this section include the following:

- A summary of the educational presentations made to the Commission regarding local and national criminal justice initiatives and efforts;
- A description of a statutorily mandated training required by 2018 legislation for all of Colorado's Boards and Commissions;
- A report of the work of the Task Force and Working Groups of the Commission.

### Educational Presentations

The monthly Commission meetings provide a platform for ongoing education and information sharing regarding local and national criminal justice issues and trends. During Fiscal Year 2022, experts provided three topical presentations, and three updates summarized below.

**Presentation: Criminal Justice Trends in Colorado**  
Jack Reed, Research Director for the Division of

Criminal Justice, presented in February 2022 with data for offenses and arrests, court filings, and correctional populations.

The total crime rate (violent and property) increased in Colorado by 8.6% between 2019 and 2020 while the U.S. total crime rate decreased by -6.2%. Colorado was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> highest in total crime rate increase in the country. The national crime rate was not calculated for 2021 due to changes in FBI reporting requirements.

Colorado's violent crime rate increased by 17% between 2019 (pre-pandemic) and 2021 (post-pandemic). This included increases of 47% in the murder rate, 15% in the robbery rate, and 31% in the aggravated assault rate. This contrasts with a 6% reduction in the sexual assault rate. The total number of homicides in Colorado for 2021 reached an all-time high of 357, up 47% from 2019 (n=227). A similar increase was seen for the overall property crime rate, which went up 20% between 2019 and 2021. An increase in the motor vehicle theft rate of +86% was a main driver in the overall property crime increase, followed by +15% in the burglary rate and +8% in the larceny/theft rate.

Fentanyl is a serious public health and public safety risk in both Colorado and across the nation. The Rocky Mountain HIDTA Task Force reported 55,816 fentanyl dosage units (DU) seized in 2020, which increased by 558% in 2021 to an estimated 367,424 DU seized. The increase in fentanyl seizures is similar in other RMHIDTA regions (Wyoming, Utah, and Montana). In 2020, the leading cause of death nationally among those 25 to 34 years old was fentanyl overdoses. Fentanyl overdoses accounted for more deaths than COVID-19 in the younger population.

Trends in both criminal and delinquency filings were summarized. Between FY2020 and FY2021, there was a slight variation in county court filings, but a significant *decrease in filings* in district criminal and juvenile courts. These decreases were highly variable across the 22 Judicial Districts, ranging from 0% to -31%. Since 2019, there has been a decrease in felony drug filings in district courts, possibly due to the changes in the offense level for controlled substance possession from felony to misdemeanor (*see House Bill 2019-1263: Offense Level for Controlled Substance Possession*). This also resulted in an increase in the number of misdemeanor drug filings in county courts.

Trends in correctional populations have fluctuated significantly since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The probation population declined 15% from 2019 (N=74,604) to 2021 (N=63,171). The average daily jail population declined between the first quarter of 2020 (N=12,599) and the third quarter of 2021 (n=8,096). This decrease can be explained by the reduction of bookings related to jail policies to limit the spread of COVID.

The CDOC population was consistently around 20,000 inmates from 2013 to 2019, with a gradual decrease starting in June 2019 that accelerated downward starting in March 2020. This was due to a number of changes intended to reduce the prison population to better control the spread of COVID-19 in CDOC facilities. The December 2021 CDOC population was 15,642 (-22% from June 2019) which is the lowest number since 1999. CDOC recidivism rates, measured as a return to prison, have consistently declined since 2014.

The number of *discretionary* parole releases increased 123% from 2017 (N=2,557) to 2020 (N=5,711) 123% increase while there was only a 21% increase in *total* parole releases during this same timeframe. Parole releases declined in 2021 because there were fewer people eligible for release from CDOC.

The number of residents in community corrections declined 45% between 2019 (N=4,347) and 2021 (N=2,410). Finally, since 2012 there has been a steady decline in juveniles in the custody of the Division of Youth Services.

### **Presentation: Human Trafficking & Victims Services**

In April 2022, Commissioners heard presentations on victims' services & human trafficking by Kelly Kissell and Maria Trujillo from the Division of Criminal Justice's Office of Victims Programs. The Colorado Human Trafficking Council's (CHTC) legislative purpose is to bring together leadership from community-based and statewide anti-trafficking efforts, to build and enhance collaboration among communities and counties within the state, to establish and improve comprehensive services for victims and survivors of human trafficking to assist in the successful prosecution of human traffickers, and to help prevent human trafficking in Colorado.

- The Legislative mandates for the CHTC include:
  - Standards for victim services providers
  - Recommendations for statutory changes
  - Develop a statewide public awareness campaign
  - Develop training standards and curricula
  - Identify best practices for the prevention of human trafficking
  - Data collection on the incidence of human trafficking and the efforts of law enforcement
  - Publish an annual report
  - Research and pursue funding opportunities to fulfill council goals

- Recommendations on whether a law should be enacted that grants immunity or other legal protections for minor victims of sex trafficking
- Conduct a post-enactment review of the affirmative defense for charges of prostitution.

The CHTC has successfully put forward a number of recommendations that have been enacted into law. These include a bill to define child sex trafficking as a form of child abuse and neglect, create immunity and an affirmative defense for minor victims of trafficking, updates to the wage theft law, and an update to the Children’s Code for 24-hour child care facilities that serve trafficking survivors.

The CHTC has engaged in an award-winning public awareness & outreach campaign. The goal was to increase the general public knowledge about all types of human trafficking in the state of Colorado. The media-targeted markets were Denver, Colorado Springs, and Grand Junction. The 2020 media launch had a digital focus for 3 months, driving significant traffic to the website. In 2021 focused on awareness tactics during the late summer months to achieve a significant number of impressions across the state. Adjustments were made to the program to improve the Spanish language approach and implement a strategically driven organic social media push.

The media campaign resulted in an increase in calls and texts to the human trafficking hotline. Additionally, the successful social media campaign drove traffic to social platforms and the website.

### **The Office for Victims Programs**

Ms. Kissell provided a presentation on the purpose, function, and funding of OVP (as mentioned above, this presentation is available at [ccjj.colorado.gov/meetings/meetings-2022](https://ccjj.colorado.gov/meetings/meetings-2022)). The Office for Victims Programs (OVP) in the Division of Criminal Justice at the Colorado Department of Public Safety includes the following programs: Crime Victim Services Funding, Human Trafficking Council, Victim Rights Compliance, Sexual Assault Victim Emergency (SAVE) program, Standards and technical assistance

for Victim Compensation, and Standards and technical assistance for local Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement programs (VALE).

The Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) is the state administering agency (SAA) for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program. VOCA funds are distributed as part of a competitive grant process every 2 years – “Crime Victim Service Funds”

She detailed the amount of funding available through the different programs, including VALE, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), SASP, and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Each state receives a formula grant based on population from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to help support victim services.

Victim Services Funding: SASP=\$460K; VAWA=\$2.6M; State VALE=\$1M; Local VALE=\$9.9M; VOCA=\$18M.

VOCA is funded through fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes, forfeited bail bonds, special assessments from the US Attorney’s Office, and Congress sets a cap on the amount of funds that can be distributed by the OVC. The VOCA cap reached \$4.44B in 2018 and decreased to \$2.64B in 2020.

Ms. Kissell discussed the difficulty in sustaining victim services. OVP’s VOCA award had its highest award in 2018 approximately \$58M while the 2021 VOCA award was approximately \$18M (68% reduction). Similarly, in the last funding cycle, OVP awarded \$93M VOCA in awards for 2 years while in this funding cycle, OVP awarded \$55.5M in VOCA awards (41% reduction). There has been stakeholder work led by the three state victim services coalitions and DCJ for the past year with Senator Winter and Representative Duran to improve the sustainability of state victim service funding.

## Presentation: Pretrial Outcome Research

### Boulder County COVID Response

Mr. Dougherty, District Attorney for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and Co-chair for the Sentence Reform Task Force started the presentation by expressing appreciation for the partnership between the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's office, the Boulder County Criminal Justice Services, the Sheriff's Office, and community stakeholders.

In March 2020, the onset of COVID-19 necessitated a swift and significant response to reduce the jail population. Through system-wide collaboration, and over the first month of COVID, the jail population was reduced by 46% through releases that included:

- The immunocompromised
- Those with 45 days or less remaining on their sentence
- Those on work release.

In addition, new arrest standards and presumptive PR bond eligibility were implemented to reduce the number of individuals booked into jails. In the first few months of 2020, Boulder County released eligible inmates on Personal Recognizance (PR) bonds who were at 45 days or less of their original release dates to reduce the jail population during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Birchard, a researcher from the Boulder County Criminal Justice Services, continued describing the Boulder County COVID outcomes and highlights of their pretrial research.

The goal of the study was to understand public safety and court appearance outcomes for individuals released from jail during the first 3 months of COVID. The findings will help inform what practices may be maintained to support ongoing efforts to ensure public safety and effectively manage the jail population in Boulder County.

Data was collected for all jail releases during the first three months of COVID (3/16/20-6/15/20) and compared with the same three-month period in 2019. They tracked public safety and court appearance for the six-month period after release. Recidivism rates include new charges (new case filed), not including failure to appear. Public safety rates are defined as no new charges or filings during the supervised pretrial period.

### Key Findings

#### *Recidivism*

Overall recidivism rates were comparable in 2019 and 2020 when looking at new charges within Boulder County. In 2019, the recidivism rate was lower for PR bonds than for secured bonds. However, in 2020, the recidivism rate was comparable for both bond types when looking at new cases statewide.

Though fairly low in both years, the rate of escalation from misdemeanor to felony for the recidivism charge was somewhat higher in 2020 compared to 2019. In 2020, felony releases had a higher recidivism rate than in 2019, with new misdemeanor charges making up the majority of the increase. The proportion of felony releases that had a new felony was comparable by bond type in 2019 and 2020.

Those who had an initial property charge had a higher rate of recidivism than other charge types. Of those who recidivated, 23% had four or more recidivism events. Homeless individuals and those with mental health issues comprised a significant proportion of those with four or more recidivism events.

#### *Court Appearance*

Of those who were released, 68% did not have an FTA within 6 months of initial release and 66% of those who received a PR Bond did not have an FTA within 6 months. A greater proportion of those who received a summons had an FTA. Those who had an FTA on the first release had a higher recidivism rate.

### *Three-year Pretrial Trends 2019-2021*

While already fairly high, PR bond rates ordered for lower-risk defendants, those assessed by the Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool (CPAT) at level 1 or 2, increased somewhat in 2020 and 2021. However, PR bond rates ordered for higher-risk defendants (CPAT levels 3 and 4) increased significantly during COVID.

The agreement rate between the bond type recommended and what was ordered for high-risk defendants was particularly disparate in 2020 and 2021, with a higher percentage being ordered PR bonds than was recommended by the CPAT tool. Among CPAT 3s and 4s, the public safety rate was comparable regardless of bond type.

### *Recommendations*

- Address behavioral health needs and stability factors such as homelessness as early as possible in the process of system involvement.
- Develop a better understanding of release conditions that best support successful pretrial outcomes.
- Assess current practices around court date notification to identify areas of opportunity for supporting increased court appearances.
- Gain a better understanding of the interplay between court appearance and recidivism and how best to mitigate increased risk.
- Engage law enforcement agencies in dialogue about the impact of enforcement practice changes on outcomes.
- Study the impact of sentencing practices and reforms on pretrial outcomes.
- Continue to monitor public safety and court appearance outcomes post-COVID to understand whether these outcomes will improve in a post-COVID landscape or are part of a new normal.

### **Jefferson County Pretrial Outcomes**

Mr. John Hilgendorf from Jefferson County Justice Services presented on Jefferson County Pretrial Outcomes. The focus of the study included failure to appear (FTA) warrants, the impact of increased use of Personal Recognizance (PR) bonds on appearance rates among pretrial defendants, and an examination of who failed to appear while on pretrial supervision.

### **Key Findings**

#### *Pretrial outcomes*

There was a notable increase in PR bonds ordered at advisements since April 2021. There was an increase in FTA rates, especially for those defendants assessed as high risk by the CPAT (Risk levels 3 or 4).

The next question was who failed to appear on pretrial supervision. When accounting for CPAT risk, criminal history, prior failure to appear, and current offense, there was no significant relationship between the type of bond posted and failing to appear in court while on pretrial supervision. The strongest predictors for failure to appear were CPAT risk levels, failure to appear history, and certain offense types.

High-risk (CPAT 3 and 4) cases were more likely to FTA, compared to CPAT 1 cases; CPAT 3 cases were three times more likely to FTA; CPAT 4 cases were about twice as likely to FTA.

Defendants with multiple prior FTAs were more likely to FTA on pretrial supervision when compared to defendants with no history of failing to appear. Theft cases, especially CPAT 3 and 4 cases, had high rates of failure to appear, with CPAT 3 theft cases having a 43.5% FTA rate. Domestic Violence and DUI had low rates of failing to appear, regardless of the type of bond posted. Domestic Violence cases given a PR bond had an FTA rate of just 6.5%. The overall FTA rate for DUI cases on pretrial supervision was just 4%; 7% for PR bonds; and 3% for summons.

*Using technology to improve outcomes*

In November 2021, Jefferson County started a text notification program to remind pretrial defendants of upcoming court hearings. Defendants receive two reminders per court hearing, one reminder a week before and one a day before the court hearing.

There is no noticeable increase in appearance rates among CPAT 1 and 2 defendants who appeared in court, regardless of text notifications. However, there was a significant difference in appearance rates among higher-risk (CPAT 3 and CPAT 4) defendants who received multiple text reminders. For CPAT 3 defendants there was an 85% appearance rate before text notifications were implemented; after multiple notifications were implemented, the appearance rate was 92% among defendants. Among CPAT 4 defendants, the appearance rate was 76% rate before text notifications; after, the rate was 82% among defendants who received multiple text reminders.

Text messages were also implemented to remind GPS defendants to charge their GPS units. The number of violations filed for defendants failing to charge their GPS unit decreased since GPS charge notifications began. Before the texting program, filings for GPS violations were consistently between 50 and 60 violations per quarter, while after texting filings dropped to less than 20 per quarter.

**Public Safety Investment**

Mr. Oppenheim from the Office of the Governor shared that the Governor recognizes the importance of public safety and has made it a priority for FY 2022-23. This year, the Governor's budget includes a \$113 million comprehensive Public Safety Investment Package to fund a breadth of multi-disciplinary strategies. The Public Safety Investment Package involves several agencies: local law enforcement, the Department of Corrections (CDOC), the Department of Human Services (CDHS), the Governor's Office, and the Department of Public Safety (CDPS). Below are highlights from the presentation.

The investment package proposes the following:

1. Community Investments (\$35.9M managed through CPDS)
  - Community-Based Competitive and Targeted Grants  
A flexible grant program for multi-disciplinary crime prevention and intervention programs by law enforcement and other local agencies.
  - Crime Prevention through Safer Streets Grant Program  
This strategy includes a "hot spots" study as well as a grant program where DPS and local governments evaluate and design safer streets and neighborhood models and discourage crime and revitalize community image.
  - Preventing Bias-Motivated Violence Grants Funding would support a preventing bias-motivated violence grant program to provide funds for training programs focused on building strong communities, increasing awareness and understanding, and preventing bias-motivated violence.
  - Young Offender Intervention and Prevention Pilot Program Grants  
This grant program is intended to create a blueprint that connects schools, public safety, public health, and other agencies into a single response to reduce crime and violence among young people.
  - School Safety Resources Grants  
A competitive grant program for school districts to apply for school safety enhancements. Allowable uses would include an expansion of mental health resources, training for mental health professionals, and infrastructure improvements such as locked doors. Managed through DPS.
2. Public Safety Workforce Investment (\$16.6M managed through CDPS)
  - Statewide Crime Prevention Forum  
One-time funding for a forum in which the findings will be used to inform the design of the grant programs within the package.



DPS will engage a national Crime Justice Technical Assistance Organization to facilitate a convening of state and local stakeholders to socialize best practices on crime prevention.

- **Workforce Recruitment, Expansion, Retention**  
A grant program for recruitment, retention, and tuition support activities to address the public safety workforce shortages being experienced by local agencies.
  - **Colorado Bureau of Investigations Staffing**  
DPS reports that the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is understaffed for its workload and in comparison, to other states of similar circumstances. Funding will be used to improve CBI staffing levels so that they can more effectively accomplish their mission.
  - **Central Evidence Facility Improvement**  
The Department reports that the CBI facility is not big enough, nor secure enough, to store a growing amount of state-held evidence.
  - **Project Oversight**  
The project management team will ensure that individual strategies of the Public Safety Package are coordinated, manage project timelines, conduct budget work, and so forth to ensure the successful implementation of the entire project package.
3. **Recidivism Reduction Investments (\$7.1M managed by various agencies)**
- **Restorative Justice Pilot (CDOC)**  
One-time funding to implement a pilot of a trauma-responsive, restorative culture through Restorative Justice (RJ) practices and interventions.
  - **Fire Mitigation Equipment of Inmate Fire Team (CDOC)**  
Funding to provide additional critical equipment to assist in meeting fire mitigation goals in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- **Youth Employment (CDHS)**  
One-time funding to bolster education and job readiness training programs for the youth care of the Division of Youth Services to improve outcomes after release.
  - **Take-Two Program Expansion (CDOC)**  
An existing barrier to the implementation of the Take TWO program is difficulty transporting offenders to employers. This one-time funding will be used to hire a consultant and implement recommendations for cost-effective transportation, thus expanding the number of employers and offenders who can partake in Take TWO.
  - **Behavioral Health Shar in the Criminal Justice System (CDPS)**  
This project will allow the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) within CDPS to enable Colorado jails' interoperability with Colorado Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CICJIS).
4. **Domestic Violence (\$6M CDHS)**
- **Domestic Violence Program Support**  
As proposed in the Governor's budget request, CDHS would receive \$6M for gender-based violence prevention services, including anti-domestic violence and anti-sexual assault services to mitigate the compounded safety concerns faced by interpersonal violence survivors during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be split to support anti-domestic violence and anti-sexual organizations, enhance pet safety in domestic violence shelters, directly support survivors of interpersonal violence, develop public awareness, expand the "Caring Dads" pilot program, and support broad domestic violence prevention work at the Department.
5. **Behavioral Health Investments (\$47.4M managed through various agencies)**
- **Criminal Justice Early Prevention Program (CDPS)**  
The proposed grant program will allow

communities to develop criminal justice redirection infrastructure to prevent at-risk individuals from becoming involved in the criminal justice system or penetrating further into the system.

- **New Beds at Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan to Address the Competency Waitlist (CDHS)**  
 The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) is statutorily required to provide competency evaluations and restoration services for patients in the forensic system. In FY 19-20, the Office of Behavioral Health received approval for Capital Construction funding to renovate two units at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan. The renovation and associated operating funds will add 44 forensic treatment beds. These units will be ready for occupancy in October 2022.
- **Behavioral Health Worker Loan Forgiveness (CDPHE)**  
 Funding would be used to expand this program, which can be done by increasing the amount each professional is eligible for, increasing the number of providers' services, incentivizing (i.e. increasing the payment for) participation in the program for serving certain populations like those experiencing homelessness and/or those involved in the criminal justice system. Additionally, funds will be used for granting scholarships and/or bonuses so that otherwise eligible individuals without loans may become eligible.

**Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) Implementation**

Ms. Gina Lasky, a consultant from Health Management Associates (HMA) presented an update on the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) implementation. A previous update on the BHA implementation occurred at a special Commission meeting on April 30, 2021 (See FY21 CCJJ Annual report).

The BHA is designed to build on partnerships and relationships between the many facets of

Behavioral Health and the Criminal Justice system. These include:

- The BHA Advisory Council, with representatives from the criminal justice system
- A Criminal Justice working group to report to the Advisory Council
- A core position will be created within the BHA to provide criminal justice expertise

The Advisory Council will review and prioritize recommendations from the Behavioral Health Task Force and draw from a Statewide Needs Assessment for criminal justice and justice-involved populations. The Council will focus on continuum gaps, service changes and challenges, alignment of programs across the continuum, and recommendations from *Senate Bill 2019-222 Comprehensive Plan to Strengthen and Expand the Behavioral Health Safety Net System*.

The BHA implementation date is July 2022 and initially will be established within the Colorado Department of Human Services. The BHA implementation plan continues to evolve with feedback from stakeholders, direction from the Governor's Office, and by mandates from the General Assembly through final authorization and future legislation.

**What is the BHA?**

The BHA will coordinate behavioral health efforts across agencies, create shared goals, improve collaboration, drive accountability and transparency, and provide an opportunity to streamline our overall system.

The mission of the BHA is to:

- Elevate the voices of consumers and family members with lived experience of behavioral health issues and the behavioral systems in Colorado.
- Ensure equity and address behavioral health disparities.
- Problem solve and implement solutions through collaboration and effective relationships.



- Impact the entire behavioral health system, including the commercial system from prevention to recovery.
- Enhance and focus on whole-person care and quality of care.

The BHA will partner with all Colorado state departments to ensure there is a collaborative and networked approach across the behavioral health continuum from prevention to treatment and recovery. The BHA will also work with local governments, providers, and other key partners.

The recommended governance model of the BHA will include Cabinet Members, a Behavioral Health Commissioner, an Advisory Council & Work Groups, and staffed core functions. The proposed BHA structure was described (see chart on page 13 of the presentation on the Commission website under the December 10, 2021 meeting tab at [ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-mtgs2021](http://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-mtgs2021).)

For related information on behavioral health reform and the BHA implementation, see *Behavioral Health Reform*<sup>1</sup> and *Working Together to Create Colorado's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)*<sup>2</sup>

### Behavioral Health Administration Activity

At the May 2022 meeting, Mr. Hilkey introduced Dr. Morgan Medlock, the new BHA Commissioner, and a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

House Bill 2022-1278 established the duties of the BHA, which will launch on July 1, 2022.

The vision of the BHA is to create a behavioral health system that works for all Coloradans

- A system where nobody is left behind, including those who are justice-involved.
- A unified vision & strategy across the continuum of care
- Improved funding services
- Comprehensive data
- System coordination

Dr. Medlock and her team embarked on a statewide tour to better understand the behavioral health needs of Coloradans. Dr. Medlock described a new crisis center model in Salida offering mobile and on-site crisis responses, a drop-off center for behavioral health services with the promise of rapid assessments, and on-site acute behavioral health treatments. The BHA vision is to have a comprehensive, equitable, accessible, affordable, and effective continuum of behavioral health services.

The BHA is hiring a Deputy Commissioner for Equity and System Effectiveness. The BHA sponsored five equity fellows named to the national equity-grounded behavioral health leadership program with the College for Behavioral Health Leadership.

The BHA has established priorities for Criminal Justice Partners. These include:

- Build on existing collaborations to improve the relationship and connection between criminal justice and behavioral health.
- Raise awareness and understanding of criminal justice within the BHA to inform policy, strategy, and standards.
- Incorporate priorities of criminal justice partners in improving BHA assessment, treatment, and services for justice-involved individuals.
- Expand and streamline a comprehensive continuum of care for justice-involved individuals.
- Improve payment models and address current barriers to service availability, particularly for high-risk and high-need cases transitioning out of institutional care (e.g. Institutes or Corrections).
- Improve accountability of providers to serve those with justice involvement
- Address and improve data interoperability.

Criminal Justice/Behavioral Health Roadmap Objectives:

- Objective 1: Colorado's criminal justice and

<sup>1</sup> [cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health-reform](http://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health-reform)

<sup>2</sup> [cdhs.colorado.gov/about-cdhs/featured-initiatives/behavioral-health-reform/change-management](http://cdhs.colorado.gov/about-cdhs/featured-initiatives/behavioral-health-reform/change-management)

behavioral health systems promote and invest in accessible and effective programs, strategies, and practices.

- Objective 2: Colorado’s behavioral health and criminal justice workforce has the capacity and resources needed to provide deflection, diversion, and intervention services.
- Objective 3: State and local agencies and organizations serving people dually involved in Colorado’s criminal justice and behavioral health systems are coordinated, communicating, and aligned.

*Senate Bill 22-196. Health Needs of Persons in Criminal Justice System.* This bill establishes the early intervention, deflection, and redirection from the criminal justice system grant program in the BHA:

- to provide grants to local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribes, healthcare providers, and community-based organizations,
- to fund programs and strategies that prevent people with behavioral health needs from becoming involved with the criminal justice system, or that redirect individuals in the criminal justice system with behavioral health needs from the system to appropriate services.
- Local law enforcement agencies are eligible for a grant to develop or expand a co-responder community response program.

## Statutorily mandated training for all Colorado’s Boards and Commissions (House Bill 2018-1198)

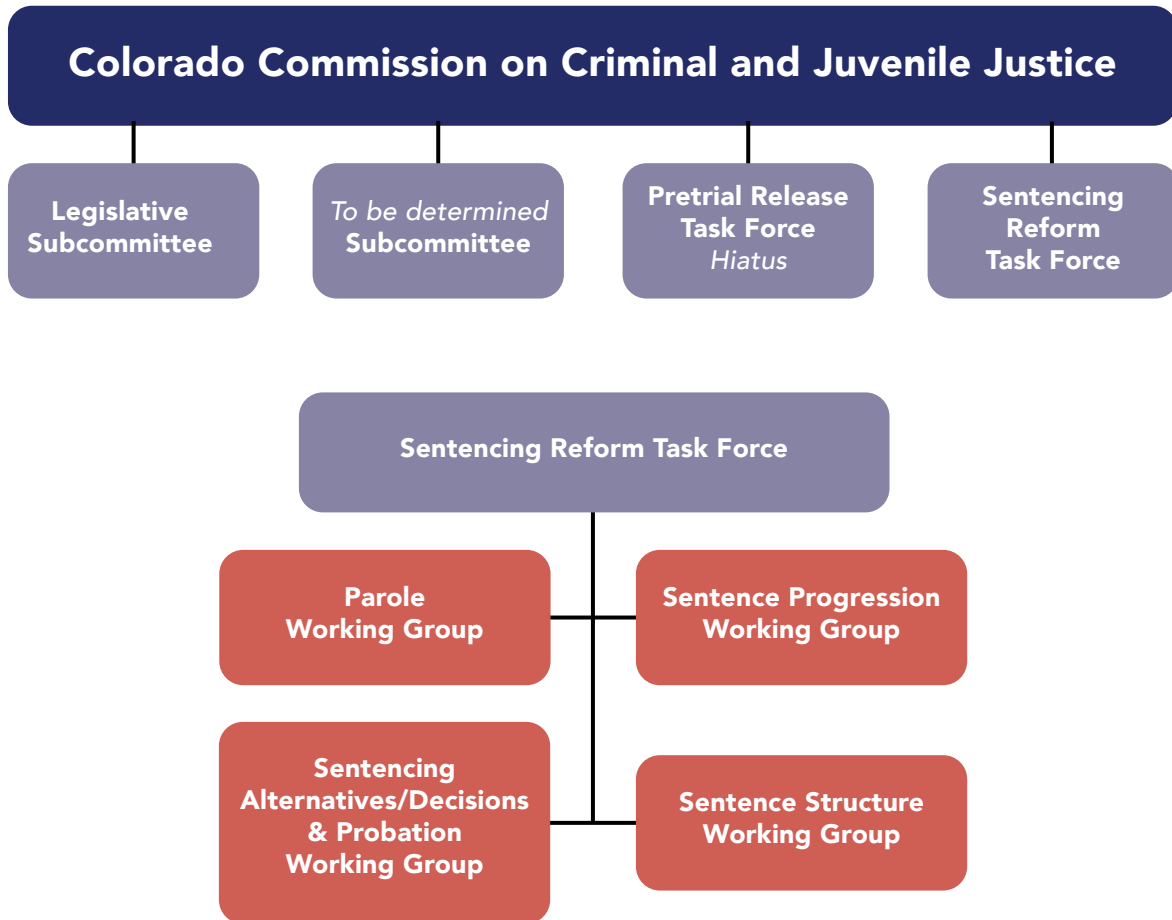
Ms. Ingrid Barrier from the Attorney General’s Office explained to the Commission that legislation was passed in 2018 calling for an annual training for all of Colorado’s boards and commissions (H.B. 2018-1198). Ms. Barrier provided training on topics ranging from statutory mandates and staff duties to decision-making processes, the open meetings requirement under the Sunshine Law, and the Colorado Open Records Act.

## Work of the Commission’s Task Force and Subcommittee

The Commission’s work during Fiscal Year 2022 was undertaken by the following three committees and three working groups (see Figure 3.1)

- Legislative Subcommittee, Chair Stan Hilkey
- Pretrial Release Task Force (On hiatus), Chair Stan Hilkey
- Sentencing Reform Task Force, Co-chairs Rick Kornfeld & Michael Dougherty
  - Parole Working Group (*concluded at the end of FY21*)
  - Sentence Progression Working Group
  - Sentencing Alternative/Decisions & Probation Working Group
  - Sentence Structure Working Group

Figure 3.1 Commission and Subcommittees/Task Forces



**Legislative Subcommittee**

This ongoing Subcommittee meets primarily during the legislative session to ensure that bills based on Commission recommendations continue to reflect the intent of the Commission when amendments and modifications occur. Members review legislation and legislative changes as bills progress through the General Assembly.

During this fiscal year the Chair of the Commission, Stan Hilkey, convened the Legislative Subcommittee on February 15, 2022, at the request of Subcommittee member Tom Raynes. Mr. Raynes requested the phone meeting to review one potential amendment (see below) to *House Bill 2022- 1229 (Concerning Adopting*

*Clean-Up Provisions to Senate Bill 21-271 which Enacted the 2021 Recommendations of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice)*. He felt a decision regarding a potential amendment was warranted to determine whether the amendment was consistent with the intent of *Recommendation FY21-SR #01 (Revise Misdemeanor Sentencing and Offenses [Statutory])*, which provided the source material for *S.B. 21-271 (Concerning the adoption of the 2021 Recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding Sentencing for Offenses)*.

After this brief discussion and in accord with CCJJ “Legislative-Related Policies,”<sup>3</sup> the Legislative Subcommittee quorum represented by Stan

<sup>3</sup> The CCJJ “Legislative-Related Policies” document is available from [ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-bylaws-policy](http://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-bylaws-policy), specifically at, [cdpsdocs.state.co.us/ccjj/About/2018-05-31\\_LegislativePolicy-Subc.pdf](http://cdpsdocs.state.co.us/ccjj/About/2018-05-31_LegislativePolicy-Subc.pdf)

Hilkey, Tom Raynes, and Megan Ring agreed that the potential amendment continued to reflect the intent of *Recommendation FY21-SR #01*. (See amendment in the meeting notes at <https://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-legsubc> under the “Previous Meetings” tab).

On March 10, 2022, Stan Hilkey convened the Legislative Subcommittee at the request of Subcommittee member Tom Raynes. Mr. Raynes requested the meeting to review several amendments to *House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the Adoption of 2022 Recommendations of the Colorado Criminal Juvenile Justice Commission regarding Sentencing Provisions for Offenses)*. He felt a brief discussion of and decision regarding the potential amendments were warranted to determine whether the amendments were consistent with the intent of Recommendations *FY22-SR #06 (Revise Penalties for Unauthorized Practice of Certain Professions or Occupations [Statutory])*, and *FY22-SR #05 (Implement Individualized Behavioral Responses to Probation Violations [Statutory])*.

After a brief discussion and in accordance with CCJJ “Legislative-Related Policies,” the Legislative Subcommittee quorum represented by Stan Hilkey, Abigail Tucker, Janet Drake, Shawn Day, and Tom Raynes agreed that the potential amendments continued to reflect the intent of Recommendations *Recommendation FY21-SR #05*, and *FY21-SR #06*. (See amendments in the meeting notes at <https://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-legsubc> under the “Previous Meetings” tab)

On May 10, 2022, Stan Hilkey requested an email vote by the CCJJ Legislative Subcommittee at the request of Subcommittee member Tom Raynes. Mr. Raynes requested the consideration of members regarding the consistency between one proposed amendment to *House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the adoption of 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses)* and the related CCJJ *Recommendation FY22-SR #09 (Revise Felony Offenses Eligible for the Crime of POWPO [Statutory])*.

In accord with CCJJ “Legislative-Related Policies,” the Legislative Subcommittee members (Stan Hilkey

[Chair], Shawn Day, Janet Drake, Tom Raynes, and Megan Ring) submitted votes by email, 5-0 unanimously in the affirmative, that the proposed amendment continued to reflect the intent of *Recommendation FY22-SR #09*. (See amendments in the meeting notes at <https://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-legsubc> under the “Previous Meetings” tab)

### Pretrial Release Task Force

Following the approval of recommendations by the Commission (see Fiscal Year 2020 CCJJ annual report), the Pretrial Release Task Force remained on hiatus during Fiscal Year 2022.

### Sentencing Reform Task Force

The Sentencing Reform Task Force held its first meeting on September 9, 2020. The Commission directed this task force to address the sentencing topics delineated in the 2020 biennial letter from Governor Jared Polis. During Fiscal Year 2021, the task force completed the revision of misdemeanor offenses and developed *Recommendation FY21-SR #01. Revise Misdemeanor Sentencing Offenses*, approved by CCJJ, introduced and enacted in 2021. During Fiscal Year 2022, the Task Force continued to receive presentations and evaluate potential recommendations from its three Working Groups.

- Sentence Progression Working Group**  
 At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022, the Working Group asked for feedback from the Sentencing Reform Task Force regarding the direction of the work. The Working Group developed a list of proposed topics to address while commenting this would significantly expand the scope of work at a working group level. Upon review of the list and in view of the comments offered, the Task Force agreed that it would be best for the Sentencing Progression Working Group to go on hiatus until the suggestions for working topics were developed. On April 6, 2022, Michael Dougherty, and Rick Kornfeld (Co-chairs of the Sentencing Reform Task Force) announced the reactivation of the Progression Working Group. The reactivated Progression Working Group held its first meeting on June 28, 2022.

- **Assignment:** 1) Examine the use of options and incentives to create a more integrated system of progression and release from incarceration. 2) Review opportunities to better match individuals with possible re-entry placements or alternatives.
  - **Areas of focus:** Examine the current end-of-sentence options (Community Correction, Parole, and Intensive Supervision Inmate [ISP-I] program)
  - **Work-to-date:** The Working Group held its first meeting on June 28, 2022.
  - **Next areas of work:** Start defining and prioritizing a scope of work. The timeline established by the group is to develop a proposal by the winter of 2022.
  - **Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions & Probation Working Group**
    - **Assignment:** Examine the operation of probation regarding the use of conditions, the length of supervision, and responses to violations; alternatives that can be used at the time of sentencing; and define the purposes of probation and the impact of probation practices on the prison population.
    - **Areas of focus:** The Working Group identified the following priorities:
      - Define the statutory purpose of probation
      - Examine probation practices regarding the use of conditions, length of supervision, responses to violations, and revocations
      - Examine ethnic and gender disparities in probation outcomes/practices and recommend strategies to abate disparate treatment and/or outcomes.
      - Examine the impact on the prison population
      - Evaluate probation level of supervision in the interest of proper dosage and approaches (e.g. avoiding over-supervision)
      - Examine the impact of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in revocations and other outcomes and recommend strategies to better accommodate persons with TBI.
    - Consider alternatives that can be utilized at the time of sentencing.
- Work-to-date:** During Fiscal Year 2022, the Working Group focused on defining the statutory purpose of probation, avoiding over-supervision, and examining probation practices regarding the use of conditions, length of supervision, responses to violations, and revocations.
- The Working Group developed five recommendations, three approved by the Commission:
- FY22-SR #01. Define the purposes of probation (Statutory)*
- FY22-SR #03. Increase Access to Telehealth Services for Behavioral Health (Policy).*
- FY22-SR #05. Implement Individualized Behavioral Responses to Probation Violations (Statutory)*
- The two recommendations below were returned to the Working Group for further study and consideration.
- FY22-SR #02. Develop a Swift Reparative Intervention Program for Persons Convicted of a Petty Offense (Statutory)*
- FY22-SR #04. Improve Collaborative Treatment for Justice-Involved People (Statutory)*
- Next areas of work:** The WG will focus on probation sentence length and particularly on early termination for people on probation. A preliminary proposal that would promote consistency across the judicial districts regarding the timing and criteria for early termination will be presented to the Task Force in the fall of 2022.
- **Sentence Structure Working Group**
    - **Assignment:** Study felony and misdemeanor sentencing grids, sentence ranges, sentence enhancements (habitual, extraordinary risk),

work to promote consistency and certainty in sentencing and simplify various aspects of the sentencing code.

- **Areas of focus:** Promote consistency and certainty in sentences; simplify crimes and sentencing; eliminate redundant offenses; undertake a thorough review of all felony offenses and sentences:
  - Review of the enhanced felony severity classification chart
  - Review the felony sentencing grid
  - Review Sentencing ranges
  - Examine Sentence Enhancements (Habitual, Extraordinary risk)
  - Review Mandatory consecutive sentences for crimes of violence
  - Examine CDOC lengths of stay for felony offenses.
- **Work-to-date:** Completed the revision of misdemeanor offenses and developed *Recommendation FY 21-SR #01 Revise Misdemeanor Sentencing and Offenses*.

During Fiscal Year 2022, the Working Group focused on reviewing and identifying revisions related to *Senate Bill 2021-271. Misdemeanor Reform* for the successful implementation of the bill is expected in March 2022, and developed four recommendations:

*FY22-SR #06. Revise Penalties for Unauthorized Practice of Certain Professions or Occupations [Statutory]*

*FY22-SR #07. Revise Value Basis for Theft of Public Benefits [Statutory]*

*FY22-SR #08. Add Prison as an Intermediate Sanction Confinement Facility [Statutory]*

*FY22-SR #09. Revise Felony Offenses Eligible for the Crime of POWPO [Statutory]*

Following a preliminary presentation to

the Commission, members of the Sentence Structure Working Group offered a Question & Answer session to answer questions from Commissioners on POWPO. The Commission approved the recommendation on February 11, 2022.

At the beginning of this Fiscal Year, the Working Group conducted stakeholder listening sessions to gather feedback as they begin their review of felony sentencing offenses and felony sentencing with the goal of building more certainty into sentencing. The group aims to eliminate redundant offenses and to create cut points for crimes that result in financial harm.

**Next areas of work:** The next area of focus will continue the review of the felony sentencing grids and felony offenses with an immediate focus on the crime severity chart. A crime severity chart proposal will be presented to the Task Force in the fall of 2022.

## Summary

This section provided a summary of the work of the Commission and its committees from July 2021 through June 2022. The Pretrial Release Task Force remained on hiatus during Fiscal Year 2022. The Sentencing Reform Task Force and its three active Working Groups continued to address the sentencing topics delineated in the 2020 biennial letter from Governor Jared Polis. All Commission meetings continued to use a virtual platform in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. The Sentence Progression Working Group was placed on hiatus for several months and reactivated in June 2022. The Structure and Alternatives/Decisions & Probation working groups produced seven recommendations approved by the Commission during the time frame for this report. The Commission benefitted from various educational presentations, updates and training, and approved all recommendations presented by the Sentencing Reform Task Force in the areas of sentencing.



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## Recommendations and Outcomes

This section presents the seven recommendations developed by the Sentencing Reform Task Force and approved by the Commission in Fiscal Year 2022. Not all of the Commission’s recommendations are legislative in nature, and not all recommendations that are drafted into bills survive the legislative process.

The recommendations reported below include the original text approved by the Commission. Please note the following formatting guides:

- Numbering of recommendations in this report is standardized. The notation will include the fiscal year of the recommendation (for example, “FY22”), letters indicating the task force from which the recommendation originated (e.g., Sentencing Reform by a “SR”), and a sequence number.
- If a recommendation was numbered and presented to the Commission, but not approved, it is not included in this report. This may result in the impression that numbers have been skipped, but this is not the case.
- Recommendations may include additions to existing statutory or rule language as indicated by CAPITAL letters or deletions that are represented as ~~strikethroughs~~.



## SENTENCING REFORM TASK FORCE

### FY22-SR #01. Define the Purposes of Probation [Statutory]

Amend Part 2 of §16-11, C.R.S. to include the following to define the purposes of probation:

- To serve as a sentencing option and a response to crime in order to moderate and deter future criminal behavior and victimization.
- To support persons in behavior change through the coordination and provision of effective and individualized services which may include, but are not limited to, educational, therapeutic, restorative and skill building services
- To hold persons accountable for their behavior through supervision and interventions that promote reparation of harm to community and victims which shall include, but is not limited to, restitution to victims.
- To serve as a cost-effective option for persons appropriate for community supervision. • To honor the statutory and constitutional rights of victims of crime.

*Discussion* Colorado statute does not currently define the purposes of probation. Since its evolution in the United States in the mid-1800s, probation was not designed for the purposes of incapacitation, punishment or retributive justice. The role of probation is to provide rehabilitative and restorative intervention for qualifying persons (see qualifications in §18-1.3.201, C.R.S.), to enhance public safety and is limited to prioritize and serve the purposes defined above.

*Outcome* This recommendation, approved by the Commission on December 10, 2021, involves statutory revisions and is first applicable for action during the FY 2022 legislative session. During the FY 2022 Legislative Session, this recommendation was included in *House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the adoption of the 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses)*. The bill was passed by the General Assembly 3/31/2022 and was signed by the Governor 4/7/2022.

For **Proposed Statutory Language**, see full recommendation at [www. https://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-recyr-fy22](https://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-recyr-fy22)



**FY22-SR #03.** Increase Access to Telehealth Services for Behavioral Health [Policy]

Agencies in the state should develop policies to standardize and increase access to telehealth services for behavioral health treatment for those individuals on community supervision within the criminal justice system. This recommendation includes the following propositions:

1. The Office of Behavioral Health in the Department of Human Services, the Behavioral Health Administration (being established pursuant to House Bill 2021-1097), and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing should modernize their respective regulatory and funding structures in order to facilitate easier, broader, and more permanent access to telehealth services for those on community supervision.
2. The Division of Criminal Justice, in the Department of Public Safety should revise its standards for the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) and Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) in order to facilitate easier, broader, and more permanent access to fiscally and structurally accessible telehealth services for those on community supervision without compromise to identified crime victims.
3. These agencies should also establish a clear intent and formal communication with providers to support telehealth services as an adjunct to in-person treatment.
4. Standards should be revised to not only limit barriers to telehealth, but to incentivize providers to continually build capacity for telehealth services as an adjunct to in-person treatment. There should be fiscal and regulatory incentives for providers to serve rural areas in Colorado.
5. Standards around licensing, certification, and service delivery should be developed or revised to maintain or increase quality of service whether in person or via telehealth adjunct services and to remove duplicate or conflicting requirements for providers. Increased access to treatment should not compromise quality of treatment.

At a minimum, state standards for behavioral health treatment should address the following key areas of telehealth services and infrastructure:

- Competency of the Provider - Providers can and should have continuing education credits/demonstrated course knowledge of telehealth practices in addition to practice itself.
- Ethical Considerations in Standards of Care - Ask how providers will ensure ethical considerations and how client rights will be thoroughly upheld before, during and after any telehealth service.
- Informed Consent - Should be proactive, continuous, and responsive to changing consumer circumstances.
- Diversity and Inclusivity Considerations - How will providers ensure they are aware of and appropriately address any diversity or inclusivity concerns related to telehealth? Special considerations should be given to people who are indigent and cannot easily afford access to either telehealth or in-person treatment.

- Confidentiality of Data & Information - How will client information remain confidential?
- Security & Transmission of Data & Information - How will client information remain secure?
- Guidelines and Criteria - Delineation of criteria or guidelines regarding appropriate population for telehealth participation and measures used to assess or evaluate engagement/participation in treatment.
- Decision Making - Decision making guidelines should be developed to serve or admit clients to telehealth services that include the preferences of the client, the provider, and the supervision/treatment teams where appropriate (e.g. problem-solving courts, community supervision teams).

### Discussion

Accessing in-person or face-to-face behavioral health services is often challenging and limiting for people involved in the criminal justice system. These persons report that childcare obligations, transportation issues, employment obligations, driver's license limitations, and limited hours for accessing in-person treatment places them at risk of non-compliance. Some also report that in-person treatment often positions them in risky situations for relapse when exposed to high-risk situations and other individuals in group settings who are less invested in their personal behavior change. Further, in rural communities in Colorado, there is a limited, and somewhat monopolized, supply of in-person treatment for justice-involved people. This is especially true in rural communities where interpretation services or multi-lingual clinicians are in very short supply resulting in limited services for those who do not speak English as their primary language. Beyond those limitations, permanent telehealth capacity provides opportunities to supplement basic weekly outpatient treatment with more enhanced or intensive outpatient substance use disorder services. This is particularly critical for persons with more complex risk/need profiles who have assessed needs beyond basic outpatient services.

Telehealth can also offer easier access to after-care services for those who are in transition from inpatient to outpatient services. Research has begun to emerge that shows promising opportunities for telehealth services, especially when used as a supplement or adjunct to in-person therapeutic interventions.<sup>1</sup> The COVID-19 pandemic provided opportunities for

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the criminal justice system to temporarily build capacity for telehealth services. Telehealth for behavioral health services, if made permanent, can increase supply and can mitigate monopolized access to clinical services to justice involved people. It can also address the myriad of competing issues that people face when balancing general life obligations with requirements of community-based supervision.

*Outcome* This recommendation, approved by the Commission on December 10, 2021, involves agency/entity implementation.

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**FY22-SR #05.** Implement Individualized Behavioral Responses to Probation Violations [Statutory]

Amend §16-11-205, §16-11-209, §16-11-2?? (*new section*), §16-11.5-101, §16-11.5-102(1) (c), §16-11.5105, §18-1.3-102, and any other required conforming revisions to statute to reflect contemporary best practice guidelines that serve people on probation and deferred sentences, especially those diagnosed and/or dealing with substance use disorders. Such practices provide corresponding systems that include a range of individualized and structured behavioral responses to substance use and other behaviors that violate typical conditions of probation. This recommendation specifically prioritizes modern methods of rehabilitative and reparative justice that align with the statutory purposes of probation (included in CCJJ Recommendation *FY22-SR #01. Define the Purposes of Probation*) rather than the finite and limited responses in current statute that reflect retributive, punitive, and deterrent-based justice methods.

*Discussion*

Contemporary best practice guidelines for both probation and problem-solving court programs compel community supervision agencies to have smarter tolerance for substance use, especially for those with diagnosed substance use disorders. Agencies and programs that align with best practices respond to substance use and other violation behavior with corresponding systems of individualized and structured responses. Ideal response systems prioritize cognitive-behavioral, motivational, psycho-educational, and therapeutic responses over retributive and punishment-based sanctions. This recommendation provides an opportunity to align probation's responses to violation behavior, including substance use, with the recommended statutory purpose of probation (included in CCJJ Recommendation *FY22-SR #01. Purposes of Probation*). This recommendation specifically prioritizes rehabilitative, reparative, and restorative justice methods over retributive, punitive, and deterrent-based justice methods.

§16-11-209, CRS (Duties of Probation Officers) was created as law during a period of the 1980s where the criminal justice system prioritized punitive rather than therapeutic responses as a response to drug and alcohol abuse for people on probation. As a result, current law is in conflict between CRS §16-11-209 (2) and (3) where responses to first and second and subsequent positive drug tests are primarily punitive; while law from 1991 legislation (§16-11.5-105) approaches drug use with a more balanced model that includes both punitive sanctions and motivational incentives. This recommendation is intended to create consistent and modernized law for community-supervision that establishes a system of individualized behavioral responses to positive drug tests and other violation behavior for persons supervised on probation.

Current law prioritizes rehabilitative over punitive responses to violation behavior for the juvenile justice system but not for the adult criminal justice system. CRS §16-11-209 (2) and (3) require responses to positive drug tests that are finite, limited, and primarily punitive rather than giving probation staff other behavioral tools, beyond punishment, to respond to ongoing substance use. The requirements in law are ineffective and misaligned with criminological and addiction medicine best practice standards. Our legislature recognized this when it reformed Title 19 (Colorado Children's Code) via Senate Bill 19-108 (Juvenile Justice Reform) to prioritize rehabilitative over punitive responses to violation behavior for the juvenile-justice system.

CRS §16-11-209 (2) and (3) also present potential legal and liability problems for probation staff and agencies. This can occur in cases where probation responds to positive drug tests with cognitive behavioral or other intermediate responses that do not strictly adhere to

the finite list of punitive response in sections (2)(a) through (d) and (3)(a) through (e). Probation cannot operate outside this legal requirement without compromising personal and organizational risks.

Colorado's probation and parole agencies engaged in a multi-state study of revocation trends with the Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) in 2020. The outcomes, findings, and recommendations of that work are expected to be published formally with a state report in late 2021 with the finding that positive drug tests are one of several drivers to probation revocations. The CJI has also drafted recommendations for Colorado to modernize state law to include CRS §16-11-209 as well as for the State Court Administrator's Office to revise the Standards for Probation in Colorado and Division of Probation Services training around the use of responses to violation behavior (*see the Principles of Effective Intervention and Core Correctional Practices at [cj institute.org](http://cj institute.org)*). This recommendation, if implemented, will align with the findings and recommendations of this revocation study from the Crime and Justice Institute who will be publishing a national report of its work in early 2022 in addition to a Colorado specific report.

Consequences for drug-related probation violations should not inherently be less discretionary than other types of violations with greater potential public harm, such as violations of protection orders and other contact with victims.

For the criminal justice system overall, there are downstream consequences of probation operating strictly within the limited requirements in CRS §16-11-209 (2) and (3). Specifically, people on probation with low level offenses such as Petty Offenses and Drug Misdemeanors could experience a premature escalation of criminal justice involvement due to revocations that originate from 2nd and subsequent positive drug tests. This can lead to not only collateral consequences for justice-involved people but also for the justice system itself in the misapplied use of public resources for jails and prisons. Because the list of required responses to positive drug tests is finite and primarily punitive, local criminal justice resources are squandered on unnecessary administrative and legal proceedings for revocation of those who test positive for substances. In this respect, current law consumes probation, court, prosecutor, defense, and victim resources for unnecessary revocation proceedings that are required by current law.

#### *Outcome*

This recommendation, approved by the Commission on January 14, 2022, involves statutory revisions and is first applicable for action during the FY 2022 legislative session. During the FY 2022 Legislative Session, this recommendation was included in House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the adoption of the 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses). The bill was passed by the General Assembly 3/31/2022 and was signed by the Governor 4/7/2022.

For **Proposed Statutory Language**, see full recommendation at [www. https://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-recyr-fy22](http://www.https://ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-recyr-fy22)

**FY22-SR #06.** Revise Penalties for Unauthorized Practice of Certain Professions or Occupations [Statutory]

Amend §12-20, C.R.S., to include a new statutory section with additional professions, the practice of which without a license, should be a felony due to a public safety risk.

These professions include:

- The profession of an electrician, as regulated under article 115 of this title 12;
- Professional engineering, as regulated under article 120 of this title 12;
- Architecture, as regulated under article 120 of this title 12;
- Audiology, as regulated under article 210 of this title 12;
- Dentistry, as regulated under article 220 of this title 12; [dental hygienist removed]
- Direct-entry midwifery, as regulated under article 225 of this title 12;
- Medicine, practice as a physician assistant, or practice as an anesthesiologist assistant, as regulated under article 240 of this title 12;
- Practical or professional nursing, as regulated under article 255 of this title 12; [practical removed]
- Nursing home administration, as regulated under article 265 of this title 12;
- Optometry, as regulated under article 275 of this title 12;
- Pharmacy, as regulated under article 280 of this title 12;
- Respiratory therapy, as regulated under article 300 of this title 12;

*Discussion* Prior to Senate Bill 2021-271, professional licensure offenses were primarily misdemeanor offenses with an increase to a felony level for 2nd and subsequent offenses. In S.B. 21-271, increased penalties for second and subsequent offenses were eliminated. Upon further review, it was determined that certain professional licensure violations be classified as felonies applicable for the first offense due to public safety risk concerns.

*Outcomes* This recommendation, approved by the Commission on January 28, 2022, involves statutory revisions and is first applicable for action during the FY 2022 legislative session. During the FY 2022 Legislative Session, this recommendation was included in House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the adoption of the 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses). The bill was passed by the General Assembly 3/31/2022 and was signed by the Governor 4/7/2022.

**FY22-SR #07.** Revise Value Basis for Theft of Public Benefits [Statutory]

Amend Colorado Revised Statutes related to theft of public benefits to clarify that the amount of theft is based on the amount of benefits paid for which the person is not legally entitled. More specifically, the level of criminal offense is based on the amount of benefits received by the person for which the person is not entitled and does not include the amount the person is entitled to receive.

*Discussion* Senate Bill 2021-271 provides that the theft of public benefits be value based, representing a philosophy to which the Commission remains committed. However, recent case law (No. 19SC933, People v. Vidaur) has confused the value of the benefits for the purpose of calculating the crime level of the offense. Statute should be clarified that the amount of theft is based on the amount of benefits paid for which the person is not legally entitled. More specifically, the level of criminal offense is based on the amount of benefits received by the person for which the person is not entitled and does not include the amount the person is entitled to receive.

*Outcome* This recommendation, approved by the Commission on January 28, 2022, involves statutory revisions and is first applicable for action during the FY 2022 legislative session. During the FY 2022 Legislative Session, this recommendation was included in House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the adoption of the 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses). The bill was passed by the General Assembly 3/31/2022 and was signed by the Governor 4/7/2022.

**FY22-SR #08.** Add Prison as an Intermediate Sanction Confinement Facility (Statutory]

Amend §17-2-103, C.R.S., to grant statutory authority to the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections to confine parolees in a prison facility, in addition to utilizing jails, for the purpose of confinement as an intermediate sanction for up to 14 days without filing a complaint seeking revocation of parole. This will provide the Department of Corrections and parole officers additional options for swift and sure intermediate sanctions.

*Discussion* For current “swift & sure” sanctions (up to 14 days with no parole revocation filed) for technical parole violations, it is recommended that the Colorado Department of Corrections be given statutory authority to directly book into a prison facility, as well as utilizing jails, where that is an option, as currently allowed in statute. The Parole Board may also modify conditions for technical parole violations as authorized in statute. This will provide parole officers additional options for intermediate sanctions.

*Outcome* This recommendation, approved by the Commission on January 28, 2022, involves statutory revisions and is first applicable for action during the FY 2022 legislative session. During the FY 2022 Legislative Session, this recommendation was included in House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the adoption of the 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses). The bill was passed by the General Assembly 3/31/2022 and was signed by the Governor 4/7/2022.

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**FY22-SR #09.** Revise Felony Offenses Eligible for the Crime of POWPO [Statutory]

Amend §18-12-108, C.R.S., Possession of Weapons by Previous Offenders to include additional non-VRA felony offenses (See Appendix A) based on public safety considerations.

*Discussion*

Senate Bill 2021-271 made significant changes to §18-12-108, C.R.S., Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender (POWPO) and is scheduled for implementation on March 2022. The implementation date was designed to allow a period of review and feedback on the statutory revisions to identify any gaps, omissions, and/or mistakes in the extraordinarily detailed 350-page bill. A review was conducted of the list of eligible crimes that invoke the crime of POWPO and input was gathered from District Attorneys, representatives from Colorado Ceasefire and other community groups dedicated to gun safety issues. Based on this review and the stakeholder feedback, this recommendation expands the list of offenses to include additional non-VRA crimes that result in the POWPO offense. Also appended to the list are two POWPO-related provisions inadvertently excluded from Senate Bill 2021-271 that were previously approved as part of Recommendation *FY21-SR #01 (Revise Misdemeanor Sentencing and Offenses [Statutory])*.

*Outcome*

This recommendation, approved by the Commission on February 11, 2022, involves statutory revisions and is first applicable for action during the FY 2022 legislative session. During the FY 2022 Legislative Session, this recommendation was included in House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the adoption of the 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses). The bill was passed by the General Assembly 3/31/2022 and was signed by the Governor 4/7/2022.





# 5 Next Steps

At the close of Fiscal Year 2022, the Commission continued to support the ongoing work of the Sentencing Reform Task Force in response to the sentencing topics delineated in the 2020 Biennial letter from Governor Jared Polis pursuant to House Bill 2018-1287. The Community Corrections Task Force was seated by the Commission to address the mandates outlined in House Bill 2022-1368. The goals of the Task Force are to examine and make findings and recommendations to the Commission before July 1, 2023, concerning whether it is appropriate to expand access to community corrections programs for persons convicted of misdemeanors.

As this report is concluded, the Sentence Structure Working Group continues to work on a revision of the felony sentencing grid and a review of felony offenses with an immediate focus on the crime severity chart. The Working Group expects to present a crime severity chart proposal to the

Task Force in the fall; the Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions & Probation Working Group is developing a recommendation that would promote consistency across the judicial districts regarding the timing and criteria for early termination to be presented to the Sentencing Reform Task Force in the fall of 2022. The Sentence Progression Working Group has been reactivated and completed the first examination of the current end-of-sentence options (Community Corrections, Parole, and Intensive Supervision-Inmate [ISP-I] program) and will start to define and prioritize its scope of work. The timeline established by the group is to develop a proposal by the winter of 2022. The Community Corrections Task Force conducted a first planning meeting in July 2022 and a full Task Force meeting was held on August 22, 2022, during which members heard a presentation on misdemeanor offenses in Colorado, and the scope of work to be discussed at further meetings.

On September 15, 2022, the Commission received the 2022 Governor’s biennial letter including suggested topics for the Commission to study, per C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(7). Mr. Hilkey, Chair of the Commission communicated with Commissioners that the Commission will discuss at its October 2022 meeting, how to address and prioritize the topics delineated from the letter.

Details of the outcomes of these endeavors will be included in the FY 2023 CCJJ annual report.

## Summary

The Commission will continue to meet on the second Friday of the month, and information about the meetings, documents from those meetings, and information about the work of all of the Commission committees can be found on the Commission website at [ccjj.colorado.gov](http://ccjj.colorado.gov). The Commission expects to present its next annual report in the fall of 2023.



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# Appendix A Overview-Behavioral Health Administration Implementation

Overview Behavioral Health Administration

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Presentation to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice  
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### The BHA & the Criminal Justice System

The BHA will build on partnerships and relationships between Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice and support shared reform efforts.

- There will be a representative of the Criminal Justice sector on the Advisory Council.
- There could be a Criminal Justice working group that reports to the Advisory Council.
- There will be a core position within the BHA which brings CJ expertise to the BHA

Focus on joint recommendations:

- Review the Behavioral Health Task Force and the Statewide Needs Assessment recommendations for criminal justice and justice-involved populations and prioritization of those recommendations. Provide feedback to the BHA to support more rapid implementation:
  - o Include recommendations on continuum gaps and service changes
  - o Include recommendations on how to better align programs across the continuum currently
  - o Review SB 19-222: Comprehensive Plan to Strengthen and Expand the Behavioral Health Safety Net System recommendations and changes for justice-involved populations and then, which additional recommendations from the BHTF and Statewide Needs Assessment remain and should be prioritized
- OBH is kicking off plans for a strategic roadmap focused on criminal justice reform efforts

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*This is not final*

*The information we are sharing today is based on a concept of the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) as of November 2021. This BHA model will continue to evolve with additional feedback from stakeholders, direction from the Governor's Office, and through final authorization from the General Assembly through future legislation. Any resource implications will be considered as part of the annual budget process.*

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### How We Got Here & Where We're Going

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### Establishing Colorado's Behavioral Health Administration

**DECISION** APRIL 2019  
Governor Polis creates the Task Force to design a behavioral health system that puts people first.

**RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT** JULY 2019 - SEPTEMBER 2020  
HMA performs a statewide behavioral health needs assessment including interviews and focus groups across the state.

**RECOMMENDATIONS** JULY 2019 - AUGUST 2020  
The Task Force and its sub-committees convene to create a plan to transform Colorado's behavioral health system.

**DECISION** SEPTEMBER 2020  
The Task Force unanimously prioritizes the establishment of a BHA to be the cornerstone for reform efforts in the state. Governor Polis endorsed the Blueprint for Behavioral Health Reform presented by the Task Force.

**RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT** JANUARY 2021 - JULY 2021  
HMA is engaged to support the technical work and change management to draft models for how to form and implement the BHA.

**RECOMMENDATIONS** OCTOBER 2020 - PRESENT  
The Behavioral Health Reform Executive Committee works with the Governor's office to guide implementation of the recommendations from the Task Force, including the creation of the BHA.

**LEGISLATIVE** FEBRUARY 2021  
BHA Bill (BH21-1007) introduced that requires a plan to be developed for the creation of the BHA and to establish the BHA with specified duties by July 1, 2022.

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### Establishing Colorado's Behavioral Health Administration

**DECISION** JANUARY 2021 - JULY 2021  
Executive Committee convenes to discuss and analyze findings from HMA's technical work.

**RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT** FEBRUARY 2021  
HMA holds interviews, focus groups and open forums with state departments, stakeholders and consumers on criteria and considerations for the BHA structure and functionality.

**LEGISLATIVE** APRIL 2021  
BHA Bill (BH21-1007) is signed into law by Governor Polis.

**RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT** APRIL 2021  
HMA holds interviews, focus groups and an open forum with state departments, stakeholders, and consumers on draft solutions for BHA structure.

**AGREEMENT** SUMMER 2021  
Executive Committee agrees on the overall direction of the BHA.

**PLANNING** AUGUST 2021 - JULY 2022  
Initial implementation activities to establish the BHA will be underway, including stakeholder engagement.

**LEGISLATIVE** NOVEMBER 2021  
An implementation plan to establish the BHA via a phased approach will be submitted to the General Assembly.

**IMPLEMENTATION** JULY 2022  
The BHA will be established with CDHJ. It will remain part of CDHJ until a permanent location is recommended on or before November 2024.

Visit [bhtly.com/BHA-Colorado](http://bhtly.com/BHA-Colorado) to stay up-to-date, access resources, and find opportunities to engage.

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### Statewide Engagement

County Engagement

Types of Diverse Perspectives Represented

Behavioral Health Provider	Advocacy	Law Enforcement	Criminal Justice	Health Services
Community Health Center	County	RAE	State	Public Health
Person with Lived Experience of the Behavioral Health System	State	State	State	State

Visit the BHA webpage and click through to the [dashboard](#) to learn more about this work.

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### Decision Making Process

STEP 1: Stakeholder Feedback on Draft Purposes

STEP 2: Stakeholder Feedback on Draft Mission

STEP 3: Technical Review

STEP 4: Stakeholder Feedback on Draft Mission

STEP 5: Final Review

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### What is the BHA?

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### What is the BHA

- The BHA will lead the coordination of behavioral health efforts across agencies, creating shared goals, improving collaboration, driving accountability and transparency for a person-centered, outcome-oriented and consumer and data driven behavioral health system for ALL Coloradans.
- The BHA will provide an opportunity to streamline our overall system so that we are smarter about investing our dollars and more responsive to the needs of Coloradans.
- The BHA will elevate the voice of Consumers and Family Members with lived experience of behavioral health in Colorado
- Equity is central to the mission of the BHA and addressing behavioral health disparities is a priority
- The BHA will problem solve and implement solutions through collaboration and effective relationships
- The BHA will impact the entire behavioral health system, including the commercial system from prevention to recovery and continue to shift intervention "upstream" to impact health early on.
- The BHA will enhance and focus on whole person care and improve the quality of care for complex populations
- The BHA will strive to be a diverse, inclusive and equitable entity in vision, strategy and operations

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### Collaboration is Key



#### Across All Payers, State Departments & Sectors

- The BHA will partner with all Colorado state departments to ensure there is a collaborative and networked approach along the behavioral health continuum from prevention to treatment and recovery.
- The BHA will also work with local governments, intermediaries, providers, and other key partners to generate solutions and build shared accountability for outcomes for Coloradans.

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### Proposed BHA Governance Overview

The recommended governance model of the BHA based on statewide research and engagement:



Behavioral Health Commissioner



Cabinet Members

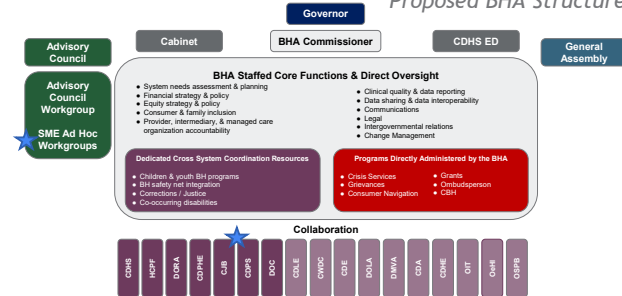


Advisory Council & Workgroups

Staffed Core Functions

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### Proposed BHA Structure



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### The BHA Will Be Initially Housed in CDHS



On or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021:

CDHS shall develop a plan for the creation of the Behavioral Health Administration, including the integration or alignment of HCPJ and DOI



On or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022:

The BHA is established in CDHS



On or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024:

CDHS shall provide a report concerning recommendations on whether the BHA should remain in CDHS or be transferred to a different state department.

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### Proposed Work of the BHA

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### Proposed Functions of the BHA\*

#### Consumer Facing & System Functions

- Navigation
- Grievances
- Meaningful consumer design of system

#### Capacity and Policy Development

- Payment models for whole person care
- Connection to SDOH
- Equity framework
- Complex care problem solving
- Technical assistance
- Data interoperability

#### Intergovernmental support and problem solving and consumer engagement in system design

- Stakeholder engagement
- Convene and problem solve



\* None of this is final.

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### The BHA Will Evolve



The design of **the BHA is the beginning and not an end state**. The BHA will change over time in response to what works and what needs to be adapted or added to meet the vision and purpose of the BHA.

A cabinet level Commissioner with other partners in the governance model will also change the way the BHA functions through lessons learned and natural adaptation.

### BHA is Already Impacting Collaboration

The work of the BHTF and the ongoing development of the BHA have already improved coordination and shared visioning for BH across departments and branches of government.

- Shared strategy and prioritization of funding and budgeting
- Greater appreciation of roles and opportunities to work together
- Infrastructure development with claims processing, data warehouse and analysis
- SB-19-222 incorporated ideas from CJB and other partners
- Recent criminal justice reform recommendations



### Immediate Next Steps

- Governor will complete a national search for a BH Commissioner for his cabinet
- Continue engagement with stakeholders for seamless implementation
- Draft BHA authorizing legislation for 2022 session with BHA functionality and fiscal note
- Ensure BHA is operational by July 1, 2022
- Communicate about the BHA and its benefits
- Initiate implementation plan for developing the BHA with phased functionality
- Continue cross-agency collaboration and cross-functional efforts and federal fund maximization
- Outline timeline for implementation of remaining BHTF recommendations

### Stay Informed & Involved

#### Continue to Stay Engaged

- The State is committed to ensuring stakeholders are kept informed and involved in the implementation process.
- Visit the webpage for up-to-date information, progress, frequently asked questions, opportunities to engage, and access to additional resources.

[bit.ly/BHA-Colorado](https://bit.ly/BHA-Colorado)



### Questions & Answers

Gina Lasky, Health Management Associates

MAY YOU BE PROUD  
OF THE WORK YOU DO  
THE PERSON YOU ARE  
AND THE DIFFERENCE  
**YOU MAKE**

## Appendix B Criminal Justice Trends in Colorado

**Criminal Justice Trends in Colorado**  
 Jack K. Reed  
 Colorado Department of Public Safety,  
 Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Research & Statistics  
 February 11, 2022

Presented to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ)

**COLORADO**  
 Department of Public Safety

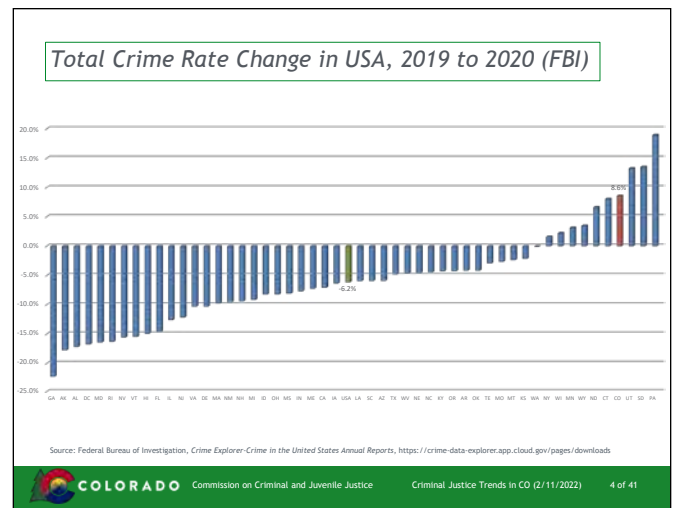
### Overview

- Offense & Arrests
- Court filings
- Correctional Populations

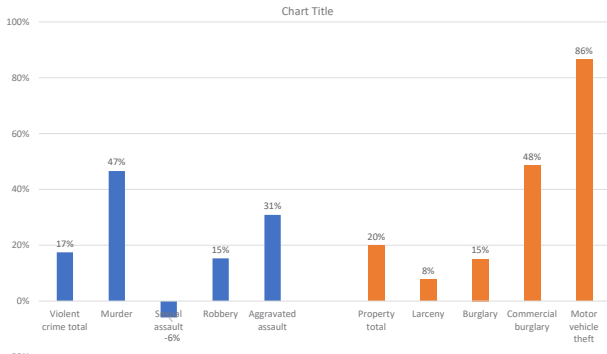
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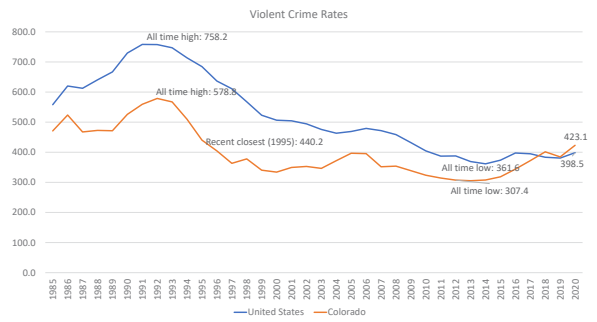


### Colorado Crime Rate Change, 1919 to 2021



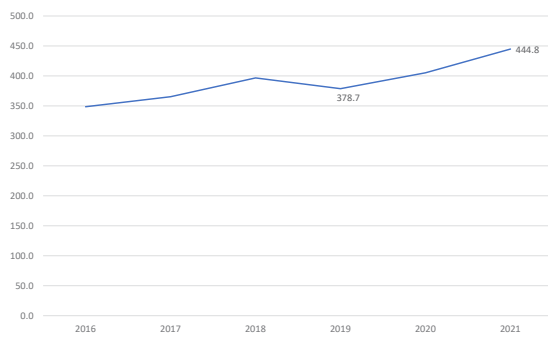
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### Violent Crime Rates (FBI)



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### Violent Crime Rates (CBI)



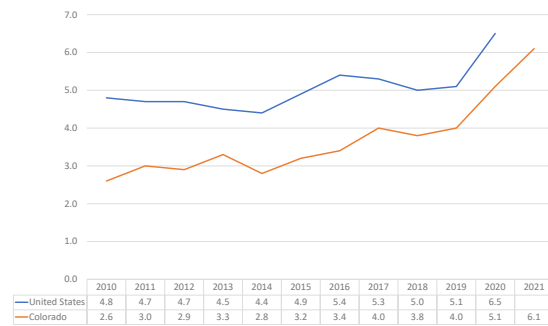
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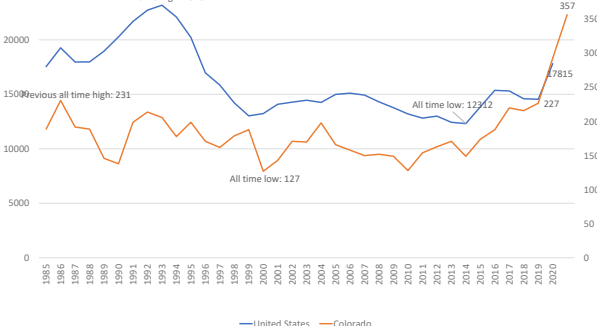
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### Homicide Rates



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### Colorado Homicide Totals



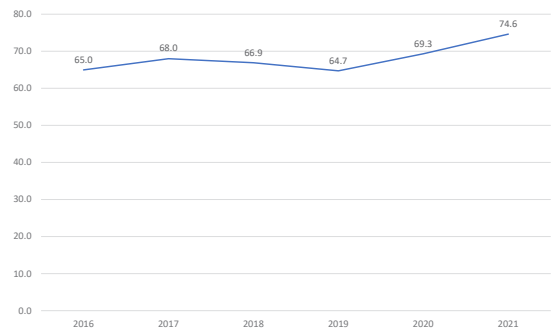
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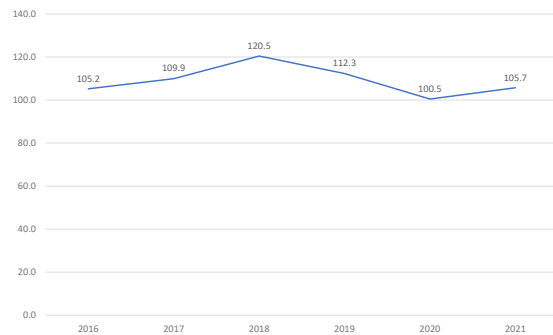
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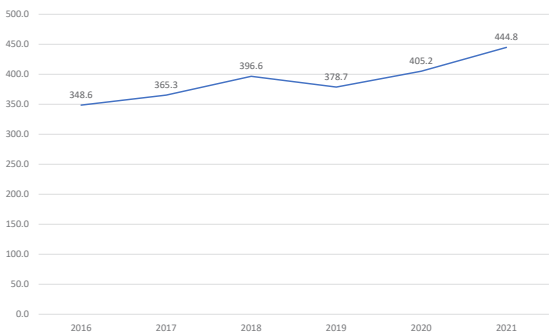
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### Sexual Assault Rates



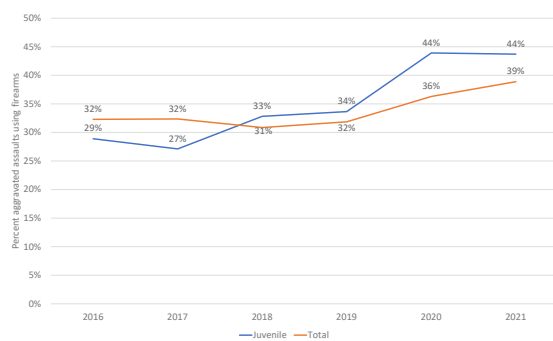
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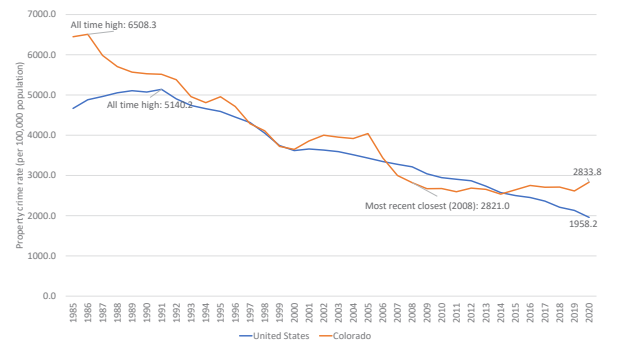
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### Property Crime Rates



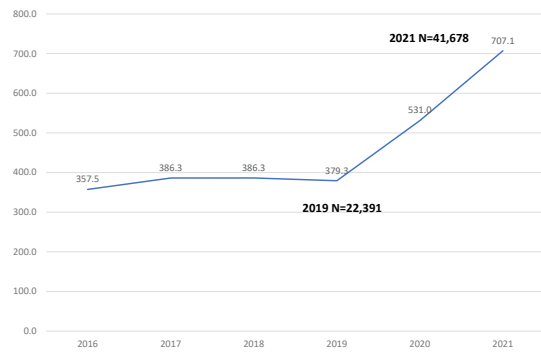
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### Property Crime Rate Change, 2019-2021



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### Motor Vehicle Theft Rates



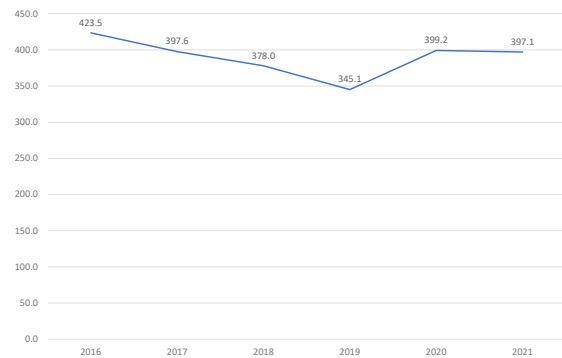
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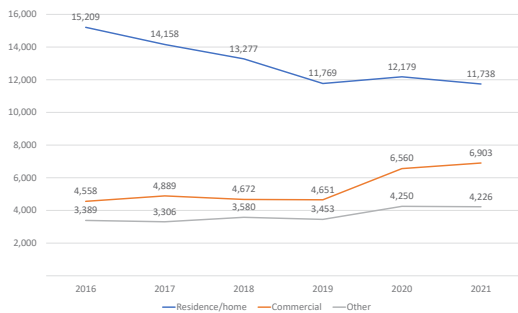
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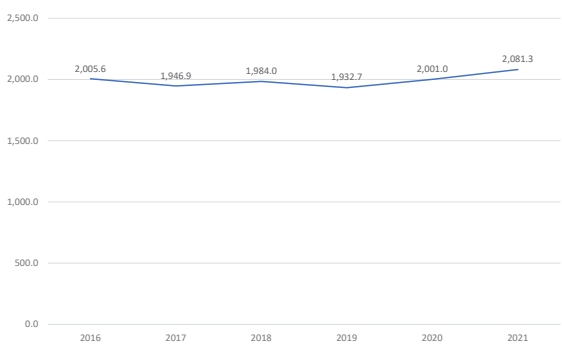
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Commercial burglaries accounted for 20% of all burglaries in 2016 and rose to 30% in 2021

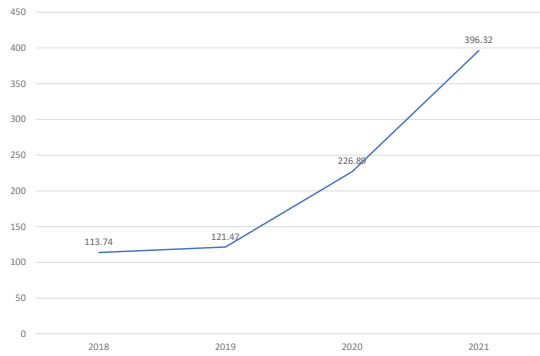
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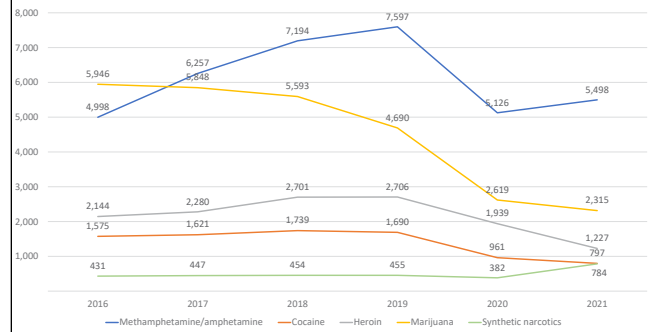
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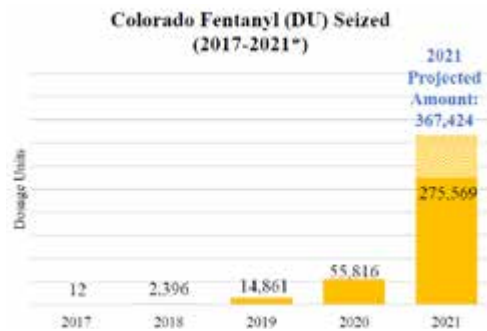
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### Drug Arrests by Drug Type



Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, National Incident-Based Reporting System.

### Fentanyl Seizures by RMHIDTA Task Forces



\* Projected 2021 data is based on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter statistics.  
Source: Rocky Mountain HIDTA, 2021 RMHIDTA Region Reported Statistics.

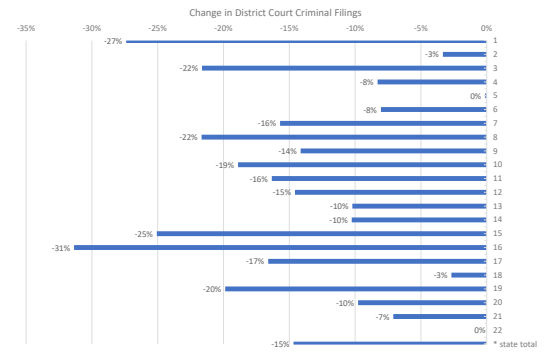
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### Criminal & Delinquency Filings



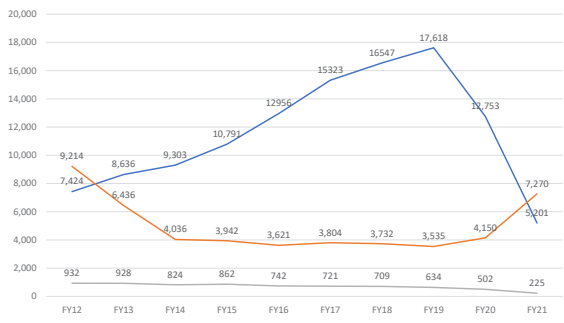
Source: Colorado Judicial Branch, Annual Statistical Reports, <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=amrep>

### Percent Change in District Court Criminal Filings FY 2020 to FY 2021



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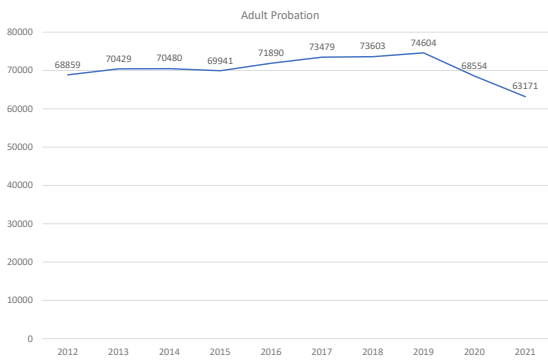
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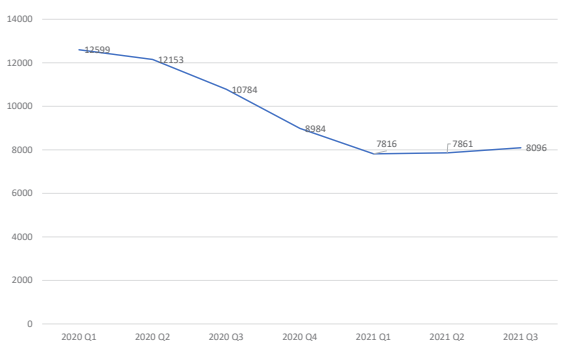
### Correctional Populations

### Active Probation Population



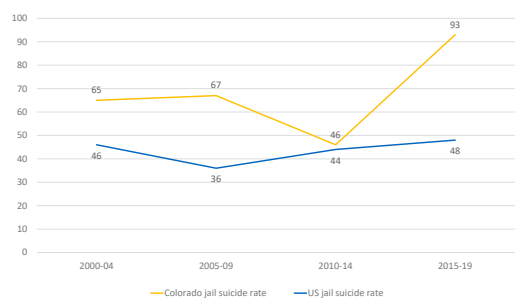
Source: Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Crime Stats, <https://ors.colorado.gov/ors-crimestats>

### Jail Past Year Average Daily Population



Source: Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Jail Data, <https://ors.colorado.gov/ors-jaildata>

### Jail Suicide Rate



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics (2021), *Suicide in local jails and state and federal prisons, 2000-2018*

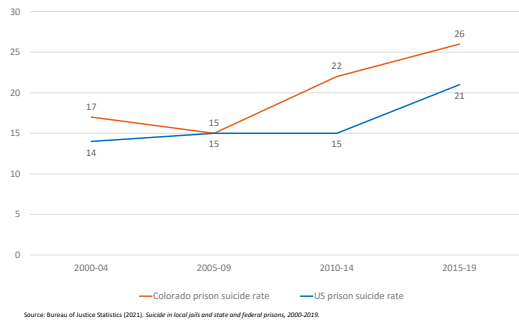
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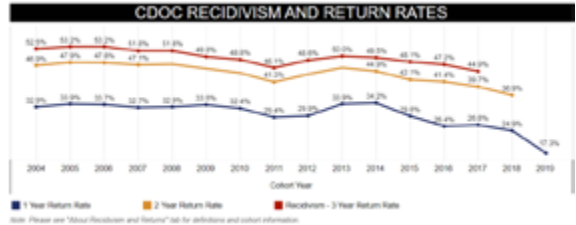
Source: Department of Corrections, Monthly Population and Capacity Report as of December 31, 2021



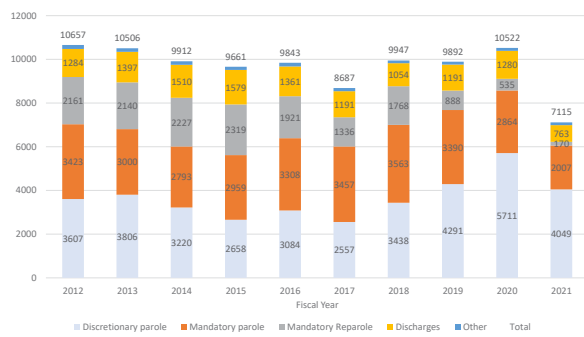
### Prison Suicide Rate 2000-2019



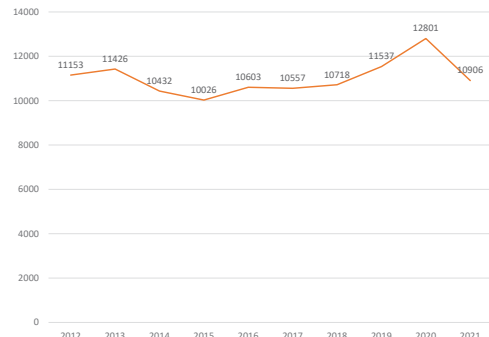
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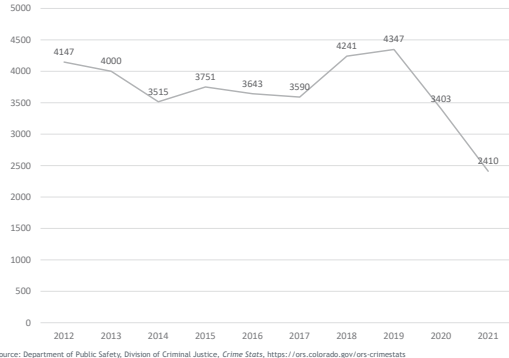
### Parole Releases by Type



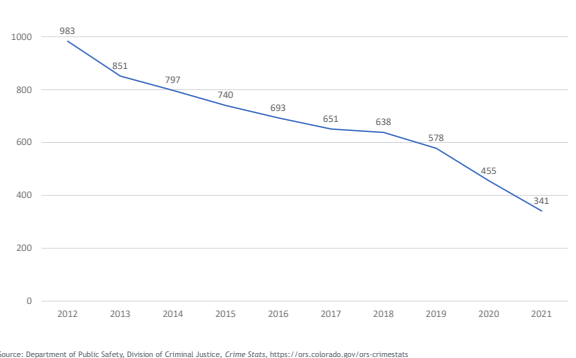
### Adult Parole Population



### Community Corrections Population



### Division of Youth Services Population





## Appendix C The Colorado Human Trafficking Council

**OVERVIEW:  
The Colorado Human  
Trafficking Council**

Presentation by: Maria Trujillo,  
Human Trafficking Program Manager  
April 8, 2022

CO, DENVER  
**CHTC**  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL

Presentation to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

**Colorado HB 14-1273**

- Result
  - State criminal statutes ~ federal human trafficking statutes
  - Established the Colorado Human Trafficking Council

C.R.S. § 18-3-505

UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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**Innovations with the CHTC**

- Funding of the Council
- Full-time staff
- Legislative Mission
- Composition of the Council
- Mandates

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**Legislative Purpose**

To bring together leadership from community-based and statewide anti-trafficking efforts, to build and enhance **collaboration** among communities and counties within the state, to establish and improve **comprehensive services** for victims and survivors of human trafficking to assist in the successful **prosecution** of human traffickers, and to help **prevent** human trafficking in Colorado.

C.R.S. § 18-3-505(1)(a)

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### Composition of the Council

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- 35 members from across the state
 

*Membership shall reflect, representation of urban and rural areas of the state and a balance of expertise, of both governmental and non-governmental, on issues of human trafficking.*
- Representatives from:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Law enforcement</li> <li>▪ Human services</li> <li>▪ Prosecutors</li> <li>▪ Defense Attorneys</li> <li>▪ Government agencies</li> <li>▪ Services Providers</li> <li>▪ Victim Advocates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regional/City human trafficking task forces &amp; coalitions (5)</li> <li>▪ Faith-based organizations</li> <li>▪ Academia</li> <li>▪ Survivors of human trafficking (4)</li> </ul>
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### The Legislative Mandates

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- Standards for victim services providers
- Recommendations for statutory changes
- **Develop a statewide public awareness campaign**
- Develop training standards and curricula
- Identify best practices for the prevention of human trafficking
- Data collection on the incidence of human trafficking and the efforts of law enforcement
- Publish an annual report
- Research and pursue funding opportunities to fulfill council goals

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### Additional CHTC Mandates

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- HB15-1019 – Tasked the Council with providing recommendations on whether a law should be enacted that grants immunity or other legal protections for minor victims of sex trafficking.
- HB15-030 – Tasked the Council to conduct a post-enactment review of the affirmative defense for charges of prostitution.

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### Council Coordination

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- January: Host annual retreat to establish priorities and advisory committees
- February: Seek community stakeholders to serve on advisory committees
- Host monthly meetings of the Council and advisory committees
  - When necessary, invite subject matter experts to present to Council
- August – November: Establish recommendations and final work product to be highlighted in annual report.

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### CHTC Success Stories: Policy Changes

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- HB16-1224  
*Child Sex Trafficking as a form of Child Abuse and Neglect*
- SB19-182  
*Immunity & Affirmative Defense for Minor Victims of Trafficking*
- HB19-1267  
*Updates to Wage Theft Law*
- Volume 7 (Children’s Code) Updates  
*Adopted recommendations for 24-hour child care facilities that serve trafficking survivors.*

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## SUCCESS STORIES: AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

*“... create an implementation plan for the development of an awareness campaign that will educate the public about human trafficking and place victims services contact information in places where victims of human trafficking are likely to see it.”*

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# This Is Human Trafficking

CHTC Public Awareness & Outreach Campaign Overview

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## THE GENERAL PUBLIC

*Increase knowledge about **all types** of human trafficking in the state of Colorado.*

### CAMPAIGN AUDIENCE & GOAL

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## How It Started (2017-2019)

- Formative Research & Statewide Survey
- Communications Blueprint
- Campaign Plan
- Survivor-Informed Research
- Creative Concept Development & Selection
- Statewide Concept Feedback
- Funding Development

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## CONSUMER PERCEPTIONS AT A GLANCE

Less than 40% believe human trafficking affects their community.

Most respondents believe the public plays a role in combating human trafficking.

Motivators	Barriers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal</li> <li>Family/Friends</li> </ul> </li> <li>Criminal accountability</li> <li>Human rights &amp; social justice</li> <li>Fair trade commerce</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack knowledge</li> <li>Fear getting involved</li> <li>Fear violent retaliation</li> <li>Denial</li> <li>Does not have a personal connection to human trafficking</li> </ul>

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## MEDIA MARKETS

**Demographic Market Areas: total adult population**

- Denver (2) : 3,538,700
  - 79% of total market
- Colorado Springs (1) : 769,700
  - 17% of total market
- Grand Junction (3) : 150,300
  - 3% of total market

Note: Montezuma and La Plata Counties are covered by the Albuquerque DMA

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## CONCEPT STRATEGY

COMPOSITE NARRATIVES OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF LIVED EXPERIENCES

*Show the coercive statements a victim may hear that exploits their vulnerabilities.*

*See/hear the gradual escalation of kind and flattering words, transitioning into manipulative and threatening language, demonstrating how traffickers trap people.*

*And call this out as wrong and criminal.*



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## LIVED EXPERIENCES

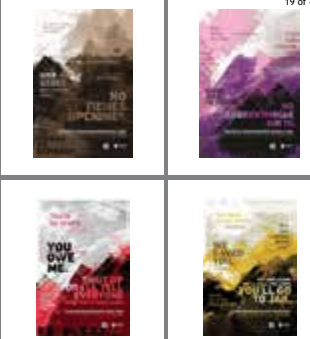
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- **JAMES:** Labor/Agriculture; Male; Adult; Familial; Rural
- **LUKE:** Sex; Male; Youth; Suburban
- **ANTONIO:** Labor; Foreign National; Adult; Male; Restaurant
- **BRIAN:** Labor/Magazine Sales Crew; Male; Youth; Domestic; LGBTQ+
- **JASMINE & DANEILA:** Labor/Hotel; Females; Youth & Parent Victims; Foreign Nationals; Intimate Partner

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## 2020

- Campaign Strategy Updates & Funding Acquisition
- Survivor Focus Groups
- Media Planning & Buying
- Creative Development & Collateral Production
- Public Relations Strategy & Outreach
- Statewide (Digital Focus) Campaign/Media Launch
- Additional Funding Development



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## 2020 PAID MEDIA PLAN - DIGITAL

- Digital news websites + over the top (OTT) coverage
- Broadcast TV in key markets (Grand Junction and Co Springs)
- Unexpected digital ads
- Social - Facebook; Instagram; YouTube PreRoll
- Coordination with Earned Media

All major outlets: Colorado Public Radio, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

News programming only

Digital billboards + Geo-targeting Pandora audio + banner

**TIMING:** Nov 2020-Jan 2021

- After Election
- Lighter in December (decrease competition with holiday ads)
- Heavy during January – Human Trafficking Awareness Month

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## MEDIA RESULTS-MID-CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW (11/9/20 – 12/6/20)

*Paid Media impression goals reached 95% fulfillment one month into the campaign.*

### EARNED MEDIA RESULTS


- Outreach to a minimum of 50 key media contacts
- 68 media placements within the first month
- 2 exclusive interviews for 9News & CPR prior to statewide launch
- Coverage in a variety of formats including TV and radio news, digital news and print
- Coverage by all major TV networks and in all four corners of the state

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## IN THE NEWS: A SNAPSHOT

- Hosted a successful Virtual Press Conference
- Fox31 Evening News Story
- CBS4 Morning News Story
- KMGH Channel7 Morning News Story
- 9News Colorado & Company Interview
- Channel7 Mile High Living Interview x2
- Series in January with Colorado & Company
- 30-min segment on KGNU
- A total of **101** earned media placements in 3 months.




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### MID-CAMPAIGN EVALUATION RESULTS

- Surveyed a representative sample of 400 Coloradans
  - About a third of people recall hearing or seeing human trafficking messaging in the last three months.
  - Over 40%** recall seeing or hearing the term “This is Human Trafficking”
  - Just under 1/4<sup>th</sup> recall seeing the presented ad and of those 93% believed they better understand different type of human trafficking.
- Collected data from Colorado’s Human Trafficking Hotline
  - Calls & texts to the hotline **increased by almost 50%** compared to the same 3-month period in 2019/2020.
  - Tips from community members about a situation of HT almost doubled.
  - Of the 174 calls/text, 21 directly referenced the campaign.
  - Call volume increased by 30% while the campaign was in the market, compared to the rest of the year which saw a 24% increase.



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**Silver Telly Winner**  
Local TV: Public  
Interest/Awareness James' account of agricultural labor trafficking



**Bronze Telly Winner**  
Local TV: Public  
Interest/Awareness Branded Content: Campaign: Social Impact for the collective video representation of human trafficking



**Communicator Award for Excellence**  
Integrated Campaign, Social Responsibility for the website and other digital media



Local Chapter Emmy Winner for PSA Category




The One Club Awards – Denver  
Bronze: Moving Image Campaign

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### 2021 – Present Day

- Mid-Campaign Evaluation
- Campaign Strategy Updates
- Survivor-Leader Interviews
- Rural Partner Survey
- Media Planning & Buying (x's 2)
- Supplemental Funding Development
- Creative Development & Collateral Production
- 2 Statewide Media/Campaign Flights
- January – National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month



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### July – September 2021 Media Flight

- English Gas Station Television Video Commercial Impressions: 1,386,566
- English Statewide Billboard (Vinyl and Digital) Impressions: 9,702,117
- English Rural Signage (Posters & Cling) in Statewide Convenience Store Impressions: 24,407,040
- English DIA Large-Format Sign Impressions: 9,702,117
- English YouTube Video Pre-roll Commercials Displayed: 213,964
- English Bus Posters (Exterior and Interior) Impressions: 28,632,370
- English Over-the-Top Streaming Subscription Television Commercial Impressions: 1,109,945
- English Radio Commercial Impressions: 1,769,544
- English Total Digital Ad Impressions: 1,069,476
- Spanish Broadcast Television Commercial Impressions: 6,067,000
- Spanish Over-the-Top Streaming Subscription Television Commercial Impressions: 200,288
- Spanish Radio Impressions: 2,232,000spots aired
- Spanish Total Digital Impressions: 1,263,413
- Spanish Digital Display Ad Impressions: 450,228; Clicks 888; Click-thru-Rate 0.20% (Benchmark goal 0.09%)
- Spanish YouTube Pre-roll Video Ad Impressions: 282,973 with a 23% engagement rate
- Spanish Facebook Paid Post Impressions (across 5 different posts): 369,952

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### Paid Media Items of Note


- 2020 media launch was a digital focus for 3 months driving significant traffic to the website
- 2021 focused on awareness tactics during late summer months to achieve significant number of impressions across the state
- Adjustments were made to the Spanish language approach with Spanish language URL and website to increase web conversions
- Adjustments to January media buy to blend awareness tactics and trackable media to drive the audience to the website
- Paid social media was combined with a strategically driven organic social media push that started in August
- Strategic assessment and next steps after media metrics are analyzed in March

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### Colorado’s Human Trafficking Hotline

- Above average increase in calls/texts (45% typically 20-24%)
- In Q3-2021, the hotline had 8 Spanish-speaking callers – there were 0 Spanish-speaking calls during the same months in 2020.
- In 2021, there were 901 calls from 696 individuals, 82 of the calls (59 individuals) indicated they heard about the hotline from the campaign.



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## 2021 Social Media

December Webclicks campaign resulted in 34,437 impressions and 3,173 link clicks with an excellent average CTR of 7.13% at \$0.13 per click. (Benchmark 1.5-3%)

Paid campaigns drove 3,170 new users and 3,285 clicks to the website with low bounce rate of 30.50% and an excellent session duration of 1:05.

	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>FACEBOOK</b>					
FB Fans	544	580	584	48	27
Organic Page Likes	16	37	10	17	20
Paid Page Likes	0	0	0	245	286
Reactions	76	499	71	414	337
Shares	42	96	29	184	181
Comments	0	64	2	42	32
Impressions	3532	47076	4078	137835	140724
<b>INSTAGRAM</b>					
Followers	90	96	100	118	123
Likes	58	49	84	77	62
Comments	3	5	12	9	8
Impressions	622	82120	941	778	830
Profile Actions	10	4	5	9	1
Engagements	65	59	105	87	70
Engagement Rate (benchmark 1.5%)	10.5%	0.1%	11.2%	11.2%	8.4%



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## Campaign Creative

Video selections related to the Human Trafficking campaign are available at:

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## SOCIAL CHANNELS

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YouTube

Instagram



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## ANIMATED VIDEO BANNER ADS (ONLINE/MOBILE)

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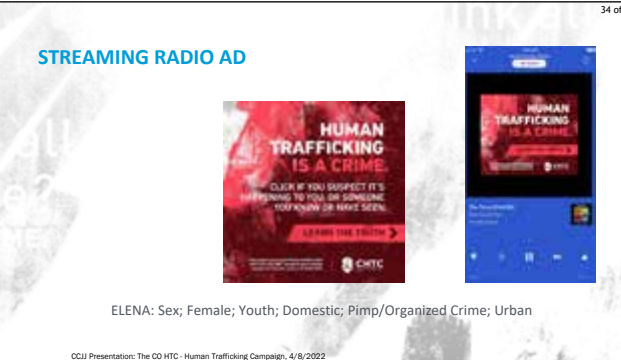
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BRIAN: Labor/Magazine Sales Crew; Male; Youth; Domestic; LGBTQ+

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## STREAMING RADIO AD



ELENA: Sex; Female; Youth; Domestic; Pimp/Organized Crime; Urban

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## DIGITAL BILLBOARD & COMPANION BANNER

DANEILA: Labor/Hotel; Females; Youth & Parent Victims; Foreign Nationals; Intimate Partner

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Spanish Language Materials

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Spanish Language Video & Radio Spots were also produced for the Human Trafficking campaign

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## The Remainder of 2022 ...

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- Post Campaign Evaluation
- Victim-specific Web Page
- Partnership Invigoration & Outreach Support
- Materials Production & Distribution
- Campaign Strategy Updates & Recommendations

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# THANK YOU!

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## Appendix D Overview: Office for Victims Programs

**COLORADO**  
**Division of Criminal Justice**  
 Department of Public Safety

**Overview: Office for Victims Programs**

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**OVP Programs**

- Crime Victim Services Funding
- Human Trafficking Council
- Victim Rights Compliance
- Sexual Assault Victim Emergency (SAVE) Program
- Standards and technical assistance for Victim Compensation
- Standards and technical assistance for local Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE)

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**Victim Rights Act (VRA)**

SB22-49

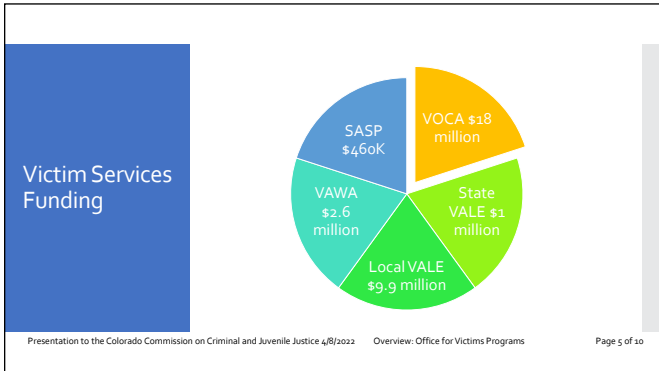
- Stakeholder process began in August of 2021
- Introduced as an early bill in the Senate
- Clean-up bill to keep up with changes made in other parts of the CJ system
- Next hearing: House Judiciary on 4/13

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**VRA Highlights**

- Updated language to continue virtual appearances at court
- New crimes: First-degree arson and Invasion of Privacy
- Updated definition of victim
- Right to be heard at a sealing hearing
- Clarification on the initial police report provided to victims
- Clarification language when there is a subpoena for a victim's records
- Consultation on diversion cases
- Truth and sentencing

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### Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

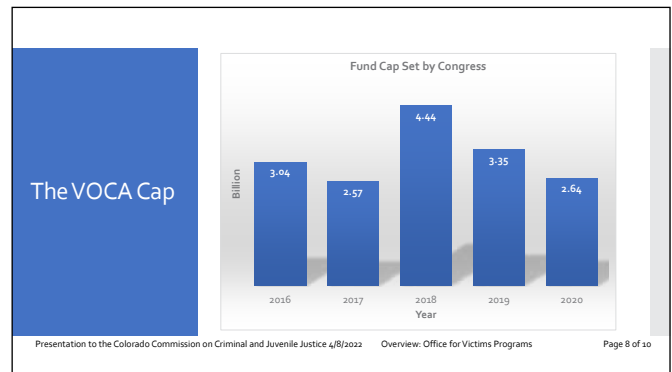
- Each state receives a formula grant based on population from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to help support victim services
- Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) is the state administering agency (SAA) for this grant program
- VOCA funds are distributed as part of a competitive grant process every 2 years – “Crime Victim Service Funds”

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### How is VOCA funded?

- Fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes
- Forfeited bail bonds
- Special assessments from the US Attorney’s Office
- Congress sets a cap on the amount of funds that can be distributed each year by OVC

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### Sustaining victim services

- OVP’s VOCA award had its highest award in 2018 approx. \$58 million
- The 2021 VOCA award was approx. \$18 million (68% reduction)
- Last funding cycle OVP awarded \$93 million in VOCA awards for a 2-year period
- This funding cycle we announced \$55.5 million (41% cut)

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### Sustaining Victim Services

Efforts this legislative session

- Stakeholder work led by the 3 state victim service coalitions and DCJ for the past year with Senator Winter and Rep Duran
- SB22-183 – Concerning Programs that Provide Services to Crime Victims
- Requests \$35 million to fill the VOCA gap and \$6 million to support the Domestic Violence Program (DVP) at CDHS

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## Appendix E Overview & Update – Behavioral Health Administration

**Let's Make History Together**






Update on the Behavioral Health Administration



Morgan Medlock, MD, MDiv, MPH  
Behavioral Health Administration  
Commissioner

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**A Behavioral Health System that Works for Coloradans**

People Left Behind	→	People Put First	
Fragmented Vision & Strategy	→	Unified Vision & Strategy	
Funding Issues	→	Improved Funding	
Fragmented Data	→	Comprehensive Data	
No System Coordination	→	System Coordination	

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**Statewide Tour**



[cdhs.colorado.gov/BHA-statewide-tour](https://cdhs.colorado.gov/BHA-statewide-tour)

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**Equity**

Five fellows named to national equity-grounded behavioral health leadership program with the College for Behavioral Health Leadership

BHA is Hiring a Deputy Commissioner for Equity and System Effectiveness



- Marco Antillon
- Brad Barfield
- Lesley Brooks, M.D.
- Michelle Arriaga Colarelli, Psy.D.
- Alexandra Hulst, Ph.D.

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## BHA Bill (HB 22-1278)

### People First

- Advisory Council creation
- Co-chaired by person with lived experience
- 50% individuals with lived experience

### Accountable

- Robust grievance process
- Enhanced public reporting
- Collaborative data sharing

### Access to High Quality Services

- Creation of Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BHASO)
- Expanded safety net

### Efficient

- Agency Agreements
- Universal Contracting Provisions

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## July 1 Wins

- Launch of Advisory Council
- Public dashboard tracking implementation will be posted to new BHA website
- Public-facing care directory

New BHA website will be live July 2022!

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## Priorities from CJ Partners

- **Build on existing collaboration** to improve the relationship and connection between criminal justice and behavioral health
- **Raise awareness and understanding** of criminal justice within the BHA to inform policy, strategy and standards
- **Incorporate priorities of criminal justice partners** in improving BH assessment, treatment and services for justice involved individuals
- **Expand and streamline a comprehensive continuum of care** for justice involved individuals

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## Priorities, continued

- **Improve payment models and address current barriers** to service availability particularly for high risk and high needs cases transitioning out of institutional care (e.g., Institutes or Corrections)
- **Improve accountability of providers to serve those with justice involvement**
- **Address and improve data interoperability**

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## CJ/BH Roadmap Objectives

- **Strategic Objective 1:** Colorado's criminal justice and behavioral health systems promote and invest in accessible and effective programs, strategies, and practices.
- **Strategic Objective 2:** Colorado's behavioral health and criminal justice workforce has the capacity and resources needed to provide deflection, diversion, and intervention services.
- **Strategic Objective 3:** State and local agencies and organizations serving people dually involved in Colorado's criminal justice and behavioral health systems are coordinated, communicating, and aligned.

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## SB 196 Grant Program

- Senate Bill 196 establishes the **early intervention, deflection, and redirection** from the criminal justice system grant program.
  - BHA to provide grants to local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribes, health-care providers, and community-based organizations to fund programs and strategies that prevent people with behavioral health needs from becoming involved with the criminal justice system
  - Or that redirect individuals in the criminal justice system with behavioral health needs from the system to appropriate services
- Local law enforcement agencies are eligible for a grant for the purpose of **developing or expanding a co-responder community response program**

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# Q&A



cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health-reform

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# Appendix F Presentation: Boulder County COVID Outcomes

## Boulder County COVID Outcomes

District Attorney's Office and Community Justice Services Collaboration  
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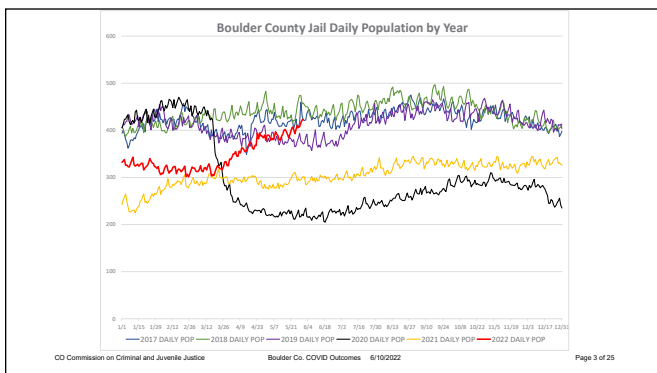



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### Background

- In March of 2020, the onset of COVID 19 necessitated swift and significant response in order to reduce the jail population.
- Through system-wide collaboration, and over the course of the first month of COVID, the jail population was reduced by 46% through releases that included:
  - The immunocompromised
  - Those with 45 days or less left of their sentence
  - Those on work release
- In addition, new arrest standards and presumptive PR bond eligibility were put in place to reduce the number of individuals booked into the jail.

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### Goal of the Study

- The goal of the study is to understand public safety and court appearance outcomes for individuals released from jail during the first 3 months of COVID.
- Findings from the study will help inform what practices may be maintained once the threat of COVID abates, to support ongoing efforts to ensure public safety and effectively manage the jail population in Boulder County.

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## Methodology

- Data pull of all jail releases during the first three months of COVID (3/16/2020 – 6/15/2020).
- Tracked public safety and court appearance for the six-month period after release.
- Also pulled jail releases for the same three-month period in 2019 for comparison.

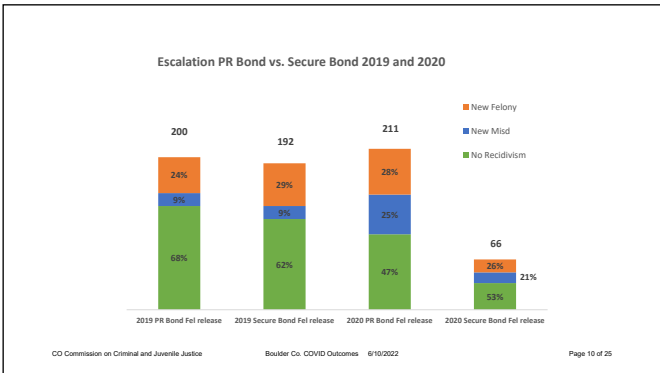
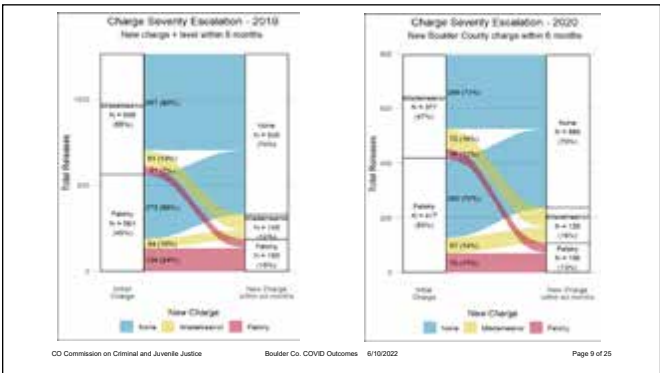
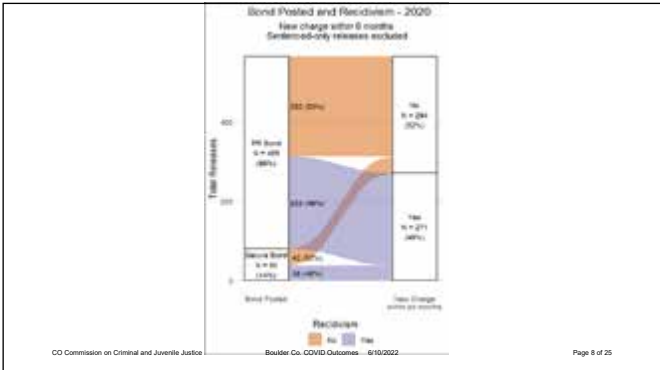
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# Recidivism

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	Total Releases	New Bookings (and Summons in 2020)	Recidivism Rate
2019 Recidivism • only BoCo • excludes summonses	1,368	399	29%
2020 Recidivism • only BoCo • includes summonses	802	248	31%
2020 Recidivism • all CO JDS (excluding Denver) • includes summonses	802	348	43%

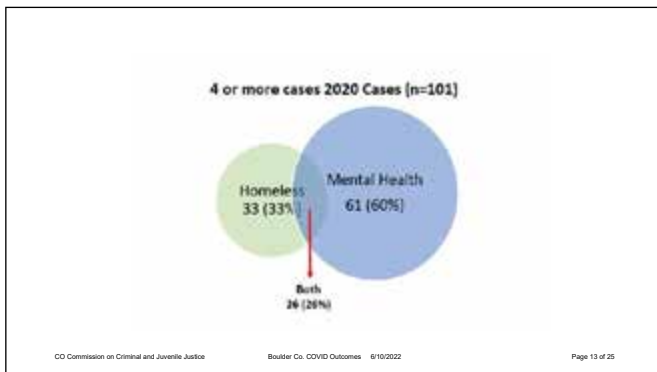
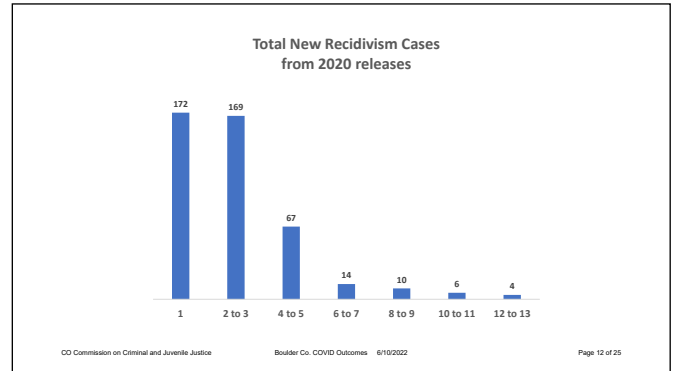
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Initial Charge Type	Initial Charge Count	% Recidivating	% Recidivating Same Crime Type
Property	231	50%	23%
DV	210	37%	15%
DUI	106	22%	10%
Violent	284	37%	7%

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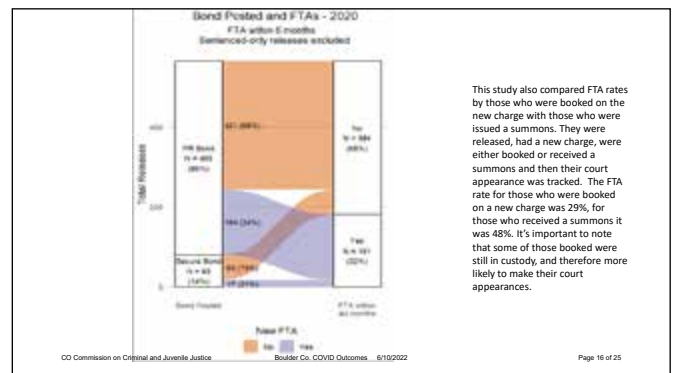
### Recidivism: Key Takeaways

- Overall recidivism rates were comparable in 2019 and 2020 when looking at new charges within Boulder County.
- In 2019, the recidivism rate was lower for PR bonds than for secured bonds.
- In 2020, the recidivism rate was comparable by bond type when looking at new cases statewide.
- Though fairly low in both years, the rate of escalation from misdemeanor to felony was somewhat higher in 2020 compared to 2019.
- In 2020, felony releases had a higher recidivism rate than 2019, with new misdemeanor charges making up the majority of the increase.
- The proportion of felony releases that had a new felony were comparable by bond type in 2019 and 2020.
- Those who had an initial property charge had a higher rate of recidivism than other charge types.
- 23% of individuals who recidivated had four or more recidivism events.
- Homeless individuals and those with mental health issues comprised a significant proportion of those with four or more recidivism events.

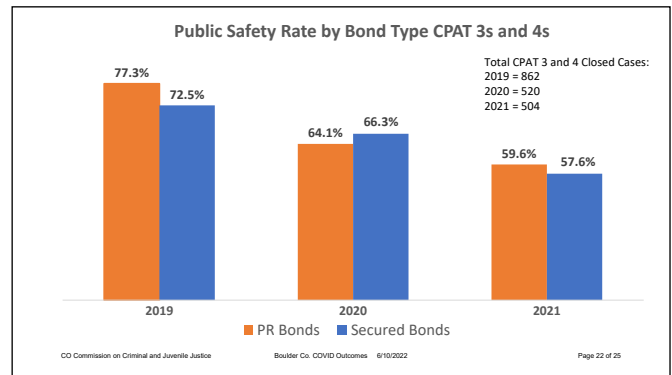
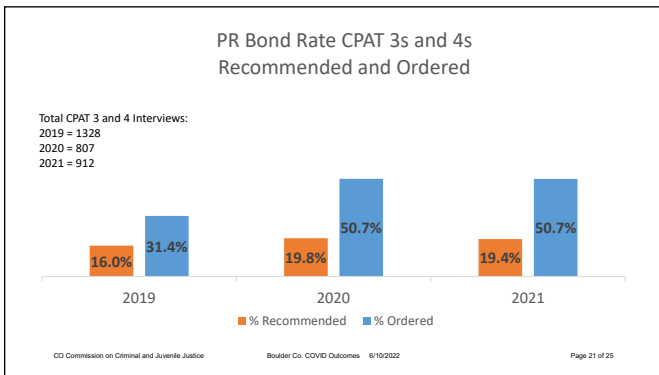
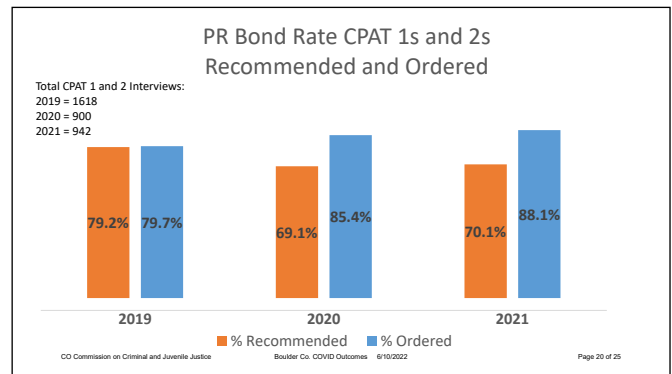
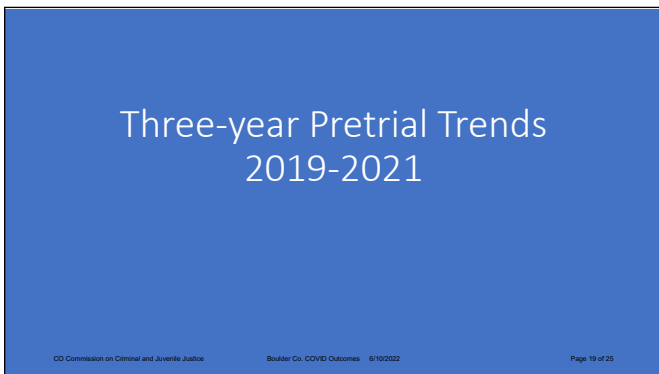
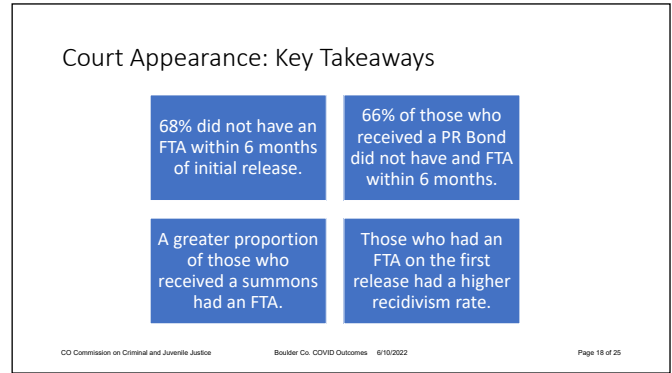
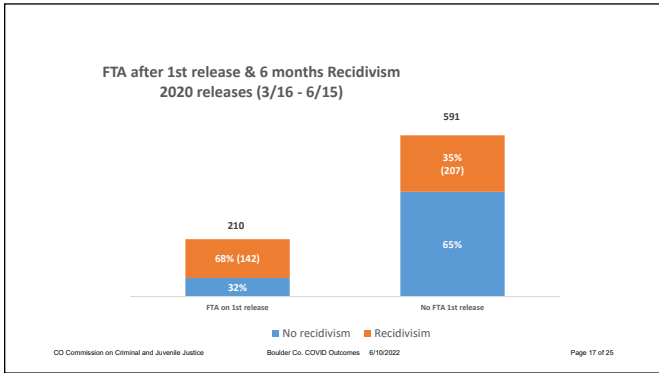
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# Court Appearance

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This study also compared FTA rates by those who were booked on the new charge with those who were issued a summons. They were released, had a new charge, were either booked or received a summons and then their court appearance was tracked. The FTA rate for those who were booked on a new charge was 29%, for those who received a summons it was 48%. It's important to note that some of those booked were still in custody, and therefore more likely to make their court appearances.



### Three-year Pretrial Trends: Key Takeaways

- While already fairly high, PR bond rates ordered for CPAT 3s and 2s increased somewhat in 2020 and 2021.
- PR bond rates ordered for CPAT 3s and 4s increased significantly during COVID.
- The agreement rate between bond type recommended and what was ordered for CPAT 3s and 4s was particularly disparate in 2020 and 2021.
- Among CPAT 3s and 3s, public safety rate was comparable regardless of bond type. (PR or secured)

### Recommendations

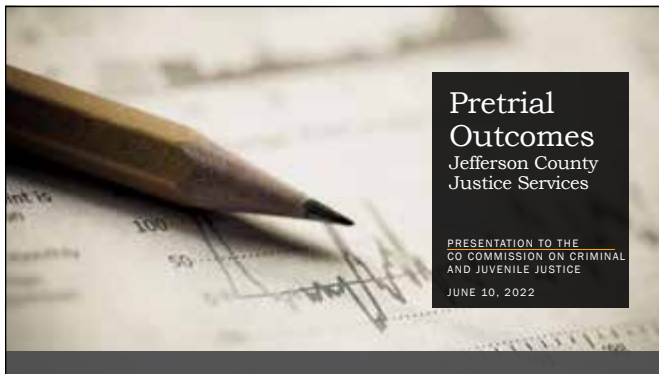
- Address behavioral health needs and stability factors such as homelessness as early in the process of system involvement as possible.
- Develop a better understanding of release conditions that best support successful pretrial outcomes.
- Assess current practices around court date notification to identify areas of opportunity for supporting increased court appearance.
- Gain a better understanding of the interplay between court appearance and recidivism and how best to mitigate increased risk.
- Engage law enforcement in dialogue about the impact of practice changes on outcomes.
- Study the impact of sentencing practices and reform on outcomes.
- Continue to monitor public safety and court appearance outcomes post-COVID to understand whether these outcomes will improve in a post-COVID landscape or are part of a new normal.

## Thank You

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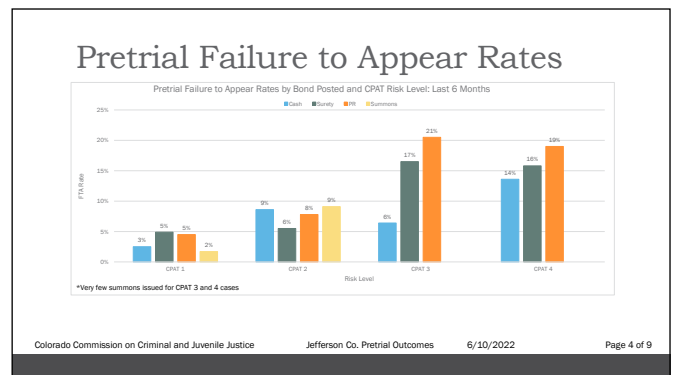
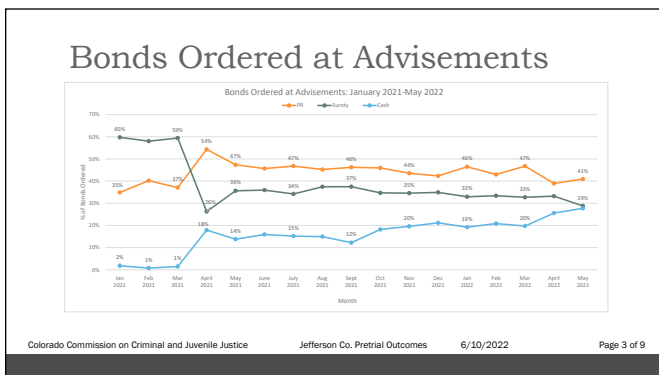
# Appendix G Jefferson County Pretrial Outcomes



## Introduction

- Warrants, especially FTA warrants, are a focus in Jeffco
- A larger proportion of Personal Recognizance bonds ordered at Advisements
- Larger proportion of Pretrial caseload released on Personal Recognizance bonds
- What is the impact of the increased use of Personal Recognizance bonds on Appearance Rates among Pretrial defendants?
- Who Fails to Appear on Pretrial Supervision? CPAT risk score? Certain offense types? Criminal history?

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## Who Fails to Appear on Pretrial Supervision?

- When we account for CPAT risk, Criminal History, prior Failure to Appear, and Current Offense...
  - There is **NOT** a significant relationship between the type of bond posted and Failing to Appear to court while on Pretrial Supervision
- What are the strongest predictors of Failing to Appear?
  - CPAT Risk
  - Failure to Appear History
  - Certain offense types

## Who Fails to Appear on Pretrial Supervision?

- CPAT 3 and 4 cases are more likely to FTA, compared to CPAT 1 cases
  - CPAT 3 cases are THREE TIMES more likely to FTA
  - CPAT 4 cases are about TWICE as likely to FTA
- Defendants with multiple PRIOR FTAs are more likely to FTA on Pretrial Supervision, when compared to defendants with no history of Failing to Appear
  - Defendants with 2-5 FTAs in their history are THREE TIMES more likely to FTA, compared to defendants with no history of Failure to Appear
  - Defendants with 6-10 FTAs in their history are also three times more likely to FTA
  - Defendants with more than 10 FTAs in their history are 5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO FTA

## Who Fails to Appear on Pretrial Supervision?

- Trespass and ID theft cases were significantly more likely to FTA, especially CPAT 3 and 4 cases
  - Trespass cases were about TWICE as likely to FTA, compared to non-trespass cases
  - Identity theft cases were a little over 2.5 times more likely to FTA than non-ID theft cases
- Theft cases, especially CPAT 3 and 4 cases, had high rates of Failing to Appear.
  - CPAT 3 theft cases had a 43.5% FTA rate
- However, Domestic Violence and DUI had low rates of Failing to Appear, regardless of the type of bond posted.
  - These two case types account for a large proportion of our Pretrial population
  - DV cases given a PR bond had an FTA rate of just 6.5%
  - The overall FTA rate for DUI cases on Pretrial Supervision was just 4%; 7% for PR bonds; 3% for summons

## Using technology to improve outcomes

- November of 2021, we started a text notification program to remind Pretrial defendants of upcoming court hearings
- Defendants get two reminders per court hearing. One reminder a week before, one a day before
- Not a noticeable increase in appearance rates among CPAT 1 and 2 defendants
  - They showed up to court regardless of text notifications
- HOWEVER, there was a significant difference in Appearance rates among higher risk (CPAT 3 and 4) defendants who received multiple text reminders
  - CPAT 3: 85% Appearance Rate before text notifications; increased to 92% among defendants who received multiple reminders
  - CPAT 4: 76% Appearance Rate before text notifications; increased to 82% among defendants who received multiple text reminders

## Using technology to improve outcomes

- We are also sending text messages to remind GPS defendants to charge their GPS units
- The number of violations filed to the court for defendants failing to charge their GPS unit has decreased since GPS charge notifications began
  - Pre-text, consistently filing between 50 and 60 violations per quarter
  - After texting, that number has dropped to less than 20 per quarter

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