

Program Profile

Persistent Drunk Driver Program

Program Description

Pursuant to legislation passed in 1998, penalties were increased for high Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) and repeat Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenders. The Persistent Drunk Driver (PDD) fund was created to support programs intended to deter persistent drunk driving or intended to educate the public, with particular emphasis on the education of young drivers, regarding the dangers of persistent drunk driving. The fund is also intended to assist indigent impaired driving offenders with the costs associated with fulfilling their requirements. A persistent drunk driver includes someone who drives with a BAC of .17% or greater, or has more than one impaired driving offenses.

Authorizing Legislation

(House Bill 98-1334) Sponsors Hagedorn/Hopper C.R.S 42-3-303 (formerly 42-3-130.5)

Population Served

Residents of Colorado with an emphasis on young drivers. Residents of Colorado communities with a high percentage of PDD's. And indigent DUI offenders who need assistance with the costs of required education, treatment and interventions.

Amount Allocated

C.R.S 42-3-303 creates the PDD Cash Fund, which is funded through moneys collected from a penalty surcharge on Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI) and DUI offenders. The surcharge is currently between \$100 and \$500.

FY 2010-2011 \$1,398,474

Participating Agencies

- Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles
- o Colorado Department of Transportation
- Colorado State Judicial, Division of Probation Services

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Program Goals

- Deter persistent drunk driving
- Educate the public with particular emphasis on the education of young drivers
- Assist indigent impaired driving offenders with the costs associated with education, treatment and interventions such as ignition interlocks and continuous monitoring devices

Program Services

- Prevention and education targeting youthful drivers
- Development and training of addiction counselors in a state-of-the-art, evidence based DUI specific curriculum
- Training of alcohol evaluators who are responsible for the assessment and referral of DWAI/DUI offenders in each of the state's 22 judicial districts
- Media campaigns in areas of the state that are most at risk for persistent drunk drivers
- A "social norms" campaign that relies on peer-topeer influence and will focus on college campuses
- Education of DWAI/DUI offenders and the driving public of the Division of Motor Vehicles Ignition Interlock Program and Level I/Level II education and treatment requirements
- Evaluation and research; Comprehensive DUI system evaluation; DUI Recidivism research
- Development of a web based tracking system to monitor the status of DUI offenders in treatment
- Development and counselor training in Interlock Enhancement Counseling
- Assist DUI offenders with the costs for required education, treatment and intervention services