

# Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

# FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-DF01 ELIGIBILITY EXPANSION FOR THE YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SYSTEM

**Status:** Implementation Complete

## **Actions/Updates**

#### 2009 ACTION TO DATE

Action on this recommendation was completed with the passage of House Bill 2009-1122.

# **Description**

Expand the eligibility for the Youthful Offender System (YOS) to persons who commit a crime prior to their 20th birthday and are sentenced prior to their 21st birthday.

## **Agencies Responsible**

#### **Discussion**

The purpose of this proposed statute is to expand services for young adults who would be better served in the Youthful Offender System (YOS) rather than in the adult population of the Department of Corrections. The facility reports there is physical capacity to house these additional individuals, but that there would be additional costs for programming and staff.