



FY2013 RECOMMENDATION/FY13-DP06 EXPAND ACCESS TO TRAUMA-INFORMED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

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.

2014-2022 ACTION TO DATE

Implementation unknown.

2013 ACTION TO DATE

No implementation.

2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

This recommendation requires statutory change to be implemented.

Description

If there are projected cost-savings from legislation reforming the Colorado Controlled Substances Act, the Drug Policy Task Force recommends that the General Assembly prioritize expanding access to trauma-informed treatment services for people with a substance abuse disorder to the extent that is appropriate and available.

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

The General Assembly has appropriated approximately \$8m to expand treatment services since the passage of HB 1352 in 2010. However, there are still gaps in access to treatment services for indigent offenders. Additionally, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSA) recommends that treatment for substance abuse disorder be provided in a manner that is informed by best practices in trauma care due to the high prevalence of traumatic histories among substance abuse treatment clients. Currently, in Colorado, few substance abuse treatment providers are trained in providing trauma-informed care, specifically.*

Footnotes

**Treatment Funding Work Group. (September, 2012). Impact of CCJJ bills on substance use disorder treatment.*