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2019 | YEAR IN REVIEW





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Who We Are

The Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) provides services to crime victims, conducts criminal justice research and analysis, and supports the management of offenders.

DCJ's range of statutory charges includes technical assistance, grants management, data collection and reporting, victim assistance, the creation of standards for community corrections, sex offender management, and domestic violence offender management.

MISSION

Our mission is to improve the safety of the community, the quality of services to crime victims, and the effectiveness of programs for offenders.

We accomplish this by analyzing policy, conducting criminal justice research, managing programs and administering grants.

CORE VALUES FOR SUCCESS



OPEN COMMUNICATION

RESPECT

TRANSPARENCY

INTEGRITY

INNOVATION

COMMUNITY FOCUS



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



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“Safer Together”



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

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

2019 was a year of substantial firsts and accomplishments dependent on open communication with key partners and stakeholders focused on communities:

The Office of Administrative Services assisted in the management and oversight of an **\$119,289,000** budget.

OAJJA & EPIC collaborated to host a juvenile diversion site leadership workshop for all **15 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

ORS linked toxicology data to court cases & outcomes in its **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS & ALCOHOL REPORT**

OVP launched a new **\$2,000,000** grant program to connect Colorado non-profits to legal fellows from the University of Denver Strum College of Law.

ODVSOM hosted approximately **475 ATTENDEES** at the **FIRST** combined SOMB/DVOMB conference.

OCC successfully completed **24 OF 33** PACE evaluations and **14 OF 33** Core Security Audits to inform performance-based contracting.

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

Division Fiscal Overview

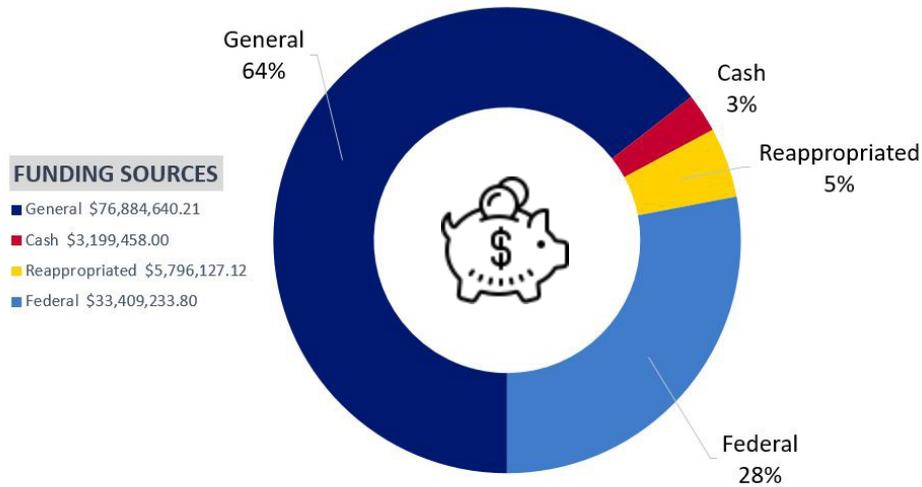
DCJ FUNDING AT A GLANCE

- In FY 2018-2019, the Division of Criminal Justice’s (DCJ) total expenditures were \$119,289,000.
- The two largest revenue sources include federal dollars and state general funding.

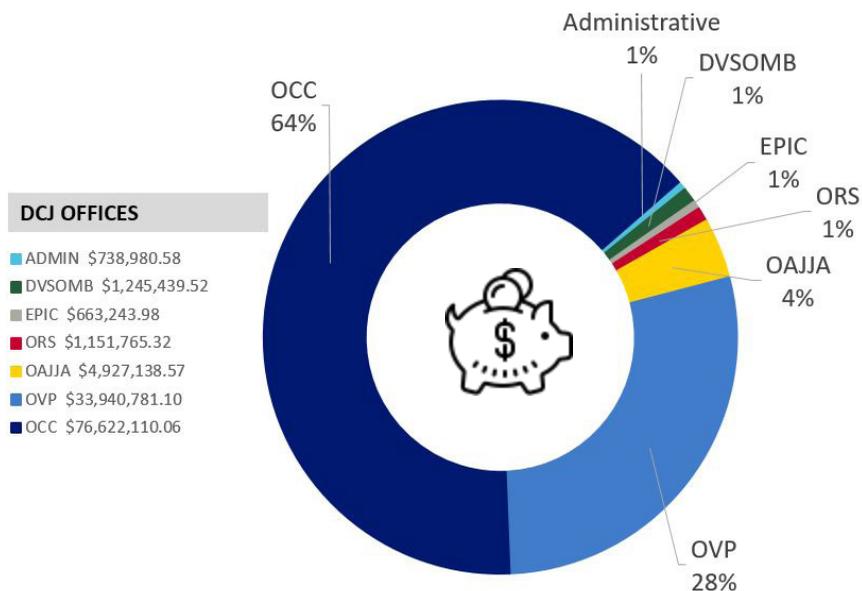
**TOTAL
FY 2018/19
EXPENDITURES:**

\$119,289,000

DCJ FUNDING SOURCES



EXPENDITURES BY DCJ OFFICE



Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Administration (OAJJA)

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

2019 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



Successfully convened the Colorado Juvenile Justice Reform Committee to provide direction and oversight of ongoing system reforms. Expanding juvenile diversion programs from 15 to 22 statewide.



Met or exceeded all JJDP Core Requirement standards, which include deinstitutionalization of status offenses, sight and sound separation of juveniles from adult inmates, removal of juveniles from adult jails, and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.



Made improvements to the sub-grantee monitoring system, while also increasing the capacity to provide on-site visits. Allocated Diversion funding to all 22 judicial districts.

THE YEAR AHEAD...

- Redesign and implement training for sub-grantees regarding their federal reporting requirements and utilization of the grant management system.
- Provide support in the development of a diversion database and case management system to be utilized statewide.
- Finalize implementation of the more efficient and effective juvenile holding data collection system.



Office of Community Corrections (OCC)

Colorado community corrections provides a sentencing or placement alternative to incarceration and an opportunity for incarcerated felons to transition back into the community by providing individualized services and support. The OCC funds, regulates, collects statistical data and provides technical assistance, including assisting providers and boards with the implementation of the Colorado Community Corrections Standards.

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Made significant progress on the Department's goal to establish a statewide baseline and framework for implementing performance-based contracting in community corrections



Conducted 70% of the Core Security Audits and Program Assessment for Correction Excellence evaluations needed for baseline metrics for performance-based contracting



OCC collaborated with local community correction boards, providers, and the Department of Corrections to provide additional training on the role of community corrections and the referral process

IN 2020, OCC INTENDS TO...

- Continue work toward the development of risk-informed outcomes in collaboration with the Urban Institute to be utilized in the implementation of performance-based contracting process.
- Provide a statewide conference on community corrections that promotes inter-agency collaboration and best practices.
- Begin rebuilding and testing of a new database replacing the Community Corrections and Information Billing system in an effort to improve processes and increase customer service.



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.

2019 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



Implemented Approved Provider Data Management System for providers working with sexual offenders to collect service level data for research and analysis. A system is pending for providers working with domestic violence offenders.



Hosted the first combined Sex Offender Management Board/Domestic Violence Offender Management Board Annual Conference. Four days featuring three keynote sessions and more than 30 workshops.



Invited third-party reviewer to evaluate the SOMB governance processes. Both the SOMB and DVOMB have implemented the recommendations through bylaw revisions and conflict of interest disclosure policies.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- The Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) is planning on being responsive to the results of the Sunset Review process by continuously improving Board policies and processes.
- The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) will continue to work on the validation of its risk assessment tool, the Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment.
- The SOMB and DVOMB will continue to work with victim stakeholders to enhance the safety of victims and communities by implementing evidence-based standards.



Evidenced-based Practices in Implementation Capacity (EPIC)

The EPIC Resource Center provides support to agencies that serve justice-involved or populations at-risk of justice involvement to ensure that evidence-based programs, practices and policies that agencies administer are implemented properly. Proper implementation of evidence-based programs or practices is critical to ensuring programs can replicate successful outcomes.

2019 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



EPIC and the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance hosted juvenile diversion site leadership workshops for all 15 funded judicial districts. This opportunity helped to enhance local programs' ability to serve Colorado families.



Partnered with Volunteers of America (VOA), Division of Housing, Department of Corrections, Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab, and others to develop effective policies and procedures for transitioning clients from prison into VOA's Rapid Rehousing Program.



EPIC collaborated with Colorado Community Response and the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab to implement and evaluate early intervention services to support families by focusing on their financial health. This large-scale project serves 34 counties with the hope of expanding statewide.

MOVING FORWARD INTO 2020...

- Provide implementation and process evaluation assistance to the multi-agency Preventing Targeted Violence initiative.
- Publish and distribute diversion site synthesis and recommendations; provide support to jurisdictions requesting support.
- Produce legislative report enumerating implementation infrastructure, knowledge, and competency gains across all our partner work.



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...



Discovered a nearly 45% increase in felony filings between 2013 and 2018. Analyzed and reported on the significant increase in felony filings, highlighting drug possessing as a major driver.



Provided each judicial district a customized CLEAR Act report analyzing race and ethnicity at major criminal justice decision points; 22 reports in all.



Continued to update and expand the crime and justice information on the ORS website including adding a dashboard using marijuana-related data.

THE YEAR AHEAD...

- Revitalize the existing ORS and CCJJ websites by migrating content to a new content management platform to create an incredible digital experience.
- Analyze and publish bi-annual study of the impact of the legalization of recreational marijuana.
- 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 number of programs to support victims of crime. The programs include grant funding for victim service agencies, support for local victim compensation and Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) programs, victim rights compliance, supporting statewide human trafficking efforts, and supporting statewide responses to sexual assault.

DURING 2019



Awarded over \$67 million dollars to more than 200 grantees allowing victim service agencies to provide direct services to crime victims throughout the state.



OVP staff continued to provide training regarding victim rights and human trafficking. The Victim Rights Act specialist provided 32 trainings across the state.



The Human Trafficking team with help from their train-the-trainer program provided 118 trainings statewide and launched a law enforcement specific training program.



A new fellowship through DU Denver was launched in the fall to allow recently licensed attorneys to work with victim service agencies to provide civil legal services for crime victims.



Hosted bi-annual training for Victim Compensation and Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement administrators and their Boards. The training provided a forum for all 22 judicial districts to learn how they can support victims of crime through their programs.

IN 2020, OVP PLANS TO...

- Launch a statewide Human Trafficking Public Awareness campaign to raise situational awareness, dispel myths, and promote resource hotline
- Awarding Crime Victim Service (CVS) grants for CY21-22. It is estimated that the 2 year awards will total approximately \$74 million dollars.
- Complete RFP for a new state-wide victim compensation database with initial implementation in the last quarter of 2020







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