



Criminal Justice Services

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Looking back at 2022, I am reminded of how challenging and fast paced it was. Not only was Garfield County Criminal Justice Services trying to regroup after 2 years of COVID related adjustments, but the entire world was attempting to define the “new” normal. Throughout 2022 the Criminal Justice Services staff continued to provide the best services and support possible for our clients and our citizens.

This was a year of change in many ways, and we experienced many staffing changes. In December, I was selected as the new Administrator of Criminal Justice Services. I am very excited to be working with this group of dedicated professionals. The work they have been doing spans the range of the criminal justice system from pre-conviction clients to those processing out of the prison system. I believe in the work conducted by these programs and the success experienced by many of our clients.

During 2022 we welcomed 5 new staff in the Community Corrections program and are extremely grateful for their contributions to this program. In January of 2023 I was very pleased to welcome Mary Gillis as our new Security Supervisor over Community Corrections, and Jack Haroutunian as our new Criminal Justice Services Officer II in the Workender’s Program. Both of these staff have many years of experience within Garfield County Criminal Justice Services and have excelled in their previous positions. I look forward to working with them in the future. Pre-Trial Services has just added a part-time employee to assist with assessments and help provide necessary weekend coverage for this program, welcome Cassandra Quintana, we are very excited to have you on board.



Travis Horton, Garfield County Criminal Justice Services
Administrator

In late October of 2022, Criminal Justice Services reintroduced an alternative sentencing program that had been dormant for many years. The addition of the Work Release Program has provided an additional sentencing option for the 9th Judicial District and has been melded into the available bed space within the Community Corrections Program. Currently, the program has provided bed space and continuing employment opportunities for an average of 4 clients per month, and we expect this number to grow as the success of the program continues.

This annual report highlights the programs, and staff of Garfield County Criminal Justice Services and the impact upon our community over the past year. I hope that you find this informative and helpful in understanding the many opportunities that Criminal Justice Services provides to the citizens and courts of the 9th Judicial District. All of the programs highlighted in this report would not be possible without the support of our partners in public safety, the many individuals and businesses the support our organization and our clients and the unwavering support of our County Commissioners. Thank you to everyone who plays a part in making Garfield County Criminal Justice Services the programs they are today and what they will become in the future.



Jack Haroutunian (Left) and Mary Gillis (Right)

OUR VISION



The vision of Garfield County Criminal Justice Services is as follows:

To enhance our program offering to best meet the needs of the 9th Judicial District and its citizens.

To ensure the programming we offer provides the best service available and adapts to meet the needs of our clients and stakeholders.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Garfield County Criminal Justice Services is to enhance public safety by providing quality pre and post-conviction services that benefit the citizens of Garfield County and the 9th Judicial District. Through the use of innovation and staff initiative Criminal Justice Services provides a range of programs to support the criminal justice system while providing the highest quality service and programming available.

OUR VALUES

Respect the people we serve—We will deliver our services with the utmost respect and professionalism being presented to each and every citizen regardless of their status in the criminal justice system.

Constant Improvement—Garfield County Criminal Justice Services is committed to continual quality improvement. Improvement in the way we deliver our services, in the equipment we use and the programming we provide.

Services offered through Garfield County Criminal Justice Services

Garfield County Criminal Justice Services offer both pre-conviction and post-conviction options for offenders.

PRE-CONVICTION SERVICES

PRETRIAL SERVICES

- In 2022, there were 972 pretrial assessments completed.

POST-CONVICTION SERVICES

USEFUL PUBLIC SERVICE

- 691 people signed up for UPS in 2022.
 - 450 successfully completed their UPS hours.

WORK RELEASE

- The work release program was introduced at the end of 2022.
 - Since it started at the end of 2022, there was 1 successful completion.

WORKENDERS

- 84 people were sentenced to Workenders in 2022.
 - 58 successfully completed their Workender sentence.

RESIDENTIAL

- 68 people were accepted into Community Corrections in 2022.
 - 38 successfully completed their Community Corrections sentence.

NON-RESIDENTIAL

- 13 people were progressed to Non-Residential Status
 - 8 successfully completed their Non-Residential stay.

PRE-CONVICTION SERVICES

PRETRIAL SERVICES

Created in 2015, Garfield County Pretrial Program encompassing the 9th Judicial District, is a neutral reporting unit that provides accurate & reliable risk assessments and defendant supervision. These two elements help facilitate court appearances and reduce reoffending for people who have been charged with a crime prior to going to trial. Risk assessments provide defendant background information, criminal history, community ties, employment history, pending cases and a validated risk assessment score on the likelihood of returning to court or reoffending, which helps the court establish release conditions for bond. Pretrial supervision can be ordered to help mitigate the risk of reoffense and failure to appears. Pretrial Supervision involves case management that works one on one with defendants to meet their court ordered bond release conditions. These may include weekly or monthly case management meetings, after court check-ins, substance testing, court reports on compliance, noncompliance, updates, and 90-day removals, while connecting them to community resources that improve their chances of success on pretrial release.



“Reducing the need for money to be released, pretrial is a constitutional and useful option for the court. By providing better release options for the court’s consideration, defendants get back to work more quickly, while reducing the need for jail beds and limiting the disadvantages that defendants face while sitting in custody, pretrial. Our pretrial team remains our most valuable asset in helping to provide this service.” - Elizabeth Stewart, Pretrial Services Supervisor.

POST-CONVICTION SERVICES

USEFUL PUBLIC SERVICE

Useful public service (UPS) is used as an alternative sentencing option. UPS is a coordination of court-ordered community service through assigned community service placement with non-profit organizations.

Workenders

The Garfield County Workender Program is an alternative sentencing program designed for people to serve their jail sentence in weekly, two-day intervals. Work crews serve non-profit organizations in a multitude of ways, as well as providing services to departments within Garfield County as needed. Some of the departments Workenders has serviced are the following: Garfield County Fairgrounds, Procurement, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff's Office, DHS, and more.

"Workenders provides not only a labor force doing good for our community, but also is a form of restorative justice which has been shown to reduce recidivism and leave offenders with a feeling of 'giving back.'" -Jack Haroutunian, Workenders supervisor.



**WORK
RELEASE**

At the end of 2022, Garfield County Criminal Justice Services implemented a work release program. This program allows individuals to continue working in the community but requires them to stay at the community corrections facility instead of serving a jail sentence. In 2022, Garfield County Criminal Justice Services received over \$4,500 from work release clients.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

MISSION

The mission of Garfield County Community Corrections is to support offenders in the continued improvement of their lives by holding them accountable and providing them with the tools to make positive behavioral change while becoming law abiding citizens. Through these principles we strive to enhance and preserve public safety.

MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

VISION

To ensure consistency and accountability of our clients in all areas of their personal development.

To ensure we are providing the right tools to the right clients at the right time in their journey.

Utilize our resources with the goal of the best possible outcome.

VALUES

Safety — We strive to ensure the safety of the public, our staff, and our clients.

By providing a structured environment and the appropriate tools for those involved to make appropriate decisions, we are decreasing the likelihood of continued criminal activity.

Garfield County Community Corrections (GCCC)



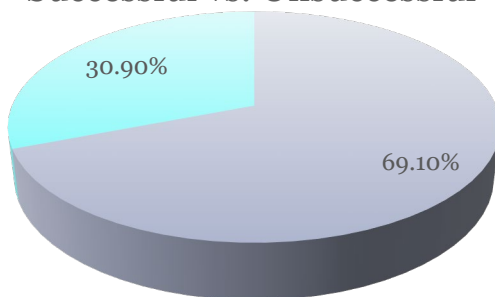
What is Community Corrections?

Community Corrections is a sentencing alternative for individuals with felony convictions. It can be used in lieu of prison sentences or as a transition option for those who were in prison.

Community Corrections creates a rehabilitation option for offenders. We also provide services such as: life skills training, counseling, financial planning, employment search, and much more.

What is the success rate for individuals in Community Corrections?

Successful vs. Unsuccessful



■ Successful ■ Unsuccessful

What Populations does Community Corrections Serve?

Community Corrections serves a variety of individuals. Offenders can be directly sentenced from the court to Community Corrections, or they can be sentenced from prison to help their transition into society. An offender can also be placed in Community Corrections if they are on probation or parole and need additional supervision.

- In 2022, over 65% of clients sentenced to Garfield County Community Corrections successfully completed their sentences.
- Clients in the program made approximately \$900,000 gross income in 2022.
 - About \$25,000 was paid to court ordered child support payments.
 - About \$45,000 was paid in restitution and court fines/fees.
 - Roughly \$33,000 was paid in state taxes, and \$68,000 in federal taxes.
- In 2022, roughly \$44,000 was received from other judicial districts in the state of Colorado to house clients in our facility.

Transportation Services

Based on the location of the facility, transportation is offered to clients in the program. There are specified times when staff will go to different locations and drop clients off. There are two main designated drop-off locations; however, exceptions can be made for those going to medical appointments or education related classes.



Clients are also able to purchase a bicycle, helmet, and reflective vest to ride down to their destination, bus stop, or Walmart if the transportation services do not coincide with their schedules.

A variety of treatment services are offered to the clients at Garfield County Community Corrections. Some are offered in person, while others are offered via telehealth.

Treatment Services

Employment Services



Garfield County Community Corrections contracts with the Workforce Center to help clients find and maintain stable employment. This is done by helping with resumes, GED classes, continuing education classes, job training certifications, etc.

*For more information regarding approved property, rules/regulations, etc., please visit www.garfield-county.com/criminal-justice/residential/

Residential

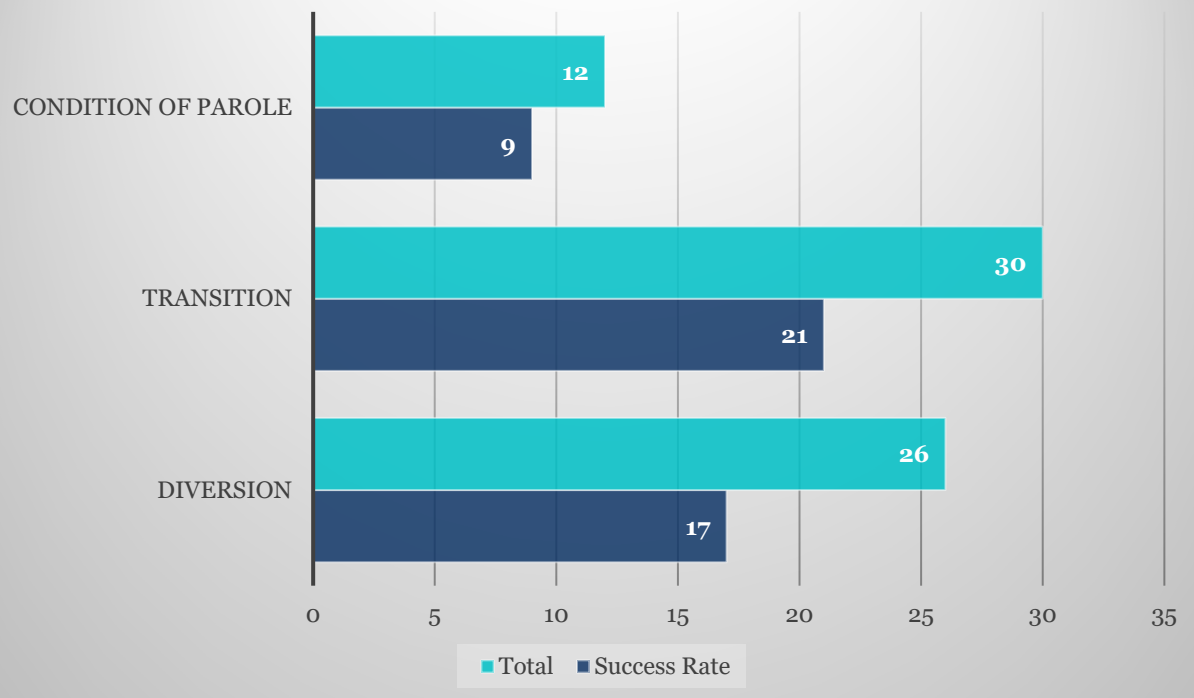
Residential

This chart depicts the number of residential clients in 2022, as well as how many successfully completed their community corrections sentence.

When an offender is sentenced to Community Corrections, they are considered Residential clients.

"Thank you, for helping me through all of my ups and downs. For this program being my rock when I had no ground to stand on. I would not be the person I am today without all the support you guys have given me and I know that you guys will keep inspiring me to become an even better version of myself like you already have. I learned that I have a story and that my story matters." -Residential Client

Total vs. Successful Completion

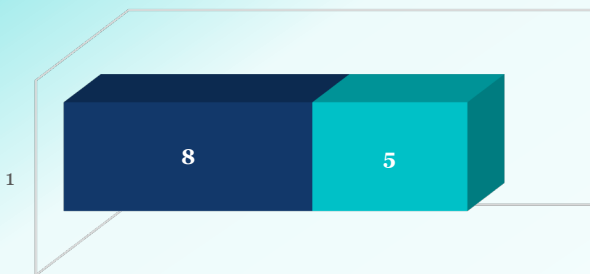


Non-Residential

Diversion clients who successfully complete the Residential portion of their stay have the option to live in the community while still having supervision through the Community Corrections facility. This gives them the opportunity to transition into life in the community.

In 2022, a total of 13 clients progressed to Non-Residential Status, 8 of those people successfully completed their sentence.

NON-RES SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION



“As a Case Manager at Garfield County Community Corrections, I enjoy working with clients on an individual basis as they work towards positive changes in their lives. I am able to provide them with the necessary tools and support for continued progress in the community, and every success story makes it all worth it.” – Shiloh Mowen, Residential Case Manager.

“Working in this field really comes down to enjoying working with people and being part of something bigger than yourself. We work with a vulnerable part of the population, helping individuals get to a better place in their individual lives and become honest, healthy members of our communities. If an individual is not failing, making mistakes, whatever you want to call it, they are not learning which means they are just existing.

The individuals who enter Garfield County Community Corrections, for the most part, come in with their heads down in shame, they feel angry, lost, guilty, and defeated.

I believe our program can motivate, facilitate, support, and of course—if the clients have an open mind and a desire—they will make long-term changes in their individual lives.”

-Eric France, Residential Case Manager



Melinda Chenoweth (Left), Shiloh Mowen
(Middle), Mary Gillis (Right)



Javier Sanchez (Left), Brandon Berner (Right)

A special thank you to our county commissioners for their continued support of these programs.