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8th Judicial District Juvenile Probation Unit wins Judicial Branch award *Colorado Judicial Department recognizes outstanding employees*

DENVER – The 2011 Colorado Judicial Branch *Team of the Year* award went to the 8th Judicial District Juvenile Probation Unit. The Colorado Judicial Branch annually recognizes a handful of outstanding employees for exemplary work contributing to the high quality of service provided throughout the state’s 22 judicial districts.

Nominating the team were numerous professionals involved in juvenile justice and rehabilitation throughout the 8th Judicial District (Jackson and Larimer counties).

“This team works together in a fashion unparalleled to many, consistently lifting up one another, encouraging each other with kindness and humor, supporting each other through personal crisis, and coming together to find solutions to obstacles and improve best practices,” probation supervisors Lynette Dunn and Sharon Swett said in a nomination letter. “The atmosphere of cooperation, support, and a never-ending willingness to help one another is phenomenal. Their positive morale is demonstrated by their willingness to consistently go above and beyond, creating new programs and fostering pro-social activities to involve their youth.”

Members of the 8th Judicial District Probation Team are Francesca Arruzza-Obrien, Lori Bragg, Denise Cosgrove, Moriah Eisert, Courtney Gailey, Paula Gates, Tom Harbaugh, Tonya

Hertz, Lawrence Hollier, Dirk Kettlekamp, Jessica Link, Mandi Lozano, Scott Newbold, Trevor Quinlivan, Tracy Stromberg, Dixie Vogel, Gordon Walker and Carol Wright.

The Colorado Judicial Branch includes the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, as well as the state's district and county trial courts. The branch is also home to the Department of Probation Services, which employs more than 1,100 people including approximately 900 probation supervisors and officers. The department's officers are responsible for supervising more than 6,000 juvenile offenders and more than 54,000 adult offenders.

As of July 1, 2011, the Colorado Judicial Branch employed approximately 3,400 employees, which includes 374 justices, judges and magistrates. In fiscal year 2011, the latest for which full statistics are available, there were 505,265 cases filed statewide at the County Court level, 246,728 filed in District Court, 2,742 in the Court of Appeals and 1,387 in the Supreme Court. There were an additional 956 cases filed in the Water Courts.