



*Garfield County*

Criminal Justice Services

# ANNUAL REVIEW

**Calendar Year 2024**



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



This review is intended to provide an overview of the entire Garfield County Criminal Justice Services Department and the services we provide to the citizens of Garfield County and the Ninth Judicial District. With 5 programs to offer both pre- and post-conviction services the Criminal Justice Services Department wants to highlight the work of our dedicated staff members and the successes of our client populations. I hope that you find the information helpful in understanding the many opportunities that Criminal Justice Services provides, and the impact of those programs on the citizens in Garfield County and the ninth Judicial District.

Criminal Justice Services saw a reduction in staff turnover in 2024, with a renewed interest in employment from the local community. We have also seen increased interest and participation in most program areas, to include Community Corrections, Work Release, Pretrial Services and Useful Public Service throughout 2024, and expect to see continued growth and utilization of our programs in 2025.

Criminal Justice Services was able to focus on staff training and development through 2024 with all personnel receiving an increased number of training hours over last year. We were able to provide over 20 hours of in-house training in addition to many external training programs such as First Aid, ICS, Motivational Interviewing and Crisis Intervention training. Workforce Development and staff training programs will continue to be a primary focus of the Criminal Justice Services unit moving into 2025.

I want to thank all of the individuals and businesses that support our organization and our client's success. Without the support of our County Commissioners and business partners throughout the community our programs would not be what they are today, or where we plan to go in the future. Your support is invaluable to our success as a program and our client's success as transitioning citizens.

# A Message from Security Supervisor Mary Gillis

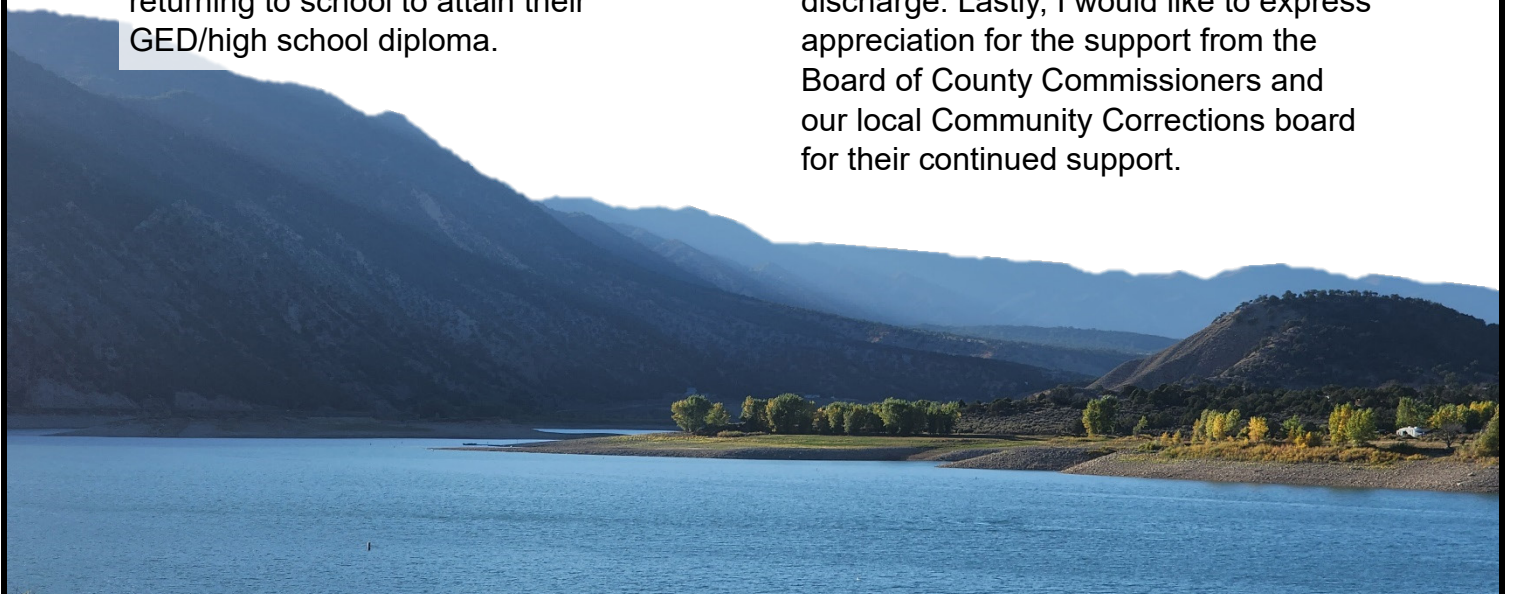


In 2024, Garfield County Community Corrections experienced some changes in personnel that resulted in our department welcoming 3 new employees to our team. Their experience and education will bring some fresh, new ideas and tried and true techniques and approaches to our team. I look forward to seeing what these new employees will accomplish over the next year. Throughout 2024, we continued to enhance our team dynamics so that we could make strides with our communication, raise morale, improve performance, and resolve conflict swiftly.

Community Corrections continued to highlight the personal and professional accomplishments that our residential and non-residential clients have worked incredibly hard on during 2024. We have celebrated clients obtaining their CDL, obtaining their cross fit certification, and returning to school to attain their GED/high school diploma.

We understand the importance of investing in our client's future to reduce recidivism. Staff, clients, and signed-in visitors have an opportunity to view many of our recent client accomplishments that are proudly displayed on our wall of success.

Personally, I have become more comfortable and gained confidence during my second year in my security supervisor position. It is such an honor to lead a team of hard-working, goal-oriented security officers, and their hard work continues to inspire me every day. I was incredibly grateful for the opportunity to participate in Garfield County's Middle Management class throughout 2024 and will utilize my training going into 2025. I intend to have more staff involvement in the activities that focus on client progression in the program and their continued success after their community corrections discharge. Lastly, I would like to express appreciation for the support from the Board of County Commissioners and our local Community Corrections board for their continued support.



## **2024**

### **Accomplishments**

- The Work Release Program continues to be an effective sentencing option by providing Garfield and Pitkin Counties with a cost-effective alternative to jail sentences. In 2024, Work Release generated approximately \$112,000 and had just over 1740 participation days.
- Pre-Trial services received a grant of over \$100,000 to further develop services and computer systems.
- Community Corrections has been steadily maintaining a daily occupancy rate near 50 throughout the year. Overall, it represents approximately 60% Diversion sentences and 38% Transition Clients, with the balance being made up of Condition of Parole and Work Release.

## **2025**

### **Goals**

- Garfield County Criminal Justice will pursue improvement in all areas in 2025, to include opportunities for program and income expansion.
- The Community Corrections program will continue to strive for program improvements as directed by the results of the audits completed in 2024, and we will continue working to ensure the average daily occupancy numbers continue to increase.
- Work-enders, UPS, and the Work Release programs will work with the Judicial Branch to continue to provide quality alternative sentencing options while encouraging increasing use of these services.
- We are pursuing an on-line bill pay option for Work-enders and UPS programs.

# MISSION

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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 ninth Judicial District. Using 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.

# VISION

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Our vision is to enhance our program, offering to best meet the needs of the ninth 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.

# VALUES

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



Rick Harter  
Residential Services  
Manager



Mary Gillis  
Security Supervisor



Elizabeth Stewart-Clark  
Pre-Trial Services  
Supervisor

"Transforming the way you think is the catalyst for reshaping the world around you.  
Embrace the power of your mind to create a ripple effect of positive change."

**-Eric France, Residential Case Manager**

# Garfield County Criminal Justice Services Programs

Garfield County offers 5 different programs and their services to support the criminal justice process in the ninth Judicial District.

## Pre-Trial Services

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Pre-Trial serves the ninth judicial district by completing risk assessments and defendant supervision for those out on bond.

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.

Those aspects allow for better consideration for release conditions for bond and allows the court more individualized and least restrictive release options to consider.

In 2014 Pretrial Services secured a \$109,000 grant to support HB21-1280 also known as the 48 rule or weekend advisements.

With this grant, we have continued to employ a part time weekend and holiday person, providing 7 day a week coverage and a software update to include the new CPAT-R.

With the added help and hard work of our team, we've begun completing CPAT-R's for those who have bonded out prior to being seen by pretrial staff or a Judge.

With this process, Pretrial Services continues to support the needs of the court and community through risk assessments and defendant supervision for those out on bond.



# Post-Conviction Services:

## Community Corrections

Community Corrections is a sentencing alternative for individuals with felony convictions. It can either be used in lieu of prison sentences or as a transition option for those who have served prison sentences. Community Corrections offers rehabilitative services such as: life skills training, counseling, financial planning, employment search, and much more.

## Work Release

Created in 2022, the Garfield County Work Release program allows individuals to continue working in the community instead of serving a jail sentence; however, they are required to stay at the community corrections facility. Not only does this program allow these individuals to continue working in the community, but it is also a more cost-effective alternative to a jail sentence.

## Useful Public Service

The Useful Public Service (UPS) program is an alternative sentencing option which is used in co-ordination with court-ordered community service through assigned placement with non-profit organizations.

## Work-enders

The Garfield County Work-ender Program is an alternative sentencing option designed for people to serve their jail sentence in weekly, two-day intervals. Work-enders serve non-profit organizations in a multitude of ways, as well as providing services to departments within Garfield County as needed.



Cathy Trevena  
UPS Services Co-Ordinator



Jon "Wes" Soles  
Work-ENDER Co-Ordinator

# 2024 Success Rates

## Useful Public Service

Out of the individuals who were sentenced to complete community service, 500 successfully completed their hours.

## Work-enders

54 clients enrolled in Work-enders 37 completed successfully, 11 did not, with the balance still enrolled.

## Work Release

Out of the 38 people sentenced to Work Release, 37 successfully completed their sentence. This allowed for over 1742 days to be served in the community rather than in jail.

## Community Corrections

In 2024 87 individuals were processed into Community Corrections. 47 clients successfully completed the program that year.

- Condition of Parole: 9 new arrivals
- Transition (Individuals sentenced from prison): 27.
- Diversion (Direct sentence from the court): 49.
  - 8 diversion clients progressed to Non-Residential status.

## Non-Residential

Of the 10 Non-Residential clients assigned in 2024, 2 successfully completed their sentence and were discharged. The remainder continue to serve their sentence in the Non-Residential Program.



Staff from left to right:  
Emily France, Brandon Burner,  
Eric France, Shiloh Mowen.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are the benefits of Community Corrections?

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Clients in Community Corrections are required to maintain full-time employment, attend treatment sessions, pay state and federal taxes as well as court-ordered child support—if it is mandated.

Clients sentenced to Community Corrections gross income for 2024 is just over one million dollars.

\$1,093,510.00 gross income for Clients.

\$6,394.00 paid in child support.

\$90,414.00 paid in Federal, State and Local taxes.

\$53,527.00 paid in restitution payments.

## What is the approval process? What items can I bring for a residential client?

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A referral will be sent to the Community Corrections board for review, if accepted, a date will be sent for them to be transferred to the facility. Once they have transferred to the facility and their intake complete, they will be able to contact members of the community.

\*For more information as well as allowable property, please visit our website at:

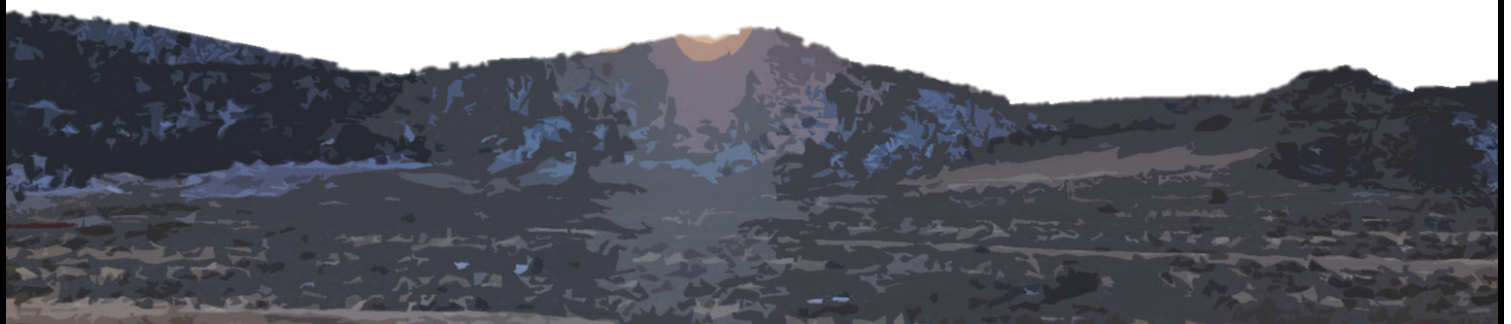
<https://www.garfieldcountyco.gov>

# Community Corrections Board

Garfield County Community Corrections Board members are made up of agency representatives and citizen members. There are a total of 15 spots on the Board with approximately 8 of those positions being held by volunteer citizen members and the balance composed of representatives from the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office in both Garfield and Pitkin Counties, the Public Defender's Office, Department of Human Services, Colorado Probation, and the County Manager.

The Garfield County Community Corrections Board provides administrative support and oversight to the Community Corrections program. This Board contracts with the State of Colorado to ensure that Garfield County provides quality Community Corrections services and meets state compliance standards.

The Board members also provide screening of client referrals for all potential client placements to include Diversion (direct sentence from the courts), Transition (transfer from Colorado Department of Corrections), Condition of Parole (those referred from the Parole Staff) and Condition of Probation (those who must complete Community Corrections as part of their probation sentence). In 2024 the Screening Committee members screened 227 cases, and the Program screened an additional 48 cases for consideration of Community Corrections Placement at Garfield County.



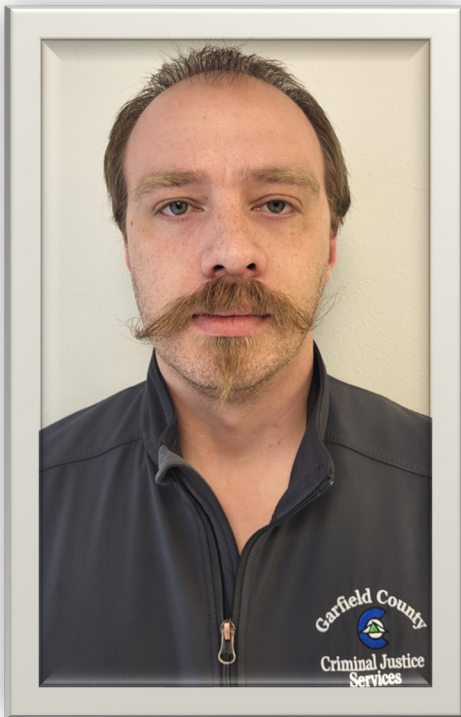
# IMPACTFUL EMPLOYEES

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Garfield County Community Corrections recognized two employees for Above and Beyond Awards during the 2024 Community Corrections Conference who, through their own efforts, consistently contributed to our mission and vision by performing tasks and duties that exceed expectations. We would like to take a moment to congratulate Jacob Piper and Javier Sanchez for their continued efforts to exceed expectations and make contributions that have a positive impact on our organization.

After 4 years of service to Garfield County Community Corrections, Jacob Piper continues to put time aside to find innovative ways to improve work efficiency. Jacob's ability to be self-starting and self-motivating has made him a vital member of our team. With 3 years of service with Garfield County Community Corrections, Javier Sanchez has ventured out of his comfort zone to take on more responsibility by learning more about the other programs in Criminal Justice Services and always filling in where the facility needs were without any hesitation. This characteristic highlights Javier's incredible adaptability, flexibility, and versatility.

We congratulate both Jacob and Javier for going Above and Beyond in 2024.



Jacob Piper  
GCSO II



Javier Sanchez  
GCSO I

# Client Testimony and Thanks

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“Garfield community corrections is a place for second chances for people who really want to change and are given a chance to prove that they want to change and better their life. Garfield community corrections has changed my life in so many ways, but I had to make the choice if I wanted to change for the better and had to prove to them that I wanted to be here. Not only did I have to prove to them, but I had to prove to myself ever since I was accepted into community corrections.

I have come a long way from where I started since I have been here, I have been able to save up a good amount of money so I can be able to get out and get a place and a vehicle. I have been able to build a good, strong foundation for myself for when I get out. I have also gotten my high school diploma while being in here and now it hangs on the wall of Garfield community corrections. I never had an ID and lost my social and birth certificate, and now I have gained all those things. I got a good job and kept it.

The people who work here are really, truly good people that believe in giving second chances to the ones who show, prove, and put in the work for a second chance. The people who work here have truly helped me change my life and it is a good place to come to for help you need if you really want to change. It has the most success rate of people continuing to do good when they are out.

Honestly, I have accomplished so much being here, I do not know where I would be in life if I did not make the choice to come here and change my life. I am so thankful for everyone who works here and that I got to prove to them that I want and deserve a second chance.”

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**-Residential Client**

*A special thank you to our County Commissioners for their  
continued support of these programs.*