

HAPPY 2021!

CJCC NEWSLETTER

Adams County

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DELIVERING OPPORTUNITIES AND OPENING RESOURCES (DOOR) GRANT

The consultant has been selected for the DOOR grant! The organization that will support this project is the Alliance for Community and Justice Innovation (ACJI). Below is a brief overview of ACJI:



"At the Alliance for Community and Justice Innovation (ACJI), we are dedicated to the implementation of transformational, research-based principles, practices, programs, and policies designed to innovate and bring about system change. Our team brings over 90 collective years of experience with criminal justice, human services, community-based organizations and behavioral health systems, applying innovation, creativity and insight into the development and implementation of research-driven practices that address systemic criminal justice issues. Our services include research and evaluation, implementation support based on the fundamentals of implementation science, policy advisement, training and coaching, and organizational change facilitation."

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JUSTICE-CENTRALIZED ONLINE RECORDS PORTAL (J-CORP)

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has been signed by both the city of Thornton and the city of Brighton. The IGA is now going through the county and sheriff's office process.



CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT BOARD

The 17th Judicial District Correctional Treatment Board applied for funding for two projects in FY 2022. The board was awarded \$20,000 per project. The projects were to fund sober living beds and transportation for those involved in treatment courts in the judicial district.

JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATES



- The Link remains open on a 24 hour schedule to serve all referrals for screening and services for youth and their families.
- The Adams County Community Diversion Board has raised the need for communication between municipalities regarding municipal tickets and youth with multiple cases. Currently diversion opportunities exist for drug and alcohol related offenses but expanding diversion highlights an opportunity for increased communication and shared information among municipalities.
- The statewide reduced numbers by Executive Order in DYS facilities continued through each month including December; Adams Youth Services Center has a cap at 17 beds currently.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS



The selection committee for the Community Corrections Board chose Intervention Community Corrections Services to begin operations at the Opportunity Center. This transition will happen January 11, 2021.

POVERTY REDUCTION AND HOMELESSNESS EFFORTS

On October 26th, Adams County reactivated its Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP) pilot for the winter season. In partnership with Almost Home, Inc., SWAP provides motel vouchers and other survival resources to literal homeless individuals and families during periods of inclement weather, which is when the temperatures drop below 32 degrees when wet or 20 degrees when dry. In its initial run at the end of last winter, a total of 88 vouchers were distributed in the initial two-month pilot. In its first six weeks of this winter season, SWAP has already provided a total of 168 vouchers to people experiencing homelessness. Intakes this season are being done at Anythink Library at 9417 Huron St. in Thornton. For more information on SWAP including notifications of activation days, visit www.almosthomeonline.org/swap.



COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Parking program: A new parking program has been formed in the CSWB department. A parking enforcement staff member will be selected in the month of December, with program implementation beginning in early 2021. The program will focus on enforcement in the Adams County zone north of Regis University where overflow parking from the college has been an issue.



NEW DEPARTMENT STAFF INTRODUCTION!

Lindsey Earl joins CSWB as the new Homelessness Coordinator! Lindsey joins the team with experience serving 11 nonprofit and governmental organizations throughout the nation, including working with the nation's second-largest homeless encampment. Lindsey has worked at Mile High United Way's 2-1-1 Help Center providing guidance and referrals to the thousands of Coloradans on the verge of eviction, foreclosure, and houselessness as well as grant writing. Poverty alleviation is close to Lindsey's heart, so she is thrilled to join the team at CSWB. In her new position, Lindsey has been helping with the creation of a Homelessness Reduction Strategic Framework, exploring options for safe outdoor spaces (SOS) and safe parking, investigating the county's adoption of Housing First practices, planning for the end of the eviction moratorium, and strengthening the collaboration with the Parks Department to identify people living outside.

RESOURCES

BELOW ARE A FEW LINKS OF INTEREST FOR YOUR AGENCIES!

Debt in Texas: The unintended Consequences of Government Fines and Fees. There are two webinars and coordinating resources available on this topic:

<https://www.dallasfed.org/cd/events/2020/20debttxfinesfees#n1>

The Prison Policy Initiative published a press release outlining Mass Incarceration, COVID-19 and Community Spread. Information from this report can be found here:

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/covidspread.html>