



**COLORADO COMMISSION ON  
CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**

## **Guiding Principles**

1. Public safety should always be paramount in our thoughts.
2. It is important that we are inclusive of all represented perspectives and areas of expertise, and that we commit to non-partisanship.
3. We agree to question our assumptions, maintain respect for differences and work towards common goals that meet the Commission's mandate.
4. We should seek outside help for areas where we are lacking in knowledge.
5. Because our decisions impact all Colorado, we should carefully consider the perspectives of the various regions and diverse populations of citizens, victims, and offenders across the state.
6. To the best of our ability, our decisions should be straight forward and timely.
7. Our decisions are guided by data and should be aimed at crime prevention, reducing recidivism, achieving public safety through the most cost effective means, and achieving justice.
8. We should be mindful that a need for treatment is not an adequate reason for incarceration (other options should be available).