



Colorado Justice: Celebrating 41 years of fair  
and impartial courts through merit selection

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## **Probation, parole & community supervision week to be celebrated July 15 through 21, 2007**

During the week of July 15, people across the United States and its territories will join together to recognize professionals who provide public safety, victims' services and hold offenders accountable. The Colorado Judicial Branch's probation department was responsible for supervising more than 41,000 adult and juvenile offenders and writing more than 19,000 pre-sentence reports in fiscal year 2006.

Since 1841, the practice of probation and parole has played a vital role in our justice system. These professionals are a critical part of the public safety system, safeguarding the public from criminal activity with prevention, intervention, establishing community connections and victim advocacy work.

"During this week, we take time to recognize probation, parole, community supervision officers, and criminal and juvenile justice professions for their commitment to providing safer communities," said Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey. "The Colorado Judicial Branch has made significant strides in addressing the demands of adult and juvenile offenders. The system has been widely recognized for its achievements and innovation."

These professionals exhibit care and concern for victims of crime and our communities while at the same time holding offenders accountable. One day they may play the part of a

counselor, the next they are enforcing the rules of an offender's supervision. They may help a single mother find daycare or a job in order to abide by the conditions of her supervision. They are problem solvers, crime prevention specialists, motivators, educators, facilitators and often times they are the only support system an offender may have. The work they do is one of the most important jobs in community safety, yet the public often does not know how this vital job is performed.

Members of our community are encouraged to join together during Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place to live. For additional information about Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week, please visit the American Probation and Parole Association's website at [http://www.appa-net.org/resource\\_kit/2007/](http://www.appa-net.org/resource_kit/2007/).