

2008 Annual Report

ARLINGTON  
JUVENILE & DOMESTIC  
RELATIONS DISTRICT  
COURT SERVICES UNIT



*Justice Through Responsive  
Quality Service & Teamwork*



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**Arlington Juvenile & Domestic Relations District  
Court Services Unit**

***Mission***

To provide effective, efficient and quality services, programs and interventions to juveniles, adults and families while addressing public safety, victim impact, offender accountability and competency development in conformance with court orders, provisions of the Code of Virginia and standards set forth by the Department of Juvenile Justice

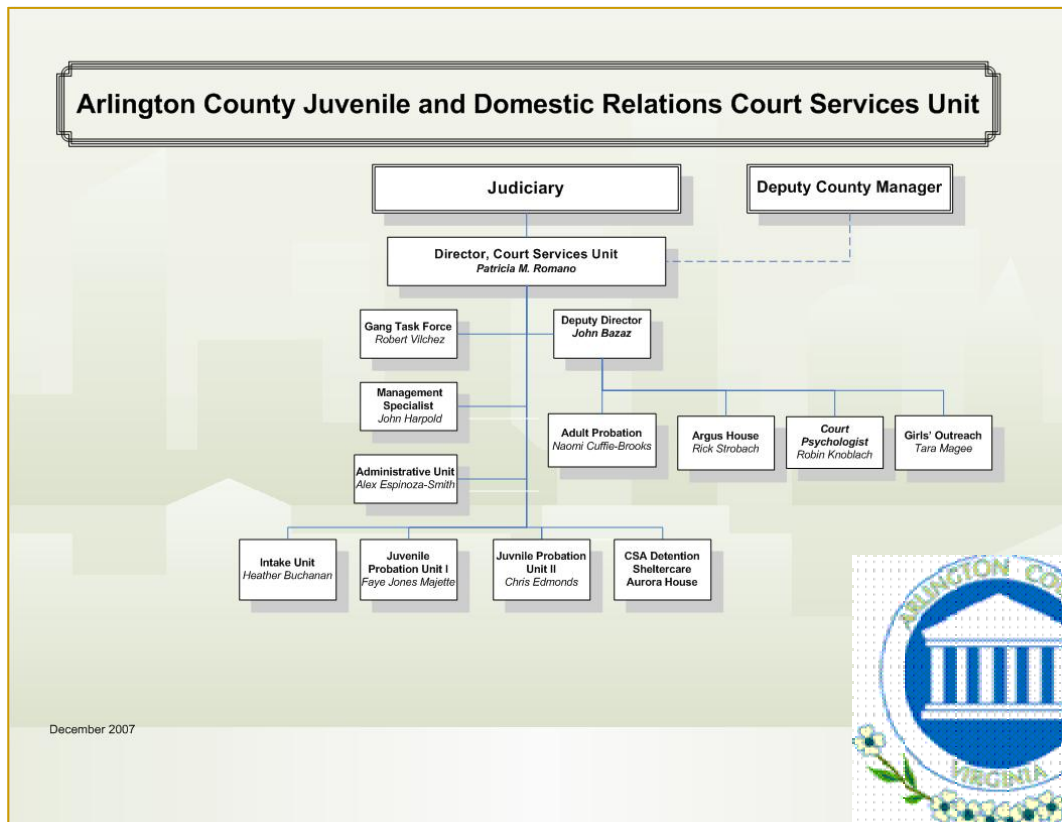
**Clerk's Office**

***Mission***

To serve the Court by preparing and dispersing judicial orders, assisting with Court procedures and providing efficient services for the people coming before the Court, other agencies, attorneys and fellow employees within the provisions of the Code of Virginia and Virginia Supreme Court Policies



Officers of the 17th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court (l. to r.): **Amy Burnham**, Court Clerk; **Hon. George D. Varoutsos**, Judge; **Hon. Esther Wiggins Lyles**, Chief Judge; **Patricia M. Romano**, Director





# FY 2008 STAFF

Patricia M. Romano, *Director*  
John Bazaz, *Deputy Director*

## ***Administrative Unit***

Alex Espinoza-Smith, *Supervisor*  
Sylvia Benitah  
Anthony Hines  
A-Hakim Khandoker  
Mary Willoughby  
Curtina Wilson-Baba

## ***Psychological Services***

Robin Knoblach, Ph.D.  
Amy Nguyen Portella, M.A.

## ***Management Specialist***

John Harpold

## ***Argus House***

Rick Strobach,  
*Manager*  
Arthur McNeill,  
*Juvenile Program Coordinator*  
Maria Caballero,  
*Clinical Services Coordinator*  
Tina Asinugo,  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Clarence Barner  
Suzanne Lebet  
Lloyd Murphy  
Justin Wingate-Poe  
*Group Home Counselors*  
Clarice Kelliebrew,  
*Food Services Coordinator*  
***Relief***  
Darrius Fenton  
Bridgette Fonville  
Stephen Garland  
Ebenezer Owiredu  
Jennifer Sizer  
Andre Taylor  
Lawrence Wiley

## ***Intake***

Heather Buchanan,  
*Supervisor*  
Luis Rosas-Aigster  
Damaris Feleke-Rodriguez

## ***Detention Diversion***

Osvaldo Castillo  
Leilani Page  
Lesley Gamarra

## ***Relief***

Victor Vega  
Ebenezer Owiredu

## ***Hit Duty***

James Greene, III  
Caitlin Tracy

## ***Adult Probation***

Naomi Cuffie-Brooks, *Supervisor*  
Kimberly Dexter  
Joanne Hamilton  
Maurice Holtz  
Arnaldo Rosado

## ***Girls' Outreach Program***

Tara Magee,  
*Coordinator*  
Alma Floyd,  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Houreya Refaat  
April Lampkin  
*Outreach Counselors*  
***Relief***  
Odessa Becker  
Bridgette Fonville  
Lily Guitierrez  
Alison Kempter

## ***Gang Task Force***

Robert Vilchez,  
*Coordinator*

## ***Juvenile Probation-Unit I***

Christopher Edmonds  
*Supervisor*  
Colin Bagwell  
Rita Brewer  
Tim Coffman  
Carmen Cornelison  
Niasha John  
Shannan Moore  
Hao Pera  
Michele Wood

## ***Juvenile Probation-Unit II***

Faye Jones Majette,  
*Supervisor*  
Amy Ashley  
Eric Assur  
Evelyn Cochis  
Marvin Dickerson  
Kari Gividen  
Latoya Jordan  
Erick King  
Lisa Laboy

## ***School Probation***

### ***Counselors***

Tony Bentley  
Tyrone Byrd  
Michael D. Calabro  
Monica Larrieu  
Heather Mizell  
Al Reid  
Amy Shilo  
William Wheeler



## Objectives FY 2008

- ▶ The **Adult Unit** will research the likelihood of having the ability to get police reports from their desk top computers. **Completed**
- ▶ **Intake, Hit Duty, and Detention Diversion Program** staff will become fully trained in all aspects on the new Caseload Explorer system to assure a smooth transition. **Completed**
- ▶ **Intake, Hit Duty, and Detention Diversion Program** staff will utilize the Arlington "CARE" program to provide the best customer service possible to our consumers. **Completed/On-going**
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach Program** will begin a weekly book club in collaboration with the Central Library's Young Adult department. **Completed**
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach Program** will implement a new behavioral management system with a new level system and improved point sheets to track clients' performance in school, the community and within the program itself. **Completed**
- ▶ **Juvenile Unit** will pass certification with 100% compliance. **100% compliance with variance approved for one cited.**
- ▶ Develop and implement the **Mental Health Transition Planning** process. **Completed**
- ▶ **Argus House** - Enhance the current tutoring program to allow for volunteers to have direct contact with teachers. Tutors will follow residents' long-term assignments and tests. **Completed**
- ▶ **Argus House** - With the hiring of a full time clinical services coordinator, we will review and develop our therapeutic services. **Completed/On-going**

## Objectives FY 2009

- ▶ The **Argus House** will provide comprehensive training on Positive Peer Culture for Argus House staff.
- ▶ The **Argus House** will support opportunities for residents to participate in more community based activities.
- ▶ The **Adult Unit** will research, update and compile a comprehensive data base of services for the Adult Unit both online and hard copy, to include instate and out of state services.
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach Program** will implement a study skills program that includes quarterly visits to school personnel.
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach Program** will apply for a grant to provide new materials for psycho educational groups.
- ▶ Implement a **pilot program** for compressed work week.
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will implement the **new CSA assessment instrument (CANS)**.
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will implement the **new DJJ assessment instrument (YASI)**.
- ▶ Have the "**Badge**" software available to all probation officers to improve the efficiency of accessing record checks.
- ▶ Implement a **program for parents of truants** program that will bring more awareness around health issues that relate to truancy.
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will reinstate the **Independent Living Program**.
- ▶ Each member of the **Intake Unit** will create an initiative to improve customer service and or service delivery.

# STAFF CHANGES AND HIGHLIGHTS

## **The following staff left the organization in FY 08:**

**Geoff Howard** left in July 2007 after 6 years of service. Geoff worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer and a Juvenile Supervisor.

**Lesley Gamarra** left in September 2007 after 2 years. Lesley was a Juvenile Probation Officer.

**Lana Powers** left in December 2007 after 8 years serving as a Juvenile Probation Officer.

## **Retirements:**

**Greg Fissell**, Juvenile Probation Officer, retired in October 2007 after 31 years service.

**Ana Maria Alfaro**, Adult Probation Officer, retired in November 2007 with 19 years service.

**Lana Sarrantonio**, Juvenile Probation Officer, retired in March 2008 with 30 years service.

## **The following staff joined the organization in FY 08:**

**Kari Gividen** started in July 2007 as a Juvenile Probation Counselor I.

**Niasha John** started in July 2007 as a Juvenile Probation Counselor II.

**Houreya Rafaat** started in August 2007 as Girls' Outreach Counselor.

**Marvin Dickerson** started in October 2007 as Juvenile Probation Counselor II.

**Colin Bagwell** started in October 2007 as Juvenile Parole Officer.

**Leilani Page** started in November 2007 as Juvenile Probation Officer II trainee.

**Caitlin Tracy** started in November 2007 as Juvenile Probation Counselor I trainee.

**Damaris Rodriguez-Feleke** started in December 2007 as Juvenile Probation Counselor II—Intake.

**Joanne Hamilton** started in December 2007 as Adult Probation Officer II.

**Hao Pera** started in January 2008 as Juvenile Probation Counselor II.

## **Promotions:**

**Chris Edmonds** was promoted from Juvenile Probation Officer to Juvenile Probation Supervisor.

**Lisa Laboy** was promoted to Juvenile Probation Officer II.

**Kari Gividen** was promoted to Juvenile Probation Officer II.



# 2008 COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL TEAMS

## **Arlington Partnership for Youth, Children and Families**

A multidisciplinary team whose purpose is to enhance and strengthen strategic approaches to services for the well being of children and families in Arlington.

*Member:* Patricia M. Romano

## **Comprehensive Services Act Teams**

Multidisciplinary Case Assessment Team:

*Members:* Amy Ashley, Heather Buchanan, Evelyn Cochis, Tim Coffman, Marvin Dickerson, Chris Edmonds, Faye Jones and Lana Sarrantonio

Policy & Management Team:

*Member:* Patricia M. Romano

## **Regional Steering Committee for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force**

Created to coordinate regional gang intervention and prevention

*Member:* Patricia M. Romano

## **Arlington County Gang Task Force**

Created to continue gang prevention efforts and community outreach in cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions to provide alternative to gang involvement for youth and young adults

*Lead Staff Person:* Patricia M. Romano

*Task Force Coordinator:* Robert Vilchez

## **Gang Management System Task Force**

The DJJ Task Force on the Gang Management System developed the policy and procedures for identifying gang youth through the use of a uniform risk assessment, and determined how to utilize the GMS as an intelligence tool on a statewide basis for each CSU.

*Member:* Chris Edmonds and Colin Bagwell

## **Parent Education Support**

This committee keeps other agencies updated on the status of services in the county and collaborates with other county agencies to accomplish these tasks. It addresses concerns such as duplication of services, where to go for services, possible grants, and concerns around underserved citizens in Arlington County.

*Member:* Naomi Cuffie-Brooks

## **County Fair August 2007**

*Chair:* Alex Espinosa-Smith

*Members:* Faye Jones, Michele Wood, Amy Burnham, Kimberly Dexter, Clarence Barner

## **Coordinated Community Response Task Force**

An inter-agency task force to develop and implement a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

*Members:* Patricia M. Romano, Naomi Cuffie-Brooks

## **Internal Review of Cases (IROC)**

Developed an in-house review committee to evaluate difficult cases and provide feedback and suggestions for future action. IROC supports probation officers in making recommendations on cases that are complicated or on clients who are not responding well to current treatment plans.

*Co-chairs:* Faye Jones Majette, Chris Edmonds

## **School Readiness Council**

Ensure that all children, pre-natal to eight years of age in Arlington and Alexandria have access to the resources they need to achieve success in school and in life. The council serves as a forum for sharing information and identifying needs within the early care and education community.

*Member:* Patricia M. Romano

## **Mental Health Services for Youth in Detention**

This inter-jurisdictional group works together to identify and address the mental health needs of youth who serve time in the Northern Virginia Detention Home. The committee members include CSU and DHS staff from Arlington and Alexandria and detention home staff.

*Member:* Patricia M. Romano

## **Residential and Non-Residential Task Force**

The Task Force studied the state's current utilization of residential and non-residential services for parolees. Recommendations from these meetings were presented to the Director of DJJ

*Member:* Chris Edmonds

## **ProberWeb Implementation Team**

The Implementation Team led development of requirements for the replacement of the CSU's case management system.

*Members:* John Harpold, Patricia M Romano, Faye Jones, Chris Edmonds, Naomi Cuffie-Brooks, Heather Buchanan, Alex Espinoza-Smith

## **Project Peace**

A multi-agency collaboration to improve services offered to victims of domestic violence.

*Members:* Heather Buchanan, Naomi Cuffie-Brooks, Patricia M. Romano

# LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

## *31 Years of Service*

John Bazaz

Gregory Fissell

## *25 Years of Service*

Maurice Holtz

## *20 Years of Service*

Anthony Hines

## *15 Years of Service*

Luis Rosas-Aigster

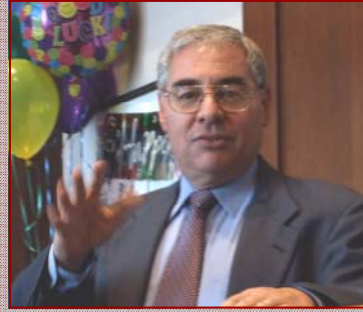
Alex Espinosa-Smith

## *10 Years of Service*

Naomi Cuffie-Brooks

## *5 Years of Service*

Eric Assur



**Shannan Moore,**  
**Probation Officer**  
received the 2008 Optimist  
Club of Arlington Court Ser-  
vices Award for distinguished  
and dedicated service.



# James June

Sunrise – March 6, 1951    Sunset – December 13, 2007

## Employee Profile: James June



Employee Profile  
**Department/Division:** Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court/[Argus House](#)

**Job title:** Group Home Counselor II  
**Year/month you started working for the county:** September 1975

**How my job makes a difference to the Arlington community -- and beyond:** I help mentor and counsel Arlington youth who have become court-involved.

**Job you started with the County:** Probation Counselor I.

**Work colleague who's been an important mentor:** Cherie Artz.

**Greatest work accomplishment:** Knowing that some youths whom I have worked with have become productive citizens.

**Most significant improvement I've seen in Arlington County:** Diversity of the residents and the county government.

**Favorite Arlington spot:** Rock Bottom Brewery.

**A profession (other than my own) I'd like to attempt:** Writer.

**If I were a superhero, I'd be:** The Punisher.

**Morning person or night owl:** Night owl.

**Top idea for how Arlington can save money:** Volunteerism.

**Last time I had a good laugh was when:** I am sure it was regarding the antics of my grandchildren.

**Farthest place I've traveled:** Florida.

**My favorite word:** Knowledge.

**Celebrity who would play me in the movie of my life:** Michael Clarke Duncan.

**Favorite quote:** "When the world steps out, a friend steps in."

**One thing people would be surprised to learn about me:** I watch HGTV on cable.

**My least favorite sound or noise:** Gum popping or snapping.

**Favorite book I've read recently:** "Black Gun, Silver Star" by Art T. Burton.

**If I had to choose a song to be my personal theme song, it'd be:** Stand (Donnie McClurkin).

**Best childhood memory:** My neighborhood on Saturdays and summer evenings.

**I never order a pizza without:** Sausage.

**Behind my back people say:** He could be more successful with more application.

**If I were on "Arlington's Got Talent," my skill would be:** Reading poetry.

**My all-time favorite TV shows:** "Sanford & Son," "Law and Order."

**If I could go back in time and give myself advice, it would be:** Organize my finances better.

**Favorite Web site:** DIY

**Where I see myself in 10 years:** Hopefully retired and living easy.

**My ideal vacation:** Jamaica

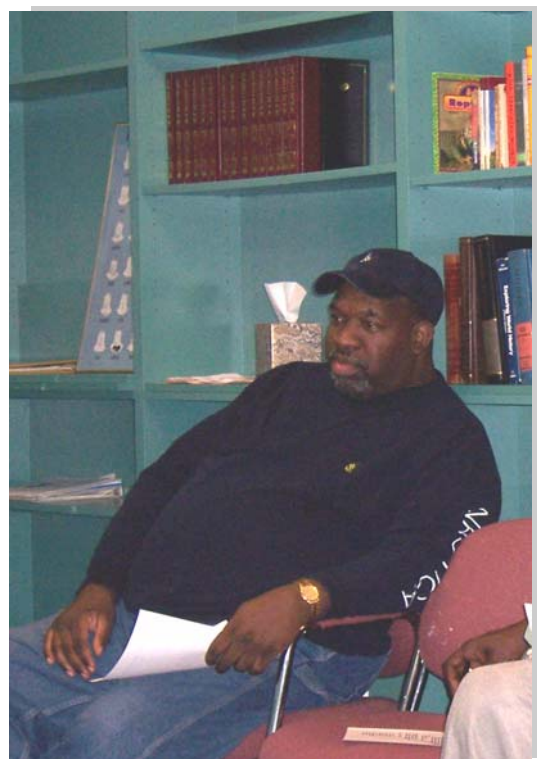
**How I would spend a \$5 million dollar cash prize:** Buy a vacation home and help out relatives. Possibly start my own business and buy a new primary home.

**The three guests at my fantasy dinner would be:** Will Downing, my mother, T.D. Jakes.

**If I could change one thing about Arlington County it would be:** Affordable housing.

Posted: January 23, 2007

James was born in Washington D.C and raised in Arlington County. He was known for his outgoing, friendly and jovial personality. James June had a long and exemplary career as a Juvenile Probation Officer and Group Home Counselor with the Arlington Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Services Unit. He mentored hundreds of young men and women who became involved in the court system. He received numerous awards and special recognition for excellent job performance. He was admired and highly respected by his peers, the community and clients that he served. James retired in February 2007 after 31 years of outstanding service to Arlington County.





# SPECIAL RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

## **Amy Ashley, Probation Officer**

Amy Ashley demonstrates exceptional teamwork during times of organizational stress. When Amy notices an area of need, she will go above and beyond her job responsibilities to help address the need. For example, Amy's partner resigned during a recent time when staff resignations and retirements left the agency stressed to continue its day-to-day operations seamlessly despite staff vacancies. Amy, a part-time employee, volunteered to work full time while the agency recruited and hired new employees. During this time, Amy managed her own caseload, her former partner's caseload and the caseload of a co-worker who was out on maternity leave. This is only one example of the team spirit that Amy Ashley exemplifies which makes the Arlington JDRC such a great place to work.

## **Sylvia Benitah, Administrative Assistant**

Sylvia agreed to back up the JDRC Case Management System on a "temporary" basis until the new database was installed. By performing this task in the early part of her workday, she made us all more productive, because we were able to eliminate daily scheduled down time. In addition, she cheerfully continued the "temporary" duty when the database implementation was delayed three months! Sylvia also provided essential continuity (and peace of mind!) while the Management Specialist was on leave. She performed system administration activities. This assured someone would be there to help if the database had problems. She also requested computer IDs for new staff and reported technical issues to DTS for resolution.

## **Oswaldo Castillo**

Oswaldo is recognized for his outstanding performance in managing DDP during a long period of staff shortage. His efforts exemplified the objectives of a high performance organization and the CSU Mission. Oswaldo demonstrated exemplary performance in at least three Arlington County Principles of Government Service, to include high quality service to our consumers, commitment to other probation staff, and leadership. Oswaldo continued to assist fellow staff members when requested and also offered to take on additional job responsibilities (special programming) to assist the CSU. Oswaldo continues to go above and beyond in his duties with the youth and families he works with and treats all with the utmost civility and respect. He also consis-

tently looks for ways to improve our existing services and readily communicates his suggestions for improvement to his Supervisor. He is a tremendous asset to Arlington County.

## **Tim Coffman, Probation Officer and Robert Vilchez, Gang Specialist**

Tim and Robert went above and beyond their assigned work duties and volunteered to take over the Shoplifter's program during the transition of Greg's retirement until another team of probation officers could take over the program. This program is an essential part of the Court Service Unit as it serves both as a diversion program and is often Court ordered by the Judges as a sanction for delinquent offenders. By volunteering for the program, it allowed the level of service we provide to the Court to continue without any gaps in service.

Both Tim and Robert volunteer to assist whenever needed on a regular basis. They are always ready and willing (with a smile) to take on extra duties. Their team work and dedication are a big asset to the organization.

## **John Harpold, Management Specialist**

John is recognized for all of his efforts to bring the Prober Web project to completion. The light that is beginning to shine at the end of the tunnel has also cast light on how challenging an undertaking this has and continues to be. Throughout the entire process, including financing, vendor selection, system design, working with DTS and DJJ...not to mention Pat, the supervisors and staff, John has remained cool, calm and collected. He has responded in a professional manner to each and every issue that has surfaced and certainly, if anyone has every earned the special recognition award, John Harpold certainly has.

## **LaToya Jordan, Substance Abuse Specialist**

LaToya quietly does her job and has a variety of job responsibilities and activities. For example, LaToya attends weekly staff meetings at the Argus House and provides substance abuse consultation for Argus staff. This is addition to the groups she co-facilitates for the Group Home and Girls Outreach. Her substance abuse expertise was requested by Rick Strobach, the Group Home Manager during a period of time when the program was experiencing a high rate of substance abuse involvement by the residents. She trains the group home staff on



# SPECIAL RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

proper urine screening procedures and recommends other measures such as monthly room searches. Her interventions have made a difference according to Rick Strobach, Group Home Manager.

## **A-Hakim Khandoker, Sylvia Benitah, and Mary Willoughby, Administrative Assistants**

A-Hakim, Sylvia and Mary took on a project of the destruction of juvenile social files which took a year to complete. This project involved a one-by-one revision of 5,398 social files from 1990 to 1995. This segment of the project was very crucial, as it was the only way to identify files that fell into the criteria. The team identified 3,618 files to be destroyed and subsequently submitted to individual revision through Prober. In addition, yellow cards were pulled out and destroyed, and a spreadsheet was created to register the affected files. To finalize this project, all files in our filing room had to be completely moved and rearranged. Hakim, Sylvia, and Mary are to be commended for their teamwork in completing this extensive and back-breaking project.

## **Lisa Laboy, Probation Officer and James Greene, Probation Officer**

Lisa and James demonstrated exemplary teamwork, cooperation, and have consistently provided our consumers with high quality service. They are not only individually skilled but also share their knowledge with each other (and those on back-up Hit Duty) on a daily basis. They epitomize teamwork in their interactions with each other and provide the Court and our customers with excellent customer service. They frequently offer their knowledge and expertise not only to CSU staff, but also to the Police Department, Sheriffs Department, and attorneys. Both take on extra tasks willingly and require little to no supervision. Ms. Laboy and Mr. Greene ensure that both Courts run smoothly and have received high praise from the Judges and from their coworkers. These two probation officers, individually and collectively, are tremendous assets to Arlington County.

## **Shannan Moore, Probation Officer**

Shannan was quick to volunteer to assist the agency during a time a transition by taking on the additional responsibility of supervising the active parolees in the

community until such a time that the position was filled. This was in addition to her pre-existing caseload and required her to re-familiarize herself with the minimum standards and requirements of parole, as they are different from probation cases. During this time period, Shannan also took on the additional responsibility of supervising an intern full time. She had only previously been sharing these duties. This also took additional time and efforts and was also of great assistance during a time of transition. Both of these extra tasks took place as Shannan was preparing to go out on maternity leave.

## **Damaris Rodriguez-Feleke**

Damaris demonstrates outstanding customer service. Damaris consistently provides prompt, reliable, and quality services to intake customers. She has (in a relatively short amount of time) developed meaningful customer relationships that support Arlington County's vision of building a "caring community." She has become known in the community, and many customers requesting intake services will ask for her personally. Damaris has been recognized by many of her peers within the Court Service Unit as being extremely helpful, friendly, and quick to process intake requests. Damaris always assists fellow staff members when requested and has taken on several additional job responsibilities on her own initiative. For example, she created several informational brochures for intake customers and a new intake policy manual. These were so well received that Damaris was asked to assist Judge Wiggins Lyles in creating a new JDRC brochure. She is consistently looking for ways to improve our existing services and readily communicates her suggestions for improvement. Her efforts exemplify the objectives of the Court Service Unit Mission.

## **Alex Espinoza-Smith, Court Specialist**

This award is to recognize Alex for chairing the Arlington County Fair Committee for JDRC. She organized and led a committee of six core staff who worked together as a team to make the booth at the fair a success. Her hard work, dedication and coordination resulted in a very nice booth presentation. She was able to keep with the theme of the fair and connect it to the work of the JDRC. This project was above and beyond her normal duties and was a great success.



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2008

## **HB 1207 Serious juvenile offenders; those convicted as an adult to gain earned sentence credits.**

Allows a juvenile convicted as an adult and sentenced to an active term of incarceration with the Department of Juvenile Justice and followed by an active term of incarceration with the Department of Corrections to gain earned sentence credits while serving the juvenile portion of the sentence in a juvenile correctional center.

## **SB 472 Group homes & residential facilities for children; regulations for licensure of programs offered.**

Eliminates the interdepartmental regulation of children's residential facilities and group homes, and provides that the Departments of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Social Services, and Juvenile Justice shall regulate and license children's residential facilities and group homes for which they are the primary licensing agency. This bill provides that each licensing agency shall conduct background checks of persons working or volunteering at children's residential facilities and group homes. This bill further provides that the Department of Education shall be the sole entity responsible for licensure of educational programs in children's residential facilities and group homes.

## **HB 1382 Social Services, Department of; nonattorney employees to complete, sign, and file petitions, etc.**

Authorizes designated nonattorney employees of the Department of Social Services to complete, sign, and file petitions and motions in Department cases relating to the establishment, modification, or enforcement of support on forms approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia. The bill also provides that any orders entered prior to the effective date of this bill are not deemed void or voidable solely because the petitions and motions were signed by nonattorney employees. This bill is identical to [SB 788](#).

## **HB 1213 HIV/Hepatitis testing; parental consent for minors.**

Makes the process for HIV and hepatitis testing when

someone other than a school board member is exposed to the minor's bodily fluids consistent with the process for that of exposure of school board members. Requires consent from the minor's parents, and, if consent is refused, the bill requires such a person to petition the juvenile and domestic relations district court where the minor resides or resided, rather than the general district court, for an order requiring such testing. Recommendation of the Committee on District Courts. This bill is identical to [SB 227](#) (McDougle).

## **HB 719 Underage drinking and driving; penalty.**

Provides that "zero tolerance" (0.02% BAC) underage drinking and driving is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Currently, the punishment is loss of license for six months and a fine of no more than \$500. This bill provides for forfeiture of such person's license to operate a motor vehicle for a period of one year from the date of conviction and either a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 or 50 hours of community service. The bill has a sunset date of July 1, 2010, and provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services will report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice on the bill's effect on Virginia's participation under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

## **SB 222 Possession of firearms by persons who committed felonies while juveniles.**

Provides that despite the date of his conviction, a juvenile adjudicated delinquent of certain heinous felonies shall not, when he reaches the age of 29 years, be entitled to possess a firearm. Currently, the prohibition on possession after the age of 29 exists only for juvenile felonies committed on or after July 2005.

## **HB 753 Protective orders; expiration; Virginia Criminal Information Network.**

Provides that when a protective order is issued, the district court must forthwith, but no later than the end of the business day on which the order was issued, enter and transfer identifying information to the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) system. If the order is issued by the circuit court, the primary law-enforcement agency to whom the order was for-



warded by the clerk of the court must enter the name of the person subject to the order and other appropriate information into VCIN. Upon entry of the order, a copy of the order and an addendum containing identifying information must be forwarded forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service. Upon effecting service, the agency must enter the date and time of service into VCIN. If an entering agency determines that any identifying information is incorrect, it must enter the corrected information into VCIN. The bill also establishes the precise time when protective orders expire so that they can automatically be cleared from VCIN. The bill also requires, with some exceptions, that clerks make electronic reports of certain proceedings or adjudications to the Central Criminal Records Exchange and defines the term "electronic report." This bill incorporates [HB 974](#). This bill is identical to [SB 540](#).

## **SB 173 Domestic violence; retention of records.**

Provides that records in cases involving misdemeanor convictions for (i) assault and battery against a family or household member, or (ii) violating a protective order shall be retained for 20 years. A third conviction for these crimes within 20 years is a felony, however, currently, such records are only required to be retained for 10 years.

## **HB 1117 Alcoholic beverage control; suspension and revocation of licenses.**

Permits the revocation of a license if the licensee has allowed his premises to become a meeting place or rendezvous for members of a criminal street gang, as defined in § 18.2-46.1.

## **HB 173 Comprehensive Services Act Program; case management and residential care plan.**

Requires the State Executive Council to develop, and localities to implement, a program of case management for residential care to include a provision for residential care plans. Requires family assessment and planning teams to develop, and community policy and management teams to review, residential care plans that include goals for residential care treatment, a provision for monitoring and review of plans, evaluation of progress toward identified goals, and a plan for returning the youth to his home or community at the earliest appropriate time. This bill is identical to [SB 487](#) (Hanger).

## **PERSPECTIVES**

### **National Data (OJJDP)**

Females accounted for one-fourth (27%) of the more than 1.6 million delinquency cases handled by juvenile courts in 2004, youth under age 16 accounted for 57% of all cases, and minority youth accounted for one-third (43%) of all cases.

The number of cases in which the youth was placed on formal probation or ordered to a residential facility increased substantially between 1985 and 2004.

The 2.2 million arrests of juveniles in 2006 was 24% fewer than the number of arrests in 1997.

In 2006, juveniles were involved in 1 in 10 arrests for murder and drug abuse violations, and 1 in 4 arrests for weapons violation, robbery, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft and burglary.

—source: the Office of Justice Programs, [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp)

### **State Data (DJJ)**

- Overall crime rates for juveniles are down – including both non-violent and violent offenses.
- The number of juveniles who were committed to the state dropped from 1,463 in 2000 to 863 in 2007.
- The number of juveniles being supervised on probation and parole dropped from 10,735 in 1999 to 7,626 in 2007.
- The juvenile institutions have seen a 33% reduction in reportable serious incidents from the past year.

— Source Department of Juvenile Justice,  
[djj.virginia.gov](http://djj.virginia.gov)



## **Intake Unit**

### ***Mission***

*To receive and process civil and criminal complaints as the port of entry to the Court, serve as an information and referral source, and provide initial short-term counseling*



# INTAKE SERVICES



Intake Officers (l to r), Luis Rosas-Aigster, Damaris Rodriguez-Feleke; Heather Buchanan, Supervisor

The CSU **Intake Services Unit** assists citizens and police officers by facilitating the entry of complaints into the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court. The CSU Intake Services Unit receives and processes complaints related to and involving children and families in such a way that serves the best interests of all concerned and attempts to limit further involvement with the justice system.

Intake Officers examine each complaint for probable cause determination, jurisdiction, and possibility of court diversion to other county or court programs best suited to handle the complaint. Intake Officers also process cases informally through the diversion process when deemed appropriate.

INTAKE COMPLAINTS & ACTIVITIES				
	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06	FY 05
<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>	2,619	2,464	2,288	2,503
<b>Juvenile</b>	2,485	2,338	2,177	2,380
<b>Adult</b>	134	126	111	123
<b>CHINS</b>	168	190	183	190
<b>VIOLATIONS</b>	381	415	422	422
Probation	172	245	246	261
CHINS	181	162	122	154
Parole	28	8	8	7
<b>Informal Hearings</b>	105	95	68	60
Tobacco	36	40	24	45
Shoplifter	69	55	44	15
<b>Complaints from out-of-state</b>	456	316	286	232
<b>Juvenile Mental Commitments</b>	0	4	4	3
<b>After Hours Calls</b>	73	42	22	24

## Notable Increases and Decreases

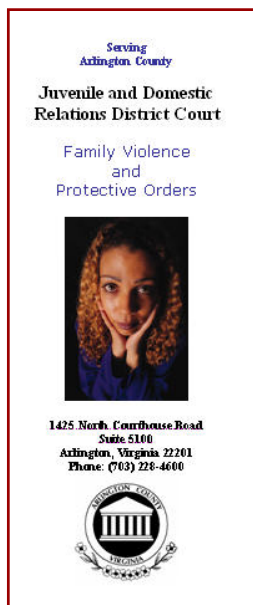
- ◆ During FY 2008, the CSU Intake Services Unit received a total of 2,619 complaints.
- ◆ Intake complaints increased by 6% from the 2,464 complaints received during FY 2007.
- ◆ Included within the total number of Intake complaints are all juvenile petitions, informal cases, adult protective orders, support orders and Division of Child Support Enforcement appeal petitions.
- ◆ The totals for Juvenile complaints shown in the table at left are adjusted for consistency of reporting across fiscal years.

	FY '08	FY '07	Change	%Change
<b>Assaults</b>	49	62	-13	-21 %
<b>Property</b>	227	194	33	17 %
Property complaints include:				
Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicles, and Arson				
<b>Vandalism</b>	71	44	27	61 %
<b>Drug Violations</b>	73	40	33	82 %
<b>Weapons</b>	10	8	2	25 %
<b>Fraud</b>				
Credit Card	3	5	-2	-40 %

# INTAKE HIGHLIGHTS

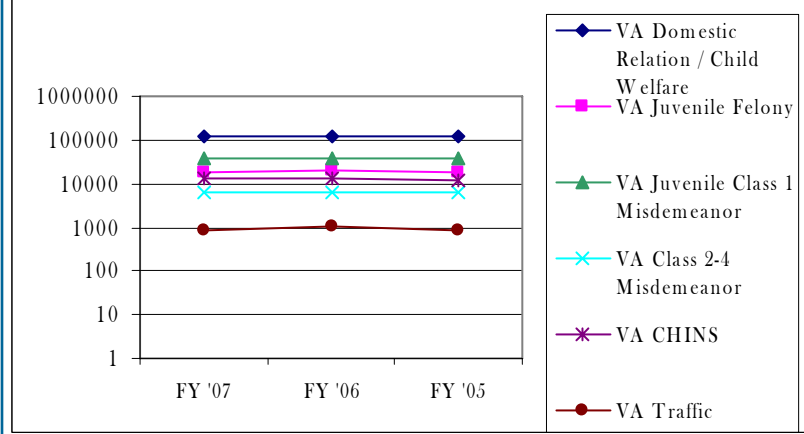
## INTAKE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Intake Unit created two new pamphlets, one for customers filing for protective orders and the other for those customers interested in filing for custody and/or visitation. The pamphlets inform customers of the steps in filing petitions, the Court process, and provide access information to other community resources.



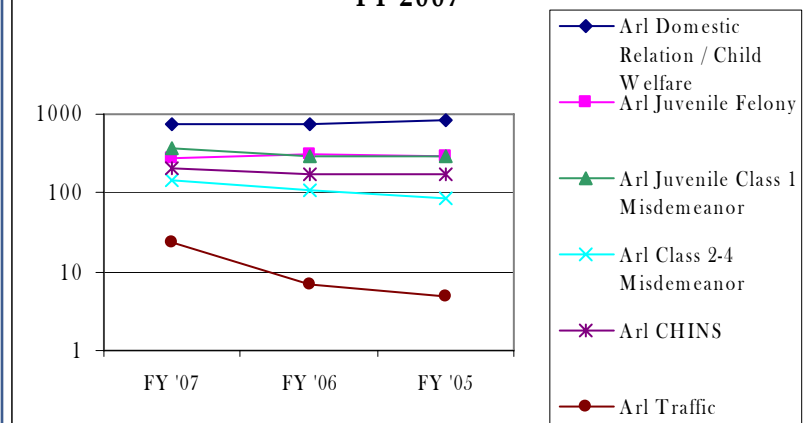
The Intake Unit completed a statistical report which was used by the Arlington County Peace Project, a multi-agency collaboration to improve services offered to victims of domestic violence. The report compiled data regarding the number of victims who filed for protective orders through the Arlington Court Services Intake Unit and the number and racial breakdown of the children of the victims.

### \*Virginia Intake Complaints FY 2007

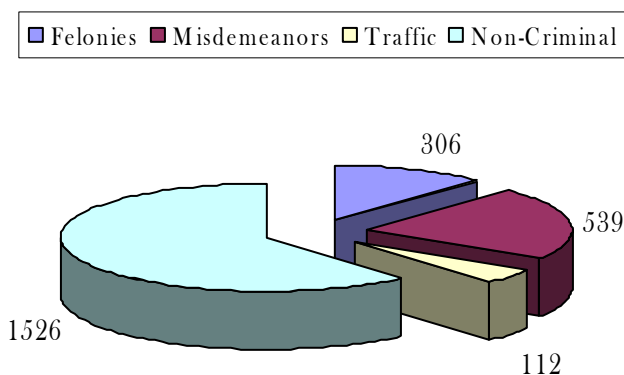


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Source: *DJJ Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2007*

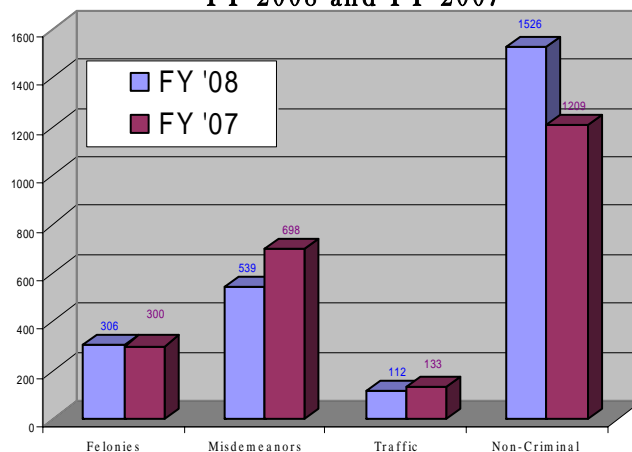
### \*ARLINGTON INTAKE COMPLAINTS FY 2007



### Juvenile Intakes FY 2008



### Juvenile Intake Comparisons FY 2008 and FY 2007



# JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

CATEGORY	FY 08	FY 07	Change	%Change
<b>MURDER:</b>				
Murder	0	0	0	0%
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	1	-1	-100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-100%</b>
<b>FORCIBLE RAPE/VIOLENT SEX OFFENDER:</b>				
Rape	1	1	0	0%
Rape, victim under age 13	3	0	3	300%
Sodomy	0	1	-1	-100%
Inanimate Sexual Penetration	1	2	-1	-100%
Consenting Victim <13 yrs	0	1	-1	-100%
Fornication	0	2	-2	-200%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-28%</b>
<b>ROBBERY:</b>				
Robbery	18	16	2	13%
Attempted Robbery	0	2	-2	-200%
Carjacking	0	0	0	0%
Conspiracy to Robbery	0	4	-4	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-18%</b>
<b>FELONIOUS ASSAULT:</b>				
Assault-Felonious	2	5	-3	-60%
Attempted Felonious Assault	1	3	-2	-66%
Felonious Assault by Mob	2	0	2	200%
Malicious Wounding of Police Officer	3	2	1	50%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>200%</b>
<b>ASSAULT &amp; BATTERY:</b>				
Assault & Battery	21	40	-19	-48%
Assault & Battery on Police	2	4	-2	-50%
Assault & Battery on Mob	1	8	-7	-88%
Assault & Battery hate crime	0	2	-2	-100%
Assault & Battery on family	14	3	11	366%
Non-malicious Wounding	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-32%</b>
<b>OTHER SEX OFFENSE:</b>				
Sexual Battery	2	3	-1	-33%
Peeping	0	0	0	0%
Indecent Exposure	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>OTHER PERSON OFFENSE:</b>				
Abduction	0	2	-2	-100%
Written Threat	0	2	-2	-100%
Threat to School Authority	2	0	0	200%
Threat to Harm	0	0	0	0%
Throw Missiles at Vehicle	4	2	2	100%
Injury by Caustic Substance	2	0	2	200%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33%</b>

CATEGORY	FY 08	FY 07	Change	%Change
<b>BURGLARY/B &amp; E:</b>				
Breaking and Entering	31	19	22	115%
Burglary	0	6	-6	-100%
Burglary at night	0	6	-6	-100%
Unlawful Entry	0	4	-4	-100%
Attempted Breaking & Entering	0	0	-0	0%
Possess Burglary Tools	16	24	-8	-33%
Conspire to Commit Burglary	5	0	5	500%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-12%</b>
<b>LARCENY-THEFT (FELONY):</b>				
Grand Larceny	82	76	6	8%
Attempted Larceny	6	2	4	200%
Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny	7	23	-16	-70%
Embezzlement (felonious)	0	1	-1	-100%
Receive Stolen Goods >\$200	9	2	7	350%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:</b>				
Unauthorized Use (felonious)	5	6	-1	-17%
Unauthorized Use (misdem.)	0	9	-9	-100%
Automobile Theft	0	16	-16	-100%
Attempted G.L. Automobile	0	0	0	0%
Tampering with Automobile	1	9	-8	-89%
Altered Serial Number (Auto)	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-85%</b>
<b>ARSON:</b>				
Arson of Occupied	1	0	1	100%
Offender 15 or over	2	0	2	200%
False Alarm—False	1	5	-4	-80%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-20%</b>
<b>VANDALISM-PUBLIC/PRIVATE:</b>				
Destruction of Public Property				
>\$1000	0	2	-2	-100%
< \$1000	0	14	-14	-100%
Destruction of Private Property				
>\$1000	22	0	22	2200%
< \$1000	43	28	15	54%
Interference with Phone Communication	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>TRESPASSING:</b>				
Trespass	8	13	-5	-38%
Trespass on School	0	2	-2	-100%
Trespass by Posted Sign	2	0	2	200%
Unlawful Entry	0	4	-4	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-47%</b>

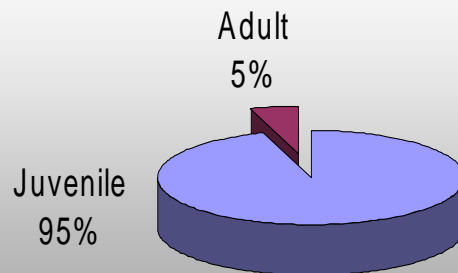


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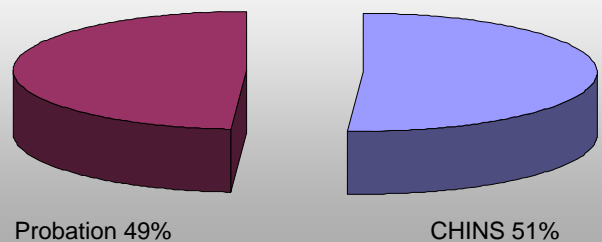
CATEGORY	FY 08	FY 07	Change	%Change
<b>FRAUD/CREDIT CARD/CHECK:</b>				
Forgery	8	0	8	800%
Embezzlement (misdemeanor)	2	1	1	100%
Credit Card Fraud	3	0	3	300%
Theft Credit Card	17	3	14	466%
Bad checks <\$200	0	1	-1	-100%
Perjury	1	0	1	100%
Uttering	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>540%</b>
<b>LARCENY-PETTY:</b>				
Petty Larceny	62	61	1	2%
Attempted Petty Larceny	0	2	-2	-100%
Receive Stolen Goods <\$200	5	17	-2	-29%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL-FELONY:</b>				
Concealment of Merchandise >\$200	7	0	7	700%
Unlawful Use of Phone	0	0	0	0%
Failure to Appear (felony)	17	16	1	6%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>DRUG VIOLATIONS:</b>				
Distribution of Drugs on School Grounds	7	0	7	700%
Distribution of Marijuana	5	2	3	150%
Possession of Heroin	2	0	2	200%
Possession of Cocaine	2	2	0	0%
Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Cocaine with Int. to Dist. (School Zone)	0	0	0	0%
Distribution of Cocaine	1	0	1	100%
Possession of Marijuana	38	32	6	19%
Possession of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribution of LSD	1	0	1	100%
Distribute, Sell >.5 oz <5 lbs	3	2	1	50%
Distribute, Sell <.5 oz	6	2	4	200%
Inhale Drugs	7	0	7	700%
Possession schedule III	2	0	2	200%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE:</b>				
Resist Arrest, threats, force	3	2	1	50%
Resist Arrest, w/o threat, force	3	4	-1	-25%
Obstruct Justice	0	1	-1	-100%
Fail to Identify	10	9	1	11%
Disorderly Conduct	8	25	-13	-52%
Fugitive	0	0	0	0%
Eluding	0	0	0	0%
Curse and Abuse	1	2	-1	-50%
File False Report	1	3	-2	-66%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>43%</b>

CATEGORY	FY 08	FY 07	Change	%Change
<b>WEAPONS OFFENSE:</b>				
Use of Firearm in Felony	0	0	0	0%
Conceal Weapon	4	2	2	100%
Weapons at School	6	1	5	500%
Possession of Firearm under Eighteen	0	0	0	0%
Possession of a Weapon by Felon	0	1	-1	-100%
Discharge Weapon, Vehicle	0	1	-1	-100%
Possess or Transport Weapon	0	3	-3	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS:</b>				
Drive Under Influence	0	4	-4	-100%
Drunk in Public	1	3	-2	-33%
Drinking in Public	2	1	1	100%
Possession of Beer/Alcohol	52	40	12	30%
Sell Alcohol to a Minor	0	1	-1	-100%
Drinking in Public (School)	2	0	2	200%
Consume Alcohol <21 yrs	0	3	-3	-100%
Use False ID to purchase	3	0	3	300%
Drinking in Metro station	1	0	1	100%
DWI/DUI	1	4	-3	-75%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13%</b>

## Complaints Processed by Intake



## Violations Issued



# JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

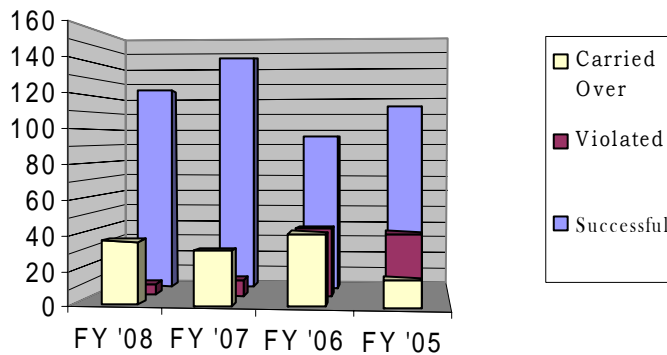
CATEGORY	FY 08	FY 07	Change	%Change
<b>TRAFFIC:</b>				
Felonious Hit and Run	3	4	-1	-25%
Traffic Offenses/Summonses	10	11	-1	-9%
Reckless Driving	17	18	-1	-6%
No Driver's License	28	58	-24	-46%
Driving on Suspended License	13	9	4	44%
Ride Moped Under the Age of 16	0	1	-1	-100%
Failure to stop for Police	1	1	0	0%
Altered ID/License	0	1	-1	-100%
Violation of a Learner's Permit	33	33	0	0%
Speeding charges	8	0	8	800%
Drive Bike without helmet	0	5	-5	-100%
Riding Moped without helmet	0	1	-1	-100%
Driver <18 curfew violation	2	0	2	200%
Petition court for restricted License	0	1	-1	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS</b>				
Conceal Merchandise <\$200	7	1	6	600%
Fail to Pay (Metro)	166	89	77	87%
Eat on Metro	2	1	1	100%
Possession Stolen Credit Card	0	0	0	0%
Littering	2	0	2	200%
Trespassing at School	0	2	-2	-100%
Harassment by computer	0	2	-2	-100%
Urinating in Public	2	1	1	100%
Vending from a vehicle	1	0	1	100%
Harassing Phone Calls	2	0	2	200%
Shoot BB air gun	1	0	1	100%
Prostitution	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>TRANSFERS (IN):</b>				
Transfer of Disposition	1	7	-6	-86%
Transfer of Supervision	2	1	1	100%
Request Supervision (Courtesy)	9	14	-5	-36%
Request for Transfer Report	0	0	0	0%
Transfer case Parole	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-41%</b>
<b>VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION:</b>				
Violations of Probation	172	245	-73	-30%
Violation of Parole	28	8	20	250%
Violation of Supervision CHINS	180	154	26	17%
Violation of Court Order	1	1	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>CHINS:</b>				
CHINS	28	40	-12	-30%
Runaway	26	14	12	86%
Out of State Runaway	5	19	-14	-74%
Truancy	109	117	-8	-7%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-12%</b>

CATEGORY	FY 08	FY 07	Change	%Change
<b>CUSTODY CASES:</b>				
Custody	381	357	24	7%
Registration of Custody Order	3	1	2	200%
Visitation Problems	129	67	62	93%
Adoption (Private)	0	1	-1	-100%
Establish Paternity	56	59	-3	-5%
Disestablish Paternity	0	13	-13	-1300%
Relief of Custody	0	3	-3	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>OTHER NON-CRIMINAL</b>				
Emancipation	0	0	0	0%
Judicial Review				
Foster Care	1	0	1	100%
Neglect & Abuse Child	26	30	-4	-13%
Educational Neglect	9	3	6	200%
Protective Order (Juvenile)	15	11	4	36%
Terminate Parental Rights	51	16	35	219%
Child Support	210	177	33	19%
Spousal Support	22	*	22	*
Failure to Appear	41	47	-6	-13%
Chancery request	6	2	4	200%
Entrustment	8	0	8	800%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>TRANSFERS (OUT):</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>GANG OFFENSES:</b>				
Solicit, invite, recruit juveniles to be members of gang	0	0	0	0%
Participation in criminal act for Benefit of Gang	6	7	-1	-14%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-14%</b>
<b>MENTAL HEARING:</b>				
* Beginning FY 2007, mental hearings are heard in 19th District (Fairfax)				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>INFORMAL TOBACCO</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-10%</b>
<b>INFORMAL BIKE HELMETS</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>POSS. Of TOBACCO (COURT)</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-15%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2485</b>	<b>2340</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>6%</b>
•Child Support and Spousal Support were reported in prior years as a single category, Civil Support.				

# DETENTION DIVERSION • STREET LAW

The **Detention Diversion Program (DDP)** of the Court Services Unit reduces the number of minority youths placed in the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home. The DDP has a client capacity of fourteen and reports as a unit to the Intake Services Unit. Court Services Unit Probation Officers are the primary source of referrals to the program. DDP counselors **Leilani Page** and **Oswaldo Castillo** maintain intense daily supervision and case management for youth placed on the program. Community outreach visits and consultation with other professionals are conducted in order to facilitate compliance of program rules.

## DDP Program Participant Outcomes



## Detention Diversion Program Demographics

	FY '08	FY '07
Youth Enrolled	167	185
Minority Clients	130 (78%)	147 (79%)
Males	128 (77%)	137 (74%)
Females	39 (23%)	48 (26%)
Arlington Placement	159 (95%)	151 (82%)
Falls Church Placement	8 (5%)	34 (18%)
Childcare Days	4,359	5,448
Utilization Rate	85%	100%

The **Street Law Program** aims to reduce delinquency through education. Since August of 1998, the Street Law program has provided clients with an educational experience designed specifically to improve compliance with probation conditions and overall response to the judicial system. The program involves a self-assessment component completed by the participants, allowing them to reflect on their offense and address behavior. Both the positive and negative consequences of each alternative are analyzed and examined.

The program is held monthly and targets youth in the Detention Diversion Program. In addition to the clients, parents also participate in the Street Law educational experience. This year nine sessions were offered, with 80 parents successfully completing the program.

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA JUVENILE DETENTION HOME & SHELTERCARE

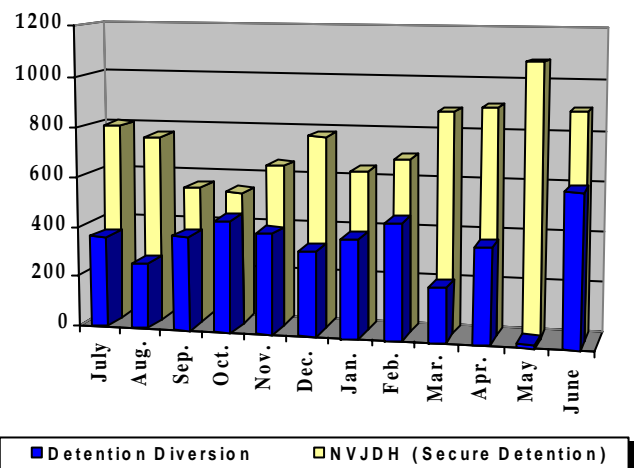
The Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home (NVJDH) is operated by a multi-jurisdictional commission. The Commission members are appointed by the Arlington County Board, the City of Alexandria and the City of Falls Church. The Detention Home has a capacity of 70 beds, with 10 beds reserved for **New Beginnings**, the "Post-Dispositional" Program, which offers therapeutic groups, problem-solving sessions and guest speakers.

**Sheltercare** is a temporary shelter for youth who are abused, neglected, or cannot return home. Arlington contracts with the City of Alexandria for three beds at the home.

## Arlington Use of Multi-Jurisdictional Facilities

Sheltercare	FY '08	FY '07
Bed days used	590 55%	467 43%
NVJDH	FY '08	FY '07
Bed days used (inc. New Beginnings)	9,110 55%	10,435 59%

## Number and Type of Detention Days





## **Adult Probation Unit**

### ***Mission***

*To provide services for adult offenders to encourage family stability and to protect the community through conducting investigations, supervising defendants and coordinating effective and efficient intervention services*

# ADULT PROBATION

The **Adult Probation Unit** provides the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court with supervision and investigation capabilities for adult client cases under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court. Matters that fall within the purview of the Adult Unit are those relating to domestic violence and other intra-family criminal cases involving adult offenses against children; property theft and/or damage done by one family member against another, or against a member of their household.

The Adult Probation Unit protects and serves the welfare of the family and the community through its provision of evaluation, treatment, and referral services for its court-involved adult clients. Counselors provide case investigations and evaluations, probation supervision, and treatment coordination; and they monitor compliance with orders of the court. Counselors also arrange for violation hearings for such issues as non-compliance with court orders.

## Trends in Adult Probation Services

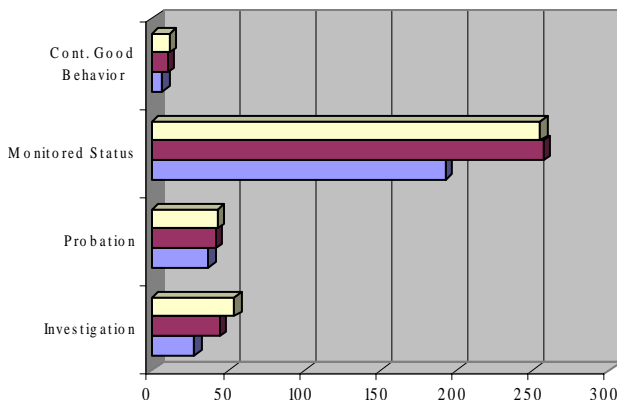
- ◆ In FY 2008, the total case assignments decreased by 14% to 222 from 260 in FY 2007.
- ◆ Thirteen sex offenses cases were assigned in FY 2008, a dramatic increase over one case in FY 2007.
- ◆ There were 31 case assignments by person offense in FY 2008, a 94% increase from the 16 reported in FY 2007.



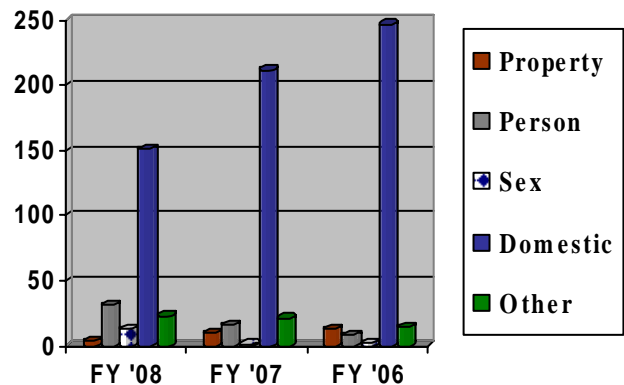
(l to r) **Maurice Holtz**, **Kimberly Dexter**, **Joanne Hamilton**, Adult Probation Officers; **Naomi Cuffie-Brooks**, Supervisor; **Arnaldo Rosado**, Adult Probation Officer

FY '08		FY '07	
Male	78%	Male	73%
Female	22%	Female	27%
Black	26%	Black	23%
Hispanic	38%	Hispanic	37%
White	27%	White	33%
Asian	4%	Asian	4%
Mid East	4%	Mid East	2%
Other	1%	Other	1%

Adult Assignments by Type



Case Assignments by Offense Type





## **Juvenile Probation Unit**

### ***Mission***

*To provide the Court with investigation and supervision services which promote positive behavioral change, accountability and public safety in youth and their families through prevention, competency development and correctional intervention*

# JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES

The **Juvenile Probation Services Unit** provides the Court with investigations and supervision in all matters involving children who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or who have committed offenses prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Investigation services are provided for the following types of cases: delinquency, Children in Need of Services, Children in Need of Supervision, emancipation petitions, transfers of juveniles to Circuit Court, requests for studies by other jurisdictions, child custody, and visitation matters. Supervision services are provided in probation and parole cases (delinquent) and in Children in Need of Services cases (non-delinquent). Additionally, cases are monitored for compliance with certain conditions mandated by the Court, such as restitution or community service, in cases where no formal supervision status is prescribed.

The duties of the juvenile probation staff include case preparation, documentation, referral and coordination of client services. Clients are visited at detention, Sheltercare, schools, homes, state correctional facilities and residential placements. Staff attends interagency planning meetings and Court when appropriate.

## Substance Abuse Screening

The Court Services Unit continued to perform on-site drug screening during FY '08. Screenings may be conducted for THC (marijuana), cocaine, amphetamine, morphine, heroin, alcohol, and methamphetamine.

The rate of positive drug screens increased to 20% of those tested. The overall number of screenings administered in FY '08 was 349, a decrease of 19% over FY '07.

	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
<b>Total Drug Screens Taken:</b>	349	430	451
Negatives	278	377	383
Positives	71 (20%)	53 (12%)	62 (14%)
Invalid	4	2	6
<b>Types of Positives</b>	(* No screen for this substance.)		
Marijuana	58	42	55
Cocaine	6	4	3
Amphetamine	1	0	1
Morphine	1	0	0
Alcohol	3	4	1
PCP	2	0	*
Methamphetamine	0	1	2



Juvenile Unit (l to r) **Oswaldo Castillo**, Detention Diversion; **Caitlin Tracy**, **Arthur Jean**, Hit Duty Counselors; **Kari Gividen**, **Colin Bagwell**, **Niasha John**, **LaToya Jordan**, **Hao Pera**, Probation Officers; **Faye Jones**, Supervisor; **Evelyn Cochis**, **Marvin Dickerson**, **Tim Coffman**, **Erick King**, **Carmen Cornelison**, **Amy Ashley**, **Rita Brewer**, Probation Officers; **Shannan Moore**, Supervisor; **Michele Wood**, **Manuel Vicens**, Probation Officers.  
Not pictured: **Leilani Page**, **Eric Assur**, **Lisa Laboy**

# JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES

## RISK ASSESSMENT

The Risk Assessment is a tool designed to enhance public safety. The assessment process classifies individuals according to their relative likelihood of continued involvement in delinquent behavior. The Department of Juvenile Justice evaluates this information through the use of an empirically-validated risk assessment instrument.

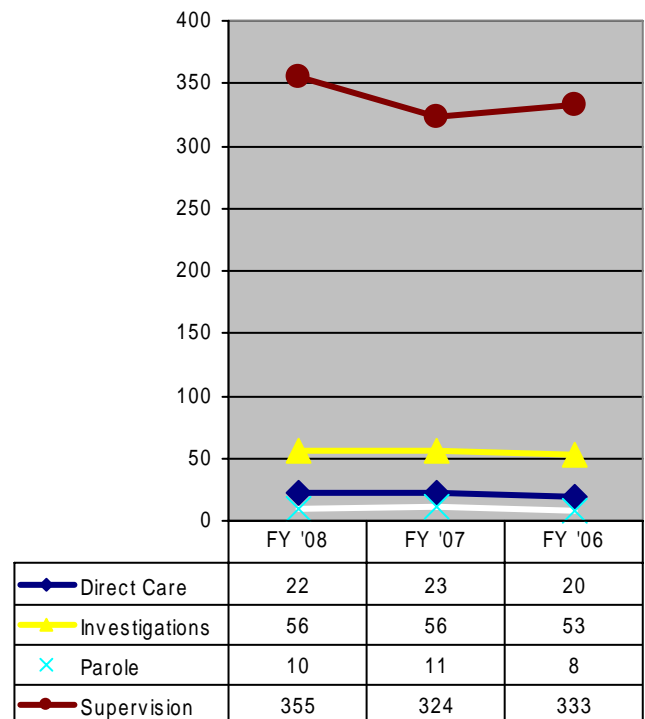
Adjudicated offenders are assessed based on a set of factors provided by DJJ. Assessments identify those who are most likely to commit subsequent offenses and aid the CSU in making appropriate intervention decisions within its allocated resource limits. JDRC associates a juvenile's level of risk with an appropriate level of supervision and program type and targets offenders with the highest risk of being an ongoing threat to public safety for the most intensive interventions.

The 17th District CSU had approximately 10 percent of its clients classified as high risk.

### RISK ASSESSMENT PROFILE Arlington—17th CSU

Risk Classification	# of Cases	Percent
<b>Low</b>	93	50%
<b>Moderate</b>	76	40%
<b>High</b>	19	10%
<b>Total</b>	188	100%
<b>Region 2 Data</b>		
Risk Classification	# of Cases	Percent
<b>Low</b>	*	*
<b>Moderate</b>	*	*
<b>High</b>	*	*
<b>Total</b>	*	100%
* Not available at time of publication.		
<b>Statewide Data **</b>		
Risk Classification	# of Cases	Percent
<b>Low</b>	3,328	31%
<b>Moderate</b>	5,368	50%
<b>High</b>	2,039	19%
<b>Total</b>	10,735	100%

## Average Monthly Workload



## RECIDIVISM RATES

	Arlington	State Average
Probation	9.7%	26.6%
Parole	20%	36.7%

*Recidivism is defined as reconviction for an offense within twelve months of the end of the probation or parole period. The figures above reflect reconvictions that occurred during FY 2006 for clients who completed probation or parole during the prior fiscal year.*

—source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, January 2, 2008

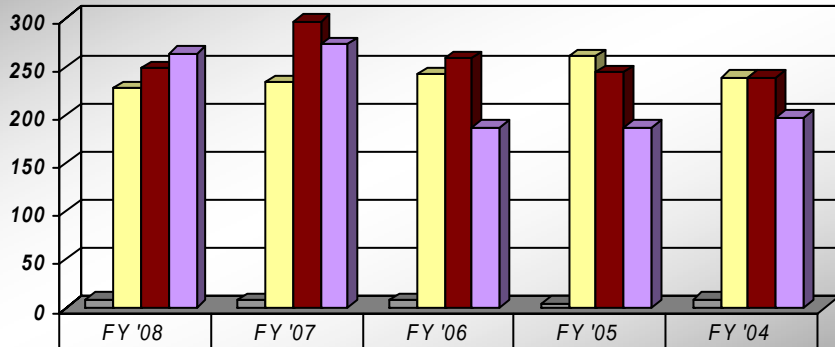
## Commitments to DJJ

FY '08 **	FY '07	FY '06
18	26	21

\*\* Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, Central Office



### New Assignments



■ Custody Investigation	9	7	7	4	8
■ Supervision	228	234	243	261	240
■ Social History	249	298	259	245	239
■ Suspended Imposition of Sentence	265	274	187	188	198

#### DEMOGRAPHICS: (New Supervision Cases)

Male:	164	(72%)
Female:	64	(28%)
Black:	83	(37%)
White:	139	(61%)
Asian/Pacific Is.:	3	(1%)
Middle Eastern:	3	(1%)

Hispanic Origin:	86	(38%)
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#### ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME:

Below 10K:	17	(7%)
10K-25K:	71	(31%)
25K-40K:	64	(28%)
40K-55K:	22	(10%)
55K-70K:	9	(4%)
Above 70K:	39	(17%)
Unknown:	6	(3%)

#### GRADE:

Seventh & below:	6	(3%)
Eighth:	10	(4%)
Ninth:	40	(17%)
Tenth:	54	(24%)
Eleventh:	49	(21%)
Twelfth:	43	(19%)
College:	10	(4%)
Graduated/No longer in school:	16	(6%)

#### AGE:

Twelve & under:	2	(1%)
Thirteen:	6	(3%)
Fourteen:	22	(9%)
Fifteen:	27	(12%)
Sixteen:	46	(20%)
Seventeen & over:	125	(55%)

#### FAMILY PROFILE:

2 Natural parents:	65	(29%)
1 Natural parent:	113	(49%)
1 Natural and step parent:	15	(6%)
Other relatives:	8	(4%)
Guardian:	9	(4%)
Institution:	6	(3%)
Alone:	10	(4%)
Foster Care:	2	(1%)

#### SCHOOLS:

Career Center:	2	(1%)
Adult Education:	1	(0.5%)
Gunston:	10	(4%)
Kenmore:	4	(2%)
New Directions:	14	(6%)
Williamsburg Middle:	1	(0.5%)
Thomas Jefferson:	10	(4%)
Arlington Mill:	2	(1%)
Washington-Lee:	32	(14%)
Wakefield:	36	(16%)
Yorktown:	29	(12.5%)
Swanson:	2	(1%)
Langston:	3	(1.5%)
Family Center:	2	(1%)
College:	10	(4%)
Other schools:	70	(31%)



## Administrative Unit

### *Mission*

To render breakthrough administrative services to the Court Services Unit, public, and other agencies by processing information, client tracking system, human resources tasks, budgeting and assisting various Court programs with respect and dignity.



(from left) **Anthony Hines, Curtina Wilson-Baba, Alex Espinoza-Smith**, Supervisor, **A-Hakim Khandoker, Mary Willoughby, and Sylvia Benitah**

The support that the Administrative Unit provides is vital to the smooth operation of the Court. This team assists with the processing of court documents that facilitates the administration of justice in Arlington County.

On a personal note, this diverse and multitalented group of “Admins” consists of a passionate angler, an inspiring singer, a devout health enthusiast, a budding author, a creative silk floral artist and poet, and a cheerful cheesecake lover.



## **Community-Based Programs**

### ***Mission***

*To supervise, encourage and counsel teens and their families to develop competencies needed to function as responsible, self-confident, goal-oriented individuals and law-abiding citizens*

# ARGUS HOUSE

The **Argus House** is a community-based group home that serves court-involved juvenile males, age 13 to 18, and their families. The residents, and often their parents, tend to have issues related to authority problems, anger management, family dysfunction, interpersonal and emotional problems, lack of supervision at home, and poor school performance. Typically, these juveniles are at moderate risk for further court involvement, and supervision by a probation officer has not been sufficient to stop maladaptive behavior. In order to be placed in Argus House, the juvenile must be referred by his probation officer, he must live in Arlington County or the City of Falls Church, and he must not present a high risk to the community. Juveniles who are sex offenders, who set fires, who have serious substance abuse or mental health issues, or who have committed violent crimes are not eligible for placement.

CLIENT STATUS	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
Clients	19	20	19
Successful Clients	16	17	15
Recidivist (within 1 year of release) *not available at publication time	*	1	0
Utilization Rate	81%	81%	73%

While at Argus House, residents and their families work on improving communication, establishing a structure in the home, and resolving the individual social problems that led them into the court system. Parents must attend all meetings and are required to supervise their sons during home passes. They pay a monthly assessment to the Arlington County, based on a sliding scale.

**Ethnicity:** Hispanic: 11 (58%) Black: 5 (26%)  
 White: 2 (11%) Asian: 0(0%) Middle Eastern: 1 (5%)

\*DJJ defines "recidivism" as a client's rearrest on a new criminal offense during the twelve months following his release from the Argus House.



## Highlights of FY 2008

- Nine residents successfully completed the program in FY08.



- At the end of the summer of 2007, Argus House staff and residents visited Gettysburg, PA and Cunningham Falls, MD during a three-day camping trip to the Catocin Mountain Park. This trip has become an Argus House annual event.
- During this fiscal year, eight volunteers completed a total of 894 hours of service to Argus House residents and their families. Using the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Dollar Value for Volunteer Hours" for 2007, these hours represent a value of \$17,441 to our organization.

### Therapeutic Services Statistics:

PPC Group Hours	93
Individual and Family Therapy Hours	228
Parent Group Hours	45

### Other groups that took place at Argus House:

EQUIP groups (social skills and moral reasoning) 20 sessions  
 Substance Abuse Group (L. Jordan and S. Moore) 16 sessions

Peer group sessions, family sessions, and parent groups continue to be the primary means of dealing with long standing social problems of both the residents and their family members. Residents participate in ten to fifteen peer groups weekly to address social problems, to confront each other about poor choices, and to give constructive feedback about personal, family, and school issues.

When a client completes the Argus House program, there are tangible results.

# AURORA HOUSE

**Aurora House** serves adolescent females 13 to 17 years of age who reside in Arlington County, the City of Falls Church and the City of Alexandria. Clients are under the formal supervision of the Juvenile Court and demonstrate significant problems that prevent them from living with parent(s) or family members. Most frequently, this includes truancy from school and running away from home for extended periods. These behaviors result in the girl's adjudication as a "Child in Need of Services" or delinquent and placement in the program. However, these girls present many other underlying issues including highly troubled histories of child abuse, promiscuity, low self-esteem, depression, chronic conflict with authority figures and generally problematic relationships with family members and peers. A significant number of girls placed at Aurora House also have histories of associations with gang members.

## Statistics:

Referral	11
Clients served	18
Child Care Days	3,067
Average Daily Population	8.38
Completions	7
Utilization Rate	70%
Recidivists w/in 1 Year	1 out of 6 graduates (16%)

## Ethnicity:

African American	4	(22%)
Caucasian	2	(11%)
Hispanic	10	(55%)
Asian	2	(11%)

## Age at admission to Aurora House

13 yrs of age	2	(11%)
14 yrs of age	6	(33%)
15 yrs of age	8	(44%)
16 yrs of age	2	(11%)
17 yrs of age	0	(0%)

## Home School at time of admission

New Directions	3	(16%)
W & L HS	2	(11%)
Wakefield HS	4	(22%)
Yorktown HS	2	(11%)
Gunston MS	2	(11%)
Thomas Jefferson	2	(11%)
Kenmore MS	1	(6%)
Langston	1	(6%)
George Mason MS	1	(6%)

Aurora House provides counseling services to the girls during the course of placement. These services include the parents in weekly family counseling and parenting



groups. **During the past year, the parental participation rate in these services exceeded 80%.** In addition to the family services, the residents participate in five weekly peer groups and at least three therapeutic groups. Topics focus on social and interpersonal skill development such as conflict resolution, decision-making, emotional management and communication.

Peer support, guidance and personal accountability are heavily emphasized within the group home environment. Girls earn weekly home passes as they progress through the program, providing them the opportunity to practice these skills as they transition to their homes and communities.

Education is a high priority in the Aurora House program. The staff maintains consistent contact with teachers, guidance counselors and administrators from each of the public schools. In addition to conducting daily attendance checks, the counselors attend parent/teacher conferences and IEP meetings. Volunteers provide weekly tutorial services to the girls during the school term. Improvement in attendance and academic performance is typically the most immediate change we see occur for the residents. The Aurora House administers the **Susan Olom College Scholarship Fund** to assist previous residents in pursuing higher education. **Three scholarships were awarded in 2008.** Aurora House has a tradition of promoting academic advancement with our **College Awareness Program**, where the girls will tour local universities and community colleges during school vacations and breaks. Aurora House residents are encouraged to give back to their community through participation in civic activities such as the **Adopt-A-Spot** clean up, **AAUW Book Drive**, and various programs with area nursing homes, senior centers and child-care centers.



# GIRLS' OUTREACH PROGRAM

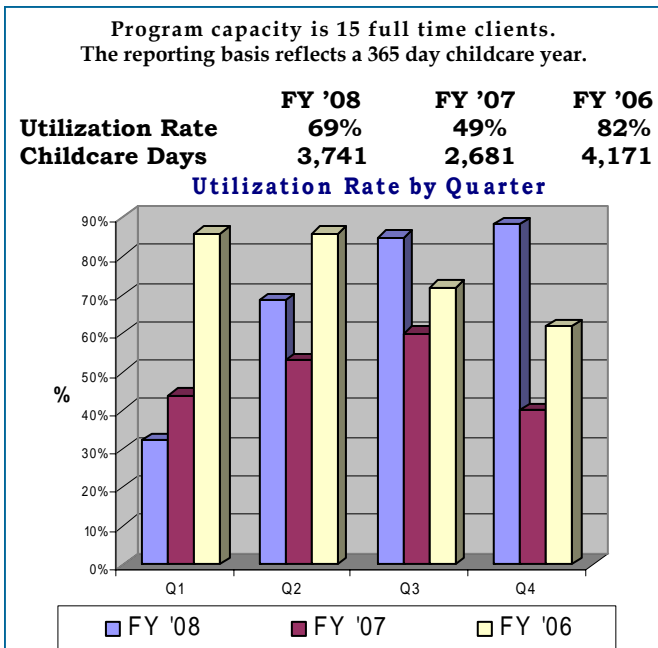
The **Girls' Outreach Program** is an after school, day-treatment program. This ten month program serves female clients between the ages of 13 and 17. Girls are referred through the court, schools or their families. Each client resides and attends school in Arlington County or Falls Church. The program fosters self-esteem through empowerment. The program offers individual, family and group counseling in both English and Spanish. It hosts educational workshops that focus on topics including sex and pregnancy prevention, self esteem, employability, and anger management. Structured activities include community service and therapeutic recreational activities. Education is emphasized by mandatory study hall and individual tutoring. Personal responsibility is encouraged through weekly house meetings, goal setting and evaluations.

FY 2008 was a very productive and successful year for the Girls' Outreach Program. The program's utilization increased significantly and the program was at full capacity for the majority of the year. Numerous changes were implemented including a new behavioral management program and diverse groups which target our clients' specific issues. In addition, the Girls' Outreach Program



(from left) **Alison Kempter**, Counselor; **Alma Floyd**, Administrative Technician; **Tara Magee**, Program Coordinator; **Houreya Refaat**, Counselor.  
(Not pictured:) **April Lampkin**, Counselor; **Odessa Becker**, **Bridgette Fonville** and **Lily Gutierrez**, Relief Counselors.

developed relationships with other Arlington County agencies such as the **Teen Employment Center**, **Arlington County Public Libraries** and the **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department** which has enhanced the services we can provide to clients. The face of the program changed this year, and a new program coordinator, two new primary counselors and new relief staff were hired. The Girls' Outreach Program fully expects that high utilization and positive community relationships will continue into 2009.



REFERRED OFFENSES	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
CHINS	19 (79%)	10 (63%)	15 (68%)
Delinquent	5 (21%)	6 (37%)	7 (32%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>

CLIENTS	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
Carryovers from prior FY	4	7	11
New Clients	20	11	12
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>

CLIENT STATUS	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
Successful Clients	5	8	6
Terminated without Completion	8	4	9
Carryovers to the next FY	11	4	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>

ETHNICITY	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
Hispanic	10 (42%)	9 (56%)	17(77%)
RACE	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
Black	8 (33%)	6 (38%)	3 (13%)
White	12 (50%)	10 (62%)	18 (82%)
Asian	2 (8.5%)	0	1 (5%)
Middle Eastern	2 (8.5%)	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>

# PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

The **Psychological Services** team is responsible for the coordination, development, and implementation of evaluation and therapeutic services for juveniles and adults. The team consists of two Court Psychologists and an Argus House Clinical Coordinator. During FY 2008, the Psychological Services team included of **Dr. Robin Knoblach**, Court Psychologist and **Maria Caballero**, Argus House Clinical Coordinator. One Court Psychologist position remained vacant. **The team provided services to 112 clients during FY 2008 (-26% from FY07), with each client receiving an average of two different services over the course of the year.** The sharp decrease in numbers of clients served and hours spent in service delivery this year can be accounted for by the fact that one of the half-time Court Psychologist positions was vacant for the entire year, and the Argus House Clinical Coordinator position was vacant until October.

**ARGUS HOUSE** The Psychological Services team provides family and group therapy for all residents in either English or Spanish. In addition, the Argus Clinical Coordinator is integrally involved in resident treatment planning and provide consultation and training for Argus House staff in all aspects of the therapeutic milieu.

**GIRLS' OUTREACH** Psychological Services continues to provide family, group and individual therapy for clients and case consultation and training to staff. Direct services for clients include social skills, anger management, and moral reasoning groups, and parent support groups in English and Spanish. In addition, Psychological Services is involved in program development and assessment of program outcome.

**PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAMS** Psychological Services includes training programs for graduate students in clinical psychology and marriage and family therapy at local universities. Under supervision, pre-doctoral externs and masters-level interns provided individual, family, and group therapy, mental health evaluation, and psychological testing to CSU clients across all units and programs. **During FY 2008, externs and interns worked a total of 1065 hours (including training and supervision) and provided services to a total of 51 clients.** Many of these clients received multiple services, such as group and family therapy.

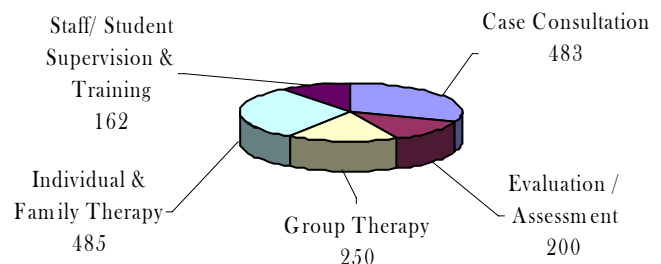
**BILINGUAL SERVICES** Psychological Services has one full-time staff member who is Spanish-speaking and able to provide bilingual services. In addition, during the current fiscal year, Psychological Services also had a Spanish-speaking Psychology Extern who stayed on as a temporary



(l to r) **Mary Willoughby**, Administrative Assistant; **Dr. Robin Knoblach**, Court Psychologist, and **John Bazaz**, Deputy Director. Not pictured, **Maria Caballero**.

employee. This enables Psychological Services to provide a range of therapy and assessment services in Spanish across the CSU. **During FY 2008, 13 families received bilingual clinical services and 5 evaluations were also done in Spanish.** These clients included both individuals and families from Girls' Outreach, Argus House and the Juvenile Probation and Adult Services Units.

## FY 2008 Service Delivery Hours



### SERVICES FOR JUVENILE CLIENTS

- ◆ Psychological Evaluation
- ◆ Family, Individual and Group Therapy

### SERVICES FOR ADULT CLIENTS

- ◆ Psychological Evaluation
- ◆ Family and Individual Therapy

### SERVICES FOR CSU STAFF

- ◆ Individual consultation on client mental health issues
- ◆ Training in mental health issues
- ◆ Identification and coordination of outside treatment and evaluation resources
- ◆ Training and supervision in group therapy

# PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

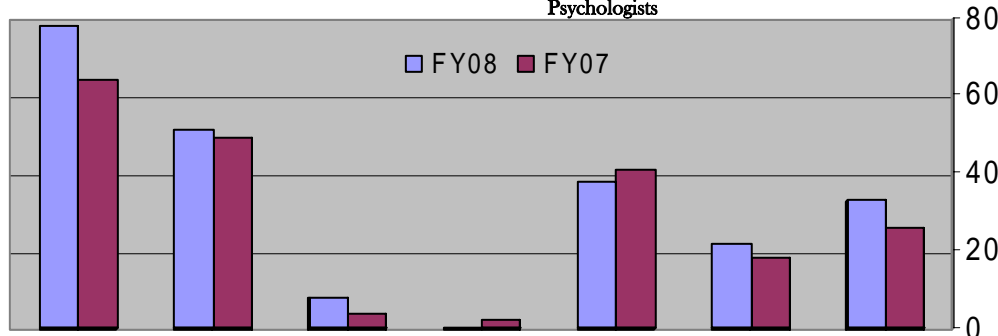
## All Direct and Consultative Services Provided in FY 2008

(shows how many clients in each program received each service; some clients received multiple services)

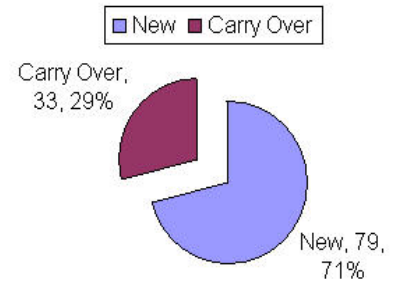
Service	Juvenile & Adult Probation	Argus House	Girls' Outreach	Aurora House	Total	FY 2007 Totals / per cent change
Case Consultation	4	31	46	17	98	91/ +7%
Full Psychological Evaluations	12	0	0	0	12	8/ +50%
Mental Health Evaluations	7	0	1	0	8	3/ +167%
Other Evaluations (i.e. sex offender, competence)	0	0	0	N/A	0	1/ -100%
Evaluations by Outside Psychologists					38	40/ <-1%
Individual & Family Therapy	10	11	5	N/A	26	29/ -10%
Group Therapy (parent groups, Argus therapy groups, gang prevention & STAR/EQUIP)	N/A	17	17	N/A	34	43/ -21%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>229/ -1%</b>

### New Referrals for Direct and Consultative Services

Case Consultation    Full Evaluation    Mental Health Evaluations    Other Evaluations    Referred to Private Psychologists    Individual & Family Therapy    Group Therapy



### Clients Served FY 2008



### Outcomes of Direct Services in FY 2008

Service	Completed	Did not complete	Referral withdrawn or not accepted	Total
Evaluations (includes evaluations referred out)	53	1	10	64
Individual & Family Therapy	11	4	1	16
Group Therapy (includes parent groups & STAR/EQUIP)	31	3	0	34
<b>FY 2008 TOTALS</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>FY 2007 TOTALS</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>% change from FY07</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>-65%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>-9%</b>



The **Life Skills** program was developed in 2001 to educate youth who are approaching independence and lack the skills necessary to transition into young adulthood.

The objective of the program is to provide youth with the knowledge and skills needed to transition into an independent lifestyle. The program provides hands-on experience in such things as apartment hunting, finding resources, learning employment skills (i.e., job interviews, filling out employment applications, resume writing) and money management. They receive information on medical coverage and other topics.

The program is limited to 12 participants who are youth under the supervision of the Court, between the ages of 16 and 18, who are moving toward an independent lifestyle and who

- Are in need of making plans to move out of their home; or
- Lack the information and resources regarding community services; or
- Need to acquire a better understanding of adult responsibilities; and or
- Need direction regarding making sound personal choices.

Life Skills sessions may be held at the Northern Virginia Detention Home, New Beginnings, and at Girls' Outreach. During FY 2008, under the direction of probation officer **Lana Powers**, Life Skills was held at New Beginnings during Quarter 1:

Referrals	7
Successful Completions	5 (72%)
Male	2 (28%)
Female	5 (72%)
15 years (28%)	16 years (28%) 17 years (44%)

In FY 2008, JDRC management and staff attended 745 courses for a total of 2765 training hours. On an average, each staff member attended 44 training hours.

The purpose of the **Training** program is to provide 20 hours of in-house training per year to staff. During FY 2008 the program provided 27.5 hours of in-house training. The program is coordinated by probation officer **Rita Brewer**. The coordinator is also responsible for the following:

- Surveying staff for their training interests and needs
- Coordination of locations for training
- Maintaining contact with the Department of Juvenile Justice regarding DJJ sponsored training
- Distribute the Arlington County training schedule
- Inform staff of training opportunities in the area.

In-house training opportunities included live presentations, televised instruction and interactive webcasts on Gang Information, Suicide, Truancy, Teen Behavior, and Victims' Rights:

- Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy
- The Kid in Trouble: Issues of Development, Diagnosis, Treatment and Risk
- Video and discussion: "Girl Like Me"
- Homeland Security Presentation: "Campus Cops"
- Homeland Security Presentation: Kids, Drugs, and Violence
- Video and discussion: "Facing the Giants"
- Video and discussion: "Thirteen"
- Video and discussion: "Gridiron Gang"
- Poplar Springs Hospital: "Suicide Prevention"
- Video circulation: "Odd Girl Out"
- Video and discussion: "Drugs in Cyberspace"
- Video and discussion: "Prescription Patrol"
- Video and discussion: "Introduction to Arab American and Muslim American Cultures"
- Video and discussion: "Girl Interrupted"
- Magistrate Hellyer presentation: Warrants, Bonds and Protective Orders
- Prober Web Case Management
- Poplar Springs Hospital: Sex Offender Treatment
- ACPD: Methamphetamine/Marijuana

Videos were also made available for home viewing.

# BASICS OF SAFE DRIVING

The **Basics of Safe Driving Program** was established in 1996 for the purpose of increasing driving awareness and enhancing the driving skills of inexperienced young drivers. The program encourages and supports ongoing parental involvement in supervising and monitoring their teen drivers. Parents are required to accompany their child to a 1.5 hour program facilitated by Adult Probation Officer **Kimberly Dexter**. Officer **Adam Stone, ACPD**, makes frequent appearances and shares valuable information with young drivers and their parents.

Adolescents who incur traffic offenses may be referred from Court. Typical referrals are for first time traffic offenders who have received tickets for speeding, failure to obey stop signs and driving with no operator's license.

This CSU administered program generates revenue for the County; there is a twenty-dollar fee. Those who successfully complete the program and pay the required fee are awarded a certificate of completion and avoid a conviction on their record. This program stresses the importance of parents continuing to ride along, observe and teach their adolescent drivers even after they have received their licenses.

Statistics reveal that car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens. It is also reported that teen drivers have the highest crash/fatality rate of

any other driver, particularly 16 year olds.

Drivers under the age of 18 who have held their licenses for less than a year are only permitted to have one passenger under 18 excluding siblings.

Laws affecting teen drivers were passed in Virginia in July 2003, which impose night time restrictions and forbid drivers under the age of 18 from driving between 12 midnight and 4 a.m. with exceptions.



Probation Officer **Kimberly Dexter** facilitates the Basics of Safe Driving Program.

## BASICS of SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM DATA

**Fees Collected: \$1,720**

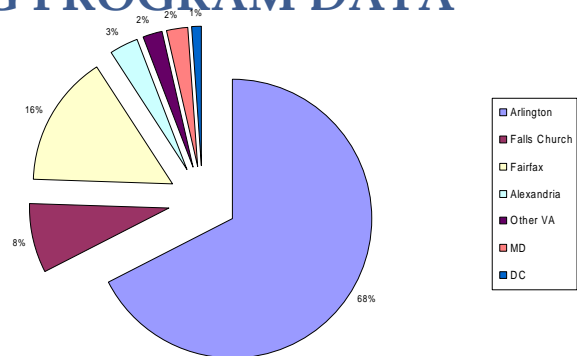
**Certificates Presented: 86**

Males: 51      Females: 35

Hispanic: 18      Non-Hispanic: 68

White: 65      Asian: 7

Black: 7      Middle Eastern: 3      Other: 4



In recent years, Arlington experienced an influx of gang activity, specifically with juvenile gang involvement. The entire metropolitan area, including Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., experienced similar increases in gang activity. **Eight gangs were identified as operating in Arlington. Among Arlington youth involved in FY 2008 in the court process, 52 were referred to the Virginia Gang Management System as gang members.**

As a result of this increasing problem, the Court Services Unit and the Arlington Police entered into a partnership, creating the Gang Intelligence Program. The goals of this program include sharing intelligence on area gang activity and members as well as prevention of gang recruitment and activity within Arlington.

Parole Officer **Colin Bagwell** and Gang Task Force Coordinator **Robert Vilchez** serve as liaisons between the Court Services Unit and the Arlington Police Gang Unit, sharing information with the police and providing awareness to Arlington County schools, community centers, group homes and schools. Rule violators are held accountable through the existing continuum of sanctions.

During 2008, Messrs. Bagwell and Vilchez attended re-

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**“This program focuses on enhancing community safety through the enforcement of court imposed rules such as curfew and court orders prohibiting juvenile delinquents from having contact with gang members or “wanna-be” gang members.”**

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gional conferences in Northern Virginia, and the Virginia Gang Investigations Association Conference presented by the Virginia Gang Investigations Association, in Norfolk.

Mr. Vilchez made presentations and gave press conferences as Coordinator, Regional Task Force, in Arlington community centers, Arlington Public Schools, before the Leadership of Arlington, Teen Network Board, and in television interviews. These presentations consist of an educational component related to gang membership as well as statistics and current events on gang activity within the metropolitan area. Upon request, these presentations may be given in Spanish.

During FY 2008, the program implemented plans to use the Department of Juvenile Justice’s Gang Management System (GMS) as a tool to track current active gang members on supervision.



*Colin Bagwell (l) and Robert Vilchez (r) work closely with the Police Department and the community to stay current on gang behavior and activities; they share intelligence with Probation Officers and community*

In order to foster the communications between the CSU and the Police, **members of this program conducted 25 ride-alongs** with police officers during FY 2008. The ride-alongs were conducted for the purposes of surveillance, curfew enforcement, rules enforcement, intelligence, team and relationship building, and community protection. **Each ride-along with the gang unit is approximately four to six hours.**

In addition, the program scheduled meetings with juveniles who are gang involved and performed home visits for juveniles on probation, supervision and parole. During these home visits, members of this program educated parents about gang activity and curfew ordered by the court.

### Probation and Curfew Enforcement

The **Probation and Curfew Enforcement** program (PACE) monitors juveniles placed on supervision, probation, parole and house arrest at random unscheduled times. Probation Officers **Chris Edmonds** and **Lisa Laboy** directed PACE in FY 2008. Program funding was provided by Arlington Public Schools and ended June 2008.

Highlights include: **18 probation/parole violations were handled** either judicially or non-judicially; **5 new criminal charges** were filed; **4 outstanding warrants were served** on identified youth on probation or parole; **527 curfew checks were performed** on gang involved or at risk youth; and **numerous additional field contacts were completed.**



# INTERNS & VOLUNTEERS

The Court Services Unit enhances the services provided to the clients of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court through its Internship Program. The Internship Program utilizes the knowledge, skills and abilities of undergraduate and graduate students as well as volunteers within the community who have an interest in the probation and parole aspects of the justice system or want to assist the administrative staff of the Court Services Unit.

Those individuals accepted to the Internship Program receive unique opportunities and insights into the justice system by working with both juvenile and adult clients as well as families within Arlington. Interns also gain experi-

ence by working with various court staff, attorneys, public school agencies, judges and social service agencies.



*Erick King, Internship/Volunteer Program Coordinator*

Application materials and a detailed description of the program may be found on the CSU's web pages.

### Special points of interest:

- ◆ Inquiries Received: 29
- ◆ Interns Placed: 14
- ◆ Total Hours Worked: 3,588
- ◆ Value to CSU: \$64,656\*

*\*Based upon the average national rate of \$18.04 determined by the Virginia Employment Commission*

<b>GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY</b>		<b>AMERICAN UNIVERSITY</b>	
Marjorie Berkowitz	Psychological Services	Aria Grabowski	Argus House
Melanie Schettler	Psychological Services	Mara Lieber	Argus House
Leslie Klein	Psychological Services	Kaitlyn Matthews	Argus House
<b>MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY</b>		Katrina Mazzone	Argus House
Jessica Cabrera	CSU/Probation	Jacqui Yaniga	Girls' Outreach Program
Lisa Sepassi	CSU/Probation	<b>McDANIEL COLLEGE</b>	
Teresa Fernandez	CSU/Probation	Tyler Kudravetz	CSU/Probation
<b>UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW</b>		Sonia Claviere	Argus House
Jeffrey Brundage	Judges' Chambers	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>	
<b>GEORGE MASON SCHOOL OF LAW</b>		Jed Hakken	Argus House
DeAnna Schabacker	Judges' Chambers	Isabel Huamanlazo	Argus House
<b>GEORGE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA</b>		Karen Marrill	Argus House
Croix Colling-Hottell	Judges' Chambers	Oxana Sasfai	Argus House
<b>GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY</b>		Lily Gutierrez	CSU Office/Probation
Griselda Romero	CSU/Probation	Alison Kempter	CSU Office/Probation

## Project Open Book



*Probation Officer **Marvin Dickerson** maintains seasonal displays of books, magazines and other materials in the Probation area's Reading Corner (above). Book displays are also maintained in the Intake and Court waiting room areas.*

**Project Open Book**, the Court's reading program began in 1992 with the goal of addressing children's literacy and helping children to develop a life-long love of reading by providing them books to choose and keep. Probation Officer **Lana Sarrantonio** was responsible for the program during the first half of FY 2008. In March the program was transitioned to Officer **Marvin Dickerson**.

At the present time, the Court is registered as a recipient of books with **FIRSTBOOK**, a national organization, and two local organizations, **The Reading Connection**, a literacy outreach program located in Arlington, and the **Duncan Branch of the Alexandria Public Library**, which contributed new books signed by the author. Books are donated a few times a year and stored in the JDRC offices. At times throughout the year, pamphlets and / or bookmarks from the **Department of Education**, relating to reading, are placed on our shelves for distribution. Occasionally a group, organization, or business will donate books to the Court.

During FY 2008 **more than 1,108 books** were donated.

Books may be given directly to children and parents, but most are taken from the bookshelves in the Intake, Probation, and courtroom waiting room areas. Books are also at times given directly to children and families at their request or at the initiation of Probation Officers.

## Public Relations

The **Public Relations Program** is designed to reach out to any party or individuals interested in the Juvenile Court process and the services provided to children and their families served by this agency. Requests often come from colleges and universities whose students are seeking careers in the Criminal Justice field. **Tim Coffman**, Probation Officer and Public Relations Coordinator, is asked to speak before community functions, civic associations and public and private schools throughout the County. The desired outcome is for every participant to come away with the understanding that inappropriate behaviors can result in serious consequences administered by the Court. In essence the program strives to prevent children from making the kinds of negative choices that could require them to appear before the Court.



***Tim Coffman**,  
Probation Officer*

Each year the Public Relations Program conducts an average of 40 requests from those seeking information about the Arlington Juvenile Court system. Any individual or group interested in program participation can call **Mr. Coffman** at (703) 228-7077 to schedule a tour of the Court or to have a speaker present at an on site function or event. Individual programs can be designed to best address each population.

### Partial Listing of FY 2008 Participants

- ◆ Northern Virginia Community College classes
- ◆ Gibbs College Juvenile Justice Career students
- ◆ Westwood College Criminal Justice Program
- ◆ George Mason University Court Tour
- ◆ JDRC Shoplifters Program participants
- ◆ Yorktown High School Government Class
- ◆ Arlington Career Center Occupational Training
- ◆ Visiting Law Students from Japan; Visiting Judges from China
- ◆ Kenmore, Poe and Swanson Middle Schools classes
- ◆ Arlington Y.M.C.A. Youth Group
- ◆ American University Criminal Justice Program
- ◆ Thomas Jefferson Middle School Parents Discussion
- ◆ Thomas Jefferson Recreational Center Teen Program
- ◆ EBCE students Court Tour
- ◆ Marymount University Criminal Justice Class

# SHOPLIFTER • COMMUNITY SERVICE

The **Shoplifter Program**, a diversion and court referral program, implemented in FY 1997 for first-time petit larceny offenders, educates juveniles and their parents about the harm that shoplifting causes. Speakers include retailers, commonwealth attorneys, defense attorneys, and CSU staff members. In lieu of a court appearance, juveniles must attend a 2.5 hour session, pass a test on presented material and complete a community service assignment. The program is modeled on a successful one developed by the CSU in Chesterfield, Virginia. Those who fail to appear for the program are referred to court for formal prosecution.

## FY 2008 Demographic Data

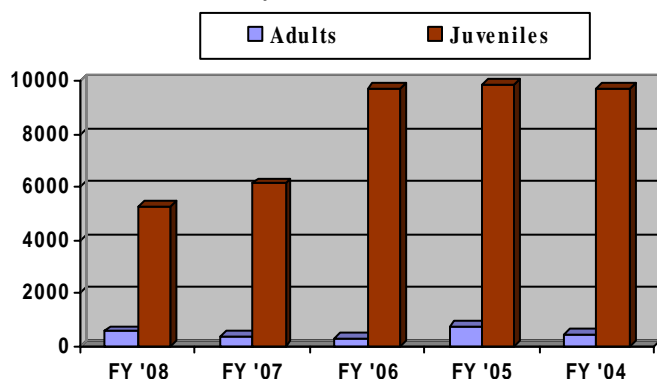
Males: 45	Females: 22
White: 18	Asian: 0
Black: 42	Hispanic: 7
Total Number of Referrals:	67
Number Attended:	62
Average Age:	15
Total Amount Stolen:	\$ 23,994
Average Amount Stolen:	\$ 353



*Lisa Laboy (r) Shoplifter Program Coordinator, A-Hakim Khandoker (center), administrative support, Oswaldo Castillo (l), DDP Counselor*

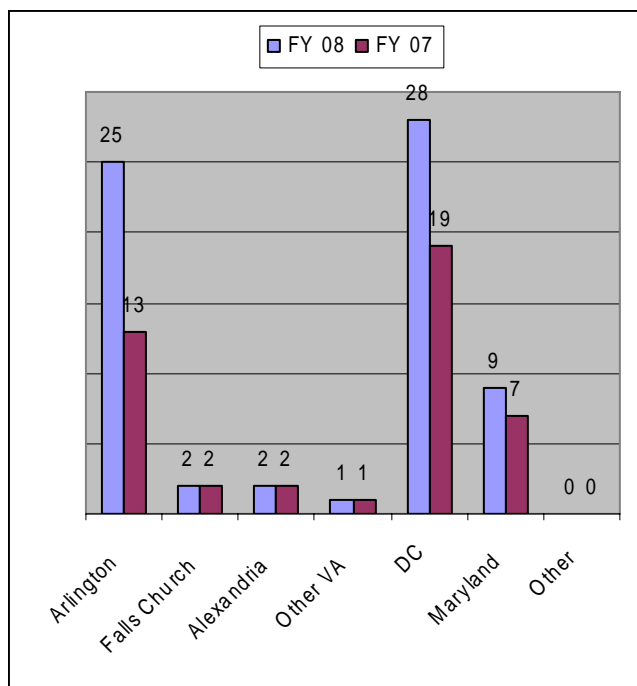
## Shoplifter Residency Comparisons

## Community Service Hours Performed



**Community Service** gives adjudicated juveniles and adults an opportunity to repay the community for the injustice that they have caused. Offenders are assigned to perform community service through court order or through a diversion program. Offenders are referred to Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) of Arlington County for assignment to supervised work sites. OAR assesses a participant's skills, education, experience and talent; finds placements that consider school and work schedules; and matches the community service requirements with a requested need in the community.

Youth Participating	176
Community Service Hours	5,279
Value to Community @\$5.15/hr	\$27,186.85
Adults Participating	19
Community Service Hours @ \$12.91/hr	536
Value to Community	\$6,919.76



The **Restitution** program allows for the victims of crime to be compensated for their out-of-pocket expenses. Victims provide documentation of their losses and juvenile(s) are ordered to repay that amount through the Clerk's office. The judge or the probation officer determines how long the person has to complete payments. In FY 2008 total restitution was \$30,080.85.

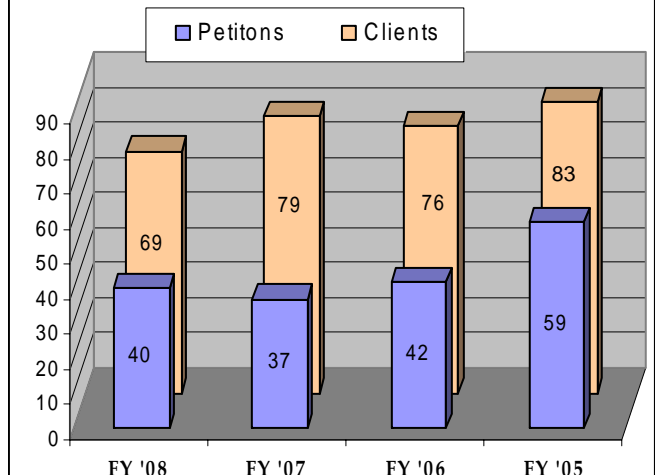


# TRUANCY

The **Truancy Program** was created following amendments to §22.1-258 of the Code of Virginia. This law requires schools to address attendance issues following 5 unexcused absences. Absences are addressed through contacts and conferences with parents. Issues related to truancy are brought before the Intake Department by the schools following 7 unexcused absences at school. Parents and students attend an interagency meeting the Truancy Coordinator and staff from the Department of Social Services, and the school the student attends.

Following these meetings, the team revisits the remedies taken. Families involved with the Truancy Program are referred to the Community Assessment Team if necessary. If there are continued student absences without parental permission, the student will be brought before a judge of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court for review of the situation, and further remedies are sought.

**Truancy: Fiscal Year Comparisons**

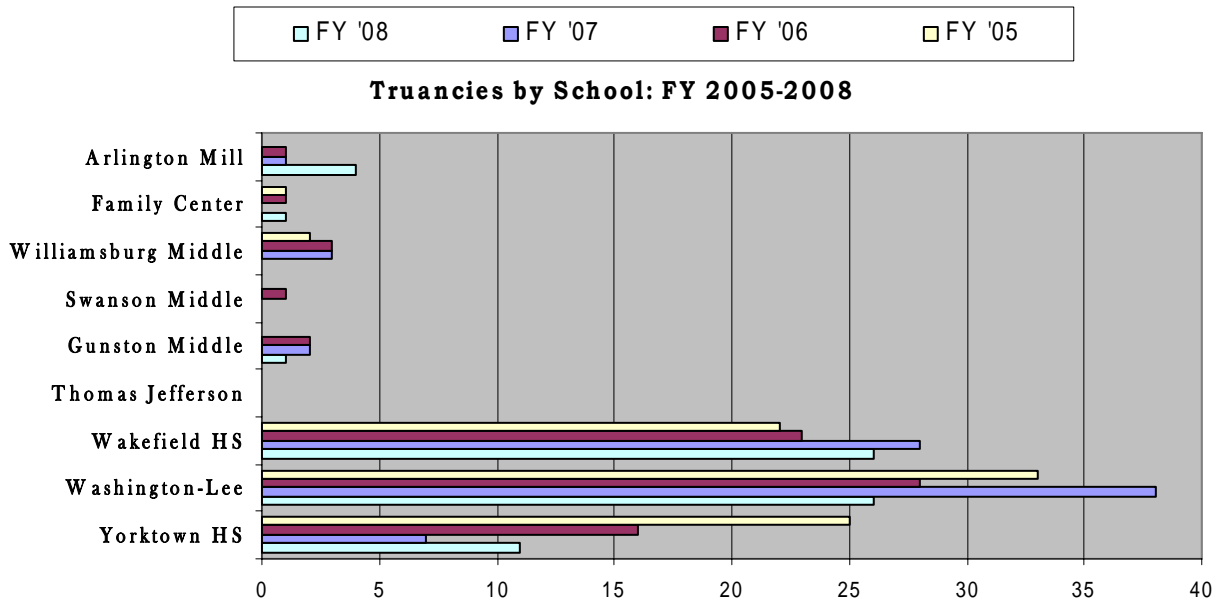


58%      47%      55%      71%  
*Per cent of Petitions Filed on Clients*

AGE	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06	FY '05
17 Years	27	28	17	23
16 Years	25	20	32	29
15 Years	15	21	20	20
14 Years	1	7	4	10
13 Years	1	0	3	0
12 Years	0	2	0	1

GRADE	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06	FY '05
12th	8	8	2	6
11th	19	13	15	24
10th	22	29	34	29
9th	19	24	20	22
8th	0	2	2	1
7th	1	2	3	1
6th	0	2	0	0

**Truancies by School: FY 2005-2008**



# SCHOOL PROBATION COUNSELOR

The purpose of the **School Probation Counselor (SPC) Program** is to provide close supervision and assistance to adjudicated juveniles who have a history of presenting problems at school. The School Probation Counselor Program is an integral component of the Court Services Unit's case management. The School Probation Officer is the liaison between Court officials and school staff. The program goal is to assist the client in improving academic and behavioral standing in their school setting. Further, it assists the Probation Department in monitoring clients for compliance with Court orders and rules of probation/supervision.

There are three high schools in Arlington County, all of which utilize the SPC Program. There are a total of eight (8) School Probation Counselors with three (3) counselors each at Wakefield High School and Washington-Lee High School, and two (2) at Yorktown High School. The FY 2008 SPC Program was supervised by probation officer **Michele Wood**.

The program served 119 youth in school year 2007-2008.

Of this total, 73 clients (61%) were male, 46 clients (39%) were female. Delinquent supervisions were 77; 42 were Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS).

The desired outcome for a client on School Probation is that he/she leaves the program better prepared to succeed in an academic setting while gaining support in maintaining their Court requirements.

FY '08    FY '07    FY '06

## School Information

Requests Completed:	51	66	42
Number Clients Served:	119	148	136

## Schools

Wakefield HS:	46	50	62
Washington-Lee HS:	42	54	47
Yorktown:	31	18	27

## Demographics

White:	75	Asian:	3	Hispanic:	47
Black:	41			Non-Hispanic:	72

# VICTIM AWARENESS



*Program Coordinators, Eric Assur and Maurice Holtz*

The Court Services Unit initiated the **Victim Awareness Program** in July of 2001. The program offers an overview of the concept of Restorative Justice and allows juvenile offenders to gain a better understanding of the impact of their crimes on victims. In Fiscal Year 2008, the program helped 50 offenders between the ages of 13 and 18 understand how crime affects the victim, the victim's family, the victim's friends and the community.

The program uses various methods such as videos of victims, discussion, role-playing exercises, actual victim testimony and written exercises to achieve client success.

Court ordered participants have, on occasion, satisfied the court order for Victim Awareness or Restorative Justice program completion in their own home jurisdiction. This program is now offered, on request, as a program component for Argus House residents and staff. The number of referred youth is generally not equated to the number successfully completing the program in a fiscal year, since clients move and complete a similar program elsewhere or have court actions which end their referral to this enrichment program.

## Program Participation Comparisons

	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006
REFERRALS	50	63	67
PARTICIPANTS	50(100%)	61 (97%)	63 (94%)
SUCCESSFUL	50	61	60
UNSUCCESSFUL	0	0	7
NO SHOW	0	2	4

# CLERK'S OFFICE

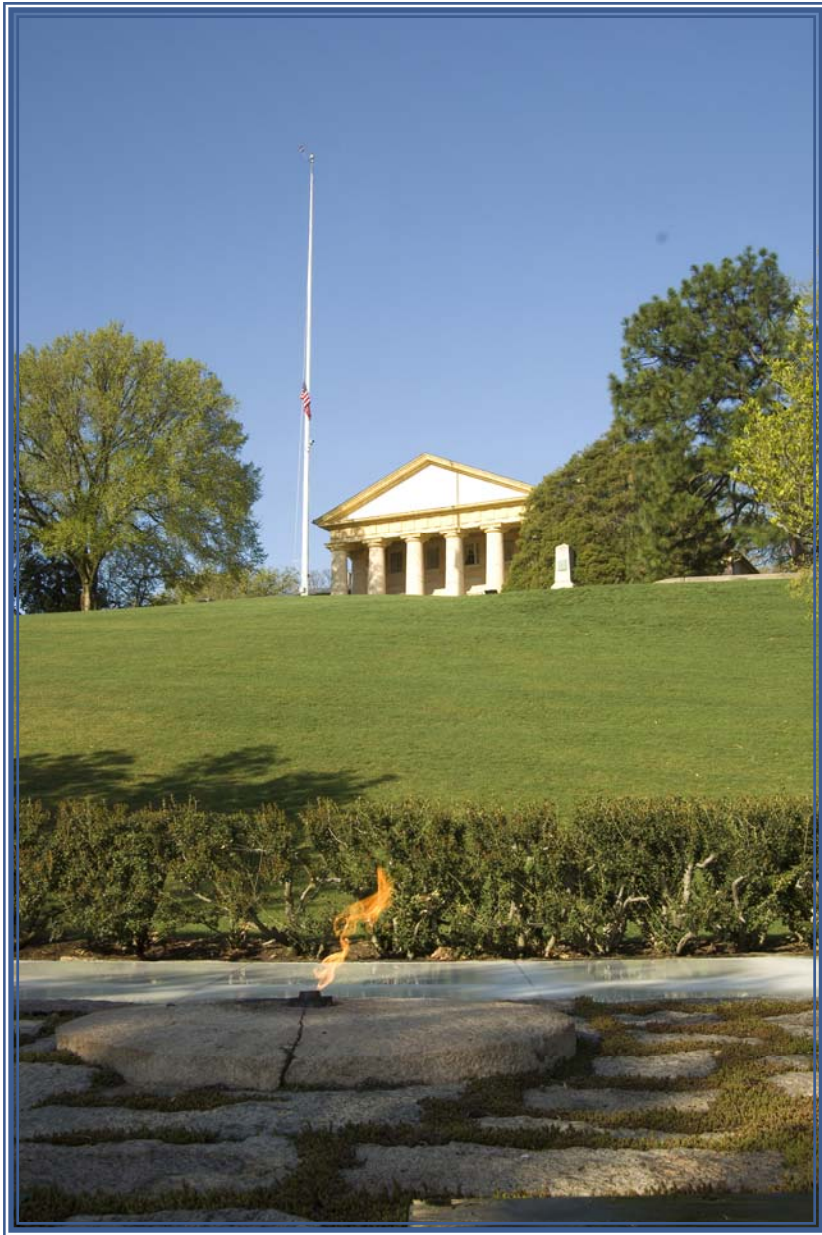
NEW CASES	FY '08	FY '07	%+/-
<u>JUVENILE</u>			
TRAFFIC	218	235	-7%
DELINQUENCY	1,630	1,701	-4%
CUSTODY/VISITATION	1034	967	7%
STATUS OFFENSES	162	196	-17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<u>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</u>			
MISDEMEANORS	361	418	-14%
FELONIES	80	73	10%
CAPIAS/SHOW CAUSE	465	450	3%
CIVIL SUPPORT	664	690	-4%
CRIMINAL SUPPORT	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<u>TOTAL NEW/CONTINUED CASES</u>			
JUVENILE	7,906	7,950	-1%
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	4,055	4,358	-7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,961</b>	<b>12,308</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<u>HEARING RESULTS</u>			
WAIVED JUVENILE	66	82	-20%
FINAL JUVENILE	3,367	3,376	-0.3%
FINAL DOMESTIC RELATIONS	1,885	1,990	-5%
CONTINUED JUVENILE	4,473	4,499	-1%
CONTINUED DOMESTIC RELATIONS	2,170	2,368	-8%



*Clerk Staff (l to r): Becky Messner; Amy Burnham, Clerk; Darcee King; Beatriz Porras; Carol Kowalski; Nicolasa Baez; Kari Johnson; Joyce Janeway (not pictured)*







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