

CITY OF BOULDER MUNICIPAL COURT



TRIAL COURTS IN COLORADO

- District Court (Boulder is the 20th Judicial District)
 - Felony criminal cases
 - Most civil cases
- County Court
 - Misdemeanor & petty offense criminal cases
 - Traffic cases
 - Low level civil cases
- Municipal Courts (7 total in Boulder County)
 - Traffic cases
 - Criminal & non-criminal code violations
 - Quasi-judicial hearings

TRADITIONAL ROLE OF MUNICIPAL COURTS

- Provide a geographically convenient forum for cases that could be filed in county court
 - Traffic cases are the universal example
- Adjudicate violations of local laws, some of which have no state counterparts
 - “Junk” ordinances as an example
- Quasi-judicial hearings
 - Liquor licensing and alleged license violations are a common example of this function

ROLE OF BOULDER MUNICIPAL COURT

- All traditional municipal court functions
- Adjudicates cases involving violations of laws uniquely crafted to address the “quality of life” in the local community
- Emphasizes problem-solving
- Process is valued as highly as outcomes
- Hallmarks are innovation, collaboration, evidence-based approaches

MUNICIPAL COURT CASES

Types of Cases

- Parking tickets
- Traffic citations, including photo radar and red light
- General offenses, primarily classified as criminal
- Animal enforcement
- Code enforcement
- Quasi-judicial hearings

Citing Agencies

- Parking Services
- Boulder Police Department
- CU Police Department
- Animal Control (BPD)
- OSMP Rangers
- Code Enforcement (BPD)

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

PRESIDING JUDGE

DEPUTY COURT ADMINSTRATOR

Administrative Assistant

Deputy Court Clerk: Specialist

Finance Specialist

Associate Judge

Dep. Court. Clerk: Settings/Jury

Deputy Court Clerk: Courtroom

City/CU Coordinator

Relief Judge

Deputy Court Clerk

Probation Officer

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Deputy Court Clerk (fixed term)

Probation Navigator (vacant)

Relief Judge

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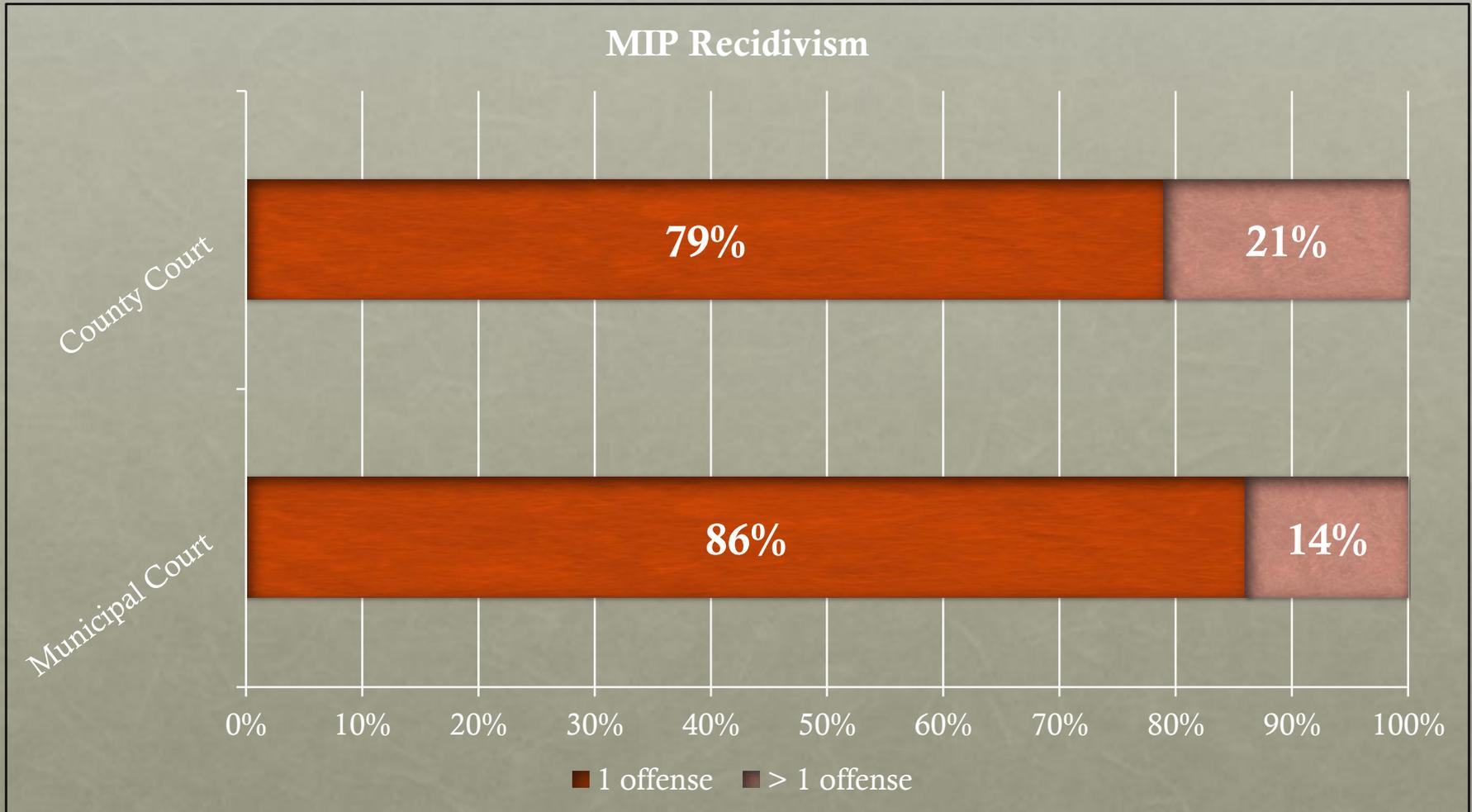
INNOVATIONS

- Individual screening & assignment to treatment for Minor in Possession of Alcohol or Marijuana cases
- Restorative Justice through CU and Community Mediation Services
- Case planning & navigation for homeless offenders using internal resources, mini homeless impact team, & high utilizer project
- Use of technology in the courtroom

CHALLENGES

- Change as a constant for staff
- Staying abreast of best practices and encouraging implementation by providers
- Managing community and stakeholder expectations, which are always high and often in direct conflict with each other
- Time/energy devoted to fostering & maintaining collaborations

OUTCOMES: MIP

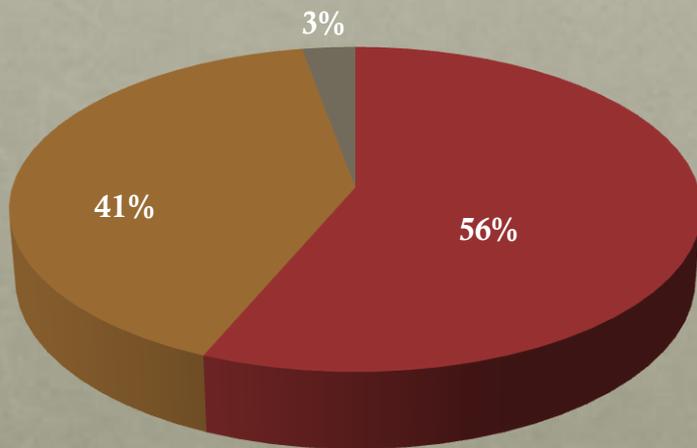


OUTCOMES: CURJ VOLUNTEERS

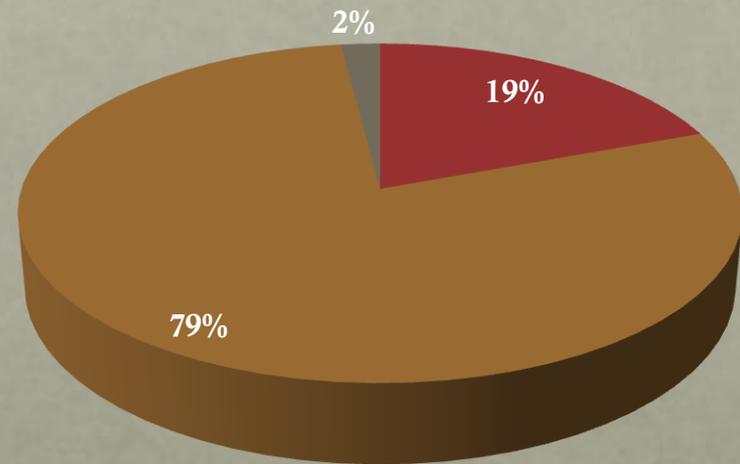
- **99%** of CURJ volunteers are satisfied or very satisfied with **how the facilitators handled the case.**
- **99%** of CURJ volunteers feel that they were **given adequate opportunity to express their opinions.**
- **99%** of CURJ volunteers feel that the **offender was held accountable for the violation.**
- **99%** of CURJ volunteers feel that the **student learned something from the conference.**
- **99%** of CURJ volunteers feel that the **agreement will help repair the harms caused by the violation**

OUTCOMES: CURJ OFFENDERS

Impacted Parties
Identified Pre-RJ



Impacted Parties
Acknowledged Post-RJ



**Maroon = 1-3 parties impacted; Tan = 4-6 parties impacted;
Grey = 7+ parties impacted**

OUTCOMES: HOMELESS

- Facilitated placement of appropriate defendants at 1175 Lee Hill as vacancies occur (7 to date; 6 current residents)
- Participation in High Utilizer Group, resulting in 67% completion of VISPDAT & housing match form, many by court probation staff
- Probation staffs the Homeless Resource Center weekly on Tuesday mornings
- Court sentences fashioned to incentivize progressive engagement with homeless resources
- Piloted Probation Navigator position with law student intern Summer 2015

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- General offenses: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.
- Minors in Possession: Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Jail court: M,W,F at 11:45 a.m. at the jail
(M: Judge Cooke; W,F: Judge Cahn)
- Traffic court: most Wednesdays and Fridays at
8:30 a.m. (Judge Cahn)
- Jury trials: select Thursdays (various judges)