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District Attorney Announces Data-Driven Transparency Initiative

The Office of the District Attorney for the Eighth Judicial District is pleased to announce our involvement in the national Prosecutorial Performance Indicators (PPI) initiative. This project will provide both internal and external-facing data that provides information to the public concerning our processes and outcomes in order to measure performance towards three goals: Capacity and Efficiency, Community Safety and Well-being, and Fairness and Justice.

Along with seven other District Attorneys in Colorado, we are partnering with PPI and the University of Denver - Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab on this cutting-edge transparency initiative that will include tracking data such as recidivism rates and charging rates by race and ethnicity. While the priorities of addressing serious crime and serving victims remain, we will use community input and data collection to improve our focus on diversion, treatment options, and minimizing unnecessary punitiveness.

The information will be shared with the public on our website to improve knowledge and understanding of the Office of the District Attorney's work. The data will help identify trends and patterns in the community to support key conversations and decisions. PPI will also encourage transparency and accountability within the office through engagement with the community in new and innovative ways.

“In order to improve our service to the community we need to rely on modern data-driven factors,” said District Attorney Gordon McLaughlin. “Tracking this information will not only improve our ability to seek justice within the District Attorney’s Office but will improve trust and transparency by sharing what we do with the community.”

We value community input and are soliciting feedback from community members on data that they would value being tracked and shared with the public. To contribute your perspective to the conversation, please visit <https://www.larimer.org/da/ppi-web-survey> today and fill out the survey.

Learn more by visiting our partners:

Prosecutorial Performance Indicators (@ThePPIs)

<https://prosecutorialperformanceindicators.org/>

University of Denver Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab (@Coloradolab)

<https://coloradolab.org/tag/ppi-project/>

If you or your community group would like to discuss this effort in greater detail, please contact our office to learn more.

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District Attorney Gordon McLaughlin is available for media inquiries. Please contact Jodi Lacey at (970) 498-7206 or laceyjl@co.larimer.co.us to coordinate.

A copy of this letter has been posted to the District Attorney's web page at www.larimer.org/da/relations.htm.