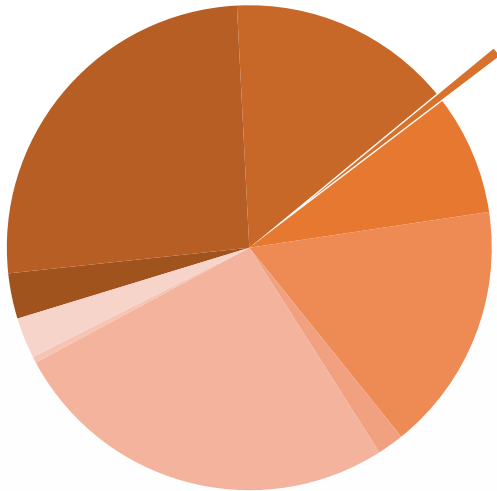


Juvenile Court Service Unit

Mission Statement

The Juvenile Court Service Unit protects the public by preparing court-involved youth to be successful citizens.



Health, Wellbeing & Environmental Sustainability
Expenditure Budget: \$315,912,093

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\$1,907,591

0.6% of Health, Wellbeing & Environmental Sustainability

Programs:

- Intake Services: \$30,940
- Standard Supervision Services: \$922,293
- Intensive Supervision Services: \$695,576
- Dispute Resolution Services: \$258,783

Mandates

Prince William County operates under a state mandate to provide intake services and standard supervision to juveniles placed on probation and parole. The Juvenile Court Service Unit provides these mandated services.

State Code: [16.1-234](#) (Duties of Department; provision of quarters, utilities, and office equipment to court service unit), [16.1-235](#) (How probation, parole and related court services provided), [16.1-235.1](#) (Provision of court services; replacement intake officers), [16.1-237](#) (Powers, duties and functions of probation and parole officers), [16.1-255](#) (Limitation on issuance of detention orders for juveniles; appearance by juvenile), [16.1-260](#) (Intake; petition; investigation)

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Expenditure and Revenue Summary



Expenditure by Program	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	% Change Budget FY24/ Budget FY25
Intake Services	\$32,568	\$20,965	\$40,780	\$30,940	\$30,940	0.00%
Standard Supervision Services	\$147,490	\$590,083	\$770,662	\$952,375	\$922,293	(3.16%)
Intensive Supervision Services	\$561,449	\$554,923	\$492,659	\$742,005	\$695,576	(6.26%)
Dispute Resolution Services	\$255,504	\$209,204	\$286,008	\$258,783	\$258,783	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$997,010	\$1,375,176	\$1,590,110	\$1,984,103	\$1,907,591	(3.86%)

Expenditure by Classification

Salaries & Benefits	\$522,879	\$985,572	\$1,098,545	\$1,513,843	\$1,561,893	3.17%
Contractual Services	\$251,438	\$198,182	\$266,369	\$257,188	\$257,188	0.00%
Internal Services	\$90,896	\$99,633	\$88,602	\$66,016	\$66,016	0.00%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$130,365	\$90,575	\$134,894	\$149,479	\$24,918	(83.33%)
Leases & Rentals	\$1,433	\$1,214	\$1,699	\$1,582	\$1,582	0.00%
Reserves & Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$4,006)	(\$4,006)	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$997,010	\$1,375,176	\$1,590,110	\$1,984,103	\$1,907,591	(3.86%)

Funding Sources

Miscellaneous Revenue	\$304	\$380	\$16	\$0	\$0	-
Total Designated Funding Sources	\$304	\$380	\$16	\$0	\$0	-
Net General Tax Support	\$996,706	\$1,374,796	\$1,590,094	\$1,984,103	\$1,907,591	(3.86%)
Net General Tax Support	99.97%	99.97%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

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Staff History by Program



	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Standard Supervision Services	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Intensive Supervision Services	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Total	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

Future Outlook

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Juvenile Court Service Unit (JCSU) Initiatives – There have been several operational changes made within DJJ during the previous fiscal year geared towards improved outcomes for youth and in response to juvenile justice trends. Additional updates are expected in which JCSU will navigate.

- The expectation is there will continue to be an increase in juvenile complaints and the number of youth placed on supervision, while the number of cases eligible for diversion decrease. The number of cases has already increased with the implementation of pre-court services. The purpose of this new supervision status is to intervene in the youth/family's life earlier in the process, the time between petition and adjudication.
- In response to an increase in violent crimes and weapon charges, mandatory overrides to detention are likely to increase.
- The DJJ is very focused on gang intervention and JCSU will likely begin implementation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training program.
- The Standardized Dispositional Matrix was rescinded two years ago, however a new dispositional tool is slated to roll out in the near future. The purpose of this tool is to ensure youth receive consistent dispositions regardless of geography, race, or socioeconomic status.
- DJJ remains committed to the sustainability of evidence-based tools/programs and quality supervision contacts. Each JCSU will be hiring a Continuous Quality Improvement supervisor.
- It is likely the minimum number of monthly supervision contacts will increase based on risk level and offenses.
- DJJ is reviewing mental health and substance use practices for improvements.

While the Court Service Unit (CSU) initiatives are inclusive of DJJ's goals, there are additional interests to be focused on.

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Prevention & Early Intervention – There will be a continued emphasis on preventative measures to include increased community engagement, programming, and collaboration with other local agencies and Prince William County Public Schools (PWCPS). The JCSU is hopeful in the coming fiscal year that agencies can work together to fill a gap in available resources for youth on diversion. The Gang Response Intervention Team coordinator is working to begin an employee/apprenticeship program for at risk youth to build connections to the community and obtain life skills. The JCSU will continue to collaborate with the schools especially pertaining to truancy. Discussions have already begun with PWCPS, the JCSU, and the Department of Social Services/Office of Comprehensive Services to work together to access additional resources prior to filing truancy petitions with JCSU.

Continuous Improvement – There will be a continued focus on inclusivity, retention, staff enhancement, and environment so that the JCSU can best serve the youth and families in the community.

General Overview

- A. Shift of Intervention, Prevention and Education (IPE) Program Funds to Criminal Justice Services (CJS)** – In FY19, JCSU assumed responsibility for the community partner Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) from the Police for IPE services. The IPE Program provides gang intervention, prevention, and education programs to ensure gang involved youth and youth at risk of gang involvement are better able to resist gangs. The transfer helped the departments to better align the services provided by the IPE Program. Through discussion with DJJ and the County, it was decided that DJJ was uncomfortable with the Director of JCSU signing County documentation to manage community partner NVFS. It was decided that the \$128,413 in community partner funding would shift to CJS to manage the IPE Program with the help of JCSU.
- B. Local Salary Supplement for JCSU State Employees** – Beginning in FY22, JCSU state employees received a 25% local salary supplement, and the supplement continues in the Proposed FY2025 Budget for 38 state employees. The local salary supplement is \$725,965 which is a \$34,035 increase from FY24 based on an anticipated state salary increase. The County's 25% local salary supplement remains unchanged. The intent of the local salary supplement is to assist JCSU with retention and recruitment in the Northern Virginia labor market.

Program Summary

Intake Services

Intake Services provides state mandated processing of domestic relations civil complaints to include child support, custody and visitation, family abuse protective orders, child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights, visitation rights, paternity, and emancipation. Action in Community Through Service/Turning Points provides support and services to clients seeking protective orders assisting with the court process. Juveniles accused of committing offenses are processed for formal court action or provided diversion. First-time offenders and juveniles with truancy issues are referred to other community resources or the Restorative Justice Program with Dispute Resolution Services when appropriate. Electronic Monitoring Services are offered as an enhancement for probation supervision services and a less restrictive alternative to juvenile detention.

Key Measures	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Delinquent youth diverted from court	38%	34%	22%	40%	38%
Technical probation violations requiring secure detention orders	39%	27%	25%	31%	30%
Diverted youth not receiving a new petition within one year of release	-	-	77%	80%	80%

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Program Activities & Workload Measures <i>(Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)</i>	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Intake Services & Electronic Monitoring	\$33	\$21	\$41	\$31	\$31
Cases processed through Intake Services	4,837	5,435	5,827	4,700	5,366
Domestic relations cases processed through Intake Services	-	4,146	3,706	3,500	3,784
Juvenile cases processed through Intake Services	-	1,289	2,121	1,200	1,537
Youth placed on electronic monitoring	216	120	145	166	132
Days of electronic monitoring supervision provided	3,375	1,906	2,673	2,581	2,289
Number of community engagement events presented and attended	-	-	15	12	20
Youth referred to other services	-	-	10	50	15

Standard Supervision Services

Standard Supervision Services provides state mandated community supervision to juveniles placed on probation by the Juvenile Court or released on parole from a Juvenile Correctional Center (JCC) or a Community Placement Program (CPP). Probation Officers/Parole Officers complete risk assessments, supervision plans, and Social History reports. Probation/Parole officers provide evidenced-based programming to increase the likelihood of successful outcomes for youth. Probation/Parole officers hold youth accountable through services and enforcement of probation or parole rules and orders of the court by imposing informal sanctions or taking court action. Probation/Parole officers collaborate with community agencies, schools, and JCC/CPP staff to develop and manage supervision plans for juveniles to prepare them to be successful citizens. Probation/Parole Officers coordinate gang intervention and prevention programs through the local Gang Response Intervention Team (GRIT).

Key Measures	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Youth not re-offending within two years of release from program	74%	73%	76%	73%	74%
Parents and youth satisfied with service	80%	100%	66%	93%	86%

Program Activities & Workload Measures <i>(Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)</i>	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Standard Supervision	\$41	\$560	\$629	\$797	\$763
Juveniles supervised monthly	302	181	198	261	227
Supervision caseload per FTE	12	10	12	13	11
GRIT	\$106	\$30	\$142	\$156	\$160
GRIT community presentations	16	0	36	10	21

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Intensive Supervision Services

Intensive Supervision Services provides community based juvenile probation supervision serving high-risk and serious offenders who require more supervision contacts than those provided by Standard Supervision Services. Intensive Supervision Officers provide crisis intervention, life skills, evidence-based interventions, networking of services, utilization of community-based services, monitoring, and numerous weekly supervision contacts with these high-risk youth, their families, and service providers to ensure compliance with laws, court orders, and crucial services. Intensive Supervision enhances public safety by reducing new criminal offenses by high-risk court involved youth by reducing their risk to re-offend allowing their return to Standard Supervision Services or release from probation.

Key Measures	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Youth not re-offending while on Intensive Supervision Services	89%	88%	83%	90%	87%
Youth not re-offending within one year of discharge	87%	99%	89%	91%	92%

Program Activities & Workload Measures <i>(Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)</i>	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Intensive Supervision	\$561	\$555	\$493	\$742	\$696
Juveniles served annually	105	138	80	124	107
Contacts monthly	433	373	277	434	361

Dispute Resolution Services

Mediation services assist adults in court cases involving child custody, visitation, child and spousal support, landlord tenant, and consumer merchant issues to resolve their disputes prior to a court hearing, thus reducing court dockets. Restorative Justice Services hold first-time juvenile offenders accountable for their wrongdoing through victim impact classes and face-to-face conferences attended by their families and victims. Restorative Justice Services also offers a truancy intervention program.

Key Measures	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Disputes referred to mediation that are resolved without further court action	68%	69%	71%	70%	71%
Cases removed from the court docket due to mediation	275	272	824	447	638
Youth not re-offending within one year of program participation	93%	92%	85%	93%	90%
Youth not receiving a new petition for truancy after program participation	-	100%	57%	77%	90%

Program Activities & Workload Measures <i>(Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)</i>	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed
Dispute Resolution	\$256	\$209	\$286	\$259	\$259
Court petitions referred	1,590	1,589	1,782	1,676	1,700
Mediations conducted	364	397	472	443	500
Juveniles referred	56	61	80	78	85
Juveniles attending Victim Impact Program classes	45	39	82	43	56
Restorative Justice conferences conducted	4	5	15	8	23
Truancy conferences conducted	6	5	5	12	9