

## Partnerships in the 20th Judicial District and Beyond

The **Justice System Volunteer Program (JSVP)** provides volunteer opportunities for CJS, the District Attorney's Office, JAC, and the Boulder County Jail. Each year more than 100 volunteers donate their time providing valuable services in victim witness advocacy, case management, staff assistance, youth mentoring, jail education and more. JSVP is also responsible for managing volunteers and donations in the event of a county emergency or disaster.

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Volunteers within the JSVP dedicated 11,130 hours to criminal justice programs

# \$262,222

Estimated value of volunteer time donated to the JSVP (this number was derived from the Independent Sector which calculates the estimated national value for volunteer time at \$23.56 per hour)



The **Mentoring Program** served 41 youth. Volunteers provide one-on-one mentoring and guidance for a minimum of one year, building positive ongoing relationships, serving as role models, encouraging community connections, and offering support.

## PACE Cost Benefit Analysis

The **Research and Planning Unit** at CJS tracks outcomes for internal programming as well as efforts in the broader criminal justice system. An example of this work is the cost benefit analysis conducted for PACE, an integrated treatment and diversion program for mentally ill offenders. The cost of a client in PACE is lower than the cost of jail, and additional jail bed savings are realized after graduation. In combining savings during and post program, the total estimated saving of PACE is **\$347,000** annually.

## Jail Crowding Study

In 2016, CJS managed a large consultant project funded by the Board of County Commissioners to conduct a thorough study to determine how the offender population could be optimally managed to ensure maximum long-term community safety through the use of evidence-based best practices. An extensive list of recommendations was presented for system-wide consideration to address the best use of county criminal justice resources.

## Data Driven Justice Initiative

Boulder County recently joined the Data Driven Justice Initiative (DDJ). The DDJ is a bipartisan coalition of local and state governments who are committed to using data-driven strategies to divert low-level offenders out of the criminal justice system, and to change approaches to pre-trial incarceration. These innovative strategies, which have measurably reduced jail populations in several communities, help stabilize individuals and families, better serve communities and often, save money in the process.

## CJS Administrative Services

The **Operational Services Team** managed an estimated **20,000** client contacts (in person or by phone) referred by the courts for pretrial supervision and community service. The bilingual staff also manages payroll, finance and facility matters.

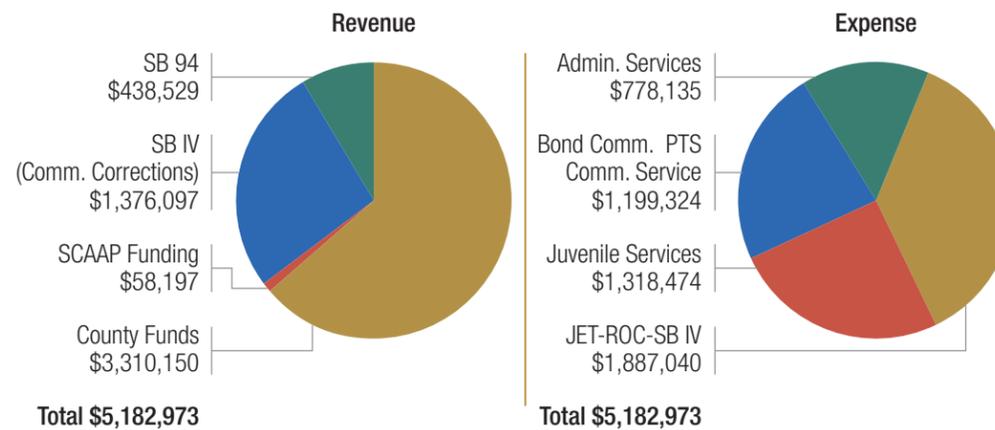
CJS is committed to core values of courage, compassion, and connection in developing our workforce to provide effective community services.



## CJS Revenues and Expenses

CJS collected **\$269,907** in Community Service Client Fees and **\$14,228** in ROC Client Fees. This revenue goes into the County General Fund.

### 2015-2016 Revenues and Expenses



*Our special thanks to the Boulder County Commissioners for their continued funding and support of the Community Justice Services Division.*



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## Community and Jail-Based Services

The mission of Boulder County Community Justice Services (CJS) is to provide humane and constructive community-based interventions, education, alternatives to incarceration, and reparation to the community for criminal behavior. Our commitment is to assist individuals in functioning lawfully and constructively while ensuring community safety.

The **Jail Education & Transition Program (JET)** prepares inmates to reenter society safely and as productive members of their communities and families through enhanced knowledge, awareness, skills and resources.



**1,828** class sessions taught within the Boulder County Jail

**266** clients took Spanish/English language classes

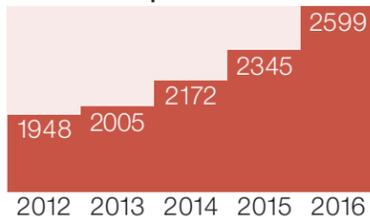
**102** clients received resources for basic needs after release from Jail

The **Pretrial Supervision Unit** provides supervision when court-ordered as a condition of a defendant's bond. Tailored case management is provided with community safety as the primary goal.

**91%** of supervised defendants made all court appearances

**84%** of supervised defendants had no new charges during the pretrial period

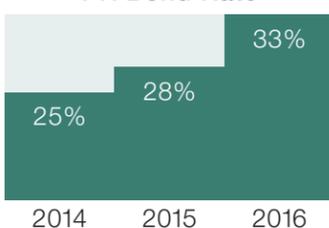
### Pretrial Supervision Intakes



**\$5.7** million estimated savings in jail costs by supervising defendants in the community rather than keeping them in jail

The **Bond Commissioners Unit** provides initial assessment of individuals after arrest in order to recommend or set bond. This unit conducted **4,200** interviews.

### PR Bond Rate



Personal Recognizance (PR) bonds do not require individuals to post money in order to be released from jail.

CJS is involved in the **Bond Reform Project**, an evidence-based approach to ensure that release decisions are guided by an assessed level of risk. Research shows that posting a monetary bond does not increase the likelihood of community safety and court appearance, and disproportionately affects low income individuals. Risk assessment and tailored supervision have been shown to mitigate risk more effectively than setting monetary bonds.

## Alternatives to Incarceration

CJS programs provide alternative sentencing options to keep clients in the community and reduce jail bed usage, while providing treatment, improving safety outcomes and reducing criminal justice costs.

**Community Service** is a sentencing alternative that serves the courts and the community by placing clients into unpaid positions, giving them the opportunity to give back to the community in which they have done harm.

**3,344** intakes in the CS Program  
**92,000** hours of community service were completed

**4,680** hours completed by participants of Fast Track, an option for clients to complete their obligation over the weekend. This program saved the county and local non-profits \$107,640

**Restoring our Communities (ROC)** is a voluntary substance abuse treatment program designed for men who have three or more drinking/drugging and driving offenses.

**78%** of the 53 clients with DUI offenses successfully completed the ROC program

**97%** of ROC graduates had no new drinking and driving related charges one year post-program

**Community Corrections** is a state-funded alternative program that diverts individuals from prison, or transitions them to the community after release from prison. It provides residential community based services for clients with the goal of supporting their productive reintegration back into society. The Community Corrections Board reviews cases and determines acceptance into the program, with community safety being the primary consideration.

**157** diversion cases with 83% acceptance rate

**102** transition cases with 78% acceptance rate



Richard Lake was a Community Service client in a tough spot due to his charges and the loss of his job and housing. His case manager gave him the option of creating a piece of art to fulfill his community service hours. The painting was donated to Bridge House as he was a former client and wanted to give back to the agency.

*“When I came to Community Service I had been dragged through the system and was expecting more of the same. Instead they wanted to help me in the community.”*

## Supportive Juvenile Justice Programs

The **Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC)** is the only county-funded intake, assessment and short-term detention facility for juveniles in the state. Its main purpose is to assess youth for release into the community, provide secure lodging and ensure safety. The Center offers positive programming during incarceration to further reduce harm using volunteers and interns who assist staff with daily activities and provide special programming including yoga, therapy dogs, art education, and gardening.

**766** admissions in JAC

**75%** male

**15** average age

**22%** Municipal, Petty & Traffic

**34%** Felonies

**44%** Misdemeanors

The **Boulder Enhanced Supervision Team (BEST)** supervises delinquent and truant youth who would otherwise be detained in a locked facility. BEST provided **127** opportunities for youth to return home with the support and structure to maintain safety for both the juvenile and the community.

**95%** of participants made all court appearances

**92%** had no new charges

**5,453** Days that juveniles were kept out of detention by participating in BEST

The **Family Navigator** helps families with questions about their child's involvement in the juvenile justice system. It can serve as a one-time resource liaison between community agencies and families (Track 1), or a more long-term support as they navigate the system (Track 2). There were **434** contacts made in Track 1 and **24** families served in Track 2.

The **Juvenile Services Detention Therapist** made **467** clinical contacts serving **82** youth. The therapist provides assessment and brief psychotherapy for detained youth and their families.

**541** appearances in court

**99%** were free of restraints



The Juvenile Restraint Reform was established in 2014 to eliminate the practice of indiscriminate shackling of Boulder County juveniles in court proceedings.