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## **Colorado probation officers honored during national recognition week** *Changing Lives, Building Futures, July 21-27*

DENVER – *Pre-Trial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week*, celebrating professionals who help ensure public safety and provide services to crime victims while holding offenders accountable, will be observed July 21 to 27 across Colorado and the country.

The national week-long observance, begun in 2000, recognizes the essential work of probation, parole, community corrections and pre-trial services and is a time to recognize and celebrate the dedicated and caring individuals who work tirelessly to make neighborhoods safer places. These professionals are on duty each and every day to assist juvenile and adult offenders in becoming better citizens with productive lives

“Probation serves a crucial role as a community-based sentencing option for the courts, using Evidence Based Practices to ensure offenders placed on probation are safely integrating into society and compensating their victims while realizing significant cost savings for the state by keeping some offenders out of prison while they are being supervised,” said Eric Philp, director of the Division of Probation Services.

In Fiscal Year 2012, Colorado’s probation system supervised an average daily population of 54,615 adult and juvenile offenders; monitored 5,790 adults convicted for DUI/DWAI; and was responsible for 19,715 adults on private probation. Success rates were up last year and

recidivism rates down for those completing probation. Sixty-seven percent of adults and seventy-five percent of juveniles successfully completed regular probation, fulfilling their court orders and terms of probation. Colorado probation also notified 17,533 victims of crime of their right to receive notification of certain critical stage events with sixteen percent of those victims asserting their rights and signing up for notification.

The Division of Probation Services, a part of the Colorado Judicial Department, also provides information for judicial officers to make sentencing decisions and provides services to victims including monitoring court-ordered restitution and providing notification in changes of case status for certain offenses.

During Fiscal Year 2012, more than \$25 million in restitution was collected by the Judicial Department and distributed to victims, with an additional \$29.2 million collected for victim assistance and compensation funds. The Judicial Department also collected more than \$13.3 million in fees and surcharges designated for helping indigent probationers with court-ordered treatment and services.

For more information, visit the Colorado Division of Probation Services at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Division.cfm?Division=prob> or the American Probation and Parole Association at <http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/>.