

JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Probation

Description

The 14th District Court Service Unit (Henrico Juvenile Probation) provides an array of educational and casework services to the County of Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. This Court Service Unit also refers young people to a variety of specialized programs funded by the County and State. Families involved in custody and visitation matters can receive mediation and parent education services that are contracted through a private vendor.

Objectives

- To provide necessary intake, investigative and probation/parole services as required by the Court and the Code of Virginia.
- To refer youth and parents to community based services under the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act, or under State supported programs.
- To offer the domestic relations services of intake, parenting education, mediation and home studies to adults who qualify according to the Code of Virginia.

Budget Highlights

The Department's budget for FY2009-10 is \$226,447. This is an increase of 3.4 percent from the budgeted amount in FY2008-09. This budgetary growth stems from an increase in the internal charge for automotive services, along with a 3.0 percent increase in funding for the contractor that provides mediation services and parent education classes for this court services unit. The County is reimbursed \$100 by the Supreme Court of Virginia for each completed mediation.

For the past nine years, a Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) has been awarded to the County to provide Multisystemic Therapy (MST) to chronic and/or serious offenders living with their families in the community. MST is provided by the staff at Henrico Area Mental Health. This grant funding is not included in the original budget, but is added through the amendment process after notice of the grant award has been received.

In FY2007-08, the Department experienced its fifth consecutive increase in juvenile intake complaints, following several years of decreases. Juvenile intake complaints are defined as the number of

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	196,089	218,899	226,447	3.4%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	\$ 196,089	\$ 218,899	\$ 226,447	3.4%
 Personnel Complement	 0	 0	 0	 0

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	Performance Measures			Change
	FY08	FY09	FY10	09 to 10
Performance Measures				
Total Juvenile Complaints	4,591	4,285	4,300	15
Total Domestic Complaints	5,711	5,458	5,700	242
Offenders Provided Probation	867	900	900	0
Offenders Provided Parole	108	120	120	0
Referral to Mediation Services	2,186	1,884	1,884	0
Parents Provided Parent Education	3,780	3,942	3,942	0

relevant police reports as well as private citizens' complaints. Complaints rose 4.4 percent from 4,399 to 4,591 in FY2007-08. The total number of domestic complaints increased by 2.9 percent, from 5,551 in FY2006-07 to 5,711 in FY2007-08. The increases in both of these measures were lower when compared to the increases experienced in FY2006-07. Referrals to mediation services grew by 18.8 percent during FY2007-08 and the number

of citizens who were provided with parent education classes rose by 4.6 percent.

It should be noted that the performance measure that refers to mediation referrals is an indicator of all mediation referrals, whereas the Department only gets reimbursed for cases that go through the entire mediation process.