# DCJ

#### RESEARCH, POLICY, SERVICE



**COLORADO Division of Criminal Justice** Department of Public Safety



Who We Are • What We Do • How We Impact



**Enabling Legislation** 

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" (24-33.5-501 C.R.S. 1973 as amended).

#### Mission

The mission of the Division of Criminal Justice is to improve the public safety of the community, the quality of services to crime victims, and the effectiveness of services to offenders. We accomplish this by analyzing policy, conducting criminal justice research, managing programs, and administering grants.

What We Pursue

- Excellence in all we do
- To meet and exceed the needs of our customers
- To apply innovation and creativity to problem identification and solution
- To treat colleagues and customers with dignity and respect,
- To support diversity
- To demonstrate empathy and compassion as we seek fairness and justice

## **OUR OFFICES**

Research, Grants, Policy and Service

The Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) provides assistance to state and local agencies in the criminal justice system through grants, research and policy development. DCJ serves as the "Research & Development" agency for many different agencies and services in the criminal justice system. The Division consists of the following offices and units.

OAJJA administers seven major federal and state criminal and juvenile justice funding programs and provides staffing support to the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Board and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Council. In addition, staff from the OAJJA are actively involved in policy initiatives intended to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems. OAJJA

Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance

### Office of Community Corrections

The OCC's statutory purpose is to fund, regulate, and provide technical assistance to community corrections boards and providers throughout the state. While the primary role has been one of regulation and funding, the OCC stands committed to assist providers and boards with the Standards, the majority of which are evidence informed, through measurement, feedback, technical assistance, training and implementation support. Additionally, the OCC collects statistical data for a multitude of different purposes; to include providing program level feedback to community corrections providers and boards as well as analyze overall state trends.

The SOMB is charged to develop standards and guidelines for the evaluation, treatment, and behavioral monitoring of sex offenders. The board consists of individuals representing a breadth of law enforcement, community and criminal justice agencies. The SOMB develops standards and guidelines that provide a systematic basis for evaluation, treatment, and behavioral monitoring of adults and juveniles who have committed sex offenses. SOMB

Sex Offender Management Board

## DVOMB

Domestic Violence Offender Management Board DVOMB sets and reviews standards for the court-ordered treatment of domestic violence offenders. Standards are designed to enhance victim and community safety, contain offenders, promote offender accountability, and provide an opportunity for offenders to eliminate violent behavior in all forms. A fundamental principle of the DVOMB is that domestic violence is a crime and not the result of a response to a failing relationship.

The EPIC resource center applies implementation science to strengthen the justice system. Evidence-based innovations are used to build and incorporate skills in an effective, sustainable way to improve service delivery in Colorado's justice system. EPIC works with agency leadership and staff to establish an infrastructure that uses data to drive decision making, values fidelity and sustainability, and supports staff in the use of effective programs and practices to positively impact the lives of the clientele and the community.

EPIC

NVP

**Programs** 

**Office for Victims** 

Evidence-Based Practices Implementation for Capacity

Office of Research and Statistics 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, trainings, and its web site. ORS undertakes this work to assist the General Assembly, the Governor's Office, other state and local agencies, and the public for the purpose of enhancing the quality of criminal justice at all levels.

OVP houses a series of programs to support the lives of crime victims. Some of these programs provide indirect support to victims, while other programs (such as the Victim Rights Act Compliance Program) work directly with crime victims and agencies to ensure the rights of crime victims are upheld. OVPs programs include victim compensation, sexual assault response, human trafficking prevention, Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement, and more.

