

Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

FY2010 RECOMMENDATION/FY10-D03 SAVINGS REALLOCATED TO EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

In 2010, \$6M was reinvested by the General Assembly into substance abuse treatment. In 2012 a bill was presented to the General Assembly to streamline funding streams and create a new oversight entity.

Description

Any fiscal savings realized through the implementation of effective reforms shall be reallocated for the purpose of developing and sustaining viable, evidence-based substance abuse treatment programs related to DUI and associated behavioral health problems.

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

The need for substance abuse treatment services for drug- and alcohol-related driving crimes requires dedicated funding for local criminal justice and behavioral health agencies. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism have prepared A Guide to Sentencing DWI Offenders* that discusses the value of assessment and treatment in the response to driving while intoxicated.

Footnotes

*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. (2005). A Guide to Sentencing DWI Offender. (2nd edition). Available at http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/alcohol/dwioffenders/index.htm. See also Quinlan, K.P., Brewer, R.D., Siegel, P., Sleet, D.A., Mokdad, A.H., Shults, R.A., & Flowers, N. (2005). Alcohol-impaired driving among U.S. adults, 1993-2002. American Journal of Preventative Medicine, 28, 346-350.