

Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

FY2010 RECOMMENDATION/FY10-D10 IF JUSTIFIED, EXPAND DUI COURTS STATEWIDE

Status: Cannot Implement

Actions/Updates

2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

This evaluation has not taken place. No further action.

2012 BARRIERS

Cost

Description

If Colorado DUI court evaluation findings show positive outcomes, DUI courts should be expanded by developing demonstration projects that have local stakeholder commitment and adequate funding. When appropriate, funding sources for DUI courts should be actively explored by local officials.

Agencies Responsible

Judicial Branch

Discussion

According to experts, the purpose of DUI courts is to make offenders accountable for their actions, bring about a behavioral change that ends recidivism, stop the abuse of alcohol and drugs, protect the public, provide fair and just treatment for the victims of DUI offenders, and educate the public about the community benefits of these courts.* If effective, expansion of these courts in Colorado will increase public safety by reducing recidivism. Expansion would also benefit those in need of supervision and substance abuse treatment.

Footnotes

*Tauber, J. & Huddleston, C.W. (1999) as quoted by Keith, A.L. (2002). Specialized and problem-solving courts: Trends in 2002: DUI courts. Reports on Trends in State Courts, Washington, D.C.: National Center for State Courts.