



FY2015 RECOMMENDATION/FY15-CC01 Develop and implement community corrections board member training

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2022 UPDATE

Although specific legislation was not passed (as described below), elements of the recommendations have been achieved by the DCJ Office of Community Corrections (OCC). The OCC provides an orientation training for new and existing community corrections board members in collaboration with the Colorado Association for Community Corrections Boards each year. In addition to this, the OCC has created on-demand trainings that community corrections boards can access at, colorado.gov/occ-training. The contracts for local units of government also include a request to enter specific requirements for training and this information is requested in annual reports to the OCC.

2016 - 2021 UPDATE

Status unknown.

2015 UPDATE

This recommendation was included in Senate Bill 15-007 which was indefinitely postponed during the 2015 Legislative Session due to fiscal concerns. The recommendation was returned to the Community Corrections Task Force for further work with the intent to introduce a new bill in the 2016 Legislative Session.

2014 ACTION TO DATE

This recommendation requires statutory change to be implemented.

Description

The Colorado Department of Public Safety shall work with local community corrections boards and key stakeholders to develop and implement a mandatory introductory orientation and an annual continuing education curriculum to ensure appropriate and consistent community placement decisions by board members.

Agencies Responsible

Colorado Department of Public Safety

Discussion

To promote the use of evidence-based correctional practices along with an understanding of the larger criminal justice system and local community concerns, new community corrections board members must complete an introductory orientation within the first six months of membership on the board. After the first year, all members must participate in continuing education annually which may be tailored to the local community's needs.

This recommendation is proposed as a statutory change.