

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.

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volunteers within the JSVP dedicated 7,125 hours to the programs

\$199,642

estimated value of volunteer time donated to the JSVP (this number was derived from the Independent Sector calculation of the estimated Colorado value for volunteer time at \$28.02 per hour)

Progress and Updates in 2019

CJS implemented new programs and strategies parallel to nationwide reforms in criminal justice:

- It was a year of significant program development, particularly in Jail Based Services, supported by grants awarded in 2018 (see below). This work reflects a strong collaborative effort with partners in the Sheriff's Office.
- CJS helped lead efforts in statewide systems change by serving on the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) Pretrial Task Force. This work will culminate in proposed legislation to overhaul the bail system in Colorado in 2020.
- Community Corrections forged a relationship with a new vendor, Interventions Community Corrections Services.
- Juvenile Services Teams were an instrumental part of redeveloping the juvenile justice portions of the Children's Code in Colorado.
- Through the gracious provision of three new FTE from the County Commissioners, CJS will launch the planning and development of the voter approved Alternative Sentencing Facility.

Jail Behavioral Health Team

CJS was awarded two grants from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and two contracts from the Colorado State Court Administrators Office totaling over **\$1.2 million to support behavioral health efforts**. This funding has led to the implementation of the CJS Behavioral Health Team which oversees the following:

- › **Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program** provides individuals struggling with opioid use access to behavioral health treatment and stabilizing resources in the community upon reentry.
- › **Mental Health Diversion Program** diverts individuals with low level charges and mental health needs from the justice system and provides them connection to behavioral health treatment and stabilizing resources in the community.
- › **Bridges Court Liaison Project** provides individuals with the highest mental health needs a connection to behavioral health treatment and stabilizing resources in the community. They also act as a liaison between the individual, the court, attorneys and service providers.
- › **Behavioral Health Assistance Program** provides justice involved individuals with mental health needs a connection to behavioral health treatment and stabilizing resources in the community upon jail reentry.

In the first few months of implementation, **303** clients were screened

144 screened positive on the Correctional Mental Health Screen (48%)

167 scored positive for possible Alcohol and/or Substance Use Disorders (55%)

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. Staff, whom are all bilingual, also manage ordering office supplies, finance and facility matters.

The **Research and Planning Unit** works with CJS and partners in the 20th Judicial District to perform professional and technical work in the criminal justice system and the Community Services Department. Work involves systems planning and meeting facilitation, data and policy analysis, legal and scientific research and presentation of material. This program gathered data and input from across the Division to compile this report.

The **Business Analyst** serves as CJS division IT project manager and IT advisor to the CJS division manager. This position represents both CJS and the Community Services Department on various countywide programs that involve technology to recommend and implement effective and efficient solutions. It also serves as the CJS Technical Liaison with the Colorado Bureau of Investigations and co-manages Boulder County Data Governance.



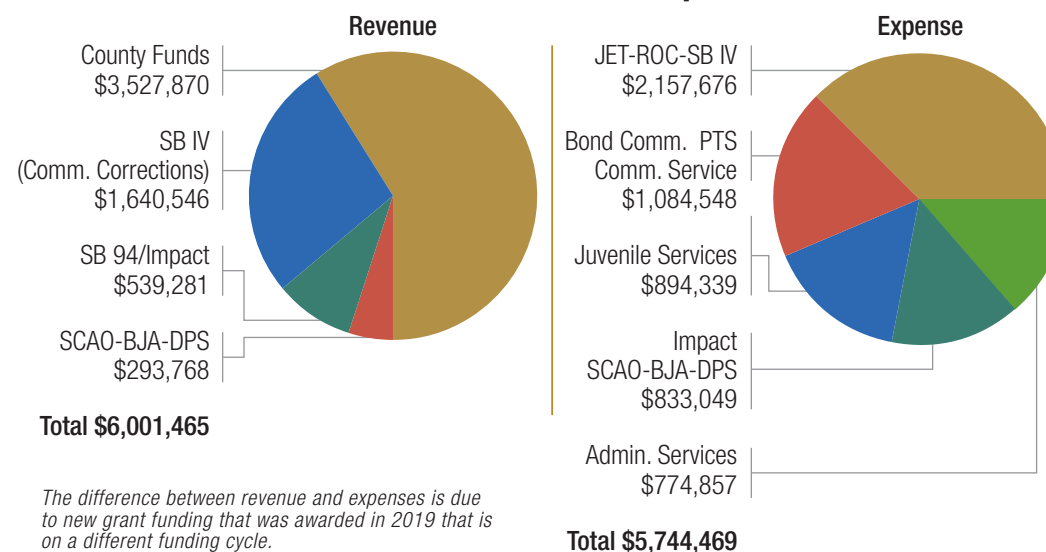
CJS is committed to core values of courage, compassion and connection in developing our workforce to provide effective community services.

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.

CJS Revenues and Expenses

CJS collected **\$174,987** in Community Service Client Fees and **\$8,995** in ROC and JAC Client Fees. This revenue goes into the County General Fund.

2019 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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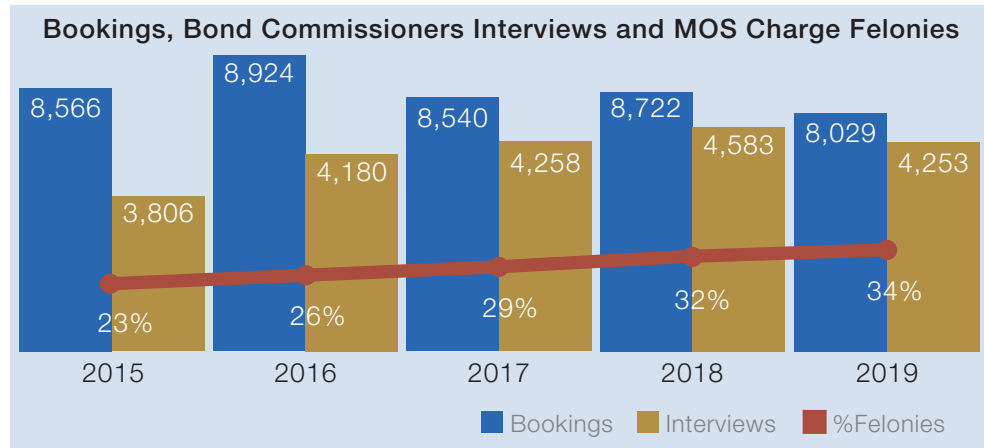
Generating a Lifetime of Opportunities

Community and Jail-Based Services

The **Bond Commissioners Unit** provides initial assessment of individuals after arrest in order to recommend or set bond, as well as non-monetary conditions such as pretrial supervision.

CJS continues to spearhead the Bond Reform Project which works with system stakeholders to shift from a money-based to a risk-based system. Research shows that

posting a monetary bond does not increase the likelihood of community safety or court appearance, and disproportionately affects individuals who are low-income.



While the number of jail bookings was lower in 2019, the proportion of bookings where the most serious charge was a felony has been increasing over the past several years.

The **Pretrial Supervision Unit** supervises clients who are court-ordered as a condition of bond. Tailored case management is provided focusing on connecting clients to resources while helping ensure community safety. The program supervised **3,875** cases in 2019.

Pretrial staff engage clients in efforts to achieve positive changes by identifying ways to strengthen their support networks and build their protective factors. Staff also assist them in navigating the court process and developing positive behavior change to support future success.

82% of supervised clients had no new charges during the pretrial period

80% of supervised clients made all court appearances

The **Jail Education & Transition Program (JET)** prepares inmates to re-enter society safely as productive members of the community and with their families. Services focus on knowledge, awareness and skills development and accessing needed resources. JET experienced a significant transition with a jail re-model in 2019, and expanded programming to include services in the work release program by providing classes and increasing re-entry efforts.

120 clients were enrolled in programming to support the overarching goal of reducing recidivism

58 clients were provided re-entry support services

162 clients received Spanish/English classes and support

40 clients were High School Equivalency (HSE) students

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, providing them the opportunity to give back to communities where they have done harm.

1,966 intakes in the Community Service Program
60,660 hours of community service were completed

2,640 hours completed by participants of **Fast Track**, an option for clients to complete their obligation over the weekend, saving **\$73,973** for the county and local non-profits



Caring Crafts

As part of the Community Service program, clients can opt to create crafts including carpentry, weavings, knitted goods and paintings which are then donated to non-profit agencies. The craft in the photo was donated to Historic Preservations.

Restoring our Communities (ROC) is a voluntary substance use disorder treatment program designed for men who have three or more impaired driving convictions. In 2019 ROC served **39** clients. Staff facilitated **955** hours of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, an evidence-based curriculum designed to reduce recidivism, which aligns with the Boulder County Commissioners' strategic priorities.

82% of clients successfully completed the program in 2018, of those

87% had no new DUI convictions one-year post-program

Community Corrections is a state funded 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 the cases and determines acceptance, with community safety as the primary consideration.

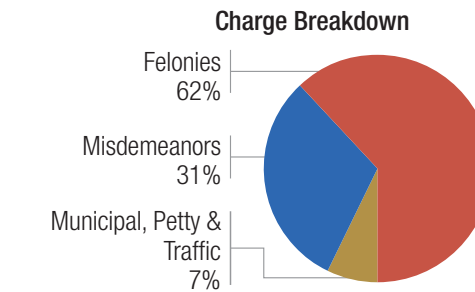
142 diversion cases with 84% acceptance rate

274 transition cases with 54% acceptance rate

Mr. Madrigal while serving his sentence in community corrections had big hardships, the miscarriage of his first child, his wife battling cancer and mourning the death of his 6-month-old son after heart surgery. Through all this pain and loss, he managed to maintain his sobriety and compliance with the program. He was supported by his case manager and kept a positive mindset.

Supportive Juvenile Justice Programs

The **Juvenile Assessment Center** 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 public safety. The center offers positive programming during incarceration to further reduce harm, by using volunteers and interns to assist staff with daily activities as well as special programming including yoga, therapy dogs, art education and gardening.



556 admissions
80% male
15 average age

While juvenile admissions have declined over the past several years, the JAC is experiencing a higher rate of high acuity youth that require a higher level of staff skill for management and support in the juvenile programs.

The **Youth Mentoring Program** served **56** clients. 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.

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 **92** opportunities for youth to return home with the support and structure needed to maintain safety for both the juvenile and community.

74% had no new charges

92% of participants made all court appearances

7,487 days that juveniles were kept out of detention by participating in BEST

The **Family Navigator** supports families with questions about their child's involvement in the juvenile justice system. It serves as a one-time liaison between community agencies and families (Track 1), or a long-term support that increases self-efficacy as families navigate the system (Track 2). There were **916** contacts made in Track 1 and **33** families served in Track 2.

100% of clients agreed or strongly agreed that this helped them navigate the system and access resources

The **Juvenile Services Clinician** provides mental health and substance abuse screening, assessment, individual therapy, medication management and community treatment referrals for detained youth and their families.

63 youth were served
435 clinical contacts were made



JAC staff partnered with juvenile system partners to create "Juvenile Justice Build Days", to build homes with the St. Vrain Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Staff worked along-side teens with the goal of creating a more meaningful community service opportunity, modeling the value of giving back and allowing youth and professionals to see each other in a new light, outside of the detention facility and courtroom.