



Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

FY2013 RECOMMENDATION/FY13-DP04 EXPAND IRT AVAILABILITY IN DOC

Status: Implementation Unknown

Actions/Updates

2023 UPDATE (JUNE)

During the FY 2023 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2023-158 to reauthorize the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) was postponed indefinitely on May 7, 2023. Therefore, with the sunset of the Commission, all activities of the CCJJ ceased on June 30, 2023.

No further monitoring of CCJJ recommendations will occur.

2013-2022 ACTION TO DATE

Implementation unknown.

2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

This recommendation requires statutory change to be implemented.

Description

Encourage the General Assembly to provide funding to the DOC to develop or expand an intensive residential treatment program for inmates who have relatively short sentences who are assessed to need that level of treatment.

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

Approximately 51% of new commitments to prison in FY11 were assessed to be in moderately/severe (level 4) or severe (level 5) need of substance abuse treatment. Another 39% were assessed to be in moderate (level 3) need of substance abuse treatment.***

Inmates with relatively short sentences, regardless of the nature of the conviction, are unlikely to receive treatment services while incarcerated. Public safety and inmate recovery could be promoted by providing more inmates with an intensive residential treatment modality for those in high need within DOC and prioritize those with relatively short sentences.

Footnotes

**Barr, B., Gilbert, C.R., & O'Keefe, M.L. (2012). Statistical Report Fiscal Year 2011. Colorado Springs, CO: Colorado Department of Corrections.*

***Ibid.*