

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you for taking part! We appreciate your time.

Your answers will be used only for reporting purposes.

**Your name will not be used in any reporting to the Probation Department and the State of Colorado.**

*This survey will only take about 15 minutes.*

*A stamped envelope is enclosed. Please return the survey within one week.*

Community meetings will be held in your area; if you wish to attend, please give us your name and phone number and we will contact you with information. Please feel free to call the Probation Department (Peg Christian, 247-0982, Extension 117) if you have any questions about this survey, or would prefer completing this by phone.

*Si usted no comprende ingles, por favor llama a Peg Christian a 247-0982, #117, y puede asistirlo.  
Su opinion sobre nuestra sistema de justicia es muy importante.*

**Please put a check [ ] in the space that best describes what you think about the following statements.**

1) Crime in my county is increasing.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

2) The criminal justice system is working well in my county.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us how you feel about VICTIMS (*people who have had a crime committed against them*):**

3) Victims get a chance to have their say in the criminal justice process.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

4) Authorities should pay attention to the victim's wishes.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please tell us what you think about OFFENDERS (those who have been convicted of a crime):**

5) Non violent offenders should be offered a chance for rehabilitation, like drug and/or alcohol treatment or anger management classes, instead of jail time.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Don't Know    Disagree    Strongly Disagree  
[ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]

6) Non violent offenders should have the chance to repair the harm done to their victim(s), like working to pay back money, instead of jail time.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Don't Know    Disagree    Strongly Disagree  
[ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]

7) "Community Service", like helping with community projects or volunteering at a local church/service club, is an important part of sentencing non-violent offenders.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Don't Know    Disagree    Strongly Disagree  
[ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]

8) I believe that non-violent offenders should always be sentenced to jail terms.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Don't Know    Disagree    Strongly Disagree  
[ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]

9) Those who have committed violent crimes should be offered a chance for rehabilitation.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Don't Know    Disagree    Strongly Disagree  
[ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Now tell us about your COMMUNITY (the town or village where you live):**

10) My community has input into the current criminal justice system.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Don't Know    Disagree    Strongly Disagree  
[ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]

11) I think the community should help decide the sentences of those who have committed crimes.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Don't Know    Disagree    Strongly Disagree  
[ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us about your own EXPERIENCE: (This information will be kept strictly confidential.)**

12) I have been involved in the criminal justice system, as a(n):

Victim            Offender            Family member/friend of a victim            Family member/friend of an offender            Never involved  
[ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]                    [ ]

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13) Authorities in the criminal justice system answer my questions and explain things clearly to me, my family, or my friends.

Strongly Agree   Agree   Don't Know   Disagree   Strongly Disagree  
           

14) People at the Probation Department are available to answer questions and explain things to me, my family, or my friends.

Strongly Agree   Agree   Don't Know   Disagree   Strongly Disagree  
           

15) I am a    Female    Male

16) My age is:    18-20    21-35    36-50    51-70    71+

17) As far as my income is concerned, I believe I am:

Upper Class   Upper Middle Class   Middle Class   Lower Middle Class   Lower Class  
           

18) My ethnicity/race is:

Hispanic    White    Native American    African American    Asian    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us what you are willing to do about CRIME:**

19) Please contact me with information about:

a) How I can help improve our criminal justice system locally.

Yes

No

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

b) Attending one neighborhood meeting where I could offer my ideas about crime in the community.

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

No

c) How to offer work to an offender as part of his/her sentence.

Yes

No

Any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your assistance!! Please mail this survey right away.***