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### **Community –based Offender Treatment Services** **Substance Abuse Treatment Services** **Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC)**

In Colorado, 76% of inmates have a moderate to severe need for substance abuse treatment (Barr, Gilbert, & O’Keefe, 2012). One of the programs funded by the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC) to help link this high volume of offenders with substance abuse treatment is the Colorado Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (Colorado TASC) program, administered by a contractual relationship with Peer Assistance Services, Inc. (PAS).

The CDOC has implemented a comprehensive case management and drug-use monitoring system with PAS TASC. Over the course of the contractual relationship, the division and TASC have developed a unique relationship in assessing and treating the offender population with respect to their substance use needs. The core service provided by TASC is comprehensive case management. TASC does not provide substance use or mental health treatment services. TASC assesses offenders utilizing the SOA-R assessment tool and in collaboration with the community parole officer (CPO) determines the appropriate treatment plan for the offender. Utilizing pass-through treatment/drug monitoring funding from the CDOC (HB 1352, \$1,757,100), TASC issues vouchers and refers offenders to the appropriate substance use ATP treatment provider (over 65 state-wide). TASC services are funded from the Correctional Treatment Fund (\$2,860,375) and CDOC contract services funding. Last fiscal year, 16% of TASC clients were on ISP.

TASC provides the following services:

- Comprehensive offender case management, drug use monitoring for those offenders in treatment, substance use treatment referral and compliance (with respect to the Parole agreement) to over 9,000 offenders annually,
- Daily reports provided to parole staff indicating non-compliance in the interest of public safety,
- Provides services in 10 offices statewide (Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Englewood, Denver, Westminster, Longmont, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Grand Junction and Durango),
- TASC case managers travel to 15 rural areas to provide case management services (see map),
- Skilled staff who are trained in the mandated Standard Offender Assessment (SOA-R) and are Certified Addictions Counselors (CAC),
- Provide baseline UAs for parolees (according to statute),
- Capable of handling co-occurring (substance use & mental health) offender assessment and case management, and
- Record and document offender treatment contact information in CDOC’s CWISE system.

Drug testing provides the division with objective measurements of offender compliance. TASC provides urinalysis testing with oral fluid testing and breathalyzer monitoring services using an automated color line which the client calls each day to determine if they need to appear at the TASC office to provide a specimen. Last fiscal year, TASC conducted almost 53,000 drug screens with 15% positive tests, 28% no-shows, 51% negative tests and 6% diluted tests.

TASC staff: 47  
Rate/day/offender = \$2.23

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