

# Colorado Division of Criminal Justice

2018 | YEAR IN REVIEW





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# Letter from the Director

May 7, 2019

Dear Colorado Stakeholder,

In 2018, the Colorado Department of Public Safety's (CDPS), Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) experienced another busy and productive year. With a budget of over \$100 million in 2018, DCJ continued to encourage system improvements through activities such as enhancing training for local communities in domestic violence, publishing new studies pertaining to the prison population, increasing the distribution of funds for direct victim services, promoting evidence-based practices (EBPs) and ensuring accountability within the justice system.

DCJ's strong collaboration with numerous stakeholders and partners is key to success. For the field to continue to progress, we must have all voices heard when facing the complexity of the issues impacting the justice system. No system operates in isolation. This includes Colorado local community law enforcement agencies, the courts, prisons and jails, mental health providers, human services and treatment providers. Even more importantly, we must continue to include the voices of victims, offenders and other residents to learn from their experiences.

As we look to 2019, we will continue this collaborative approach. At the same time, we intend to find and promote even more innovative ways to address issues within Colorado's criminal justice system to enhance our state's reputation as a leader in this field. Whether its moving the community corrections field toward performance-based contracting, expanding and enhancing diversion services for youth, or streamlining efficiencies within our own organization, DCJ will continue its work to fulfill CDPS' motto of "Safer Together."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Thome". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Joe Thome, Director**

Division of Criminal Justice  
Colorado Department of Public Safety



## Who We Are

*Our mission is to improve the safety of the community, the quality of service to victims, and the effectiveness of programs for offenders. We accomplish this by analyzing policy, conducting criminal justice research, managing programs and administering grants.*



### COLLABORATION

We accomplish this mission with a dedicated group of professionals working together to make a difference in the lives of Coloradans across the state.



### OUR PARTNERS

- Crime victim services agencies
- Criminal justice agencies
- Community corrections providers and boards
- Sex offender treatment providers and sex offender victim services agencies
- Domestic violence offender treatment providers and victim services agencies
- Juvenile justice practitioners
- District attorney offices
- Colorado law enforcement agencies
- Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
- Colorado General Assembly
- The Governor's Office
- Colorado residents

## COLLABORATION ACROSS THE SYSTEM

The Division, comprised of seven offices, works diligently to improve the administration of justice.



### Offices include:

- Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance (OAJJA)
- Office of Community Corrections (OCC)
- Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management (ODVSOM)
- Evidenced-based Practice in Implementation for Capacity (EPIC)
- Office of Research and Statistics (ORS)
- Office of Victims Programs (OVP)
- Office of Administrative Services



## COLORADO Department of Public Safety

“Safer Together”



## COLORADO DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Colorado legislature created the Division of Criminal Justice [DCJ] to “...improve all areas of the administration of criminal justice in Colorado, both immediately and in the long term, regardless of whether the direct responsibility for action lies at the state level or with the many units of local government” (§2433.5-501 C.R.S. 1973 as amended). That mission is

accomplished by supporting services to crime victims, conducting criminal justice research and analysis, and undertaking strategies that support the management of offenders. Promoting the use of evidence-based practices, the Division seeks to improve service delivery and promote systems improvement across Colorado. Federal and state statutes set the course for the Division’s work.

## DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

2018 was a year of incredible achievements through collaboration with key partners and stakeholders:

OAJJA successfully managed  
**80 CONTRACTS**  
designed to improve the administration of justice at the local level.

OCC collaborated with its partners to establish practices to  
**EXPEDITE TRANSITION**  
of clients from prisons to locally based residential care.

OVP distributed  
**178 GRANTS**  
for FY 2017-2018 resulting in  
**\$20,343,343**  
to support crime victims.

OVP and OAJJA collaborated to identify changes to the grant management process to  
**IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE.**

DCJ worked across offices to continue  
**IMPROVING ITS ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH**  
in order to most efficiently and effectively fulfill DCJ's Mission.

The Office of Administrative Services assisted in the management and oversight of an  
**\$111,000,000**  
budget.

Through the use of evidence-based practices, the Division seeks to improve service delivery and promote systems improvement across Colorado.

# Division Fiscal Overview

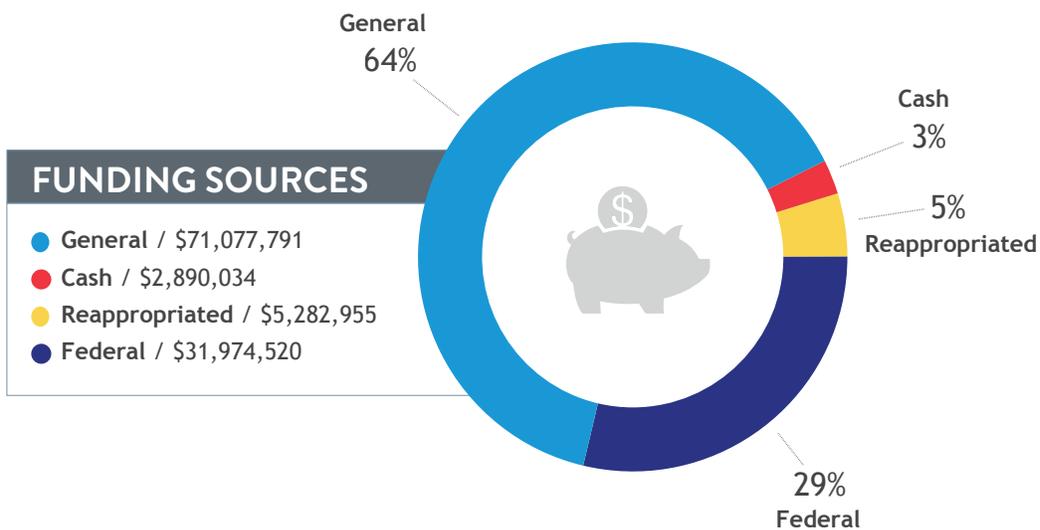
## DCJ FUNDING AT A GLANCE

- In FY 2017-2018, DJC's total expenditures were \$111,225,300.
- The two largest revenue sources include federal dollars and state general funding.

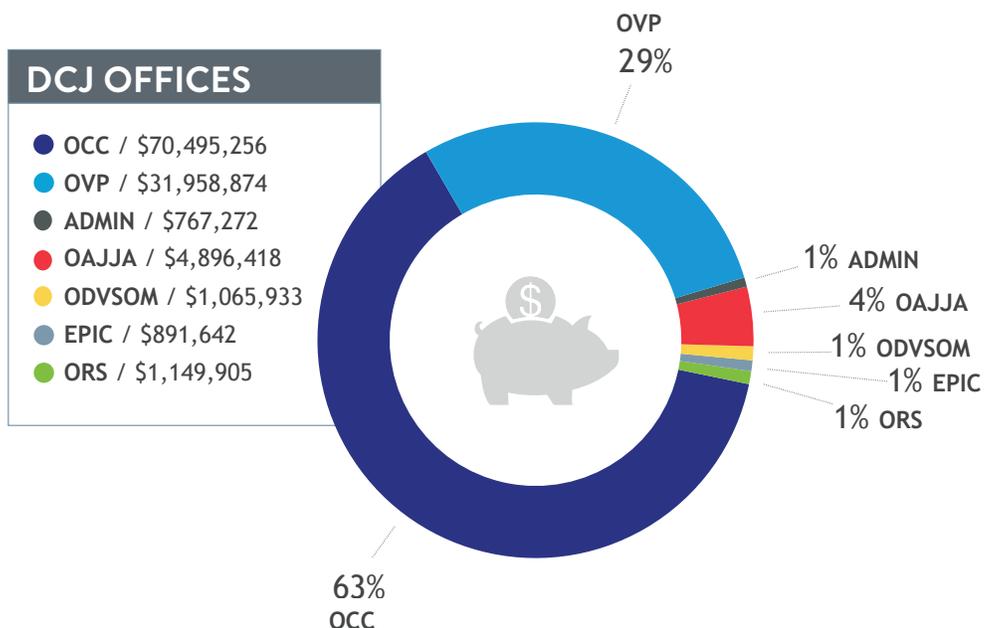


**DJC'S TOTAL  
FY 2017/18  
EXPENDITURES:  
\$111,000,000**

## DCJ FUNDING SOURCES



## EXPENDITURES BY DCJ OFFICE



# Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Administration (OAJJA)

OAJJA administers seven federal and state criminal and juvenile justice funding programs. Additionally, OAJJA supports the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Board and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Council. Staff from OAJJA are actively involved in policy initiatives intended to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

## 2018 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



OAJJA awarded over \$2.7 million in state and federal funds to over 80 adult and/or juvenile justice projects.



Colorado's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council was formally recognized by Colorado's General Assembly for its leadership and advocacy to improve the juvenile justice system.



Thanks to the many contributions of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council, the number of truants held in detention for failing to abide by a court order decreased from 97 in 2015 to 15 in 2017.

## THE YEAR AHEAD...

- Expand juvenile diversion programs statewide.
- Collaborate with DCJ's EPIC Office to enhance state-funded juvenile diversion programs and promote evidence-based practices in program implementation.
- Improve grant monitoring processes to increase internal efficiencies and provide increased customer service.



# Office of Community Corrections (OCC)

OCC provides a sentencing alternative in lieu of prison incarceration for felony offenders. Community Corrections combines residential supervision and treatment for offenders ineligible for probation supervision or for those who have spent time in prison and are awaiting parole placement by the state parole board.

## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Increased the use of community correction beds to address prison over-crowding.



Revised and tested new audit tools to ensure halfway house providers are appropriately meeting established Community Corrections Standards.



Re-launched the Program Assessment for Correctional Excellence (PACE) initiative and developed training for halfway house providers.

## IN 2019, OCC INTENDS TO...

- Build processes for the implementation of structured decision making by multiple local boards.
- Train 17 local boards in new core security audit processes.
- Develop legislation related to performance based contracting ensuring effective use of taxpayers' dollars.



# Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management (ODVSOM)

ODVSOM sets and reviews standards of practice for the court-ordered treatment for individuals charged with domestic violence or sex offenses. The Standards are designed to enhance victim and community safety, promote offender accountability, and provide an opportunity for individuals to eliminate violent and assaultive behavior.

## 2018 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



The ODVSOM improved its training curriculum and process to better focus on both the provision of information and feedback.



The ODVSOM increased partnerships with a number of stakeholders including victim organizations resulting in an increased focus on the victim-centered approach.



The SOMB completed significant revisions to the Standards related to the use of the polygraph as an adjunct to supervision and treatment providing information about individual risks and needs.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

- Develop a comprehensive implementation process for rolling out changes in the Standards and policy for the field.
- Continue to foster critical partnerships with stakeholders, including victim organizations to maximize the victim-centered approach described in both the DVOMB and SOMB Standards.
- Develop revisions to the Standards based on research and best practice.
- Continue to streamline and increase efficiencies in the service provider approval process.





# Office of Research and Statistics (ORS)

ORS analyzes justice policies and problems, evaluates criminal justice programs, conducts recidivism studies, provides research support to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), and distributes information through publications, presentations, and its web site. ORS undertakes this work to assist the General Assembly, the Governor’s Office, state and local agencies, and the public for the purpose of enhancing the administration of justice.

## THIS PAST YEAR...



Provided a comprehensive analysis of the drivers of Colorado’s prison population.



Completed, published and disseminated 11 comprehensive research reports, including a study of the homeless in seven Colorado jails.

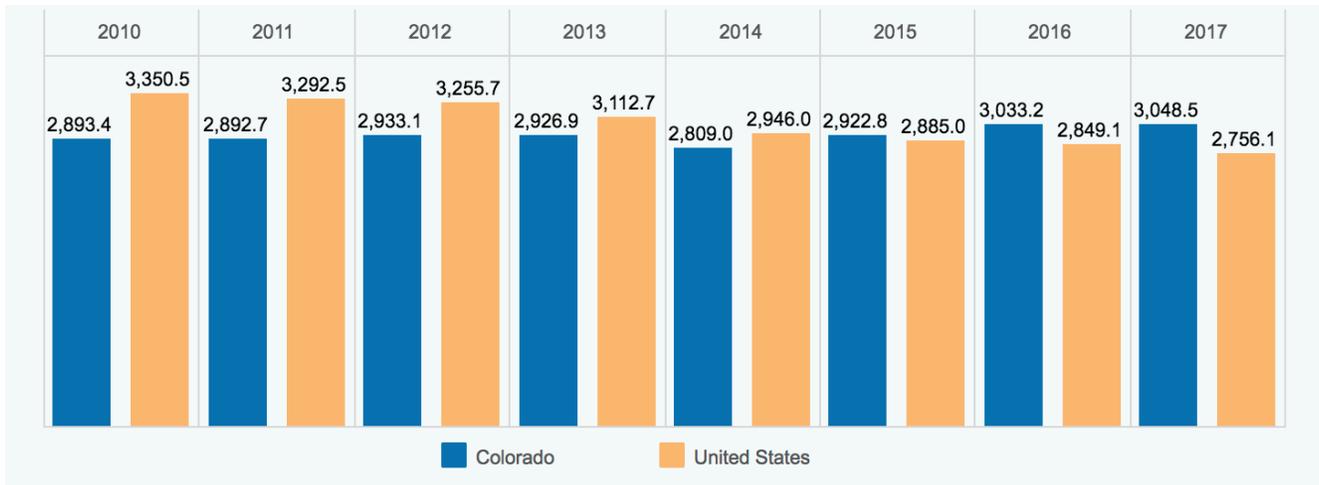


Conducted the first of its kind analysis of drugged driving and court case outcomes in Colorado.

## THE YEAR AHEAD...

- Complete bi-annual Youth Offender System (YOS) evaluation.
- Develop, validate and implement the Colorado Actuarial Risk Assessment Scale (CARAS), Version 7, for use by the parole board.
- Continue to provide research and staff support to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

## United States and Colorado Crime Rates per 100,000



# Office of Victim Programs

OVP houses a series of programs to support the lives of crime victims. Some programs provide indirect support to victims, while other programs work directly with crime victims and agencies to ensure the rights of crime victims are upheld. Programs include victim compensation, sexual assault response, human trafficking prevention, victim assistance, and more.

## DURING 2018



Distributed 178 grants resulting in \$20,343,343 to support crime victims.



Implemented 15 special projects totaling \$5,368,724 to address emergency assistance for rent and relocation, civil legal assistance, and long-term housing needs.



Completed the 3rd annual Human Trafficking Council report.



Trained over 1,900 professionals and community members about human trafficking.

## IN 2019, OVP PLANS TO...

- Award \$69 million to over 200 grantees for a two-year period.
- Respond to Victim Right's Act and human trafficking training requests across the state.
- Plan and host the bi-annual Victim Compensation and the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) conference for the local victim compensation and VALE administrators and their board members.





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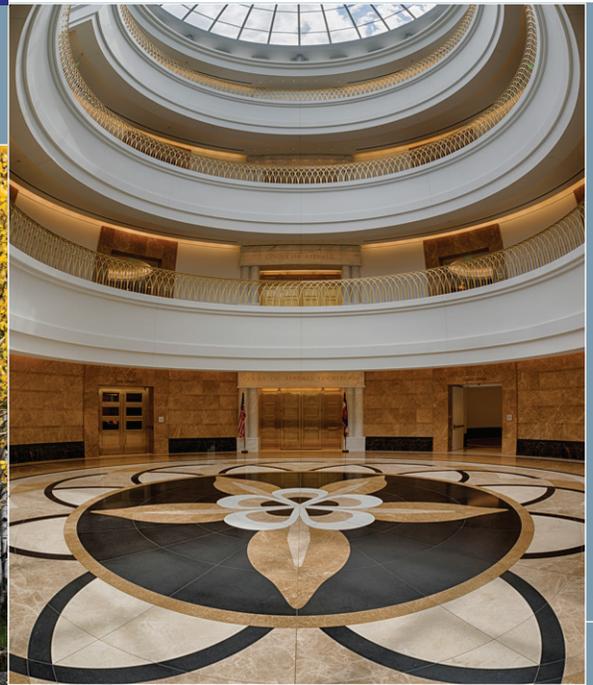
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