Partnerships in the 20th Judicial District and Beyond
The Justice System Volunteer Program (JSVP) provides long-term volunteers for CJS and the District Attorney’s Office. Each year more than 100 volunteers donate their time and talents 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.

138 Volunteers within the JSVP dedicated 14,295 hours to criminal justice programs
$371,241 Estimated value of volunteer time donated to the JSVP (this number was derived from the Independent Sector which calculates the estimated value for Colorado volunteer time at $25.97 per hour)

10 Years of Youth Mentoring Program
70,000 days of connecting youth and mentors
191 representative years of mentoring

The Mentoring Program served a record 53 youth. Volunteers provide one-on-one mentoring and guidance for a minimum of one year, by building positive ongoing relationships, serving as role models, encouraging community connections, and offering support.

Offender Management Work
This work is a result of the 2016 Justice System Partners Report in which 27 recommendations were made to help reduce jail overcrowding. In 2017, CJS implemented several recommendations including:
• The administration of the Domestic Violence Screening Instrument to assist bond commissioners in recommending pretrial supervision support.
• Implementation of a decision making matrix to determine pretrial supervision levels.
• The Pretrial Pretreatment Program to engage pretrial defendants in treatment for substance use disorders.
• Implementation, planning and training of staff for group-based cognitive behavioral interventions to be used in the jail and in the community.

Looking Ahead for 2018
CJS will continue to spearhead the implementation of the Offender Management Work which will include:
• Implementing assessment and case management for medium and high risk offenders in the Boulder County Jail.
• Development of an integrated database accessible to all elements of the County’s criminal justice system to aid planning, operations, and program evaluation.
• Building fidelity measures into all evidence-based programs to ensure they are being delivered as prescribed.

CJS Revenues and Expenses
CJS collected $243,339 in Community Service Client Fees and $18,500 in ROC Client Fees. This revenue goes into the County General Fund.

2016 - 2017 Revenues and Expenses

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

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

The mission of Boulder County Community Justice Services (CJS) is to address core stability, provide hope, support and safety, inspire continual growth, collaborate and empower community.
Community and Jail-Based Services
The Bond Commissioners Unit provides initial assessment of individuals after arrest in order to recommend or set bond.

CJS is involved in the Bond Reform Project, an evidence-based approach to ensure that release decisions are driven by 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 through increased bond commissioner interviews and tailored supervision have been shown to mitigate risk more effectively than setting monetary bonds.

Jail bed utilization has declined due to a combination of several factors, including fewer bookings as well as system wide efforts such as the Bond Reform Project.

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 in approved non-profit agencies, giving them the opportunity to give back to the community in which they have done harm. 2,754 Intakes in the Community Service Program 4,234 hours of community service were completed

Caring Crafts
As part of the Community Service program, clients can opt to create crafts including carpentry, weaving, knitted goods and paintings which are then donated to non-profit agencies. Program client Anthony Quillig, a cabinet maker from Nederland, built and hand-embellished a rocking horse using recycled materials. When it sold in a silent auction, the proceeds benefited The Carousel of Happiness in Nederland.

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.

The Boulder Enhanced Supervision Team (BEST) provides services, supervision, and support for youth involved in the early stages of the justice system who are at high risk of being detained in a locked facility. BEST provided 91 opportunities for youth to return home with the support and structure to maintain safety for both the juvenile and the community.

The Family Navigator supports 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 to increase their self-efficacy as they navigate the system (Track 2). There were 789 contacts made in Track 1 and 23 families served in Track 2.

The Youth Services Detention Therapist provides assessment and brief psychotherapy, and coordinates medication evaluations and other treatment services for detained youth and their families.