



# **New Member Welcome & Orientation**

**August 9, 2013**

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

# Overview

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- Structure
- Recommendation process
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Accomplishments

# Commission Background

- Established in House Bill 07-1358
  - Reauthorized in 2013
- First meeting: January 2008
- Initial structure, guiding principles and by-laws developed in the first few meetings
- Early focus: Adult corrections and re-entry

# Membership

- 27 members
- 8 members -- based on their position in state government
- 19 members – appointed representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders
  - 3 year terms
  - No member can serve more than 2 consecutive terms
- Governor selects Chair and Vice-Chair

# Mission Statement

## Developed by Commissioners

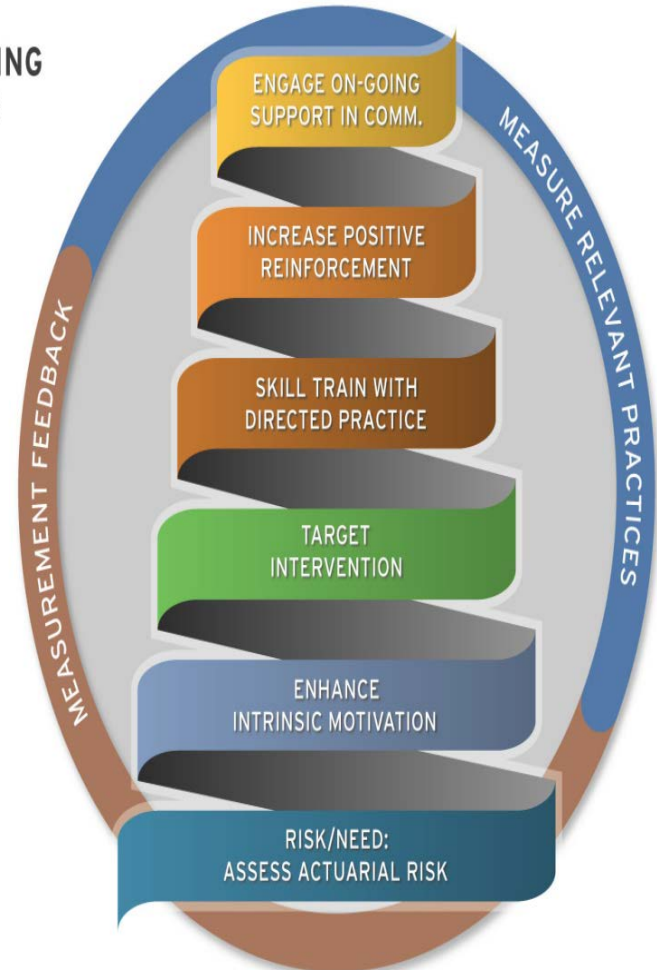
*The mission of the Commission is to enhance public safety, ensure justice, and ensure the rights of victims through the cost-effective use of public resources.*

# Statutory Duties

*C.R.S. 16-11.3-102*

- Enhance public safety
- Ensure justice
- Ensure the protection of the rights of victims
- Focus on cost effective expenditure of funds
- Work with other state-established boards
- Establish advisory committees that make recommendations to the full Commission
- **Focus on evidence-based recidivism reduction**

EIGHT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR RISK/ RECIDIVISM REDUCTION



Source: National Institute of Corrections

# Statutory Duties

- Conduct and review studies (including work done in other states) and make recommendations about policies and practices in the criminal and juvenile justice systems
- Study and evaluate the outcomes of Commission recommendations as implemented (performance measures tracked on the CCJJ website)
- Make an annual report of findings and recommendations

# Structure

**Commission** identifies issue/topic for study and analysis

Commission establishes **TASK FORCE** or **SUBCOMMITTEE** to undertake study and analysis

Task Force/Subcommittee may establish **WORKING GROUPS** to focus on specific issue



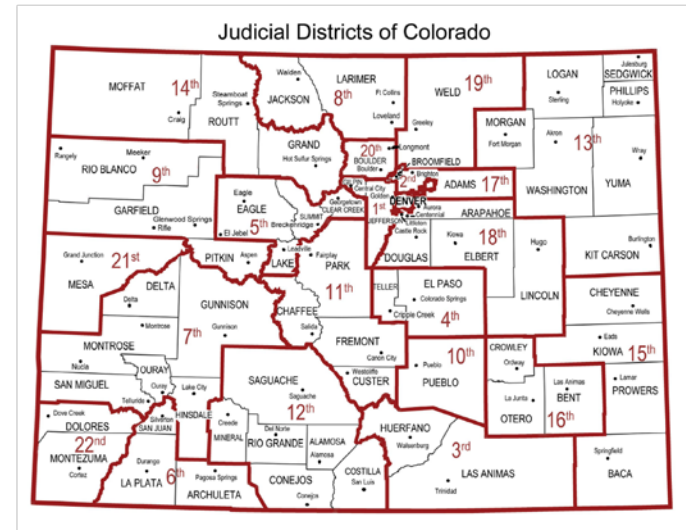
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- **Task Force**

- Is directed by the Commission to focus on an area of study
- Reports to the Commission
- 2 co-chairs are Commission members
- Commission chair and vice-chair appoint task force chairs and members
  - Additional members can be added by Task Force Chairs with approval of Commission Chair
- Usually has working groups

# Task Force Members

- Subject matter experts
- Criminal justice system stakeholders
- Geographic representation
- Connection to other established groups (e.g., Governor's Advisory Council on Community Corrections)

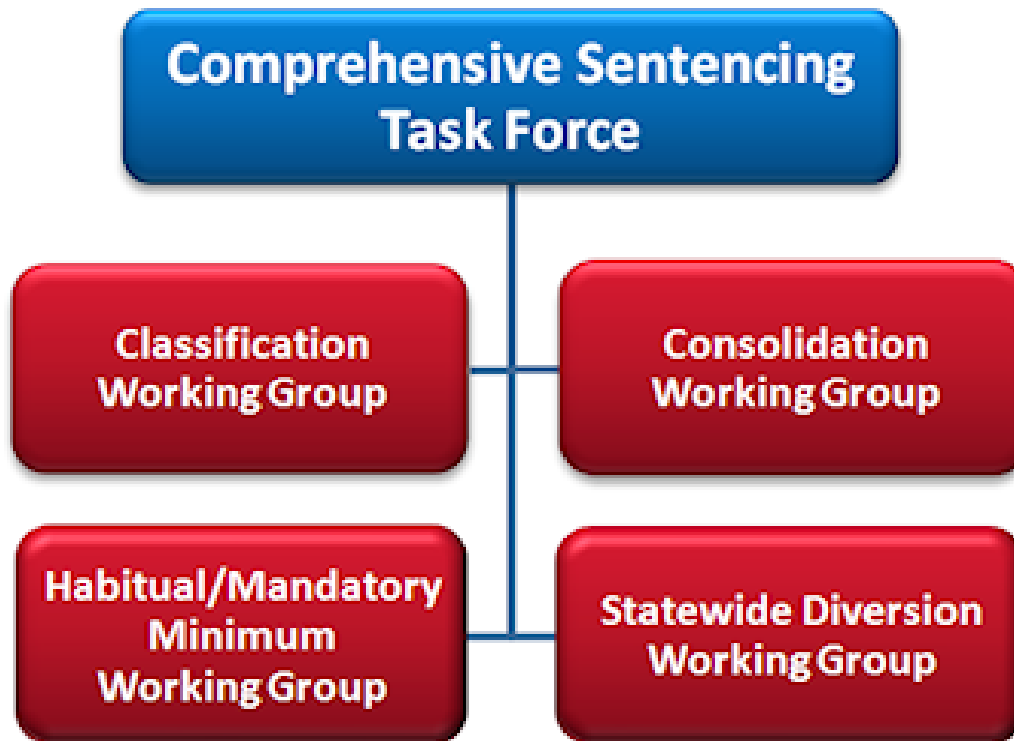


# Structure

- **Working Group**

- Seated by a task force to address a specific issue
- May include non-task force members
- Between 2-10 members usually
- Study and analyze the issue
- Develop recommendations for task force review/approval

# Example of past working groups



# Structure

- **Subcommittees**

- Address very specific topic
- Report directly to the Commission
- Members are appointed by the Commission chair and vice-chair
- Chair is a Commission member
- Usually 10 or fewer members
- May have working groups
- Forward recommendations to the Commission

# Current Commission Structure

## Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Legislative Subcommittee

Minority Over-Representation Subcommittee

Community Corrections Task Force

Comprehensive Sentencing Task Force

Drug Policy Task Force

Juvenile Justice Task Force

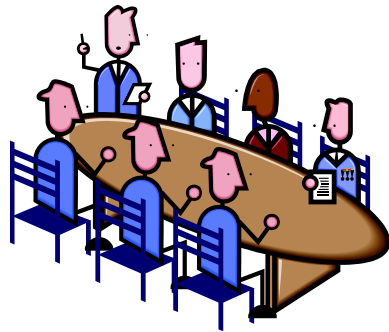
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# Prior Task Forces/Committees



- Bail Subcommittee
- Community Corrections Subcommittee
- Cost Savings Subcommittee
- Direct File Subcommittee
- Re-entry Oversight Subcommittee
- Behavioral Health Task Force
- Probation Task Force
- Incarceration Task Force
- Post-Incarceration Supervision Task Force
- Transition Task Force
- Sex Offense Task Force

# Recommendations

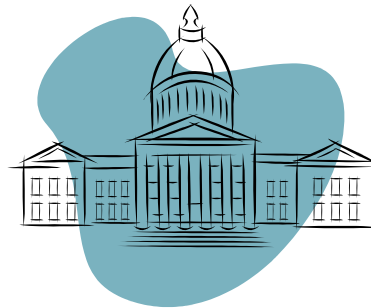


**Business Practice**

**Agency Policy**



**Legislation**

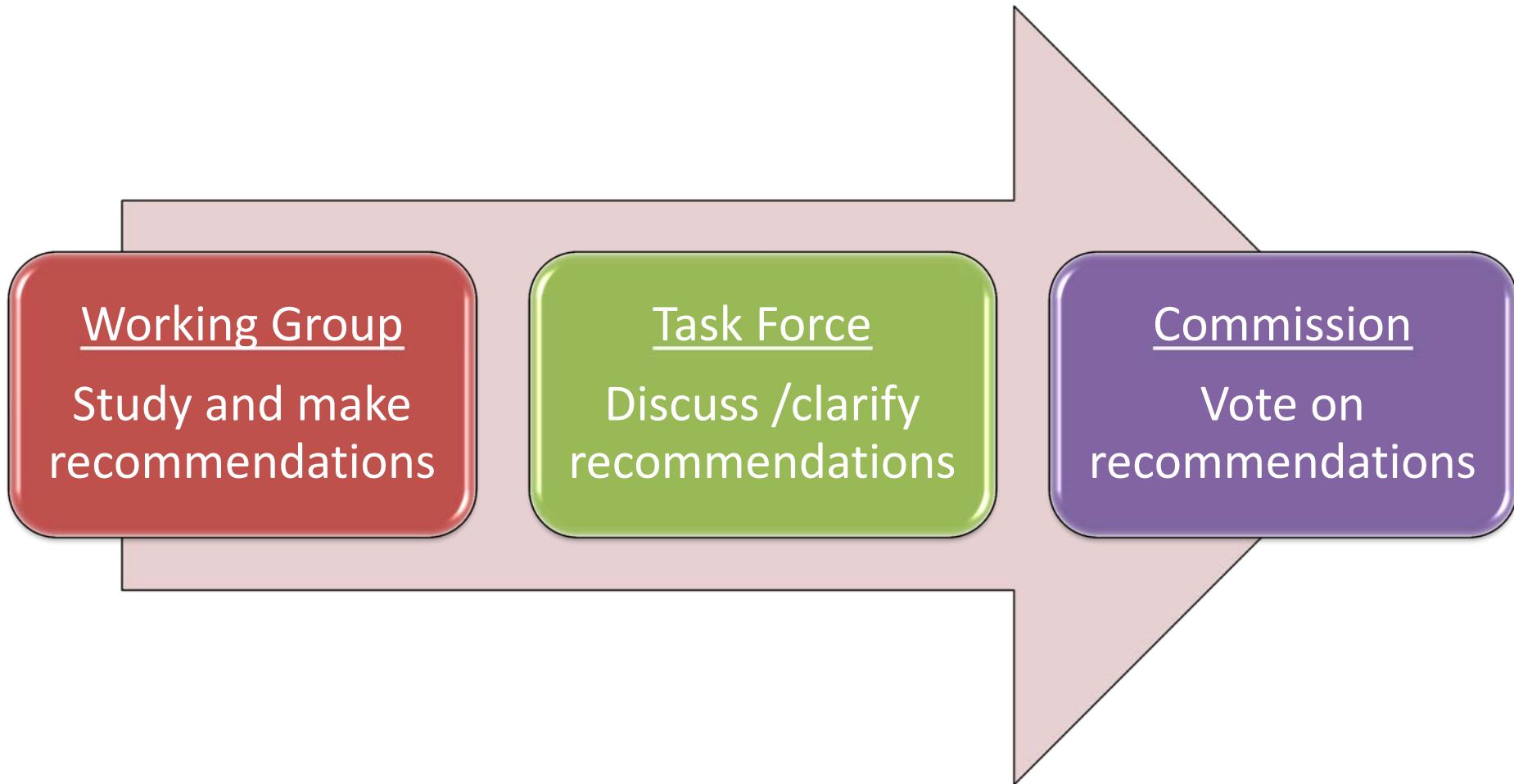




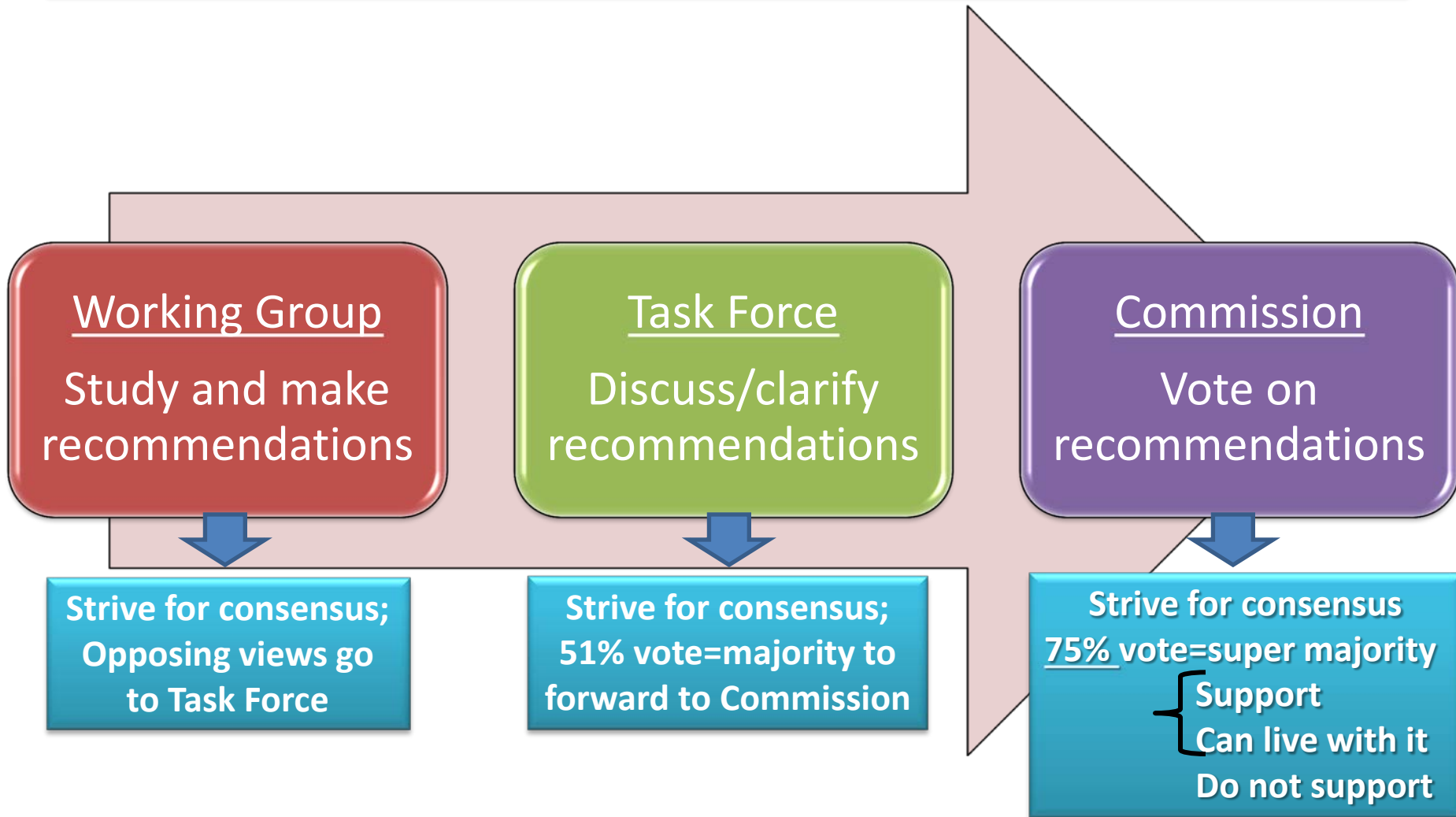
# Recommendations

- Presented to the Commission one month prior to the vote
  - This allows Commissioners to study the recommendation and take it back to their constituent groups for discussion and feedback
- Commission can send the recommendation back to the task force for modification or clarification
- Only Commission members can vote; proxies may not vote

# Recommendation Process



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# Roles and Responsibilities of Commission Members

- Attend Commission and task force meetings
- Sit on at least one task force or subcommittee
- Look for common ground, strive for consensus
  - Use system-wide perspective
  - “Take off your hat”
- After a recommendation has been approved by the Commission:
  - Members are encouraged to actively support the recommendation or remain silent

# Roles and Responsibilities of Commission Members

- When a recommendation is not approved, the Commission officially takes “no position” and members are free to act independently on the matter
- Commission member legislators are encouraged to refrain from sponsoring bills that are contrary to an official Commission vote
- Members of a task force/working group are encouraged to abide by these policies

# Roles and Responsibilities of Staff to the Commission

- **Division of Criminal Justice/Office of Research and Statistics—provides research and staff support to the Commission and its task forces**
  - Minutes are posted on the Commission web site once approved
- **Office of Research and Statistics**
  - Kim English
  - Germaine Miera
  - Peg Flick
  - Kevin Ford
  - Laurence Lucero
  - Christine Adams

# Roles and Responsibilities of Staff to the Commission

## Paul Herman

- Serves as consultant for the Commission (since 2007)
  - Plays an active role in strategic planning; facilitates most task force meetings; ties together the work of the task forces
- 30+ years at Missouri Department of Corrections
- 14 years at Center for Effective Public Policy
  - Worked with dozens of policy groups in more than 40 states and Indian Country
  - Working with Denver's Justice Reinvestment project
  - Working with the Parole Board to develop revocation guidelines
  - Working with DOC's strategic planning group

# Roles and Responsibilities of Staff to the Commission

## **Ken Plotz**

- Consultant to the Juvenile Justice Task Force
- Former district court judge; senior status
- Formerly chief judge, 11<sup>th</sup> District
- Mediator with Legal Resolution Center
- International Legal Foundation (Kathmandu, Nepal)



# Check out the Commission website

<http://www.coloradoccjj.org/>

**Colorado** The Official State Web Portal

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### Next CCJJ Meeting

**Friday, May 10, 2013**  
12:30-4:30pm

Jefferson County DA Building  
500 Jefferson County Parkway  
Golden, Colorado 80401 ([map](#))

Future meetings:  
June 14, July 12 (tentative) ...  
See the [CCJJ Master Calendar](#)

Also, see the [EPIC Master Calendar](#)

### Publications of Interest

- [Fact Sheet: Legal Coercion, Drug Treatment and Recidivism](#)
- [CCJJ 2012 Annual Report](#)
- [Elements of Change \(EOC\): EPIC](#)
- [H.B. 10-1352 Savings Analysis Report: First Two Years...](#)
- [Drug Policy Fact Sheet](#)
- [Treatment Funding White Paper](#)

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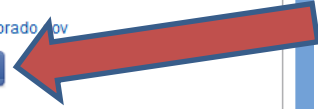
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# Selected Commission Accomplishments

- Started (2008) with 66 recommendations to improve re-entry and remove barriers to employment
  - 12 legislative
  - 31 business practices
  - 19 agency policies
  - 4 cost savings
- \$4.3M in Justice Assistance Grants in response to “critical issues” identified by Commission
  - EPIC ([colorado.gov/ccjdir/L/EPIC.html](http://colorado.gov/ccjdir/L/EPIC.html))
  - Criminal justice/Behavioral health Clinical Specialists
  - Crisis call center ([metrocrisisservices.org](http://metrocrisisservices.org))

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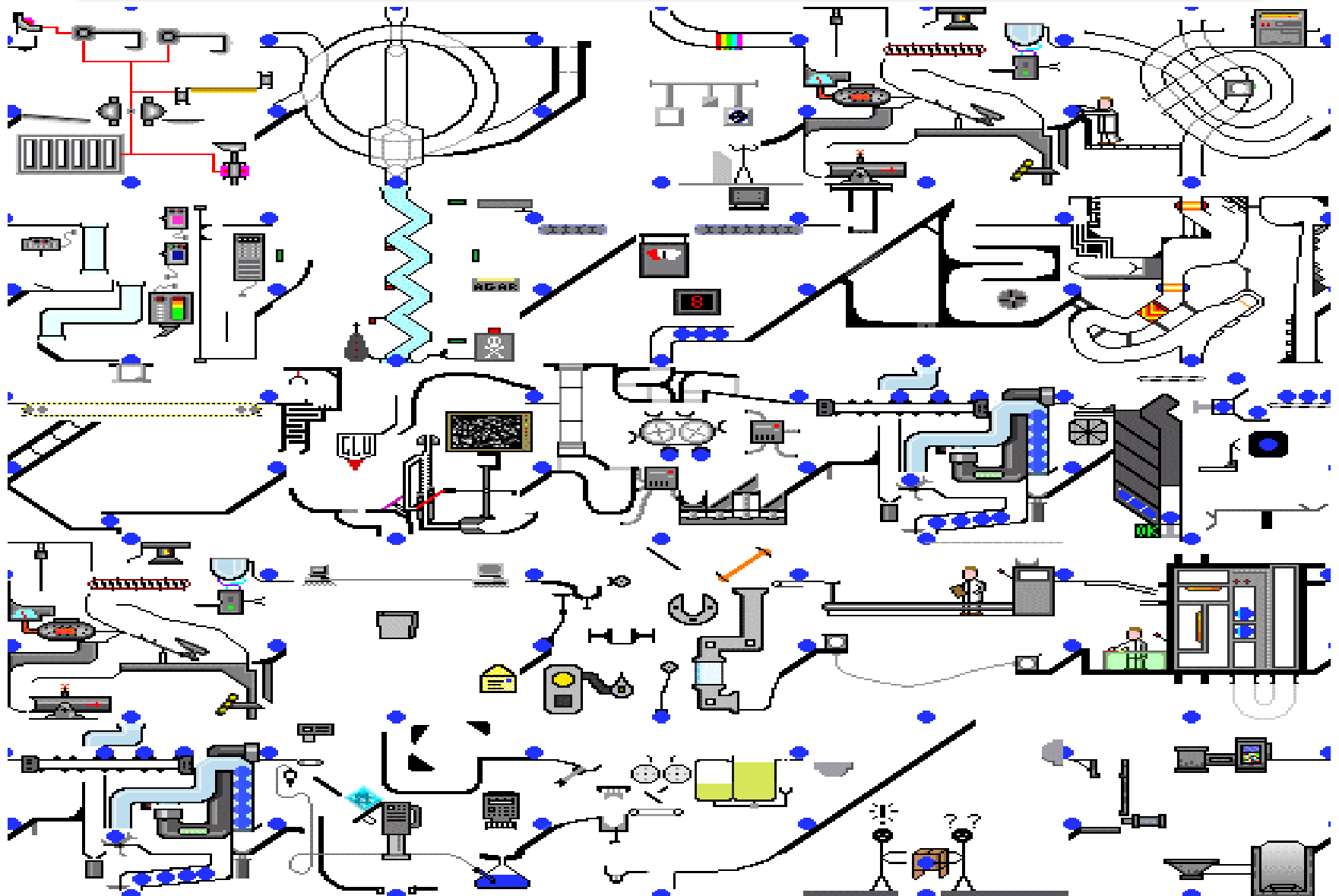
- Parole Administrative Release Guidelines drafted by task force, approved by Commission, now in statute
- Jail good time recommendation results in statutory change that saves thousands of bed-days each year
- Modification of probation eligibility statute
- Modification of escape statute
- Justice reinvestment: \$9M Cost savings from drug penalty reforms directed toward drug treatment in the community

# Selected Accomplishments

- Drug law reform focused on science of addiction— Commission agreed to expand treatment resources prior to modifying drug laws
- Theft penalties/financial categories modified
- Adult pretrial diversion established
- Evidence-based practices incorporated into bail practices (encouraged)

(For information on all CCJJ recommendations, legislation, and reports, see [colorado.gov/ccjdir/L/Resources.html](http://colorado.gov/ccjdir/L/Resources.html).)

# The Commission has a lot of moving parts...



Questions?

Thank You!

