



**FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-BP34 EXPAND JUDICIAL AND PROBATION OFFICER TRAINING**

**Status:** Implementation Complete

**Actions/Updates**

**2010 UPDATE**

*Implementation underway.* This effort is underway by the training academy of the Division of Probation Services. The effort is enhanced by the **\$2.1M** multiagency training grant to the Department of Public Safety which is being implemented on behalf of the Commission and will result in the training of hundreds of probation officers in evidenced based correctional supervision practices. This initiative is called Evidence Based Practices Implementation for Capacity, or EPIC. See '2010 Update' for recommendation BP-16.

**2009 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION**

In the spring of 2009 the Judicial Department collaborated with the Department of Corrections (Division of Adult Parole, Community Corrections and YOS), the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Human Services (Division of Behavioral Health) to submit a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application for funds that would support a multi-agency training initiative. The requested funding would enable the implementation of skill-based training for probation officers, community parole officers, and community corrections case managers. It would also allow for educating judges on evidence-based practices and best practices.

**2009 IMPACT**

The JAG grant request included funding for research. Future Commission reports will include updates on the implementation of this recommendation.

**2009 BARRIER**

Lack of funding will limit implementation.

**Description**

Judicial and probation officer training should be expanded to develop curricula that promote a culture of successful supervision of probationers.

**Agencies Responsible**

State Judicial (Division of Probation Services)

## **Discussion**

*Implementation of this recommendation would lead to systemic reform. Training is necessary when new expectations require new skills and understanding. The implementation of this recommendation is critical to the reform efforts of the Commission, as specified in C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(1). Implementation of this recommendation would signal systemic reform. Its full implementation is critical to the reform efforts of the Commission, as specified in C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(1).*