

JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Court Services

Description

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court exercises original jurisdiction over cases involving persons less than 18 years of age and all members of their families regardless of age. This court also holds jurisdiction over other cases involving adults related by blood or marriage to persons under the age of 18, including spousal abuse, custody, visitation, and support.

Juvenile court differs from other courts in their commitment to rehabilitate those who come before the court, in addition to protecting the public and holding juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior.

The five judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court are elected by the General Assembly for a term of six years. The Judges, Clerk, and Deputy Clerks are paid directly by the Commonwealth. The County provides space, furniture, and support for the court.

Objectives

- To continue the improvement of the customer service area of the Clerk's office to provide more efficient service delivery to the public.
- To continue to provide training opportunities to staff in providing services to the public.
- To request the state to provide adequate staffing levels based on service levels.

Budget Highlights

The Juvenile Court's FY2009-10 approved budget of \$84,975 is unchanged from the FY2008-09 adopted budget. There are no personnel expenditures in this budget since personnel expenses are paid directly by the State. Currently, five full-time judges preside over the Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. The fifth judge was added by the General Assembly during the 2006 Legislative Session to help address rising Juvenile Court caseloads.

Annual Fiscal Plan

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY08 Actual</u>	<u>FY09 Original</u>	<u>FY10 Approved</u>	<u>Change 09 to 10</u>
Personnel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	58,794	77,244	77,244	0.0%
Capital	15,817	7,731	7,731	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 74,611</u>	<u>\$ 84,975</u>	<u>\$ 84,975</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Personnel Complement*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Personnel expenses are paid by the Commonwealth of Virginia

Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court (cont'd)

	FY08	FY09	FY10	Change 09 to 10
Workload Measures				
Cases filed in Juvenile Court	22,565	25,200	26,460	1,260
Court Hearings	52,815	58,968	61,916	2,948
Efficiency Measures				
Caseload per Judge	4,513	5,040	5,292	252
