

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 **10,295 hours** to criminal justice programs

\$275,700

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 \$26.78 per hour)

Progress of the Offender Management Work

In 2016 the Justice System Partners Report had 27 recommendations to help reduce jail overcrowding and impact recidivism and outcomes for those touching the criminal justice system in the county. CJS conducted system wide planning efforts on several recommendations including:

- Reforming our Pretrial Bond practices to drive decision making based on mitigating risk, not on economics and poverty
- Expanding CJS role in jail programming to ensure it can reduce recidivism for those at highest risk to return to crime once released
- Reallocating resources to provide for free, specialized behavioral health assistance to help off ramp individuals in the justice system when a lack of treatment support has landed them in the system
- Launching the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBI) project, a multi-agency effort to provide seamless, evidence-based therapy from jail to the community

Looking Ahead for 2019

CJS was awarded two grants from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance totaling over **\$1.2 million** to support an expansion of behavioral health services for those involved in the criminal justice system.

- The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program will assess needs around the opioid epidemic and implement responsive programs and policies. The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program will implement use of both a universal criminogenic and violence risk assessment, and behavioral health screens to prioritize treatment and case management services.
- The Mental Health Pre-File Diversion Pilot Program is designed to divert individuals who are arrested and brought to the Boulder County Jail and are assessed as being both low risk for criminal risk, and high need for stabilizing services in the community.
- The "Bridges" Court Liaison Project uses dollars from the State Court Administrators' Office to implement behavioral health processes for the justice involved population. The Behavioral Health Committee overseeing the project will have representation from CJS, the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Mental Health Partners and State Public Defenders Office. A Court Liaison will provide services to clients who struggle with mental health issues.
- Other efforts 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 county partners in the criminal justice system to aid planning, operations, and program evaluation; and building fidelity measures into all evidence-based programs to ensure they are being delivered as prescribed.

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, the majority of whom are bilingual, also manage ordering office supplies, finance and facility matters.

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

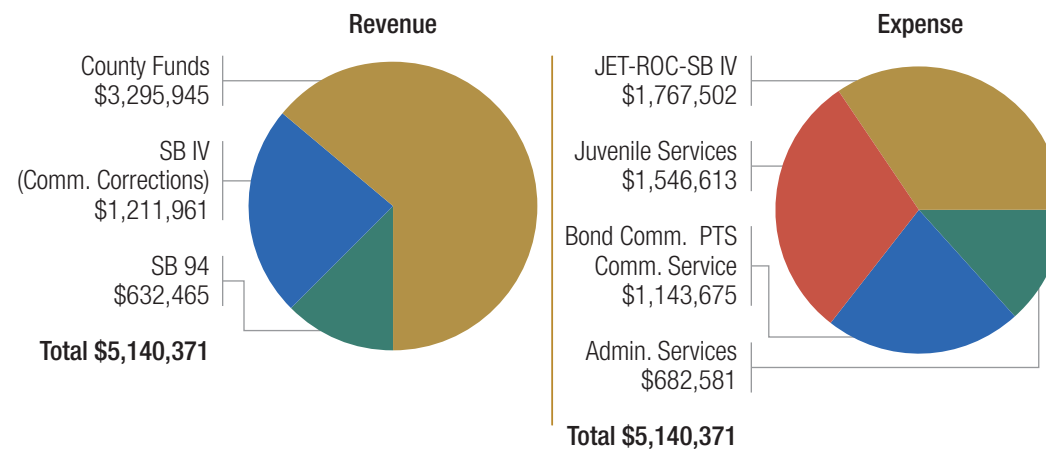


The mission of Boulder County Community Justice Services (CJS) is to address core stability, provide hope, support and safety, inspire continual growth, collaborate and empower community.

CJS Revenues and Expenses

CJS collected **\$194,225** in Community Service Client Fees and **\$24,002** in ROC Client Fees. This revenue goes into the County General Fund.

2018 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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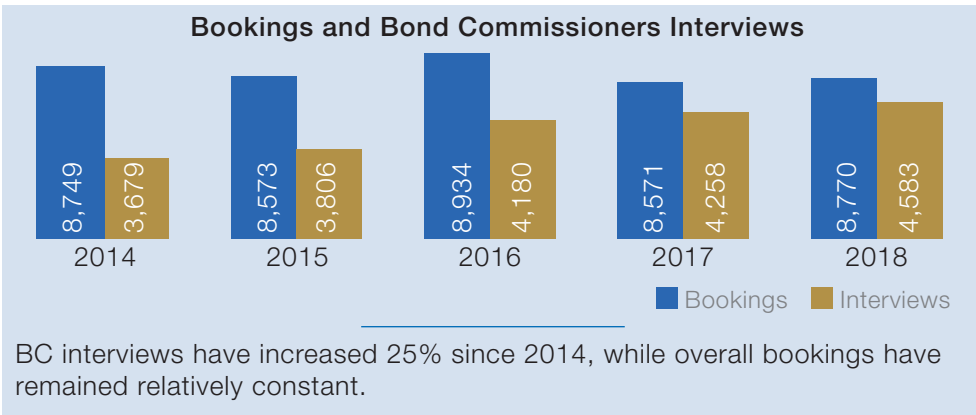
Generating a Lifetime of Opportunities

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 engages 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 with low

income. Accurate risk assessment is key, and CJS is participating in a reanalysis of the Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool (CPAT) to ensure it is effective. CJS is also conducting an analysis of local data to determine what conditions, if not money, are most likely to promote pretrial success.



The **Pretrial Supervision Unit** supervises defendants who are court-ordered as a condition of bond. Tailored case management is provided to connect clients to resources while also helping to ensure community safety. The program completed **2,030** intakes in 2018.

82% of supervised defendants made all court appearances

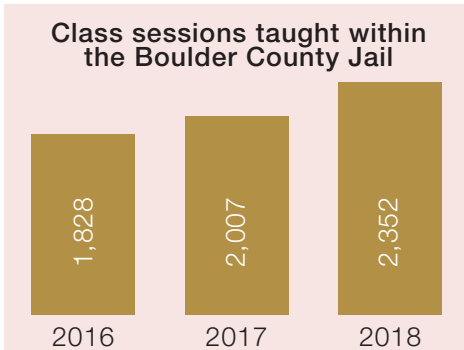
90% of supervised defendants had no new charges during the pretrial period

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

69 clients were enrolled in an evidence-based cognitive behavioral curriculum shown to reduce recidivism



Card sent to Dr. Jane Goodall by a client who participated in her global class "Roots & Shoots" program, as part of JET.



227 clients took Spanish/English Language classes

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.

2,301 intakes in the Community Service Program
50,452 hours of community service were completed

2,717 hours completed by participants of **Fast Track**, an option for clients to complete their obligation over the weekend, saving **\$72,761** for the county and local non-profits



Caring Crafts

John Rexford, a retired woodcrafter, uses local wood from fallen trees to create works of art. He created these pieces from the Hygiene Champion Cottonwood for his **community service**, as part of the Caring Crafts program. These bowls will be donated to non-profit agencies for auctions.

Restoring our Communities (ROC) is a voluntary substance abuse treatment program designed for men who have three or more drinking/drugging and driving offenses. The program served **54** clients with DUI offenses. ROC implemented felony programming to comply with House Bill 15-1045, which has resulted in the program seeing higher risk clients for a longer duration of treatment.

64% of the clients who completed the ROC program graduated successfully
100% of ROC graduates had no new drinking and driving related charges one year post-program

Community Corrections is a state funded alternative to divert individuals from prison or transition 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.

131 diversion cases with 76% acceptance rate
170 transition cases with 54% acceptance rate

HB 1251, passed in 2018, strengthens the transition case review process by requiring DOC to provide a defined set of information, requiring boards to use a structured and evidence-based decision making process, for greater transparency around acceptance rates and reasons for denial.

Alternative Sentencing Facility: CJS in partnership with the Sheriff's Office, Commissioners' Office, and Administrative Services, developed a business plan to address jail infrastructure needs and support evidence-based programming for low-risk offenders. This resulted in the successful passage of County Ballot Initiative 1A. This funding supports a new facility providing alternative sentencing options, and mental health and substance abuse services. This success reflects the community's support for CJS's collaborative work in county criminal justice efforts, and confidence in the Sheriff's Office.

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 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.

632 admissions in JAC

77% male

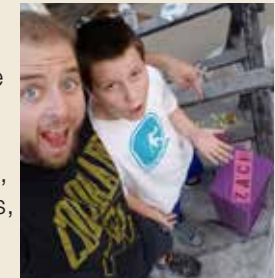
15 average age

11% Municipal, Petty & Traffic

41% Felonies

48% Misdemeanors

The **Mentoring Program** served a record **54** 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.



Youth mentor Kris and his mentee, who have been meeting for a year and half, completed a home for a gaming system. They shopped for materials then spent several weekly outings designing, building and completing the cabinet.

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 **89** 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

90% had no new charges

6,565 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 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).

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

786 contacts made in Track 1

34 families served in Track 2

The **Juvenile Services Clinician** provides assessment, consultation, coordinating medication evaluations and makes ongoing treatment referrals for youth and their families.

81 youth were served

446 clinical contacts were made