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Center for Prevention and Restorative Justice of the Boulder County District Attorney's Office Wins 2019 National Association of Counties (NACo) Award

The Boulder County District Attorney's Office's Center for Prevention and Restorative Justice has been chosen to receive a 2019 National Association of Counties (NACo) Award. The Center for Prevention and Restorative Justice (CPRJ) is being recognized in the "*Criminal Justice and Public Safety*" category for its highly innovative and successful Diversion Program.

Diversion is an alternative to formal prosecution that allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions, repair the harm from the offense, get help for underlying needs, and move forward without the detrimental, collateral consequences of a criminal conviction.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "As a result of our reform efforts and success rate, our Diversion program has become a model for implementation at the local, state, and national level. In 2018, the DA's Office diverted over 600 cases with a 92% successful completion rate. Additionally, 99% of the victims in those cases reported they were satisfied with the way their case was handled. This program enhances community safety by ensuring offenders are held accountable while, at the same time, reducing the risk factors for future criminal offenses. This award recognizes the incredibly positive impact that our outstanding staff and dedicated volunteers are having on our community."

NACo selects winners each year for their annual [Achievement Awards](#). These awards seek to recognize innovative county government programs nationwide. The awards will be presented at NACo's Annual Conference this summer in Las Vegas, Nevada. The District Attorney's Office is one of nine Boulder County projects to win a 2019 National Association of Counties (NACo) Award.

Pictured below:

Boulder District Attorney staff Erin Siffing Cordell and Kelly Taylor Russell lead DA Volunteers through a Restorative Justice demonstration. The DA's Office provides training for community members and facilitators and has an outstanding group of dedicated volunteers.

