

Juvenile Court Services Unit

DESCRIPTION

The Juvenile Court Services Unit (JCSU) is responsible for providing intake, probation, case management, psychological services and social investigations. The intake officer has the authority, based on the definitions in the Code of Virginia, to divert relatively minor cases and first offenders (Children in Need of Services, Children in Need of Supervision, and Delinquent) from the court system to programs and services operated by the JCSU or outside the Unit. The intake officer also processes all requests for juvenile criminal charges that are directed to the court for adjudication. The intake officer has the ability to issue detention orders for juveniles who are charged with a class 1 misdemeanor or felony and who pose a threat to the safety of themselves or others. There are four levels of detention: secure detention, non-secure (shelter care), electronic monitoring and house arrest. The JCSU monitors all juveniles

during any level of detention. Domestic cases (custody, spousal and child support, spousal abuse and child visitation) are also prepared for the Court by the intake officer. The JCSU provides probation supervision as ordered by the court.

The length of probation is determined by the JCSU with judicial approval and said time period is dependent on the juvenile's adjustment and compliance with court ordered requirements. Programs provided to juveniles and their parents include electronic monitoring, anger management group counseling, law related education, community improvement, community service work, parent to parent, parent orientation and stop thief. The JCSU provides funding for intensive in-home counseling services for probationers and their families when appropriate.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY07 Actual	FY08 Budget	FY09 Budget	FY08 to FY09	FY10 Plan
Expenditures					
Personnel	\$ 150,804	\$ 176,499	\$ 249,332	41.3%	\$ 259,589
Operating	434,601	511,958	464,420	(9.3%)	478,353
Total Expenditures	\$ 585,405	\$ 688,457	\$ 713,752	3.7%	\$ 737,942
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 83,537	\$ 84,000	\$ 82,000	(2.4%)	\$ 82,000
General Fund Revenue	501,868	604,457	631,752	4.5%	655,942
Total Revenue	\$ 585,405	\$ 688,457	\$ 713,752	3.7%	\$ 737,942
Generated Revenue Percent	14.3%	12.2%	11.5%		11.1%
General Fund Percent	85.7%	87.8%	88.5%		88.9%
Full-time Positions	3	3	4	33.3%	4
Part-time Positions	1	1	1	0.0%	1
Full-time Equivalents	3.5	3.5	4.5	28.6%	4.5

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The budget is primarily comprised of juvenile offenders who are placed at the Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center as well as other community programs provided to address accountability, public safety and treatment (e.g., case management, probation, electronic monitoring, community service and treatment groups).

In October 2005, the County received \$400,000 in Federal funding to start a Drug Court, which primarily involved strict program alternatives to those sentenced in court rather than prison sentences. This enabled the County to hire three people, all in the Community Services Board (CSB) budget. However, the grant ended in FY08 and the

adopted State budget did not fund this program. This budget moves the probation officer from CSB's budget to this budget and funds it with local dollars. The CSB clinician remains in CSB's budget and with the Juvenile Court Services probation officer will continue direct service provision. The coordinator role will be absorbed by the Juvenile Court Services Director and that position in CSB will no longer be funded. These two departments will continue to work in developing benchmarks for success in determining the best use of local dollars. The decrease in operating is due to a lower per diem charge and the debt service being paid in full January 1, 2008.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Increase the number of cases placed in less restrictive detention through electronic monitoring and outreach;
- Enhance supervision of moderate and high risk juvenile offenders before the court;
- Continue to provide anger management groups for juveniles;
- Increase assessment and service referrals for youthful, first offenders;
- Increase community service opportunities for juvenile offenders;
- Continue to provide shoplifters program for first time offenders; and
- Increase referral of first time offenders to law related education classes.

SERVICE LEVELS

	<u>FY07 Actual</u>	<u>FY08 Budget</u>	<u>FY08 Forecast</u>	<u>FY09 Budget</u>
Per capita cost of operating department	\$5.90	\$6.84	\$6.84	\$6.98
Program Participation:				
Community Service	143	175	175	175
Intensive Probation	21	15	15	15
Stop Thief!	46	40	40	40
Truancy Project	53	76	76	76
Anger Management	53	35	35	50
Intensive In-home Counseling	10	9	9	9
Number of electronic monitoring cases	93	70	70	70
Total caseload (delinquent and domestic)	2,580	2,382	2,382	2,500
Total delinquent	1,383	1,000	1,000	1,200
Total diverted	149	100	100	150