



# Healthcare Enrollment & Assisting Justice Involved People

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Eliminate the overuse of the criminal justice system  
and advance community health & safety

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# Presentation Outline

- Colorado Criminal Justice System Overview
- Eligibility for Justice Involved People
- What's going on in Colorado
- Considerations
- Questions & discussion

# Kevin's Story

# Colorado Overview

- Over 100,000 justice involved individuals in Colorado on any given day.
- Estimated 70% - 90% newly eligible for health insurance.
- High rates of substance use disorder, mental health, and chronic health conditions.
- Providing health care, particularly behavioral health services, to justice involved individuals has been shown to reduce recidivism rates.

# Criminal Justice System

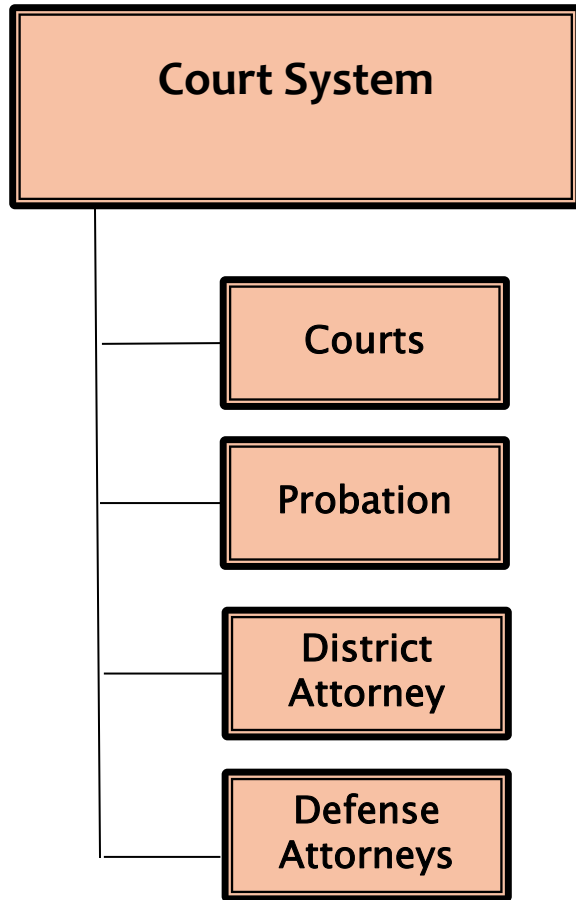
There isn't a single criminal justice system –broad categories are:

- court system
- law enforcement
- corrections

There are many different ways that people can be “justice involved” which can impact whether they are eligible for Health First Colorado or tax subsidies through Connect for Health Colorado (i.e. the private marketplace).



# Criminal Justice System Components



The court system in Colorado is divided into 22 independent Judicial Districts. Each has courts that will hear different kinds of cases, i.e. criminal, civil, family law, etc. Some operate “specialty courts” like drug court or veterans court.

Each Judicial District has an independent Probation Office and a Chief Probation Officer. Probation Officers are officers of the court.

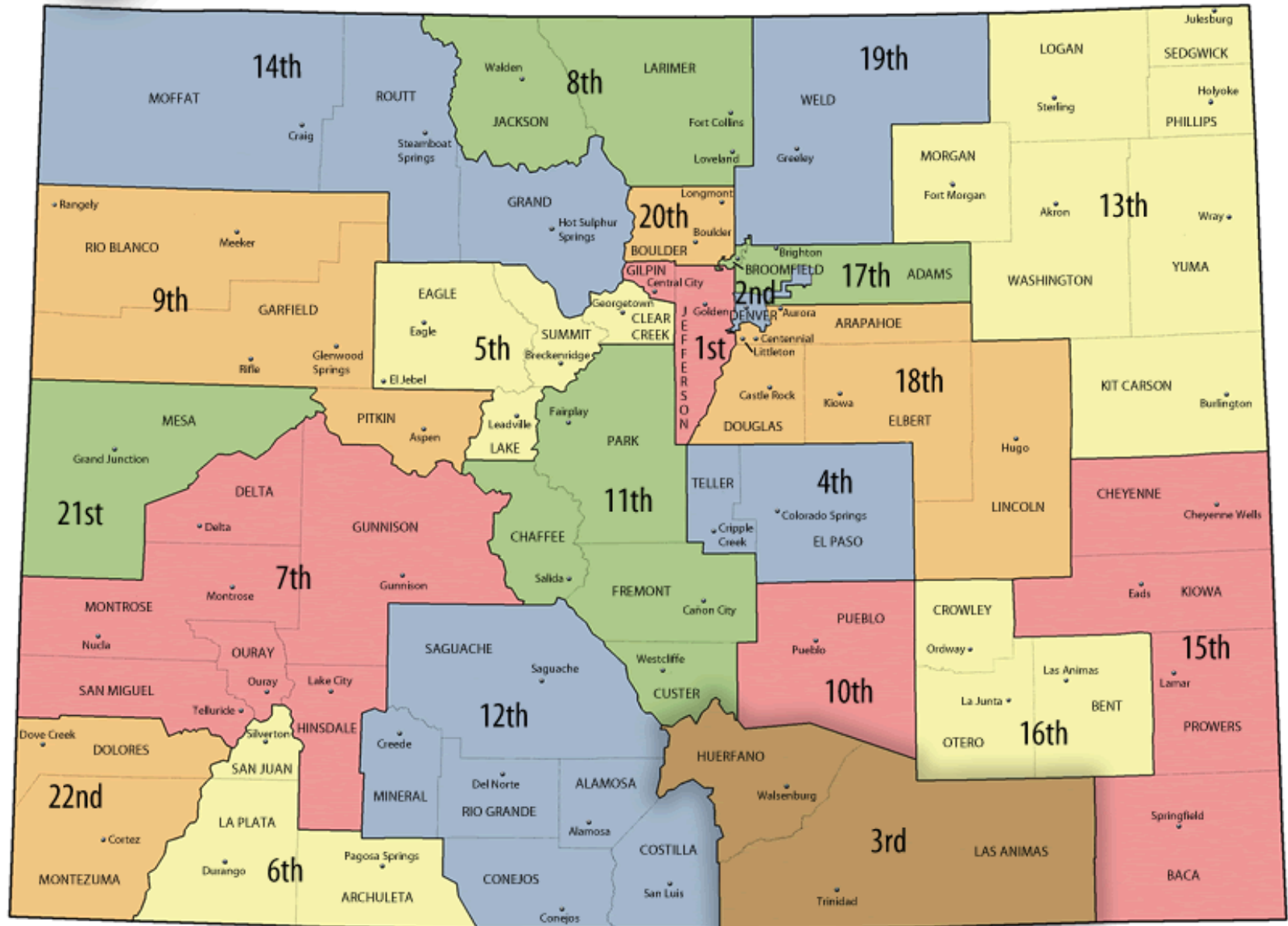
Each judicial district has an elected District Attorney who is responsible for filing and prosecuting criminal cases.

Colorado has a unified state Public Defender’s Office that represents indigent clients. The Public Defender has numerous offices across the state. There are also defense attorneys in private practice across the state.





# COLORADO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS



# Criminal Justice Involvement: Court System

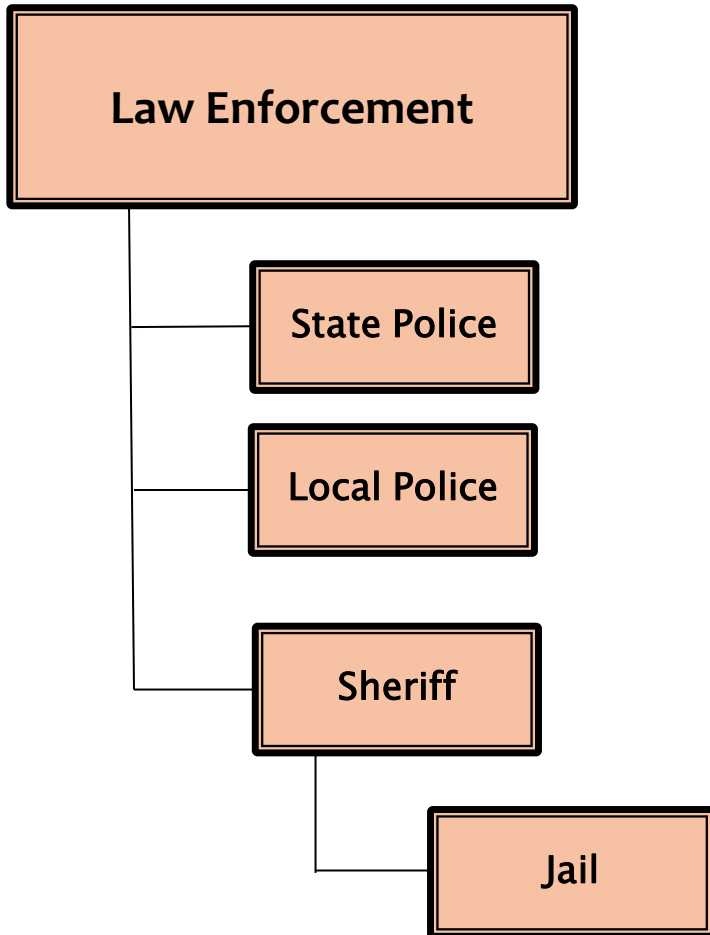
## Bond

- When people are first arrested for an offense, they may be released from jail on bond awaiting trial or other disposition of the criminal case. People on bond are living in the community and they have not been convicted (or yet sentenced) for a criminal offense. Depending on the jurisdiction and circumstances, people may be supervised by pretrial services while on bond.

## Probation

- Probation is a sentence option for people convicted of either misdemeanor or felony offenses where the person is living in the community and under supervision of a probation officer with court oversight.

# Criminal Justice System Components



Jails are operated by the local county, generally the county Sheriff's Department. Some municipalities also have their own jail.

There are 56 county jails in Colorado. Some counties do not operate their own jail but have an agreement with another county jail.

People can be in jail for many different reasons.

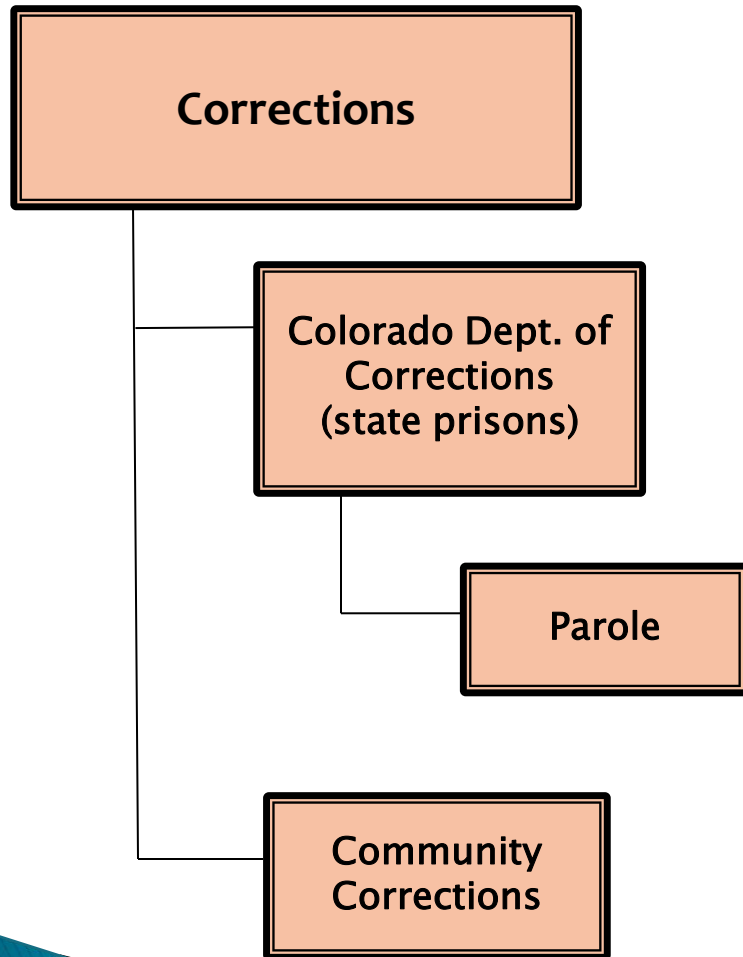
Each jail will have someone who is responsible for inmate medical care.

# Criminal Justice Involvement: Law Enforcement

## Jail

- People can be in jail for a number of different reasons. It is a very fluid population and people may not be in jail for a very long time.
  - **Pre-trial detainees** - people that are in jail who have not been convicted of a criminal offense and have not (yet) made bond. These individuals may be supervised by pretrial services.
  - **Convicted – serving jail sentence** – people who have been convicted and sentenced to serve a period of time in jail.
  - **Immigration hold/detainer** – people can be in jail because Immigration Control Enforcement (ICE) or other law enforcement agency/court has placed a hold or detainer on a person because of another pending legal action.

# Criminal Justice System Components

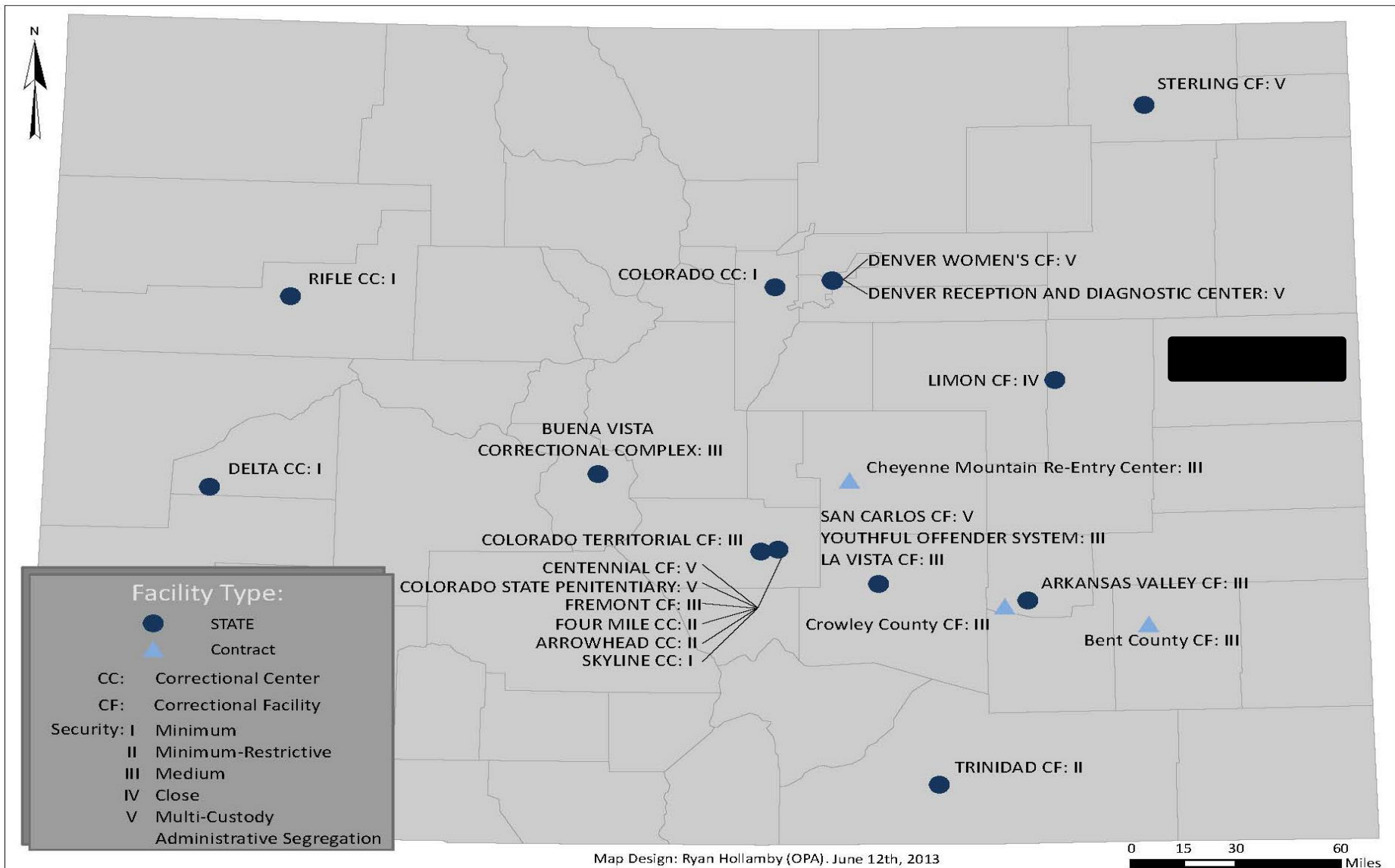


The Colorado Dept. of Corrections (DOC) manages, supervises and operates 19 state prisons and contracts with 3 private owned prisons.

Most people released from prison will be required to serve a period of supervision, called “parole” after they are released. Parole officers work for the Dept. of Corrections, not the court. There are numerous parole offices across the state.

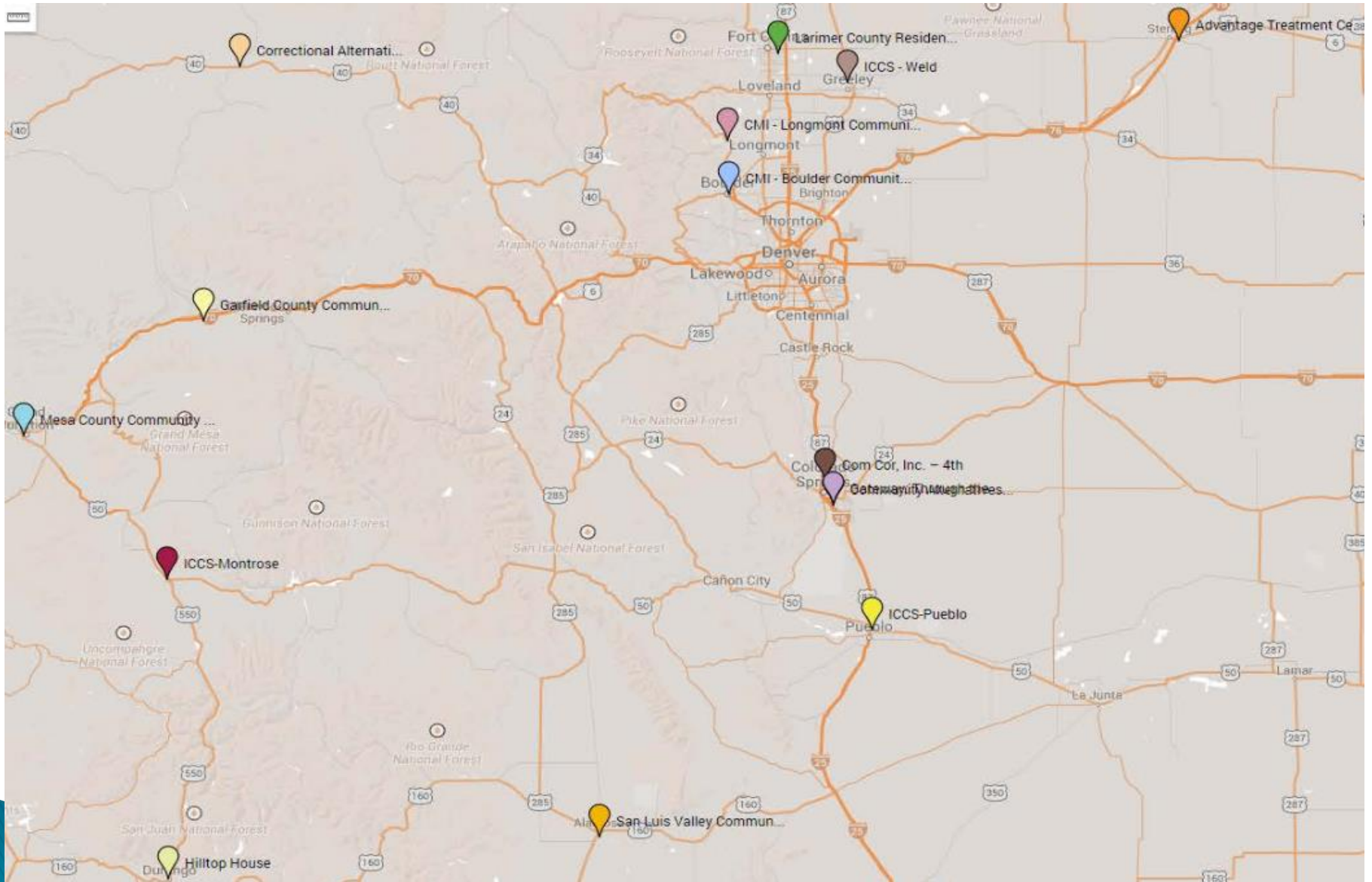
The state also contracts with community corrections programs, aka “halfway houses” in numerous (but not all) judicial districts. There are currently 31 community corrections programs in Colorado.

# Colorado Prison Facilities





## Non-Denver Metro Community Corrections Facilities





# Denver Metro Community Corrections Facilities



# Criminal Justice Involvement: Corrections

## Prison

- People in prison have been convicted of a felony and sentenced to serve a period of time in prison.

## Parole

- Parole is a period of supervision following release from state prison. People on parole are still under the jurisdiction of the state Dept. of Corrections and are supervised by a parole officer. They are considered parolees – not inmates.

## Community Corrections

- There are a variety of ways people can be involved with community corrections. Typically, people may be directly sentenced there by the courts as a “diversion” client or placed there upon release from prison as a “transition” client. There are also specialty community corrections programs that provide services such as intensive residential treatment, etc.

# Recap – Criminal Justice Snapshot

- Judicial
  - Court System, including Problem Solving Courts
  - Probation
- County Jails
- Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC)
  - Prisons
  - Parole
- Community Corrections Facilities
  - Oversight from: DOC, Judicial, Office of Behavioral Health, Community Corrections Boards, Office of Community Corrections/Department of Public Safety

# Magalie's Story

# **Eligibility & Enrollment of Justice Involved Populations**

# Eligibility Depends on CJ Status

**Most justice involved individuals will be eligible for coverage.**

Clients are **NOT** eligible for coverage if they are considered an inmate of a public institution & are being held involuntarily.

# Eligibility during Pretrial Phase

Pretrial Status	Eligible for Health First Colorado	Marketplace	
		Eligible for Coverage?	Eligible for Tax Credits?
On bond or diversion pending disposition	Yes	Yes	Yes
In jail pending disposition	No*	Yes**	Yes

\* The jail or prison facility is responsible for basic health care services provided in-house. Health First Colorado can reimburse for medical care provided to an incarcerated person admitted as an inpatient in a hospital for at least 24 hours.

\*\* Private insurance **may** pay for inpatient or outpatient services received while someone is in jail pretrial as long as the person continues to pay premiums and receives treatment in-network.



# Eligibility while serving a sentence

Serving Sentence	Eligible for Health First Colorado	Marketplace**	
		Eligible for Coverage?	Eligible for Tax Credits?
In jail	No*	No	No
In prison	No*	No	No
Probation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parole	Yes	Yes	Yes

\* The jail or prison facility is responsible for all health care services provided in-house. Health First Colorado can reimburse for medical care provided to an incarcerated person admitted as an inpatient in a hospital for at least 24 hours.

\*\*Marketplace enrollment must be discontinued within 30 days of being sentenced to a period of incarceration.

# Eligibility in Community Corrections (“halfway house”)

Community Corrections	Eligible for Health First Colorado	Marketplace**	
		Eligible for Coverage?	Eligible for Tax Credits?
Residential (transition or diversion)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-Residential	Yes	Yes	Yes

- The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services published guidance on April 28, 2016 that allowed people in Community Corrections to be eligible for Medicaid.
- The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing published guidance on June 1, 2016 stating that all residents of Community Corrections facilities in Colorado, except for one facility in Colorado Springs, are eligible for Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) as long as they meet the income requirement.

# What's Going On in Colorado

# Considerations

- There are numerous criminal justice agencies & touch points.
- Each system may require different approaches and strategies.
- Many justice involved people have never had health insurance or a primary care provider.
- Will greatly benefit from health care navigation and/or care coordination services.

# Considerations (cont.)

- Find probation offices near you:
  - <https://www.courts.state.co.us/>
  - Probation – Search by County
- Find Community Corrections facilities:
  - [Colorado Office of Community Corrections](#)
  - Boards and Programs
- Find parole offices near you:
  - <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdoc>
  - Departmental Information – Facility/Office Locations

# Considerations (cont.)

- Find community based reentry organizations:
  - Bridge House - 4747 Table Mesa Dr. Boulder, 80305 - (303) 575-4963
  - Christlife Ministries - 1211 N. Main St. Pueblo, 81003 - (719) 647-9235
  - Christlife Ministries - 410 Tia Juana St. Colorado Springs, 80909 - (719) 219-6835
  - Second Chance Center - 9722 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Aurora, 80011 - (303) 909-0813
  - Servicios de la Raza - 3131 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. Denver, 80204 - (303) 953-5918
  - The Rock Foundation - 1542 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Greeley, 80631 - (303) 252-7453
  - Junction Community Church - 2867 Orchard Ave. Grand Junction, 81501 – (970) 773-3186

# Hassan's Story



# Questions? Comments?

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