

2009 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**

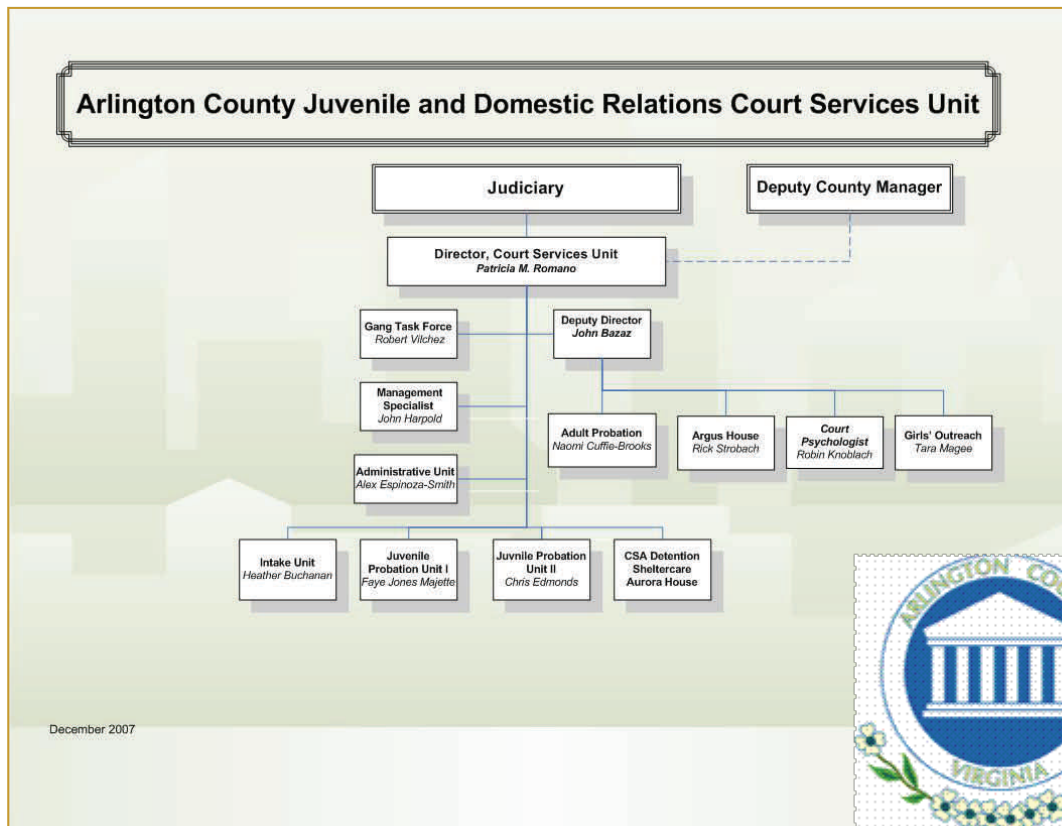
***Mission***

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**, Chief Judge; **Patricia M. Romano**, Director





# FY 2009 STAFF

Patricia M. Romano, *Director*  
Rick Strobach, *Deputy Director*

## ***Administrative Unit***

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

## ***Psychological Services***

Robin Knoblach, Ph.D.

## ***Management Specialist***

John Harpold

## ***Argus House***

Christopher Edmonds,  
*Manager*  
Arthur McNeill,  
*Juvenile Program Coordinator*  
Maria Caballero,  
*Clinical Services Coordinator*  
Tina Asinugo,  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Clarence Barner  
Lloyd Murphy  
Andre Taylor  
Justin Wingate-Poe  
*Group Home Counselors*  
Clarice Kelliebrew,  
*Food Services Coordinator*

### ***Relief***

Darrius Fenton  
Bridgette Fonville  
Stephen Garland  
Ebenezer Owiredu  
Lawrence Wiley

## ***Intake***

Heather Buchanan,  
*Supervisor*  
Luis Rosas-Aigster  
Caitlin Tracy

## ***Detention Diversion***

Oswaldo Castillo  
Leilani Page

### ***Relief***

Victor Vega  
Ebenezer Owiredu

## ***Hit Duty***

Arthur Jean

## ***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  
Alison Kempter  
*Outreach Counselors*

### ***Relief***

Lily Gutierrez

## ***Gang Task Force***

Robert Vilchez,  
*Coordinator*

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

Shannan Moore  
*Supervisor*  
Colin Bagwell  
Rita Brewer  
Tim Coffman  
Carmen Cornelison  
Niasha John  
Hao Pera  
Manuel Vicens  
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 2009

- ▶ The **Argus House** will provide comprehensive training on Positive Peer Culture for Argus House staff. *Due to budget reductions, training is continued to 2010.*
- ▶ The **Argus House** will support opportunities for residents to participate in more community based activities. *Completed*
- ▶ The **Adult Unit** will research, update and compile a comprehensive database of services for the Adult Unit both online and hard copy, to include in-state and out-of-state services. *Will be completed in 2010.*
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach Program** will implement a study skills program that includes quarterly visits to school personnel. *Completed.*
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach Program** will apply for a grant to provide new materials for psycho-educational groups. *Completed—the grant was submitted but not approved.*
- ▶ Implement a **pilot program** for compressed work week. *Completed.*
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will implement the new **CSA** assessment instrument (CANS). *Completed.*
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will implement the new **DJJ** assessment instrument (YASI). *Due to budget restrictions this is continued to 2010.*
- ▶ Have the "**Badge**" software available to all probation officers to improve the efficiency of accessing record checks. *Completed.*
- ▶ Implement a **program for parents of truants** program that will bring more awareness around health issues that relate to truancy. *Completed.*
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will reinstate the **Independent Living Program**. *Completed.*
- ▶ Each member of the **Intake Unit** will create an initiative to improve customer service and or service delivery. *Completed.*

## Objectives FY 2010

- ▶ The **JDRC** will host a one day workshop "Real Talk," for at-risk teens and their parents.
- ▶ The **CSU** will review and update the Policy and Procedures manual to comply with new state standards.
- ▶ The **CSU** will implement **CSUniversity**, an in-house staff development program.
- ▶ The **Intake Unit** will develop an Intake Manual to be used for training and cross-training. Intake units across the state will be examined to ensure that the procedures are the best-practice models.
- ▶ The **Hit Duty Officers** will become fully cross-trained in the responsibilities associated with Intake. This will improve customer service and enable employees' professional growth.
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will implement the new **DJJ** assessment instrument (YASI).
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will reinstate the Probation and Curfew Enforcement (PACE) program.
- ▶ 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 **Argus House** will provide comprehensive training on Positive Peer Culture for Argus House staff.
- ▶ The **Argus House** will develop a curriculum based psycho-educational component for the weekly parent groups at the program.
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach** program will implement the Girls' Circle curriculums into their psycho-educational groups.
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach** program will review and develop the outreach services offered to parents.

# STAFF CHANGES AND HIGHLIGHTS

## **The following staff left the organization in FY 09:**

**Mary Willoughby** left the agency in July 2008 after serving 8 years as an Administrative Assistant.

**Suzanne Lebet** left in July 2008 after serving as Group Home Counselor at Argus House for 5 years.

**Damaris Rodriguez-Feleke** left in September 2008 and held the position of Intake Officer for one year.

**Luis Rosas-Aigster** left in April 2009 after serving 16 years as an Intake Officer.

**Alma Floyd** was an Administrative Assistant for the Girls' Outreach program for 10 years. Due to budget constraints she was transferred to the Department of Human Services in April 2009.

**LaToya Jordan** served in the Juvenile Probation Unit for 10 years as the Substance Abuse Specialist and Truancy Hearing Officer. She left the agency in June 2009.

## **The following staff joined the organization in FY 09:**

**Alison Kempter** started working full time as a Group Home Counselor II for Girls' Outreach in August 2008. Prior to becoming full time, Alison worked in a relief staff position for the program.

**Andre Taylor** started working full time as a Group Home Counselor II for Argus House in September 2008. Prior to becoming full time, Andre worked in a relief staff position for Argus House.

**Manuel Vicens** started in August 2009 as a Juvenile Probation Counselor II.

**Roselynn Wesley** started in September 2009 as an Administrative Assistant.

**Arthur Jean** started in October 2009 as a Probation Counselor I.

## **Promotions:**

**Rick Strobach** was promoted to Deputy Director in July 2008.

**Chris Edmonds** was promoted to Group Home Manager of Argus House in July 2008.

**Shannan Moore** was promoted to Juvenile Probation Supervisor in July 2008.

# 2009 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.

*Members:* Patricia M. Romano, Robert Vilchez

## Comprehensive Services Act Teams

Multidisciplinary Case Assessment Team:

*Members:* Amy Ashley, Heather Buchanan, Evelyn Cochis, Tim Coffman, Marvin Dickerson, Chris Edmonds, Faye Jones, Shannan Moore.

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

## 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:* Kimberly Dexter

## 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, Shannan Moore

## 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

## 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, Shannan Moore, Heather Buchanan, Naomi Cuffie-Brooks.

## Project Peace

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

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

## Community Services Board Juvenile Justice Committee

A large interagency and citizens committee to review the process by which juveniles with mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, and/or substance abuse are processed through the juvenile justice system and identify points where juveniles can be diverted or provided appropriate treatment.

*Members:* Patricia M. Romano

## Truancy Awareness Group (TAG)

A new program was developed to focus on parents of youth who are having attendance problems in school. The program is designed to bring more awareness to parents about the importance of attending school and the risk factors surrounding truancy.

*Members: and Program Coordinators:* Joanne Hamilton and Niasha John

# SPECIAL TEAMS CONTINUED

## County Fair August 2008

*Chair:* Faye Jones

## CSUniversity

Staff from different levels of the organization have formed this group to promote the Court Services Unit's values and mission. The group helps train new employees, provides employee development opportunities, and facilitates bottom up communication so all staff have a chance to share and listen.

*Members:* Rita Brewer, Naomi Cuffie Brooks, Joanne Hamilton, Faye Jones, Tara Magee, Shannan Moore, Leilani Page, Robin Knoblach, Rick Strobach, and Justin Wingate-Poe

## Youth (Binge Drinking) Access Strategic Issue

As part of the Arlington Public Health System the goal of this interagency group is to prevent the development of high risk drinking and use of drugs among youth in Arlington by 2017.

*Member:* Patricia M. Romano

## Teen Alcohol Prevention Work Group

This group was created to address high-risk drinking in Arlington youth and to develop strategies for reducing teen alcohol use. The group has three sub-groups: Community Education, Youth Awareness and Change, and Policy and Procedures.

*Member:* Shannan Moore



# LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

## *10 Years of Service*

Sylvia Benitah

Alma Floyd

## *5 Years of Service*

Oswaldo Castillo

Evelyn Cochis

Chris Edmonds





# 2009 RECOGNITION AWARDS

## **Tim Coffman**

Received a Recognition Award for his outstanding customer service and leading by example. On 8-15-08 Tim was assigned a PSI short form, ordered by a substitute judge, returnable on 8-28-08. The charge was serious and a committable offense. When Tim looked at the file and considered the seriousness of the offense and that the short form was ordered by a substitute judge, he decided that a full PSI was more appropriate given the circumstances. Tim completed a full PSI in one week. The PSI contained all the required information. The PSI was completed by 8-22-08, seven days after it was assigned. Tim took the leadership role in recognizing that there was more work to be done than requested. He worked diligently to complete the task in a short amount of time and produced a product that will help the Court reach a decision based on all the necessary and important information.

## **Kim Dexter**

Received a Recognition Award because her overall performance demonstrates leadership skills, commitment to citizens and teamwork. In January 2008, Kim suggested that we explore the possibility of having access to police records on our desktop computers which became the Objective for the Adult Unit in FY 08.

After only 3 months from her hiring date, Kim took over the Basics of Safe Driving program. The parent of a child in the program stated that Ms. Dexter presented the material in an effective, engaging and extremely professional manner. Kim also increased the fee from \$20 to \$25 and provided copies of certificates to the probation officers so that they would no longer had to go to the legal file. After only 2 months of employment Kim volunteered to serve on the County Fair Committee which was a success.

In January, 2008, Kim scheduled training for the Adult Unit from an ICE Representative (US Department of Homeland Security) to help staff better understand the deportation process. In August, 2008, Kim scheduled a meeting with Suzanne Somerville, Mental Health Services Supervisor in the jail, who give the Adult Unit Training on the services in the jail and provided us with a tour of the jail to include the intake process, the ACT Units and Mental Health Units.

Kim has been a positive contributor to the CSU in her first year of employment. She is always looking for ways to expand her resources and to educate herself and her co-workers so that we are better able to serve our clients. Her motivation helps to create a positive, educational and interesting work environment.

## **Faye Jones**

Received an award for chairing the Arlington County Fair Committee for JDRC. In years passed a committee of about 6 staff met to create and organize the booth and coordinate booth coverage. Because of the County's redesign of the Fair, Faye did 95% of the work without the assistance of a committee. She attended interdepartmental meetings, coordinated booth design between agencies and provided materials to be included in the Public Safety "cluster". At times it was very frustrating work and she had to respond to many last minute changes. Often she needed to respond to issues that were made at the last minute by someone else. This project was above and beyond her normal duties.

## **Arnaldo Rosado**

Received a Recognition Award for accomplishing the Adult Unit's objective for 2008 which was to research the likelihood of having the ability to get police reports from our individual desk top computers. Because of the sensitive nature of the information in the reports, access was denied to have the ability to print from individual computers. However Arnaldo did not give up. He requested to gain access to the reports using the CSU RMS/VCIN terminal. Arnaldo collaborated with the Systems' Analyst Supervisor as well as with the Police Department Information System Commander after which authorization was granted to access the police department internet browser through the VCIN terminal. Arnaldo did not stop with that. He then requested access to the Sheriffs' Office Corrections Management Information System which would grant us access to view jail history of inmates, release dates, immigration information, and contact information and to view pictures. That access was also granted. The probation officer can now gather information much faster because of the work completed by Arnaldo Rosado.

# 2009 RECOGNITION AWARDS

## Caitlin Tracy

Received a Recognition Award for her outstanding customer service, leadership, and teamwork. Since being employed with the County for a little over a year, Caitlin has consistently gone above and beyond in the performance of her duties. Due to a five month staff shortage after the retirement of her colleague, Caitlin ensured that our clients received excellent customer service while completing all Hit Duty responsibilities in a timely fashion. Caitlin has taken the initiative to learn the Juvenile Tracking System in order to assist her teammates and frequently offers her assistance *without being asked*. In addition to her regular duties, Caitlin worked tirelessly to create an updated Hit Duty manual and facilitated a department wide training seminar to educate her co-workers. Caitlin is an invaluable asset to the citizens of Arlington County.

## Curtina Wilson-Baba

Received a Recognition award for using her talent and outstanding computer skills to improving the office procedures and customer service. Tina was the creator of the Intake Scheduler, a system that was implemented in July of 2006. This card became a very helpful tool to assist the public when they make appointments with the intake counselors.

Tina is constantly thinking of better ways to improve work processes such as the DDP filing system, improving the design of existing forms such as the Juvenile Face Sheet, generating new forms and volunteering to make corrections of complicated excel spreadsheets. Tina is always happy to help and no matter what assignment she receives, Tina does a great job with it and in a timely manner. Tina's great initiative and skills have enabled her to accomplish tasks beyond her normal job assignments.

## Overall Excellence Award

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### Tara Magee

Overall Excellence Award for her impressive performance as coordinator of the Girls Outreach Program. In a relatively short time she has transformed the program into what its auditors consider a role model for all such programs across the state. The most recent audit awarded the program its highest marks.

Tara has renewed the policy and procedure manual, established a measurable level system, improved the physical environment, re-established group outings, and put into place a series of educational groups to teach participants important competencies in communication, decision making, anger management, and employability. The program's utilization is over 100%. The demand is so high that the program has a waiting list. All of these successes are a direct result of Tara's tireless efforts and leadership.



(l to r): Arnaldo Rosado, Faye Jones, Tara Magee, Curtina Wilson-Baba, Caitlin Tracy, Kimberly Dexter, Tim Coffman



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2009

## Juvenile Records

### **SB 1218 Juveniles; transmission of probation and parole reports to school superintendent.**

Release from juvenile correctional center; transmission to school superintendent. Allows the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice to notify the appropriate school division superintendent when a juvenile who poses a credible danger of serious bodily injury or death to students, school personnel or others on school property is released from a juvenile correctional center.

### **SB 1377 Juvenile arrest information; police and sheriff departments may release current information.**

Juvenile arrest information. Provides that police and sheriff departments may release current information on juvenile arrests to law-enforcement agencies in other states.

### **HB 2513 Mob violence; adds act of violence to listing of offenses reported by juvenile intake officer.**

Mob violence reportable by intake officers to schools. Adds "act of violence by a mob pursuant to § 18.2-42.1" to the listing of offenses that are reported by a juvenile intake officer to a school division superintendent when a petition is filed alleging a student committed such an offense. The bill also removes two redundancies created when similar House and Senate bills passed and were merged in 2004.

### **SB 928 Confidentiality of court records; person inspecting is authorized to have copies made of records.**

Confidentiality of court records. Provides that any person, agency, or institution that may inspect juvenile case files shall be authorized to have copies made of such records, subject to any restrictions, conditions, or prohibitions that the court may impose. This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts. *Note: this refers to court records not CSU records. Our files are still open for inspection only.*

### **HB 1843 Civil commitment of sexually violent predators; changes including access to sealed records, etc.**

Civil commitment of sexually violent predators; penalties. Makes a number of changes, including requiring that the court records for certain sexual misdemeanors be retained for 50 years rather than 10 years; allowing access to juvenile court and records of the Department of Juvenile Justice; addressing challenges to filing defects, including defendants under the Commitment Review Committee; removing the requirement that victims of certain crimes must have suffered physical bodily injury in order for certain prisoners to be referred to Commitment Review Committee; allowing access to sealed records; extending from 60 to 90 days the time for a probable cause hearing and allowing the respondent to waive his right to such hearing; setting a standard for the court to find probable cause; allowing hearings to be conducted using two-way electronic video and audio communications systems and telephonic communication for witnesses; and extending from 90 to 120 the number of days after the probable cause hearing for conduct of the trial.

## Other Juvenile Justice

### **SB 1149 Juvenile law; makes changes in code pertaining to juveniles and juvenile court provisions.**

Juvenile code. Makes various clarifying changes in code sections pertaining to juveniles and juvenile court provisions. The bill specifies that the statutory deferred disposition provisions for underage possession of alcohol apply only to adults, since the law pertaining to juveniles already allows deferred dispositions, allows juvenile probation officers to keep relevant photographs in their files, specifies that a petition must be filed (rather than proceeding informally) if the offense for which the juvenile had been previously adjudicated delinquent would be a felony if committed by an adult, and provides that a petition may be filed for assault and battery against a family or household member.

### **SB 1290 Juvenile and domestic relation district court; appeal may be taken to circuit court & heard de novo.**

Appeals from district courts. States that an appeal from the juvenile and domestic relations district court or an appeal in a civil case from the general district court shall be heard de novo in the circuit court. A second enactment clause provides that this bill is declarative of existing law.

### **HB 1868 Driving under influence of alcohol; eliminates sunset date that provides zero tolerance.**

Underage DUI; penalties. Clarifies that punishment for underage drinking includes, but is not limited to, the license forfeiture and either a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 or 50 hours of community service.

### **HB 2578 Novelty cigarette lighters; prohibiting purchase, distribution, etc. to persons under age of 18.**

Novelty lighters. Defines "novelty lighter" and provides that any individual who sells a novelty lighter to a person he knows or has reason to know is a juvenile is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$100.

## Protective Orders

### **HB 1842 Emergency protective order; authority of magistrate or judge to issue in cases of sexual battery.**

Protective orders; sexual battery. Expands the authority of a magistrate or judge to issue any stalking protective order to include issuance when a warrant is issued for sexual battery or aggravated sexual battery. Currently, issuance of such an order predicated on a criminal act is limited to criminal offenses resulting in serious bodily injury or stalking.

### **HB 1857 Protective orders; issuance upon conviction in cases of family abuse.**

Protective orders; issuance to incarcerated persons. Provides that a court may issue a preliminary protective order upon a showing by the petitioner that (i) the allegedly abusing person is incarcerated and is to be released from incarceration within 30 days following the petition or has been released from incarceration within 30 days prior to the petition, (ii)

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the crime for which the allegedly abusing person was convicted and incarcerated involved family abuse against the petitioner, and (iii) the allegedly abusing person has made threatening contact with the petitioner while he was incarcerated, exhibiting a renewed threat to the petitioner of family abuse. If an incarcerated defendant is personally served and not transported to the hearing, the court may extend the protective order for a period not to exceed six months. If a preliminary protective order is issued the court may issue a permanent (two-year) protective order.

## **SB 1439 Protective orders; removes provision to contain identifying information.**

Protective orders. Removes a provision added in 2008 allowing an addendum to the protective order to contain identifying information, so that the identifying information will return to the front page of the order. The bill also specifies identifying information to be added and transmitted to the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) regarding the protected person and provides that orders will expire at 11:59 p.m. on the date specified.

## **School/Education**

### **HB 1794 Suspension; sufficient cause necessary to suspend student cannot rest solely on instance of truancy.**

Suspensions; sufficient cause. Provides that the sufficient cause necessary to suspend a student cannot rest solely on instances of truancy.

### **HB 1826 Driver's licenses; suspension thereof for minor who has 10 or more unexcused absences from school.**

Driver's licenses of minors. Provides for the suspension of the driver's license of any minor who has 10 or more unexcused absences from public school on consecutive school days.

### **HB 1945 Regional alternative education programs; certain students may be administratively assigned thereto.**

Regional alternative education programs. Provides that based on available space a school division may assign a student to a regional alternative education program and a parent may request, with the consent of the division superintendent, that his child be assigned to a regional alternative education program. Also, clarifies that the program described by the section is a "regional alternative education program."

### **HB 2341 Suspension of a student, short-term; pending principal, etc., decision on alternative education.**

Short-term suspension of a student; alternative education program. Provides that pending the decision by the division superintendent or his designee as to whether to require that a student charged with an offense involving intentional injury to another student of the school division attend an alternative education program, a local school board may impose a short-term suspension upon such student. Additionally provides that a school board may require a student charged with certain juvenile offenses that are required to be disclosed to the superintendent of the school division to attend an alternative

education program.

### **HB 1624 Bullying, harassment, etc.; provides specific information for Bd. of Education in its model policy.**

Board of Education model policy; bullying, harassment, or intimidation. Provides that the Board of Education must include in its guidelines and model policies for codes of student conduct standards for school board policies, the use of electronic means for purposes of bullying, harassment, and intimidation.

### **HB 1679 Child abuse and neglect data; school board applicants.**

Child abuse and neglect data; school board applicants. Clarifies that a local school board must take reasonable steps to determine whether an applicant, who has resided in another state within the last five years, was the subject of a founded case of child abuse and neglect in the relevant state. The Department of Social Services must maintain a database of central child abuse and neglect registries in other states that provide access to out-of-state boards. This bill has an emergency clause.

## **Social Services/Foster Care**

### **SB 1012 Foster care; placement of a child pursuant to agreement between parents & local board.**

Foster care; placement of a child pursuant to an agreement. Revises statutes related to the placement of children in foster care pursuant to agreements between the parents and the local board of social services. This bill eliminates the authority of a public agency designated by the community policy and management team to enter into an agreement related to foster care with the parents.

### **SB 1000 Sexual abuse; history thereof considered factor in determining best interests of child for custody.**

History of sexual abuse; custody and visitation. Provides that any history of sexual abuse must be considered as a factor in determining the best interests of a child for purposes of awarding custody or visitation.

### **HB 1904 Virginia Child Protection Accountability System; established.**

Virginia Child Protection Accountability System. Establishes the Virginia Child Protection Accountability System to collect and make available to the public information on the response to reported cases of child abuse in the Commonwealth. This bill requires the Department of Social Services to submit certain information for inclusion in the System.

### **HB 1914 Foster care; deletes certain Code references, guidelines for continuation thereof.**

Foster care. Deletes Code references to "continued foster care." Additionally, a petition for a foster care review hearing described under § 16.1-282 shall set forth the disposition sought and the grounds therefor; however, if a continuation of foster care is recommended, a foster care plan for such period of continued foster care shall also be included and shall address (i) the role the current foster parents or other

care providers will play in the future planning for the child and (ii) in the case of a child who has attained age 16 and for whom the plan is independent living, the services needed to assist the child to transition from foster care to independent living.

## **Comprehensive Services Act**

### **SB 1506 Comprehensive Services Act Program; judicial assignment of services for children.**

Comprehensive Services Program; judicial assignment of services for children. Provides that in cases of judicial assignment of services for children under the Comprehensive Services Program where a party requests a level of service not identified or recommended in the report submitted to the court by the family assessment and planning team, the court shall request the community policy and management team to submit a second report characterizing comparable levels of service to the requested level of service.

### **HB 2061 Psychiatric Inpatient Treatment of Minors Act; mandatory outpatient treatment.**

Psychiatric Inpatient Treatment of Minors Act; outpatient treatment; etc. Provides that a person who meets the criteria for involuntary commitment under the Psychiatric Inpatient Treatment of Minors Act may be ordered to mandatory outpatient treatment if less restrictive alternatives to involuntary inpatient treatment are appropriate and available, and the minor and his parents have the capacity to understand the stipulations of the minor's treatment and to comply with such outpatient treatment and they have agreed to abide by the treatment plan. The bill also sets forth how such mandatory outpatient treatment will be monitored and how a minor's noncompliance with such treatment will be addressed, and clarifies that the judge who presides over any noncompliance hearing does not have to be the judge who presided over the mandatory outpatient commitment hearing. The bill also clarifies that the commitment criteria for minors, and not the criteria for adults, apply when the emergency admission of a minor is sought under the procedures for the emergency admission of an adult set forth in Article 4 (§ 37.2-808 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 37.2. The bill also provides that a minor who has been properly detained by a juvenile and domestic relations court may petition for voluntary admission and treatment of mental illness. Currently, such detained minors may not voluntarily seek admission. The bill further requires that if a minor is in a detention home or shelter care facility when admitted to a mental health facility, the director of the detention home or shelter care facility or his designee shall provide, if available, certain information relating to the minor to the mental health facility and to the juvenile and domestic relations district court for the jurisdiction in which the facility is located if such court is different than the court that placed the minor in detention or shelter care. The bill also clarifies the circumstances under which the qualified evaluator who examined the minor must attend the minor's hearing and under what circumstances the evaluator's report is admissible.

## **PERSPECTIVES on**

### **National Data ([ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp](http://ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp))**

Overall, there were 2% fewer juvenile arrests in 2007 than in 2006, and juvenile violent crime arrests declined 3%, reversing a recent upward trend.

Between 1998 and 2007, juvenile arrests for aggravated assault decreased more for males than for females (22% vs. 17%). During this period, juvenile male arrests for simple assault declined 4% and female arrests increased 10%.

The 2007 arrest rates for Violent Crime Index offenses were substantially lower than the rates in the 1994 peak year for every age group under 40.

Juveniles accounted for 16% of all violent crimes reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program and 26% of all property crime arrests in 2007.

—source: *Juvenile Justice Bulletin*, April 2009, *OJJDP*  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp)

### **State Data ([djj.virginia.gov](http://djj.virginia.gov))**

- Domestic relations complaints increased 8%.
- Juvenile complaints decreased 5%.
- Juvenile felony complaints decreased 7%.
- The most common juvenile offense categories were Assault, Larceny, and Status Offenses.
- CHINS/CHINSup complaints decreased 3%.
- The number of juveniles who were committed to the state increased from 863 in 2007 to 975 in 2008.
- The number of juveniles being supervised on probation and parole dropped from 7,626 in 2007 to 7,281 in 2008.

—Source *Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2008*,  
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), **Caitlin Tracy**, Intake Counselor;  
**Heather Buchanan**, Supervisor.  
 Not pictured, **Luis Rosas-Aigster**, Intake Counselor

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.

## Notable Increases and Decreases

- ◆ During FY 2009, the CSU Intake Services Unit received a total of 2,760 complaints.
- ◆ Intake complaints increased by 5% from the 2,619 complaints received during FY 2008.
- ◆ 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. Except that After Hours Phone calls in FY 2008 and earlier count the number of clients. Beginning with FY 2009, each phone call is counted.

INTAKE COMPLAINTS & ACTIVITIES				
	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07	FY 06
<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>	2,760	2,619	2,464	2,288
<b>Juvenile</b>	2,628	2,485	2,338	2,177
<b>Adult</b>	132	134	126	111
<b>CHINS</b>	181	168	190	183
<b>VIOLATIONS</b>	381	381	415	422
Probation	217	172	245	246
CHINS	146	181	162	122
Parole	18	28	8	8
<b>Informal Hearings</b>	179	105	95	68
Tobacco	13	36	40	24
Shoplifter	166	69	55	44
<b>Complaints from Out-of-state</b>	729	456	316	286
<b>Juvenile Mental Commitments</b>	0	4	4	3
<b>After Hours Calls</b>	223*	42	22	24

	FY '09	FY '08	Change	%Change
<b>Assaults</b>	63	49		29 %
<b>Property</b>	349	227		54 %
Property complaints include: Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicles, and Arson				
<b>Vandalism</b>	39	71		-45 %
<b>Drug Violations</b>	40	73		-45 %
<b>Weapons</b>	13	10		30 %
<b>Fraud</b>				
Credit Card	6	3		100 %

# INTAKE HIGHLIGHTS

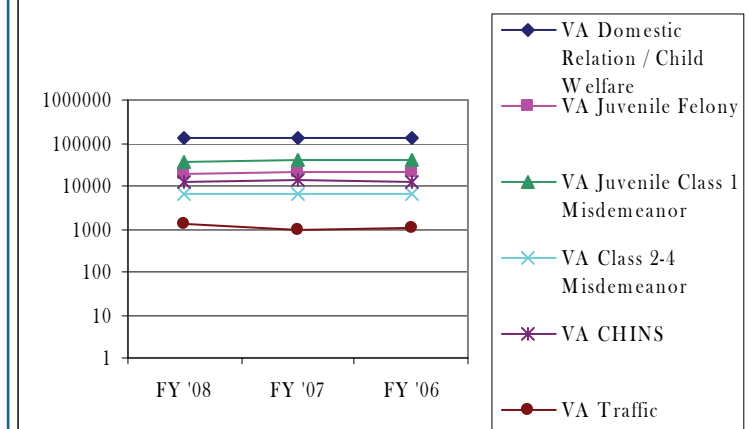
## INTAKE ACHIEVEMENTS

During FY 2009 the **Intake Unit**:

- Initiated and completed a three part roll-call training, resulting in improved communication between the Intake Unit and the **Police Department** and an improved adherence to standards set forth in the Code of Virginia;
- Initiated a “shared drive,” utilized by the **Department of Human Services** and the Intake Unit, reducing the amount of time required for social worker petitioners, attorneys, and other court personnel in filing court documents; provided training to DHS personnel in the use of this drive;
- Created a memorandum of understanding between the Intake Unit and **Legal Services** to ensure that all victims of domestic violence are referred to Legal Services and have an opportunity to benefit from legal counsel.

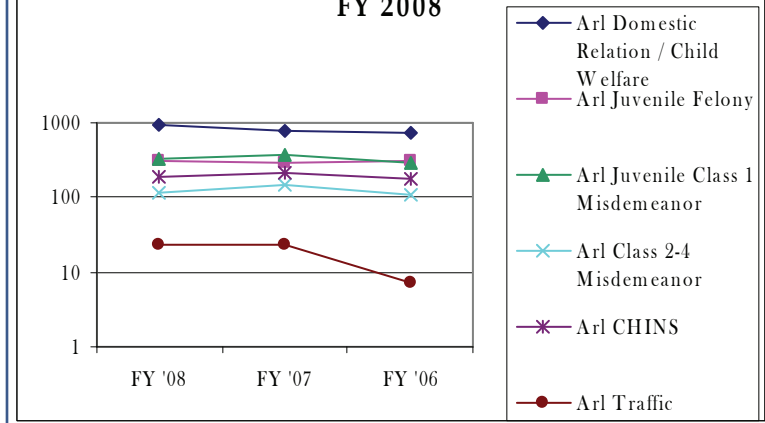


**\*Virginia Intake Complaints FY 2008**



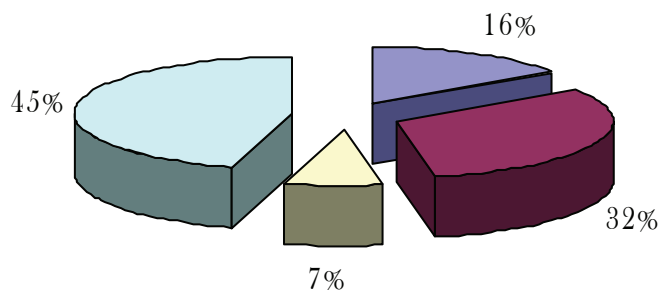
\*Chart reflects most recent data at time of publication.  
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**\*ARLINGTON INTAKE COMPLAINTS FY 2008**

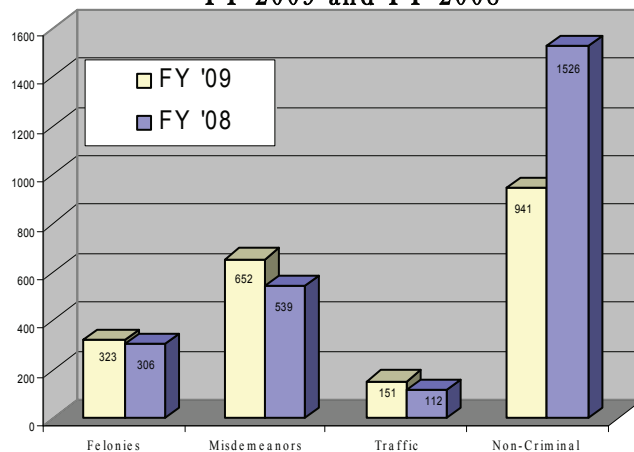


## Juvenile Intakes FY 2009

■ Felonies ■ Misdemeanors ■ Traffic ■ Non-Criminal



## Juvenile Intake Comparisons FY 2009 and FY 2008



# JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

CATEGORY	FY 09	FY 08	Change	%Change
<b>MURDER:</b>				
Murder	2	0	0	200%
Involuntary Manslaughter	2	0	0	200%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400%</b>
<b>FORCIBLE RAPE/VIOLENT SEX OFFENDER:</b>				
Rape	2	1	1	100%
Rape, victim under age 13	0	3	-3	-300%
Sodomy	1	0	1	100%
Inanimate Sexual Penetration	0	1	-1	-100%
Consenting Victim <13 yrs	1	0	1	100%
Fornication	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-20%</b>
<b>ROBBERY:</b>				
Robbery	17	18	-1	-6%
Attempted Robbery	2	0	2	200%
Carjacking	0	0	0	0%
Conspiracy to Robbery	2	0	2	200%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-17%</b>
<b>FELONIOUS ASSAULT:</b>				
Assault-Felonious	4	2	2	100%
Attempted Felonious Assault	0	1	-1	-100%
Felonious Assault by Mob	1	2	-1	-100%
Malicious Wounding of Police Officer	4	3	1	33%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>ASSAULT &amp; BATTERY:</b>				
Assault & Battery	43	21	22	105%
Assault & Battery on Police	1	2	-1	-50%
Assault & Battery on Mob	5	1	4	400%
Assault & Battery hate crime	0	0	0	0%
Assault & Battery on family	5	14	-9	-64%
Non-malicious Wounding	0	1	-1	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>OTHER SEX OFFENSE:</b>				
Sexual Battery	2	2	0	0%
Peeping	0	0	0	0%
Indecent Exposure	0	1	-1	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-33%</b>
<b>OTHER PERSON OFFENSE:</b>				
Abduction	0	0	0	0%
Written Threat	0	0	0	0%
Threat to School Authority	2	2	0	0%
Threat to Harm	0	0	0	0%
Throw Missiles at Vehicle	1	4	-3	100%
Injury by Caustic Substance	0	2	-2	-75%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-63%</b>

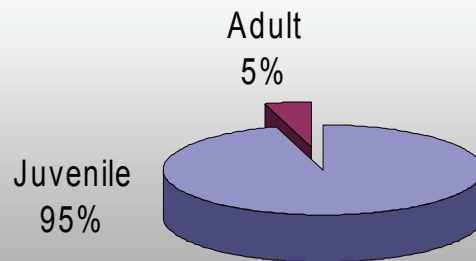
CATEGORY	FY 09	FY 08	Change	%Change
<b>BURGLARY/B &amp; E:</b>				
Breaking and Entering	8	31	-23	-74%
Burglary	3	0	3	300%
Burglary at night	0	0	0	0%
Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0%
Attempted Breaking & Entering	0	0	0	0%
Possess Burglary Tools	15	16	-1	-6%
Conspire to Commit Burglary	3	5	-2	-40%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-79%</b>
<b>LARCENY-THEFT (FELONY):</b>				
Grand Larceny	169	82	87	106%
Attempted Larceny	2	6	-4	-67%
Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny	0	7	-7	-100%
Embezzlement (felonious)	1	0	1	100%
Receive Stolen Goods >\$200	2	9	-7	-78%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:</b>				
Unauthorized Use (felonious)	1	5	-4	-80%
Unauthorized Use (misdem.)	0	0	0	0%
Automobile Theft	7	0	7	700%
Attempted G.L. Automobile	0	0	0	0%
Tampering with Automobile	4	1	3	300%
Altered Serial Number (Auto)	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>ARSON:</b>				
Arson of Occupied	0	1	-1	-100%
Offender 15 or over	0	2	-2	-200%
False Alarm—False	1	1	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-75%</b>
<b>VANDALISM-PUBLIC/PRIVATE:</b>				
Destruction of Public Property				
>\$1000	0	0	0	0%
< \$1000	1	0	1	100%
Destruction of Private Property				
>\$1000	6	22	-16	-73%
< \$1000	27	43	-16	-37%
Interference with Phone Communication	0	1	-1	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-48%</b>
<b>TRESPASSING:</b>				
Trespass	23	8	15	188%
Trespass on School	2	0	2	200%
Trespass by Posted Sign	3	2	1	50%
Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>180%</b>

# JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

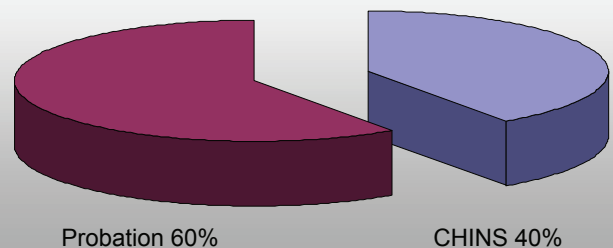
CATEGORY	FY 09	FY 08	Change	%Change
<b>FRAUD/CREDIT CARD/CHECK:</b>				
Forgery	7	8	-1	-13%
Embezzlement (misdemeanor)	2	2	0	0%
Credit Card Fraud	3	3	0	0%
Theft Credit Card	3	17	-14	-82%
Bad checks <\$200	0	0	0	0%
Perjury	1	1	0	0%
Uttering	1	1	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-47%</b>
<b>LARCENY-PETTY:</b>				
Petty Larceny	126	62	64	103%
Attempted Petty Larceny	0	0	0	0%
Receive Stolen Goods <\$200	5	5	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL-FELONY:</b>				
Concealment of Merchandise >\$200	5	7	-2	-29%
Unlawful Use of Phone	0	0	0	0%
Failure to Appear (felony)	36	17	19	112%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>DRUG VIOLATIONS:</b>				
Distribution of Drugs on School Grounds	1	7	-6	-86%
Distribution of Marijuana	2	5	-3	-60%
Possession of Heroin	0	2	-2	-100%
Possession of Cocaine	0	2	-2	-100%
Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Cocaine with Int. to Dist. (School Zone)	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Marijuana	35	38	-3	-8%
Possession of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribution of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribute, Sell <.5oz	1	0	1	100%
Distribute, Sell >.5 oz <5 lbs	0	3	-3	-100%
Distribute, Sell <.5 oz	0	6	-6	-100%
Inhale Drugs	0	7	-7	-100%
Possession schedule III	1	2	-1	-50%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-46%</b>
<b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE:</b>				
Resist Arrest, threats, force	1	3	-2	-67%
Resist Arrest, w/o threat, force	5	3	2	67%
Obstruct Justice	0	0	0	0%
Fail to Identify	10	10	0	0%
Disorderly Conduct	23	8	15	188%
Fugitive	0	0	0	0%
Eluding	0	0	0	0%
Curse and Abuse	3	1	2	200%
File False Report	2	1	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-69%</b>

CATEGORY	FY 09	FY 08	Change	%Change
<b>WEAPONS OFFENSE:</b>				
Use of Firearm in Felony	1	0	1	100%
Conceal Weapon	5	4	1	25%
Weapons at School	4	6	-2	-33%
Possession of Firearm under Eighteen	0	0	0	0%
Possession of a Weapon by Felon	2	0	2	200%
Brandishing	1	0	1	100%
Possess or Transport Weapon	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS:</b>				
Drive Under Influence	0	0	0	0%
Drunk in Public	0	1	-1	-100%
Drinking in Public	1	2	-1	-50%
Possession of Beer/Alcohol	38	52	-14	-27%
Sell Alcohol to a Minor	0	0	0	0%
Drinking in Public (School)	1	2	1	50%
Consume Alcohol <21 yrs	0	0	0	0%
Use False ID to purchase	0	3	-3	-100%
Drinking in Metro station	0	1	-1	-100%
DWI/DUI	1	1	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-33%</b>

## Complaints Processed by Intake



## Violations Issued





# JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

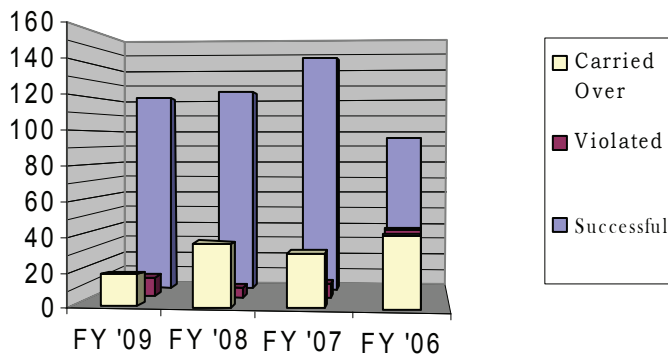
CATEGORY	FY 09	FY 08	Change	%Change
<b>TRAFFIC:</b>				
Felony Hit and Run	0	3	-3	-100%
Misdemeanor Hit and Run	1	0	1	100%
Traffic Offenses/Summonses	42	10	32	320%
Reckless Driving	22	17	5	29%
No Driver's License	26	28	-2	-7%
Driving on Suspended License	5	13	-8	-62%
Ride Moped Under the Age of 16	0	0	0	0%
Failure to stop for Police	0	1	-1	-100%
Altered ID/License	1	0	1	100%
Violation of a Learner's Permit	30	33	-3	-9%
Speeding charges	21	8	13	163%
Drive Bike without helmet	3	0	3	300%
Riding Moped without helmet	0	0	0	0%
Driver <18 curfew violation	0	2	-2	-100%
Petition court for restricted License	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS</b>				
Conceal Merchandise <\$200	2	7	-5	-71%
Identity Theft	6	0	6	600%
Fail to Pay (Metro)	164	166	-2	-1%
Eat on Metro	0	2	-2	100%
Littering	0	2	-2	-100%
Escape without force	1	0	1	100%
Trespassing School at night	0	0	0	0%
Harassment by computer	0	0	0	0%
Urinating in Public	0	2	-2	-100%
Vending from a vehicle	0	1	-1	-100%
Harassing Phone Calls	1	2	-1	-50%
Shoot BB air gun	1	1	0	0%
Prostitution	0	1	-1	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>TRANSFERS (IN):</b>				
Transfer of Disposition	2	1	1	100%
Transfer of Supervision	0	2	-2	-100%
Request Supervision (Courtesy)	13	9	4	44%
Transfer of Venue	3	0	3	300%
Transfer case Parole	0	1	-1	-100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION:</b>				
Violations of Probation	217	172	45	26%
Violation of Parole	18	28	-10	-36%
Violation of Supervision				
CHINS	146	180	-34	-19%
Violation of Court Order	6	1	5	500%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>CHINS:</b>				
CHINS	27	28	-1	-4%
Runaway	32	26	6	23%
Out of State Runaway	0	5	-5	-100%
Truancy	93	109	84	77%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-11%</b>

CATEGORY	FY 09	FY 08	Change	%Change
<b>CUSTODY CASES:</b>				
Custody	382	381	1	<.5%
Registration of Custody Order	3	3	0	0%
Visitation Problems	72	129	-57	-44%
Adoption (Private)	2	0	2	200%
Establish Paternity	34	56	-22	-39%
Disestablish Paternity	2	0	2	200%
Relief of Custody	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>OTHER NON-CRIMINAL</b>				
Emancipation	0	0	0	0%
Foster Care				
Permanent	3	0	3	300%
Judicial Review				
Foster Care	0	1	-1	-100%
Neglect & Abuse				
Child	39	26	13	50%
Educational Neglect	7	9	-2	-22%
Protective Order (Juvenile)	49	15	34	226%
Terminate				
Parental Rights	27	51	-24	-47%
Child Support	255	210	45	21%
Spousal Support	29	22	7	32%
Failure to Appear	96	41	55	134%
Chancery Request	8	6	2	33%
Entrustment	4	8	-4	-50%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>33%</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	2	6	-4	-67%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-67%</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>13</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-64%</b>
<b>INFORMAL BIKE HELMETS</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-100%</b>
<b>POSS. Of TOBACCO (COURT)</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2628</b>	<b>2485</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>6%</b>

# 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 '09	FY '08
Youth Enrolled	167	167
Minority Clients	142 (85%)	130 (78%)
Males	120 (72%)	128 (77%)
Females	47 (28%)	39 (23%)
Arlington Placement	157 (94%)	159 (95%)
Falls Church Placement	10 (6%)	8 (5%)
Childcare Days	4,371	4,359
Utilization Rate	86%	85%

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 twelve sessions were offered, with 107 youth successfully completing the program.

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA JUVENILE DETENTION HOME & SHELTERCARE

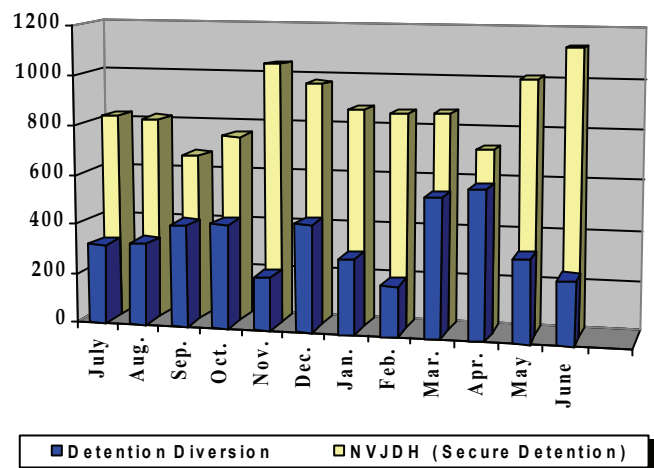
The Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home (NVJDH) is operated by a multi-jurisdictional commission. The Commission members are appointed by the Arlington County Board, the City of Alexandria and the City of Falls Church. The Detention Home has a capacity of 70 beds, with 10 beds reserved for **New 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 '09	FY '08
Bed days used	509 46%	590 55%
NVJDH	FY '09	FY '08
Bed days used (inc. New Beginnings)	10,508 58%	9,110 55%

## 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

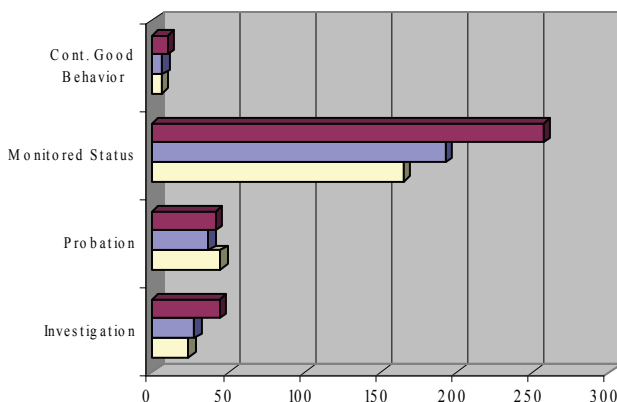
- ◆ In FY 2009, the total case assignments increased by 8% to 240 from 222 in FY 2008.
- ◆ Two sexual offenses cases were assigned in FY 2009, a dramatic decrease over 13 cases in FY 2008.
- ◆ There were 18 case assignments by person offense in FY 2009, a 58% decrease from the 31 reported in FY 2008.



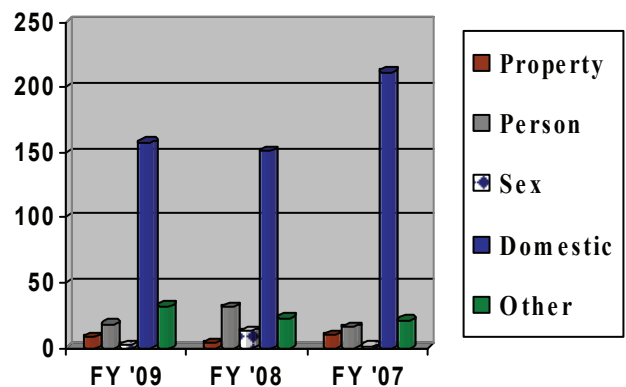
(l to r) **Maurice Holtz**, **Kimberly Dexter**, **Joanne Hamilton**, *Adult Probation Officers*; **Naomi Cuffie-Brooks**, *Supervisor*; **Arnaldo Rosado**, *Adult Probation Officer*

FY '09		FY '08	
Male	77%	Male	78%
Female	23%	Female	22%
Black	30%	Black	26%
Hispanic	33%	Hispanic	38%
White	31%	White	27%
Asian	3%	Asian	4%
Mid East	2%	Mid East	4%
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 '09. Screenings may be conducted for THC (marijuana), cocaine, amphetamine, morphine, heroin, alcohol, and methamphetamine.

The rate of positive drug screens increased to 21% of those tested. The overall number of screenings administered in FY '09 was 268, a decrease of 23% over FY '08.

	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
<b>Total Drug Screens Taken:</b>	268	349	430
Negatives	278	278	377
Positives	59 (21%)	71 (20%)	53 (12%)
Invalid	0	4	2
<b>Types of Positives</b>	(* No screen for this substance.)		
Marijuana	44	58	42
Cocaine	3	6	4
Amphetamine	4	1	0
Morphine	3	1	0
Alcohol	3	3	4
PCP	0	2	0
Methamphetamine	2	0	1



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.

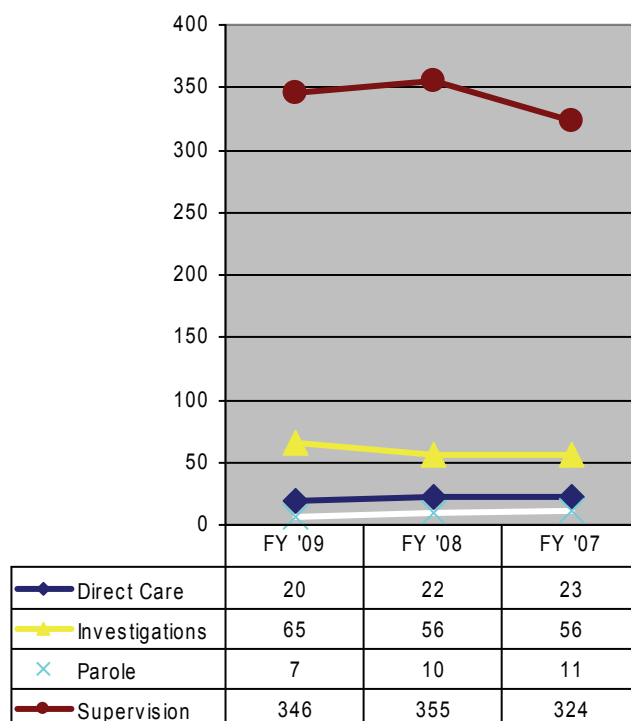
Adjudicated offenders are assessed based on a set of factors provided by DJJ. Assessments identify those who are most likely to commit subsequent offenses and aid the CSU in making appropriate intervention decisions within its allocated resource limits. JDRC associates a juvenile's level of risk with 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 7 percent of its clients classified as high risk.

### RISK ASSESSMENT PROFILE Arlington—17th CSU FY 2009

Risk Classification	# of Cases 2009 / 2008	Percent 2009 / 2008
<b>Low</b>	108 / 94	48% / 50%
<b>Moderate</b>	102 / 76	45% / 40%
<b>High</b>	16 / 19	7% / 10%
<b>Total</b>	226 / 188	100% / 100%
<b>Region 2 Data FY 2008*</b>		
Risk Classification	# of Cases	Percent
<b>Low</b>	1294	33%
<b>Moderate</b>	2038	52%
<b>High</b>	588	15%
<b>Total</b>	3920	100%
	* FY 2009 Not available	At time of publication.
<b>Statewide Data FY 2008 *</b>		
Risk Classification	# of Cases	Percent
<b>Low</b>	3,269	31%
<b>Moderate</b>	5,273	50%
<b>High</b>	2,004	19%
<b>Total</b>	10,546	100%

### Average Monthly Workload



### Recidivism Rates

	Arlington		State Average	
	Parole	Probation	Parole	Probation
<b>2007 (Rearrest)</b>	42.9%	17.5%	51.7%	35.3%
<b>2006 (Reconviction)</b>	15.8%	14.8%	36.4%	27%

**Rearrest** refers to a petitioned juvenile complaint for a new criminal offense made at intake or an adult arrest for a new criminal offense.

**Reconviction** refers to a guilty adjudication for a delinquent or criminal offense. This measure represents a more stringent way to measure reoffending.

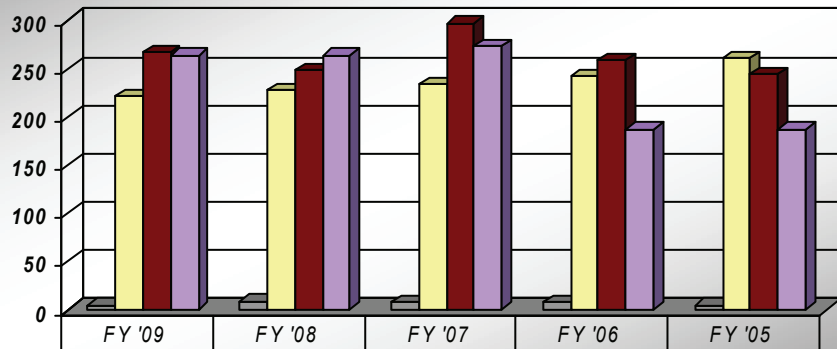
—source: Data Resource Guide, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, February 2, 2009

### Commitments to DJJ

FY '09**	FY '08 **	FY '07
15	18	26

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

### New Assignments



■ Custody Investigation	4	9	7	7	4
■ Supervision	222	228	234	243	261
■ Social History	268	249	298	259	245
■ Suspended Imposition of Sentence	264	265	274	187	188

### FY 2009 DEMOGRAPHICS

#### GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY:

Male:	140	(63%)
Female:	82	(37%)
Black:	115	(52%)
White:	101	(45%)
Asian/Pacific Is.:	3	(1.5%)
Middle Eastern:	3	(1.5%)
Hispanic Origin:	77	(35%)

#### ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME:

Below 10K:	21	(9%)
10K-25K:	71	(32%)
25K-40K:	63	(28%)
40K-55K:	23	(10%)
55K-70K:	11	(5%)
Above 70K:	28	(13%)
Unknown:	5	(2%)

#### GRADE:

Seventh & below:	10	(5%)
Eighth:	24	(11%)
Ninth:	57	(26%)
Tenth:	54	(24%)
Eleventh:	36	(16%)
Twelfth:	23	(10%)
College:	17	(0.5%)
Graduated/No longer in school:	16	(7.5%)

### New Supervision Cases

#### AGE:

Twelve & under:	6	(3%)
Thirteen:	11	(5%)
Fourteen:	26	(12%)
Fifteen:	47	(21%)
Sixteen:	45	(20%)
Seventeen & over:	87	(39%)

#### FAMILY PROFILE:

2 Natural parents:	60	(27%)
1 Natural parent:	113	(51%)
1 Natural and step parent:	14	(6%)
Other relatives:	17	(8%)
Guardian:	7	(3.5%)
Institution:	2	(1%)
Alone:	1	(.5%)
Foster Care:	8	(4%)

#### SCHOOLS:

Arlington Mill:	4	(2%)
Career Center:	4	(2%)
Gunston:	4	(2%)
HB Woodlawn:	2	(1%)
Kenmore:	10	(5%)
Langston:	1	(0.5%)
New Directions:	4	(2%)
Swanson Middle:	1	(0.5%)
Thomas Jefferson Middle:	1	(0.5%)
Washington & Lee High:	28	(13%)
Wakefield High:	32	(14%)
Williamsburg Middle:	2	(1%)
Yorktown:	17	(8%)
College:	1	(0.5%)
Schools, Other Jurisdictions:	111	(50%)







## 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) **Sylvia Benitah**, Admin. Technician; **Alex Espinoza-Smith**, Supervisor; **Roselynn Wesley**, **Anthony Hines**, **Curtina Wilson-Baba** and **A-Hakim Khandoker**, Administrative Assistants

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.

## **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 '09	FY '08	FY '07
Clients	21	19	20
Successful Clients	16	16	17
Recidivists* (rearrested within 1 year of release)	2	4	4
Utilization Rate	82%	81%	81%

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 Arlington County, based on a sliding scale.

**Ethnicity:** Hispanic: 14 (67%) Black: 6 (28%)  
 White: 1 (5%) Asian: 0(0%) Middle Eastern: 0 (0%)

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



## Highlights of FY 2009

- Sixteen residents successfully completed the program in FY09.



- At the end of the summer 2008, the residents and staff went on an annual beach trip to Ocean City, Maryland. Additionally, the residents and staff also participated in the annual Kings Dominion trip. During Spring Break of 2009, the residents had the opportunity to visit the Holocaust Museum, Cake Love, and the National Zoo. On going community service projects with the Office of Offender Aid and Restoration continued on a semi-regular basis as well.
- Five volunteers - 356 hours highlighted by two middle school teachers at Gunston Elementary School tutoring our residents during study hall for six months. This service delivered significant increases in academic performance of our residents.

### Therapeutic Services Statistics:

PPC Group Hours	167
Individual and Family Therapy Hours	324
Parent Group Hours	71

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

EQUIP groups (social skills and moral reasoning) 20 sessions  
 Substance Abuse Group  
 (L. Jordan, S. Moore and K. Dexter) 16 sessions  
 Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM) AIDS  
 Sexual Awareness, STD's and Safe Sex Practices 5 groups

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** 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	14
Clients served	19
Child Care Days	2,524
Average Daily Population	7
Completions	8
Utilization Rate	58%
Recidivists w/in 1 Year	0

**Ethnicity:**

African American	6	(32%)
Caucasian	6	(32%)
Hispanic	7	(36%)
Asian	0	(0%)

**Age at admission to Aurora House**

13 yrs of age	2	(10%)
14 yrs of age	3	(16%)
15 yrs of age	6	(32%)
16 yrs of age	7	(37%)
17 yrs of age	1	(5%)

**Home School at time of admission**

New Directions	4	(21%)
W & L HS	5	(26%)
Wakefield HS	2	(11%)
Yorktown HS	2	(11%)
Gunston MS	2	(11%)
Thomas Jefferson	1	(5%)
George Mason MS	3	(15%)

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**, **Arlington Food Assistance Center**, **Adopt-A-Soldier** and the **PetSmart** adoption programs.

# GIRLS' OUTREACH PROGRAM

The **Girls' Outreach Program** is an after school, day-treatment program. This eight-month program serves female clients between the ages of 13 and 17 who reside in Arlington County or Falls Church City. Girls are referred to the program through the Court, the schools or their families. The program offers a structured and intensely supervised environment during the at risk hours after school. The program allows young ladies involved with the Court to remain at home with their families while they address the issues which caused them to become Court involved. The program fosters self-esteem through empowerment. The program offers clients psycho educational groups on a variety of topics such as pregnancy prevention, self-esteem, employability, anger management, social skills and healthy relationships. Structured activities include community service, therapeutic recreation and book club. Education is emphasized by mandatory study hall and tutoring. Personal responsibility is encouraged through weekly house meetings, goal setting and evaluations.

FY2009 was a very productive and successful year for the Girls' Outreach Program. The program's utilization continued to rise and was at full capacity for the majority of the year. The program staff continued to create new peer groups to target its clients' specific issues. Girls'



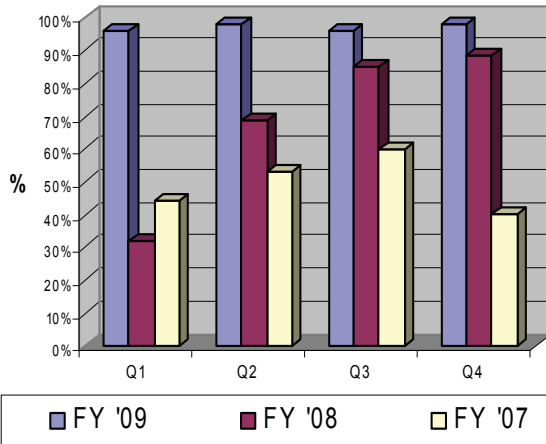
(from left) **Lily Gutierrez**, Relief Counselor; **Houeya Refaat**, Counselor; **Tara Magee**, Program Coordinator; **Alison Kempter**, Counselor.

Outreach clients continue to provide the community with numerous hours of community service at various events and maintain a stretch of Lee Highway for the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Girls' Outreach continues to work closely with other Arlington County agencies including the **Teen Employment Center**, **Arlington County Public Libraries** and the **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department**, which enhances the services we can provide to our clients. One new full-time program counselor was hired this year. The Girls' Outreach Program full expects that high utilization and positive community relationships will continue into 2010.

Program capacity is 14 full time clients.

	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
<b>Utilization Rate</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Childcare Days</b>	<b>4,934</b>	<b>3,741</b>	<b>2,681</b>

Utilization Rate by Quarter



REFERRED OFFENSES	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
CHINS	25 (76%)	19 (79%)	10 (63%)
Delinquent	8 (24%)	5 (21%)	6 (37%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>

CLIENTS	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
Carryovers from prior FY	12	4	7
New Clients	21	20	11
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>

CLIENT STATUS	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
Successful Clients	11	5	8
Terminated without Completion	9	8	4
Carryovers to the next FY	13	11	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>

ETHNICITY	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
Hispanic	17 (52%)	10 (42%)	9 (56%)
RACE	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
Black	5 (15%)	8 (33%)	6 (38%)
White	10 (30%)	12 (50%)	10 (62%)
Asian	1 (3%)	2 (8.5%)	0
Middle Eastern	0 (0%)	2 (8.5%)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>

# PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

The **Psychological Services** team is responsible for the coordination, development, and implementation of evaluation and therapeutic services for juveniles and adults. During FY 2009 the Psychological Services team included of **Dr. Robin Knoblach**, Court Psychologist and **Maria Caballero**, Argus House Clinical Coordinator. **The team provides services to court-involved youth and their families, with each client receiving an average of two different services over the course of the year.**

## ARGUS HOUSE

The Psychological Services team provides family and group therapy for residents in either English or Spanish. In addition, the Argus House 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. 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.

## INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

The Psychological Services Unit works collaboratively with the **Department of Human Services** and private providers to assess client needs, review treatment goals, and coordinate services.



*Maria Caballero, Family Therapist; Rick Strobach, Deputy Director; and Dr. Robin Knoblach, Court Psychologist.*

## SERVICES FOR JUVENILE CLIENTS

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

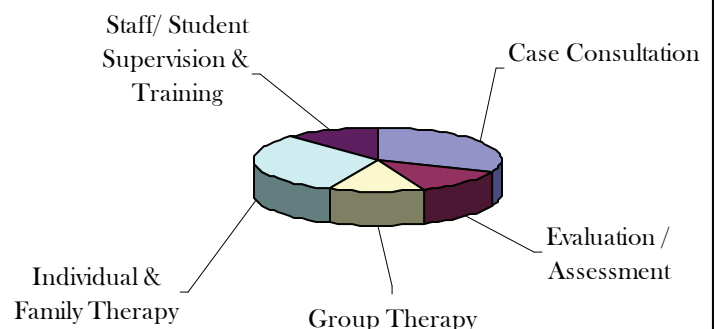
## SERVICES FOR ADULT CLIENTS

- ◆ 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

## Typical Distribution of Services Delivered





# REAL TALK II: CHOICES THAT COUNT





# REAL TALK II: *CHOICES THAT COUNT*

On Saturday March 14, 2009 **Real Talk II** was held at the Langston Community Center. One hundred sixty attended the program, including 90 youth.

Real Talk II was developed to:

1. Help young men discover their goals for the future and develop an understanding of and a realistic plan to achieve their goals.
2. Equip young men with the knowledge and skills needed to make positive choices as they pursue their goals.
3. Leverage educational, vocational and professional resources that promote positive choices for young men and can help them to achieve their immediate and long-term goals.

Provide tools and strategies that can help parents / guardians to encourage, support and model positive life choices.

## WELCOME!

“Someone said, “Today is the beginning of the rest of your life!” We don’t know who said it first, but we believe that it is absolutely true.

“As young men, the decisions and choices that you make today about **EVERYTHING**—your friends, your education, your attitude and your actions—will have an impact on what happens to you in the future.

“Today’s program is designed to help you think about your goals for the future and figure out what it will take to achieve your goals. Because no one makes it on their own, we have invited representatives from organizations that may be of interest to young men and their parents / guardians.

“Our speakers have a wealth of information and want to help you understand and achieve your goals. Despite what we see on television and in the movies, no one’s life is perfect. That is why we are also going to talk about how to deal with setbacks and mistakes.

“The entire program is designed to be highly interactive . Ask questions and share your thoughts! We are so glad that you are here.

“We are expecting great things of you—starting today!”

Judges **Esther Wiggins** and **George Varoutsos** and the **Real Talk II Planning Committee**

## SUPPORTERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applebee’s</li><li>• Arlington County Court Services Unit</li><li>• Arlington Department of Human Services, Child and Family Services Division, Parent Education Program</li><li>• Arlington Sheriff’s Office</li><li>• El Pollo Rico</li><li>• Falls Church Sheriff’s Office</li><li>• Five Guys</li><li>• Friends of Argus and Aurora Houses</li><li>• Institute for Family Centered Services</li><li>• Ireland Four Provinces</li><li>• Noodles &amp; Company</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deborah Olin, Esq.</li><li>• Papa Johns</li><li>• Paul F. DeLosh, Office of the Executive Secretary Supreme Court of Virginia</li><li>• Ragtime</li><li>• Tom Kavanaugh from RE / MAX Allegiance</li><li>• Rhema Consulting, LLC</li><li>• Arlington Education and Employment Program (REEP)</li><li>• Jason Rucker</li><li>• Taqueria el Poblano</li><li>• TENJ Technologies</li><li>• Washington Wizards</li><li>• Judge Esther Wiggins</li></ul> |
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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Hon. Esther Wiggins  
Colin Bagwell  
Amy Burnham  
Earl Conklin  
Chris Edmonds  
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Liz Lopez  
Patricia Romano  
Rick Strobach  
Michael Swisher  
Hon. George Varoutsos  
Robert “Tito” Vilchez  
Alyce Walker Johnson

## RESOURCE PARTNERS:

Alexandria Seaport Foundation  
Arlington County Department of Public Safety (Police)  
Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation and Cultural Resources  
Job Corps  
Job Spot / Arlington Employment Center  
Northern Virginia Community College  
REEP Program  
U.S. Army  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Vanguard

## SESSIONS:

- I. Your Future is in Your Hands
- II. Recapture the Dream...Leave the Drama Behind
- III. Ignorance is NOT Bliss: Welcome to the Bong Show
- IV. Ain’t No Shame in My Game: Finding and Using Resources
- V. Where There’s a Will, There’s a Way
- VI. Life Comes At You Fast: Dealing with Setbacks, Set-ups and Success

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 program was revamped in early 2009. Life Skills sessions are held once a week over a five-week period and actively challenge the youth with various exercises and assignments. The objective of the program is to provide youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to live independently and make well-informed decisions. The program provides information and hands-on experience in topics such as continuing education, career building, employment skills, affordable housing, and financial independence.

The program is geared towards at risk adolescents between the ages of 16 and 18, who are under the supervision of the Court, 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.

The program is also beneficial to younger teens in that they receive early exposure to the various topics and will be able to refer to those skills as they approach adulthood.

Life Skills sessions may be held at New Beginnings, Argus House, Girls' Outreach and Aurora House. During FY 2009, under the direction of probation officers **Kari Gviden** and **Hao Pera**, the program was held at Argus House and Girls' Outreach.

Referrals	23	
Successful Completions	20	(87%)
Male	9	(39%)
Female	14	(61%)
AGE:	15 years (40%)	16 years (40%)
	17 years (15%)	18 years (5%)

In FY 2009, JDRC management and staff attended 361 courses for a total of 2700 training hours. On an average, each staff member attended 45 training hours.

The purpose of the **Training** program is to provide 20 hours of in-house training per year to staff. During FY 2009 the program provided 33.5 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:

- Myers Briggs Type Indicator Training
- Discussions led by Dr. Robin Knobloch: "Parent, Cop, Counselor, Teacher, Mentor" and "Who You Really are to Your Probationers"
- Discussion led by D. Taylor: "Vanguard Focus Group"
- Discussion led by Lydia Hatcher, "Detention Order Process."
- Discussion led by Michael Swisher, Arlington County Parks and Recreation
- JTS/Badge, led by John Harpold
- CANS Training and Certification led by Amy Ashley
- Emergency Protective Orders led by Chief Magistrate Bob Hellyer
- Video and discussion: "Thirteen"
- Video and discussion led by Colin Bagwell: "Gangland Series"
- Video and discussion: "Girl Interrupted"
- Video and discussion: "Kids, Drugs and Violence", "Drugs in Cyberspace" and "Prescription Patrol: Stopping Drug Diversion"

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 Probation Officer **Carmen Cornelison**. Officer **Adam Stone, ACPD**, makes frequent appearances and shares valuable information with young drivers and their parents.

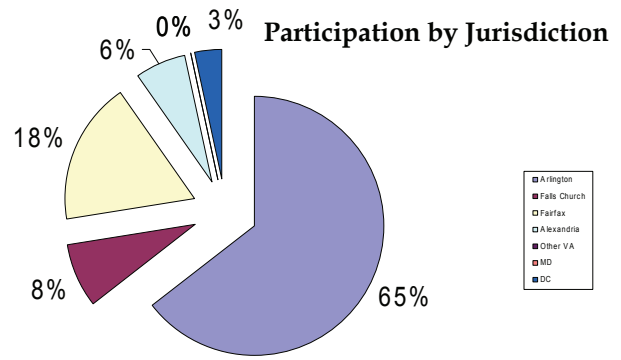
Typical referrals from court include first time traffic offenders who have received tickets for speeding, failure to obey stop signs and driving with no operator's license. Those who successfully complete the program, pay a required \$25 fee, receive a certificate of completion and avoid a conviction 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.



Probation Officer **Carmen Cornelison** facilitates the Basics of Safe Driving Program.

**Fees Collected: \$1,720    Certificates Presented: 62**  
 Males: 37    Females: 25  
 Hispanic: 10    Non-Hispanic: 52  
 White: 51; Asian: 4; Black: 6; Middle Eastern: 0; Other: 1

Teen drivers have the highest crash/fatality rate of any other driver and crashes are a leading cause of death for teens. 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) and are restricted from driving at between 12 midnight and 4 a.m. with exceptions.



# TRUANCY AWARENESS GROUP

The **Truancy Awareness Group (TAG)** provides education and information to parents of children with a history of unexcused absences from school. TAG helps parents understand their role in their child's school performance and absences. The program encourages parents to maintain open communication with both school personnel and their child in order to avoid the negative impact of truancy on the child's life and livelihood.

Probation Officers **Niasha John** and **Joanne Hamilton** developed and launched the program in the third quarter of FY 2009.



Probation Officers **Niasha John** and **Joanne Hamilton** facilitate the Truancy Awareness Group.

**TAG Groups Held: 2**  
 Number of Parents/Guardians referred: 16  
 Number of Parents/Guardians attended: 11  
 Percentage of Parents/Guardians completing: 69%



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. **Six gangs were identified as operating in Arlington. Among Arlington youth involved in FY 2009 in the court process, 19 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 2009, Messrs. Bagwell and Vilchez attended the National Gang Conference sponsored by the NOVA

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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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Regional Gang Task Force and the Virginia Gang Investigations Association Conference presented by the Virginia Gang Investigations Association, in Virginia Beach. In addition, Officer Bagwell attended the OJJDP National Youth Gang Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia. These trainings allowed the Gang Unit to be kept up to date with trends both regionally and nationally.

Mr. Vilchez made presentations and gave press conferences as Coordinator, Gang Task Force, Arlington at Arlington community centers and public schools and in Alexandria and Loudoun at the Fairfax Sportsplex, the Council of Governments, Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center, Fort Myer, the Latino Roundtable, Offender Aid and Restoration, Vanguard Services, the FBI Academy, Central American Officer Exchange Program, and Real Talk II. These presentations consist of an educational component related to gang membership as well as statistics and current events on gang activity within the



**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 organizations through workshops and trainings.

metropolitan area. Upon request, these presentations may be given in Spanish.

During FY 2009, in order to foster the communications between the CSU and the Police, **members of this program conducted 43 ride-alongs** with police officers. 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 2009.

Highlights include: **48 probation/parole violations were handled** either judicially or non-judicially; **22 new criminal charges** were filed; **12 outstanding warrants were served** on identified youth on probation or parole; **242 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: 11
- ◆ Interns Placed: 12
- ◆ Total Hours Worked: 1,413
- ◆ Value to CSU: \$29,009\*

*\*Based upon the average national rate of \$20.53 determined by the Virginia Employment Commission*

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

Marjorie Berkowitz	Psychological Services
Melanie Schettler	Psychological Services
Jessica Minga	Argus House
Julie Polinger	Psychological Services

**UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW**

Heather Thornton	Judges' Chambers
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**McDANIEL COLLEGE**

Sonia Claviere	Argus House
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**MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY**

Jessica Cabrera	CSU/Probation
Lisa Sepassi	CSU/Probation
Teresa Fernandez	CSU/Probation
Shauna Min	Girls' Outreach

**GALLUDET UNIVERSITY**

Leslie Klein	Psychological Services
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**VOLUNTEERS**

Oxana Sasfai	Argus House
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### 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 **Marvin Dickerson** was responsible for the program during FY 2009. During the first half of the fiscal year, Officer **Dickerson** was assisted by PO **Amy Ashley**.

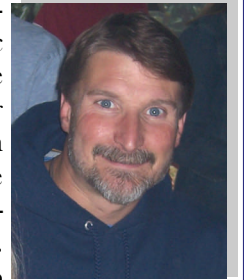
At the present time, the Court is registered as a recipient of books with **Art for Humanity**, a national organization, and **The Reading Connection**, a literacy outreach program located in Arlington. In addition, during 2009 **Christ Church United Methodist** made significant book donations. Books 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 2009 a total of 4,908 books were donated and 2,006 books were distributed.

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*

FY 2009 was a year that saw an increase for requested Court tours and public speaking forums regarding the juvenile Court processes and the provision of services. As in past, presentations at local colleges and universities topped the list, including Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason and American Universities. The Public Relations Program also provided a speaker for events that were held throughout Arlington County Public Schools to include Career Days, classroom programs designed around educating students on the Court process, and panel discussions to an audience of parents whose children attend school in the County. This year also saw a large increase in college students requesting an interview and tour of the Court. Most of these students were interested in entering the field and were participating in a criminal justice program.

Every year holds a special presentation that is requested by a particular group or public service provider. In 2009 a Court tour and presentation was provided to 9 students who were embarking on a career path of becoming Judges in the country of Jordan. They were here to learn about the juvenile justice system and selected the Arlington Juvenile Court as the model that they wanted to observe.

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.



# 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.



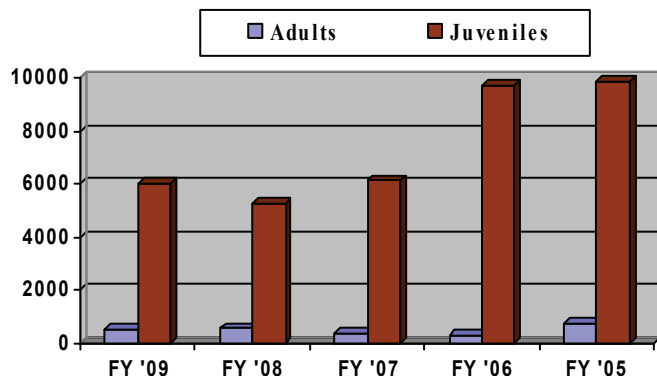
*Oswaldo Castillo (left), DDP Counselor  
Lisa Laboy (center) Shoplifter Program Coordinator,  
A-Hakim Khandoker (right), Administrative Assistant*

## FY 2009 Demographic Data

Males: 90	Females: 76
White: 16	Asian: 5
Black: 128	Hispanic: 17
Total Number of Referrals:	166
Number Attended:	142
Average Age:	15
Total Amount Stolen:	\$ 39,264
Average Amount Stolen:	\$ 238

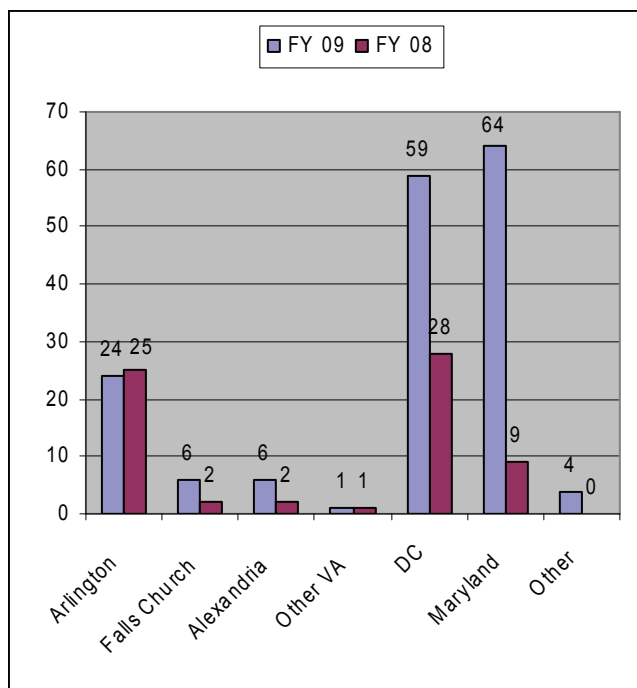
## Shoplifter Residency Comparisons

### 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	228
Community Service Hours	6,034
Value to Community @\$5.15/hr	\$31,075.10
Adults Participating	10
Community Service Hours @ \$12.91/hr	510
Value to Community	\$6,584.10



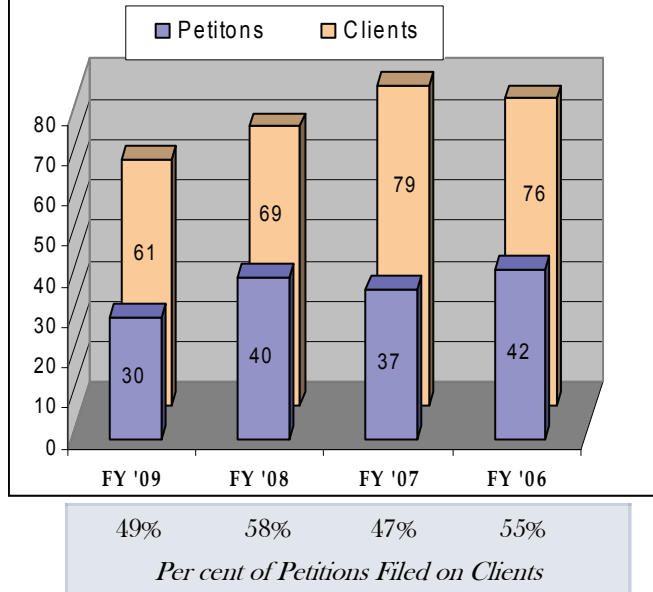
The **Restitution** program allows for the victims of crime to be compensated for their out-of-pocket expenses. Victims provide documentation of their losses and juvenile(s) are ordered to repay that amount through the Clerk's office. The judge or the probation officer determines how long the person has to complete payments. In FY 2009 total restitution was \$32,459.80.

# 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.

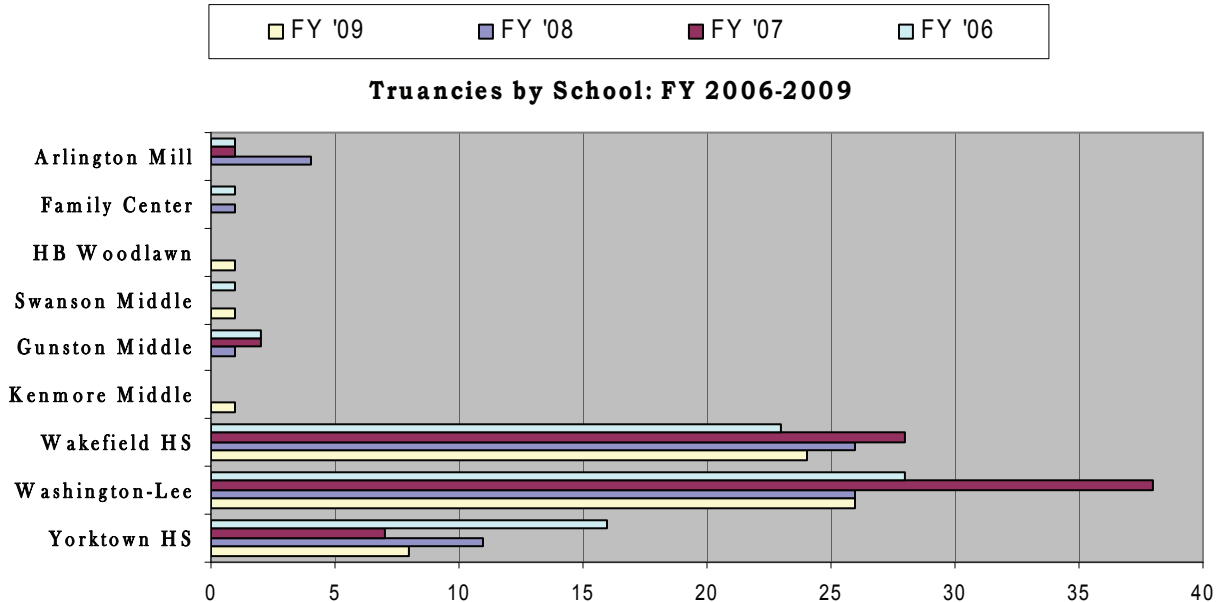
**Truancy: Fiscal Year Comparisons**



AGE	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
17 Years	19	27	28	17
16 Years	18	25	20	32
15 Years	14	15	21	20
14 Years	9	1	7	4
13 Years	1	1	0	3
12 Years	0	0	2	0

GRADE	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
12th	10	8	8	2
11th	12	19	13	15
10th	20	22	29	34
9th	17	19	24	20
8th	1	0	2	2
7th	1	1	2	3
6th	0	0	2	0

**Truancies by School: FY 2006-2009**



## 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 2009 SPC Program was supervised by probation officer **Michele Wood**.

The program served 90 youth in school year 2008-2009.

Of this total, 55 clients (61%) were male, 35 clients (39%) were female. Delinquent supervisions were 49; 41 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 '09    FY '08    FY '07

### School Information

Requests Completed:	34	51	66
Number Clients Served:	90	119	148

### Schools

Wakefield HS:	34	46	50
Washington-Lee HS:	30	42	54
Yorktown:	26	31	18

### Demographics

White:	59	Asian:	2	Hispanic:	39
Black:	31			Non-Hispanic:	51

## 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 2009, the program helped 73 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 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007
REFERRALS	73	50	63
PARTICIPANTS	66 (90%)	50 (100%)	61 (97%)
SUCCESSFUL	66	50	61
UNSUCCESSFUL	0	0	0
NO SHOW	7	0	2

# CLERK'S OFFICE

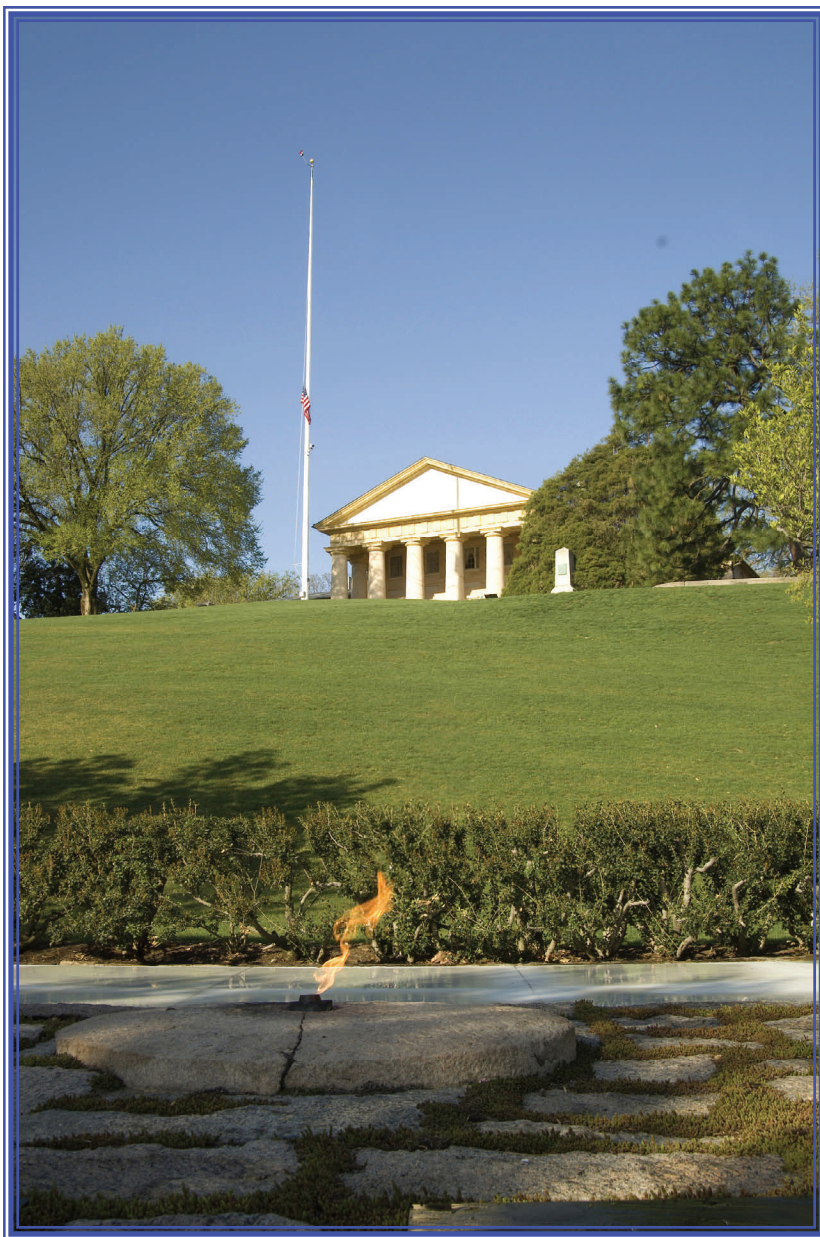
NEW CASES	FY '09	FY '08	%+/-
<u>JUVENILE</u>			
TRAFFIC	217	218	-4%
DELINQUENCY	1,714	1,630	5%
CUSTODY/VISITATION	969	1034	-6%
STATUS OFFENSES	132	162	-18%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,032</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<u>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</u>			
MISDEMEANORS	342	361	-5%
FELONIES	64	80	-20%
CAPIAS/SHOW CAUSE	391	465	-16%
CIVIL SUPPORT	758	664	14%
CRIMINAL SUPPORT	0	0	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<u>TOTAL NEW/CONTINUED CASES</u>			
JUVENILE	7,749	7,906	-2%
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	3,791	4,055	-7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,540</b>	<b>11,961</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<u>HEARING RESULTS</u>			
WAIVED JUVENILE	61	66	-7%
FINAL JUVENILE	2,825	3,367	-16%
FINAL DOMESTIC RELATIONS	1,664	1,885	-12%
CONTINUED JUVENILE	4,863	4,473	8%
CONTINUED DOMESTIC RELATIONS	2,127	2,170	-2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,540</b>	<b>11,961</b>	<b>-3%</b>



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







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