

SFY 2016 STATE JUVENILE DIVERSION AWARDS
Project Period: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>District Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial District</u> Juvenile Diversion Program Funds
Award:	\$17,880
Description:	The 1st Judicial District has operated a Juvenile Diversion program since 1976. This program offers essentially the same level of supervision as Probation, but allows the juvenile to avoid a conviction. Funds will be used to provide a wide range of treatment services for juveniles, including substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, cognitive-behavioral treatment, domestic violence treatment, anger management treatment, tutoring, and transportation assistance.

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>Denver District Attorney, Juvenile Diversion</u> Denver DA Juvenile Diversion
Award:	\$100,00
Description:	The Denver District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program will provide culturally competent services that repair the harm caused by crime to victims and the community, increase social and other age appropriate competency skills of offenders and their families, and reduce the likelihood of further involvement by the juvenile in the court system. Denver DA's Diversion population includes juveniles ages 10-17 with a total of 170 youth being served throughout the grant period at a cost per client of approximately \$1,400. Denver DA Diversion focuses on the "whole child" as opposed to solely addressing the crime itself. Various programs provide a unique opportunity to implement responses to delinquency that are more cost-effective than incarceration and that provide better outcomes for youth, their families and the community.

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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AGENCY:	<u>District Attorney's Office, 3rd Judicial District</u> Las Animas County Juvenile Diversion
Award:	\$35,306
Description:	The 3rd Judicial District's Juvenile Diversion Program balances prosecution with prevention services, thereby providing an effective response to juvenile crime in the servicing counties. Our Program offers a comprehensive array of services that address the causes of juvenile delinquency and violence in our schools and communities. The Juvenile Diversion Program is a first time offender program for youth ages 10-17 at the time of the offense. Each participant is required to participate in the program for a minimum of six months from the date of the intake.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>District Attorney's Office, 5th Jud. Dist.</u> Juvenile Diversion Program
Award:	\$48,735
Description:	The District Attorney's Office Juvenile Diversion program will provide services to first-time offenders without formal court involvement. This program serves approximately seventy-five youth, and of those juveniles around seventy percent are Hispanic which has led to more culturally sensitive programming that can address the disproportionate representation of these youth. With targeted programming and a wide variety of services that involves the family, schools, the community, and other stakeholders, the Juvenile Diversion program in the Fifth Judicial District is committed to upholding the goal of Juvenile Diversion by diverting youth away from the formal court system and instead replacing that response with positive interaction and interventions designed to reduce the likelihood of recidivism among these juveniles.

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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AGENCY:	<u>La Plata Youth Services</u> 6th Judicial District Diversion Program
Award:	\$36,551
Description:	La Plata Youth Services Diversion Program is the only intervention program in La Plata County that works with youth involved in delinquent behavior prior to adjudication. Youth are referred to LPYS in lieu of having charges filed against them, avoiding court processes and a permanent criminal record. In FY 2016, the LPYS Diversion Program will serve 30 youth ages 10-17 in La Plata County implicated in a misdemeanor or felony type of offense, with services prior to adjudication. Contracts will last 3-12 months and will include restorative justice, useful public service, and substance abuse treatment.

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>Gunnison County, Juvenile Services</u> Gunnison County Juvenile Diversion
Award:	\$35,000
Description:	The Gunnison County Juvenile Diversion project is a pre-file program for eligible youth referred by the District Attorney to prevent them from entering the Juvenile Justice system. The target population is for first time non-violent petty, misdemeanor and felony offenders who would otherwise be filed on in District Court if not diverted. The estimated number to be served annually is 22 and the cost per person is approximately \$1,590.

AGENCY:	<u>Hilltop Community Resources, Inc.</u> Montrose County Juvenile Diversion Program
Award:	\$28,046
Description:	Montrose County Juvenile Diversion Program's goal is to prevent further involvement of juveniles in the formal justice system. Juvenile Diversion concentrates on holding youth accountable for their behavior while involving them in programs and activities to prevent future criminal and delinquent behavior. Juvenile Diversion offers a wide range of services: case management, drug tests, mentoring, useful public service, tutoring, and provider fees for individual and family therapy. Target population is first time or low level juvenile offenders with acceptable charges from Montrose County's district court.

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AGENCY:	<u>Delta County Alternative Sentencing Department</u> Delta County Juvenile Diversion
Award:	\$55,500
Description:	The Delta County Juvenile Diversion Program will divert youth from the formal court system by providing evidence-based programming directed toward positive youth development. The program operates in concert with all law enforcement agencies, County and District Courts, and the District Attorney's Office to enhance accountability, ensure public safety, and reduce recidivism among delinquent youth by preventing future delinquent activity, moving in a continuum from limited interventions to more restrictive penalties to provide community-based alternatives to the formal court system. The Juvenile Diversion Program serves juveniles between 10-17 years old, which have been charged with petty (if a District Court filing is being averted), misdemeanor, or felony offenses, or a combination thereof. The program will receive approximately 65 referrals with a cost of \$853.00 per juvenile.

EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>Center for Family Outreach</u> Larimer County Diversion Program
Award:	\$63,251
Description:	The Center for Family Outreach provides resources, referrals, and a coordinated planned system for teenagers aged 10-17 who are struggling with substance abuse, mental health, crime, poverty, and adolescence. Our approach to these issues addresses three levels of programming: 1) Prevention which targets youth prior to entering the juvenile justice system and includes proactive efforts that empower individuals to choose and maintain healthy life choices; fostering an environment that encourages law-abiding, pro-social behavior; 2) Early intervention which provides preventative efforts to intervene at early signs of issues; and 3) Integrated intervention which is designed to operate with other agencies to enhance accountability, ensure public safety, and reduce recidivism by preventing delinquent behavior and avoiding formal court processing. Services will be provided to 200 youth in Loveland.

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AGENCY:	<u>City of Fort Collins</u> Restorative Justice Services
Award:	\$56,192
Description:	Fort Collins Restorative Justice Services will provide restorative justice practices as a diversion option for 104 youth who have committed offenses in the community and are referred by the DAs Office. Based on the philosophy of restorative justice, the program will include victims and/or victim representatives, families and community members in the process. The conferences will focus on the harm caused and how to repair it while holding the young offender accountable. As part of program participation, youth will be assessed and referred to appropriate community resources. Estimated cost per client in 2014 was \$960.

NINETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>YouthZone</u> Juvenile Diversion Program
Award:	\$100,000
Description:	The YouthZone Juvenile Diversion Program is designed to prevent first time and low-level juvenile offenders from entering the Juvenile Justice System. The target population is youth age 10 to 17 that commit crimes in Garfield and Pitkin Counties in the 3rd Congressional District and 9th Judicial District. Each youth completes the YouthZone Pre-Screening at intake to determine risk and protective factors and screen for mental health and substance abuse issues. The Screening assists staff in creating the youth's individual contract and determining appropriate in-house programming such as Restorative Justice, individual and family counseling, useful public service, Girls Circle, Council for Boys, basic drug and alcohol classes, and Teen Intervene individual substance abuse curriculum. Also based on the Screening each individual youth is referred to appropriate outside services such as a drug and alcohol evaluation and intensive outpatient substance abuse.

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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AGENCY:	<u>District Attorney's Office, 10th Judicial District</u> Take Charge Prevention Program
Award:	\$41,771
Description:	Juvenile Diversion funding will support a Juvenile Diversion Counselor that will supplement the existing Diversion program by focusing special programs on sub-groups of diversion candidates: those whose offense is related to bullying, either as bully or victim; very young offenders (10-13 years old) for whom typical teenage programming may not be appropriate; and minors found in possession of drugs or alcohol.

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>District Attorney's Office, 11th Judicial District</u> Juvenile Diversion Services, 11th Judicial District
Award:	\$76,375
Description:	The Office of the District Attorney in the 11th Judicial District will continue to provide Juvenile Diversion services in Fremont County to 100 youth ages 10 to 17. Diversion services will include: substance abuse and mental health referrals, recreational and community service programming, restitution programming, leisure activity referrals such as Boys & Girls Club, and regular case management. To provide accurate services the Diversion program will administer mental health and substance abuse screenings and conduct life skills groups with the youth.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>Center for Restorative Programs</u> Juvenile Diversion Restorative Services
Award:	\$41,555
Description:	Youth 10-17 in the San Luis Valley, with law enforcement contact and at-risk for formal filing of delinquency charges, will be offered restorative options to: 1) take responsibility for the harm caused by their behaviors; 2) engage in dialogue, as appropriate, with those harmed; 3) repair the harm through restitution or other indicated reparations; and 4) work at restoring relationships and safety within their community, school and family. Outcomes include: offender accountability, victim and community restoration and safety, and reduced recidivism. Approximately 50 youth will be served, at an annual cost of approximately \$831 per juvenile.

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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AGENCY:	<u>District Attorney's Office, 17th Judicial District</u> 17th Judicial District Diversion Program
Award:	\$63,103
Description:	The Seventeenth Judicial District Diversion Program will increase academic support through an educational counselor to decrease overall recidivism rates in the district. The Diversion program serves an average of 170 total adolescents that are 10 to 18 years old and approximately one half (85) are in jeopardy of losing their academic privileges due to their involvement with the criminal justice system. The cost is approximately \$922 annually (based on total project cost) per youth.

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>18th Judicial District, District Attorney's Office</u> Juvenile Diversion Counseling Program
Award:	\$71,645
Description:	The goal of the Juvenile Diversion Counseling Program is to bridge identified gaps in the juvenile justice system by providing a comprehensive, evidenced based multi-modal juvenile diversion program. This will be accomplished by providing evidenced-based therapy services including wilderness, community service and restorative justice components. Our target population is first time offenders between the ages of 10-17.

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>District Attorney's Office, 19th Judicial District (Weld County)</u> 19th Judicial District, Weld County Juvenile Diversion Program
Award:	\$65,504
Description:	The Weld County District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program will divert first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders from the traditional court system into restorative programming to address the juvenile's needs and community safety; repairing the harm caused and encouraging their future endeavors. Approximately 150 youth 10-17 year olds who face a first time criminal case will be served at a cost to the state of approximately \$600 per person.

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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AGENCY:	<u>Mesa Youth Services dba Mesa County Partners</u> Juvenile Diversion Restitution/Community Service
Award:	\$75,680
Description:	In cooperation with DA's Office and 21st Judicial District Court/probation, the Partners Work Program will provide community-based restorative justice and accountability focused sanctions and intervention for 224 pre-file and post-file juvenile offenders involved in misdemeanor and felony cases to reduce further penetration into the justice system. Primary focus services include completion of community service hours, restitution and victim empathy classes.

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY:	<u>The Recovery Center: A Behavioral Health Organization</u> Juvenile Diversion Program
Award:	\$49,158
Description:	In an effort to enhance community safety by holding first and/or second time juvenile offenders accountable for their actions, The Recovery Center (TRC) will provide supervised, well-structured Juvenile Diversion services to 50 youth between the ages of 10 and 17. Referrals will be made by the 22nd Judicial District Attorney's office or local law enforcement agencies. Diversion services will consist of case management, behavioral contracts, community service, drug and alcohol testing, drug and alcohol treatment as appropriate, and referrals to other programs in the community for counseling, mediation, reparation, parenting classes, life skills classes, and/or mentoring. Cost is approximately \$1,623 per person.