

CSG Justice Center Activity in Colorado – 2023

- Briefing on violent crime and clearance rates.
 - A [report](#) detailing the latest data on violent crime in Colorado was sent to criminal justice-related committee members and leadership, governor’s office criminal justice policy staff, and corrections leadership. Opportunities for individual briefings were offered.
 - Engagement with Colorado legislators during and after Justice Action Network Foundation convening in October.
 - Paul Pazen (retired) Denver Police Chief sat on a panel on violent crime and clearance rates to share insights from the [Denver PD FAST unit](#) at CSG National in Raleigh.
- June 2023 – Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab convening in Denver
 - Representatives from the Law Enforcement Mental Health Learning Sites and the FY19 JMHCP Colorado Department of Criminal Justice grant team attended.
- [Denver PD](#) is a Law Enforcement-Mental Health Learning Site
 - Denver PD featured in the [Expanding First Response toolkit](#).
- [Boulder County’s Community Services Department’s Behavioral Health Assistance Program](#) (BHAP) was selected as one of ten new Criminal Justice-Mental Health Learning Sites in 2023. BHAP is a jail reentry program that provides intensive, long-term support to people in the justice system who have severe and persistent mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders.
- [State Data Snapshot](#)
- Colorado attendees at National Summit to Advance States’ Criminal Justice Priorities:
 - Morgan Jackson- Colorado Department of Corrections
 - Jaime FitzSimons- Summit County Sheriff
 - Matthew Lunn- Colorado Division of Criminal Justice
 - Michael Tessean- Colorado State Board of Parole
 - Andrew Zavaras- Division of Adult Parole, Colorado Department of Corrections
 - Glenn Tapia- Colorado Division of Probation Services
 - Linda Cooke- Judge, Boulder, CO
 - Simone Greene- Site Coach
 - Alexis Harper- Site Representative
 - Erin Crites- Site Representative
- Ten Stepping Up counties
- 4 CSG Justice Center team members live in Colorado
- [Explainer: Creating Housing Opportunities for People with Complex Health Needs Leaving Incarceration](#)
 - Highlighted Colorado’s C-SHARP program (which has received multiple federal Second Chance Act grants). C-SHARP increases permanent supportive housing for people returning from incarceration
- A former Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grantee, the City of Aurora Police Department, successfully implemented a co-responder unit that is now sustained by city dollars. They published an evaluation report, which can be found [here](#).
- Grantee training and technical assistance (TTA) to six active grantees:

- City of Alamosa, FY22 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Connect and Protect
- Boulder County, FY20 JMHCP Purpose Area 2: Community Mental Health Centers
- City of Brighton, FY22 JMHCP
- Colorado Department of Public Safety, FY21 JMHCP Connect and Protect
 - This team is launching a state learning site program modeled after the national LE-MH Learning Site program that will focus specifically on Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs) across the state. The goal is to highlight teams worth emulating, have them share information with other PSAPs, and improve/move towards standardization when it comes to how calls are received, triaged, and dispatched
- Second Chance Center (Aurora), FY23 Second Chance Act Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry (CSCR)
- West Central Mental Health Center (partners include Buena Vista Police Department; Canon City Police Department, Chaffee County Sheriff's Office, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Leadville Police Department), FY22 JMHCP Connect and Protect
 - An in-person site visit was conducted with FY22 Connect & Protect West Central Mental Health Center in October of 2023.