



FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-BP36 PROBATION TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS SANCTION GUIDELINES

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2014 UPDATE

Automation programming is complete.

2012 UPDATE

Statewide implementation is dependent on completion of automation programming, which is currently underway.

2011 UPDATE

The Technical Violations and Behavior Change (TVBC) pilot began in December 2010 and is estimated to be complete in January 2013 (at the conclusion of three full evaluation phases). Qualitative and quantitative feedback is being used to make adjustments to the strategies, guidelines and to inform policy. A statewide training, quality assurance and implementation plan is under development as well as electronic programming efforts. The full statewide implementation schedule will be determined upon completion of the pilot, evaluation and computer programming (estimated summer 2013).

2011 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ACTION STEPS

Division of Probation Services to provide data and an update to CCJJ staff.

2010 UPDATE

Implementation underway. For the purposes of the Commission performance measures, Recommendations BP-35, BP-36 and GP-13 have been combined because the impacts overlap. See the '2010 Update' for BP-35.

2009 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

The Division of Probation Services (DPS) submitted an application for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to develop a pilot Technical Violations program. A DPS working group has convened to develop policies for the use of sanctions and incentives in probation. A working group, with representatives from the Commission's Probation Task Force and Probation Advisory Committee, developed a list of recommendations for probation regarding the management of technical violators and absconders. The first recommendation is the development of a statewide policy on technical violations.

2009 IMPACT

Future Commission reports will present the outcome of the current efforts. In addition, the total number of probation technical violations, and the number of technical violations to prison, will be reported.

2009 BARRIER

Isolating the impact of this reform on recidivism reduction would require a comprehensive study; resource limitations preclude the ability to engage in such a study.

Description

To increase consistency across the state in the response to probation technical and criminal violations, the Division of Probation Services should work with district probation departments to develop a range of probation sanction guidelines that hold offenders accountable while working toward successful completion of probation. These guidelines will be adopted and consistently implemented with the assistance of the court in each jurisdiction.

Agencies Responsible

State Judicial (Division of Probation Services)

Discussion

Implementation is underway by the Division of Probation Services. Consistency and transparency in decision making which result from guidelines furthers the Commission's mandates to "...ensure justice..." and enhance "the cost-effective use of public resources" while prioritizing public safety [C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(1)].