



FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-GP13 PROBATION'S RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL VIOLATION

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 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ACTION STEPS

Division of Probation Services to report back to CCJJ staff on the status of this recommendation.

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).

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. Colorado Judicial Department, Division of Probation Services, reports that it was awarded a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in October 2009, to examine using sanctions and incentives as an effective means of supervising probationers. The Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP), a national consulting group, was selected to complete the assessment. In 2010, the CEPP completed a literature review, convened an advisory group, developed a 9-month work plan, selected pilot districts and convened a stakeholder meeting in April 2010. A multi-disciplinary steering committee was formed to provide feedback and direction. Onsite meetings, interviews, surveys and data collection are underway in each pilot site. This information will be used to develop strategies and guidelines, and an implementation and evaluation plan will be developed for statewide implementation.

2009 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

This work is underway. This recommendation supports the Division of Probation Service's current efforts to use sanctions and incentives to promote positive behavior change and reduce recidivism. In addition to current practices (e.g. training, policies and procedures, specialty court development), a contingency management work group has been created that will address further efforts in this area.

2009 IMPACT

Efforts to implement evidence-based practices by the Division of Probation Services have already yielded significant results by reducing revocations to prison. In FY 2008, the number of probation revocations to the court remained stable, but revocations to prison declined by 155 despite an increase in the probation population. In comparison, before the changes took place probation revocations to prison between FY 2006 and FY 2007 remained unchanged. Information on probation revocations will be reported in future Commission reports

Description

The Commission supports the efforts of the Division of Probation Services and district probation offices to enhance the consistent use of appropriate incentives and intermediate sanctions, in court and out of court, particularly in response to technical violations.

Agencies Responsible

State Judicial

Discussion

This recommendation supports existing efforts by the Division of Probation Services. The use of incentives is a fundamental component of evidence-based correctional practices designed to encourage offenders to engage in behaviors that will improve their likelihood of success in the community. This effort furthers the Commission's statutory mandate to "focus on evidence-based recidivism reduction initiatives..." [C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(1)].