

2010 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

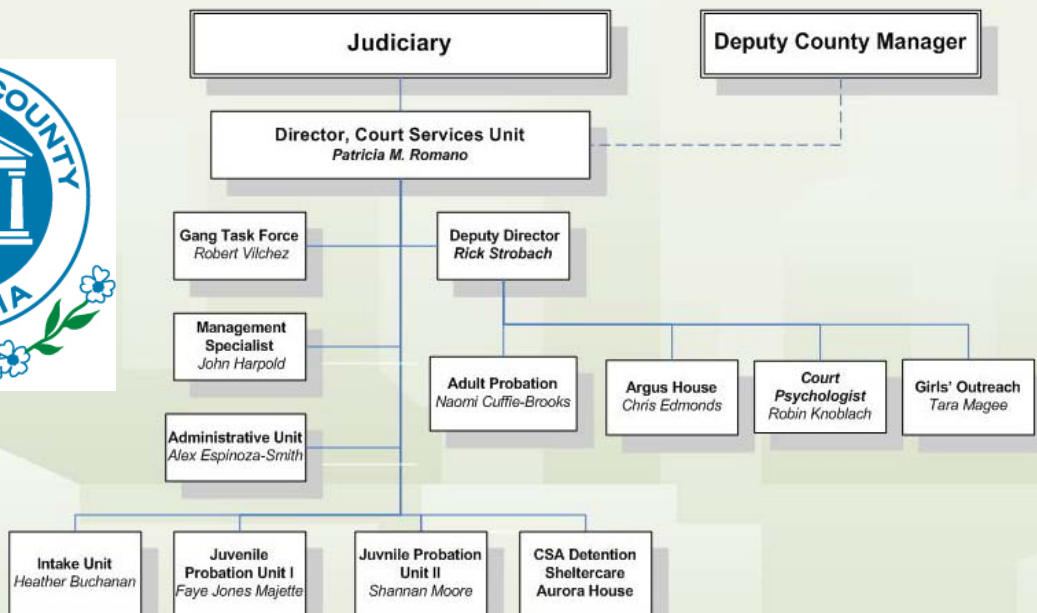
Mission

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

Arlington County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Services Unit



FY 2010 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

Gang Task Force

Robert Vilchez,
Coordinator

Psychological Services

Robin Knoblach, Ph.D.

Management Specialist

John Harpold

Intake

Heather Buchanan,
Supervisor
Luis Rosas-Aigster
Caitlin Tracy

Detention Diversion

Oswaldo Castillo
Leilani Page

Relief
Victor Vega
Ebenezer Owiredu

Hit Duty

Arthur Jean

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
Michelle Mosely
Ebenezer Owiredu
Adam Shane
Jennifer Sizer
Lawrence Wiley

Girls' Outreach Program

Tara Magee,
Coordinator
Houreya Refaat
Alison Kempter
Outreach Counselors

Relief

Noemi Cuellar
Lily Gutierrez

Adult Probation

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

Juvenile Probation-Unit I

Shannan Moore
Supervisor
Eric Assur
Colin Bagwell
Rita Brewer
Tim Coffman
Kari Gividen
Niasha John
Hao Pera
Manuel Vicens

Juvenile Probation-Unit II

Faye Jones Majette,
Supervisor
Amy Ashley
Evelyn Cochis
Carmen Cornelison
Marvin Dickerson
Erick King
Lisa Laboy
Michele Wood

School Probation Counselors

Tony Bentley
Michael D. Calabro
Monica Larrieu
Heather Mizell
Al Reid
William Wheeler

Objectives FY 2010

- ▶ The **CSU** will review and update the Policy and Procedures manual to comply with new state standards. **Continued, the new standards were not enacted as expected.**
- ▶ The **CSU** will implement **CSUniversity**, an in-house staff development program. **Completed.**
- ▶ 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. **Completed**
- ▶ 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. **Completed for criminal complaints, violations of probation, supervision, parole, and summonses. The civil processes were highlighted, but not fully integrated in the cross-training.**
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will implement the new DJJ assessment instrument (YASI). **Completed**
- ▶ The **Juvenile Unit** will reinstate the Probation and Curfew Enforcement (PACE) program. **Completed.**
- ▶ The **JDRC** will host a one day workshop "Real Talk," for at-risk teens and their parents. **Completed.**
- ▶ 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. **Completed.**
- ▶ The **Argus House** will provide comprehensive training on Positive Peer Culture for Argus House staff. **Completed**
- ▶ The **Argus House** will develop a curriculum based psycho-educational component for the weekly parent groups at the program. **Completed.**
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach** program will implement the Girls' Circle curriculums into their psycho-educational groups. **Completed**
- ▶ The **Girls' Outreach** program will review and develop the outreach services offered to parents. **Completed.**

Objectives FY 2011

CSU

Review and update the Policy and Procedure manual to comply with new state standards.

Adult Probation Unit

Refer appropriate clients to the Adult Reentry Program.

Encourage and schedule in-house training as it relates to improving knowledge of domestic violence cases and services for adult clients.

Argus House

Update the Parent Handbook; Resident Handbook; and the Resident Level Folder.

Successfully complete the Department of Juvenile Justice 2011 certification audit.

Girls' Outreach Program

Begin using the YASI (Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument) as a method of measuring success in program participants.

Explore staff's attending trainings related to Motivational Interviewing and implement the techniques learned into its work with clients.

Juvenile Probation Unit

Develop and apply quality assurance measures for the implementation of YASI and Motivational Interviewing

Generate Court Reports and Supervision Plans from YASI

Intake Unit

Cross-train DDP, Hit Duty and Intake Counselors in each unit's duties and responsibilities.

STAFF CHANGES AND HIGHLIGHTS

There was very little turnover during FY 2010. There were two vacant positions for most of the year due to a hiring freeze.

The following staff joined the organization in FY 09:

Xiomara Herrera - July 09

Marianna Rouse - August 09

Promotions:

Niasha John was promoted from Probation Officer II to Substance Abuse Specialist

Accomplishments and Recognition:

Kim Dexter - In September 2009 Kim became a member of the American Counseling Association and was accepted into the Marymount University chapter of Mu Upsilon Gamma, of Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International for "academic excellence". She completed training and certification on Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Post-intervention with The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. and she developed the Parenting Substance Abuse education program for Argus House.

Niasha John - Niasha finished her required work/classes and passed the exam to become a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.

Alex Espinosa-Smith - Alex completed the 12 month Human Resources Certificate Program sponsored by Arlington County.

Rick Strobach - Rick completed his Master's in Public Administration - Northern VA Fellows at George Mason University

The following staff volunteer on a regular basis to cover the reception area during trainings and meetings: **Naomi Cuffie-Brooks; Colin Bagwell; Marvin Dickerson; Joanne Hamilton; and Niasha John.** **Manuel Vicens, Leilani Page and Oswaldo Castillo** have also helped out during the year.

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

20 YEARS

**Faye Jones
Hakim Khandoker
Rick Strobach**

15 YEARS

Arnaldo Rosado

10 YEARS

**Shannan Moore
Tara Magee**

5 YEARS

Rita Brewer

2010 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, Faye Jones, Shannan Moore.

Policy & Management Team:

Members: Patricia M. Romano, Rick Strobach

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

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

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, Shannan Moore, Heather Buchanan

County Fair August 2009

Lead Staff Person: Naomi Cuffie-Brooks

Members: John Harpold, Rick Strobach, Robert Vilchez, Manuel Vicens

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: Amy Ashley, Houreya Refaat, Robin Knoblach, Rita Brewer, Naomi Cuffie-Brooks, Joanne Hamilton, Tara Magee, Shannan Moore, Leilani Page, 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, Kim Dexter

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

2010 RECOGNITION AWARDS

Amy Ashley

Amy is nominated for an immediate recognition award because she consistently goes above and beyond the requirements of her job to help co-workers, clients and professional peers who work in other county departments. The following is one very good example of this.

When the county replaced the CAFAS assessment instrument with CANS, many county employees who work with children were required to become CANS certified, including the juvenile probation unit. Amy volunteered to receive CANS training and become a represent the JDR at the "Super User" training so she could train her fellow probation officers in the use of CANS. She attended daylong training in Roanoke, VA and received her CANS "Super User" certification. Fully certified, Amy returned to the CSU and began the process of training her co-workers. Amy also volunteered to assist employees of other agencies who were having difficulty passing the certification tests, i.e., school personnel and social workers.

Sylvia Benitah

When the Court Services Unit migrated from Prober Web to JTS, Sylvia volunteered to work on sensitive and "behind the scenes" projects such as the transfer of over 600 active files, the uploading of 201 client file photographs to the new system identifying clients who did not have a photograph in their file. Sylvia prepared a list of clients by probation officer to assist supervisors in coordinating the completion of this task.

Additionally, Sylvia completed an audit of the demographic information on approximately 500 files. Sylvia entered the missing data case by case. Sylvia transferred over 1,000 associate files into JTS database. Moreover, Sylvia uploaded social files numbers from Prober Web to Badge. Thanks to this achievement, there is a link between the automated client records and our hard copy case files. These work accomplishments represented an enormous amount of time and effort, and Sylvia completed them in addition to her regular administrative work.

Arthur Jean

Arthur is being nominated for this award as a result of his outstanding customer service. He consistently provides prompt, reliable, and quality services to our customers. He has been recognized by many of his peers within the Court Service Unit as being extremely helpful and knowledgeable. The Chief Judge has indicated that his work product is "outstanding." Arthur always assists fellow staff members when requested and has taken on additional job responsibilities, often on his own initiative. He is consistently looking for ways to improve our existing services and readily communicates his suggestions for improvement. His efforts exemplify the objectives of the Court Service Unit Mission.

Arthur has consistently demonstrated exemplary performance in at least three Arlington County Principles of Government Service, to include high quality service to our consumers, commitment to fellow staff members, and leadership. He is a pleasure to work with and is an asset to Arlington County.



(l. to r.) Amy Ashley, Sylvia Benitah, Arthur Jean

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SB 259 - Detention of transferred or certified juveniles.

Provides that a juvenile whose criminal case has been transferred to circuit court or certified be placed in a juvenile secure facility unless the court determines that he is a threat to the security or safety of the other juveniles detained or the staff of the facility, in which case he may be moved to an adult facility.

SB 591 - Detention of juveniles in secure facility; possession of certain firearms by juveniles.

Clarifies that a juvenile may be detained prior to final disposition in a secure facility if the juvenile is alleged to have violated § 18.2-308.7 (possession or transportation of a handgun or assault weapon by a person under the age of 18). Current law provides for such detention only when the juvenile is alleged to have committed an offense that would be a crime if he were an adult.

HB 1121/SB 486 - Juvenile records; gang information; exceptions to confidentiality.

Places an affirmative duty on the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide information to law enforcement that may aid in initiating or furthering an investigation of a criminal street gang. The bill also requires, rather than allows, the Department and locally operated court services unit to release to law enforcement information on a juvenile's criminal street gang involvement and the criminal street gang-related activity of others. The Department is prohibited from releasing information on a juvenile who is not affiliated with a gang unless the information relates to a specific crime. The Department is required to provide information to the Organized Criminal Gang File maintained by the State Police.

HB 682 - Gang-free zones; penalties.

Expands current "gang-free school zones" to the broader "gang-free zones" and includes any publicly owned or operated community center or recreational center. Engaging in criminal street gang activity in a gang-free zone is a Class 5 or 6 felony and may include a two-year mandatory minimum sentence, depending upon other aggravators.

HB 107 - Adult students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile and domestic relations district court; notification to schools.

Provides that the same notification that is given to the superintendents of school divisions for juveniles must be given when students who are 18 years of age or older are charged with certain crimes and are subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile and domestic relations district court. The bill makes a similar change for providing notification when such students are committed to a Department of Juvenile Justice facility.

HB - 918 - Exception to confidentiality of juvenile records; fugitives and escapees.

Allows for the release of identifying information of a juvenile who is charged with or convicted of any misdemeanor or felony and is a fugitive from justice or an escapee. Currently, only juveniles charged with or convicted of certain serious offenses (e.g., murder, rape, robbery) may have identifying information released once they become a fugitive or escapee.

HB 249/SB 65 - Psychiatric treatment of minors.

Revises the Psychiatric Inpatient Treatment of Minors Act in order to create a stand alone juvenile commitment act that will be titled the Psychiatric Treatment of Minors Act and to eliminate various cross references to the adult commitment statutes in Title 37.2. The bill incorporates various provisions from the adult commitment statutes, including provisions regarding the transportation of persons in the commitment process, the preparation of preadmission screening reports, and the process for emergency custody and temporary detention orders, into the Act. The bill also revises the appeals process, reducing the time to note an appeal from 30 to 10 days, which is consistent with other appeals from the juvenile and domestic relations district court.

HB 729/SB360 -Mandatory outpatient treatment following inpatient treatment.

Allows a court to enter an order for mandatory outpatient treatment following involuntary inpatient treatment, which orders a person to involuntary inpatient treatment and authorizes the person's treating physician

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to discharge the patient from inpatient treatment subject to mandatory outpatient treatment. To be eligible for such an order, the person must meet the criteria for involuntary inpatient treatment as well as demonstrate (i) a lack of compliance with treatment for mental illness, (ii) the need for outpatient treatment to prevent a relapse or deterioration that would likely result in his meeting the criteria for inpatient treatment, (iii) that the person is not likely to obtain outpatient treatment unless the court enters the order, and (iv) that the person is likely to benefit from outpatient treatment. Additionally, services must actually be available in the community and providers of services must have actually agreed to deliver the services. The bill also sets forth how orders for mandatory outpatient treatment following inpatient treatment will be enforced, reviewed, continued, and rescinded.

HB 862 - Punishment of a juvenile for possession, etc., of alcohol.

Provides that a juvenile charged with possession, consumption, etc., of alcohol or public intoxication may be found delinquent of such a charge and punished, or have his case deferred and upon completion of the terms and conditions of his probation, have his case dismissed by the juvenile and domestic relations district court. Current law provides that the case shall be deferred and shall be dismissed upon completion of terms and conditions.

HB 930/ SB 468 - Extension of protective orders.

Allows a petitioner who has obtained a protective order under § 16.1-279.1 (cases of family abuse) or § 19.2-152.10 (stalking) to obtain an extension of such order for a period of no more than two years if the respondent continues to pose a threat to the health or safety of the petitioner and the petitioner's family and household members. There is no limit on the number of extensions that may be requested.

HB 741 -Use of profane, threatening, or indecent language over public airways or by computer or text.

Provides that any person who uses obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious, or indecent language, or makes any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, or threatens any illegal or immoral act with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person when any electronically transmitted message is received or transmitted by telephone is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Current law punishes such behavior when simply using a telephone or citizens band radio.

PERSPECTIVES on

National Data (ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp)

Juveniles were involved in 12% of all violent crimes cleared in 2008 and 18% of property crimes cleared.

Between 1999 and 2008, 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 6% and female arrests increased 12%.

The 2008 arrest rates for Violent Crime Index offenses were substantially lower than the rates in the 1994 peak year for every age group under 40.

In 2008, about 1 in 10 (1,740) murder victims was a juvenile.

Juveniles are more likely than adults to commit crimes in groups and to be arrested. 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 2008.

—source: *Juvenile Justice Bulletin*, December 2009, *OJJDP*
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp

State Data (djj.virginia.gov)

- Domestic relations complaints increased 8%.
- Juvenile complaints decreased 7%.
- Juvenile felony complaints decreased 13%.
- The most common juvenile offense categories were Assault and Larceny.
- CHINS/CHINSup complaints decreased 8%.
- The number of juveniles who were committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice decreased from 975 in 2008 to 819 in 2009.
- The number of juveniles being supervised on probation and parole dropped from 7,281 in 2008 to 6,863 in 2009.

—Source *Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2009*,
Department of Juvenile Justice, 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, Marianna Rouse, Intake Counselors; Heather Buchanan, Supervisor; Leilani Page and Oswaldo Castillo, DDP Counselors; Xiomara Herrera, Hit Duty Counselor; Mauricio Tagle, Intern.

The CSU **Intake Services Unit** assists residents 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 their 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 2010, the CSU Intake Services Unit received a total of 2,975 complaints.
- ◆ Intake complaints increased by 8% from the 2,760 complaints received during FY 2009.
- ◆ 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. *Exception: After Hours phone calls in FY 2008 and earlier counted the number of clients. Beginning with FY 2009, each phone call is counted.

FY '10 FY '09 Change %Change

Assaults	72	63	9	14%
Property	341	349	-8	-2%
Property complaints include: Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicles, and Arson				
Vandalism	25	39	-14	-35%
Drug Violations	57	40	17	42%
Weapons	5	13	-8	-61%
Fraud				
Credit Card	6	6	0	0%

INTAKE COMPLAINTS & ACTIVITIES

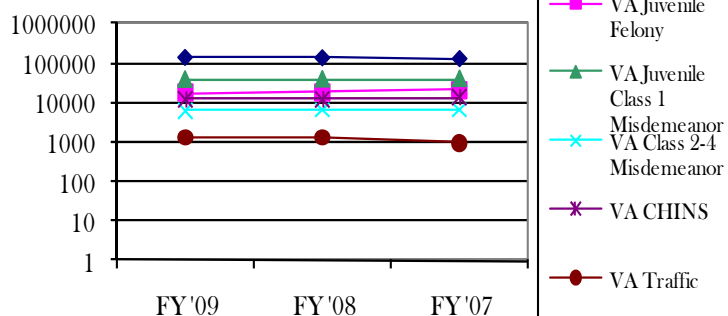
	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08	FY 07
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	2,975	2,760	2,619	2,464
Juvenile	2,797	2,628	2,485	2,338
Adult	178	132	134	126
CHINS	138	152	168	190
VIOLATIONS	390	381	381	415
Probation	235	217	172	245
CHINS	149	146	181	162
Parole	6	18	28	8
Informal Hearings	190	179	105	95
Tobacco	2	13	36	40
Shoplifter	188	166	69	55
Complaints from Out-of-state	774	729	456	316
Juvenile Mental Commitments	1	0	4	4
After Hours Calls	284*	223*	42	22

INTAKE HIGHLIGHTS

FY 2010 Highlights

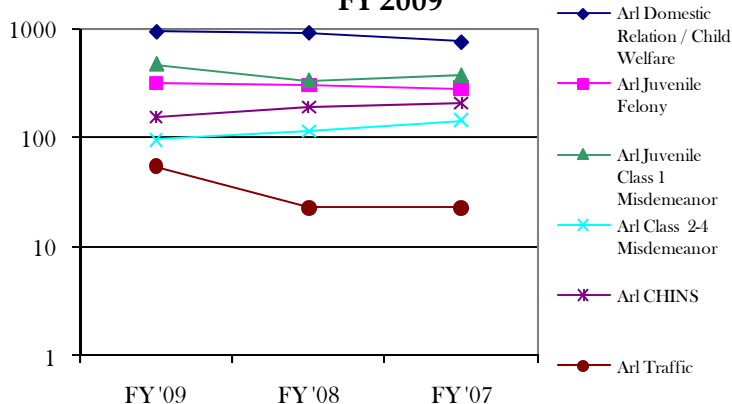
- **Intakes—up 7% from last year.**
2,975 in FY 2010; 2,760 in FY 2009.
5 year average (2005-2010): 2,621
- **New Juvenile Probation/ Supervision Up 7% from last year.**
236 in FY 2010; 222 in FY 2009.
5 year average (2005-2010): 232
- **Juvenile Investigations (includes custody) Up 7% from last year.**
293 in FY 2010; 272 in FY 2009.
5 year average (2005-2010): 239
- Created an “Intake Manual,” which details every probable Intake action and application. This manual was recently utilized by the **Falls Church CSU** in the training of staff and serves as a ready reference tool for probation counselors;
- Collaborated with the **Arlington Peace Project** in the creation of a Data Mart, which tracks domestic violence cases across many systems (law enforcement, **Commonwealth Attorneys Office**, victim advocate) in an effort to improve services to both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence;
- Collaborated with the **Clerk of the Court** in creating a new protective order process and mediation initiative.

*Virginia Intake Complaints FY 2009

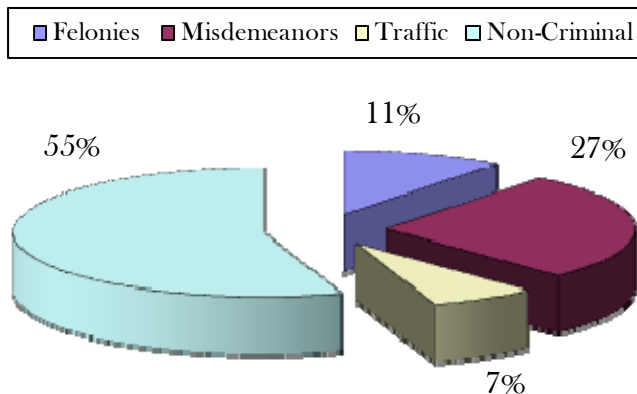


*Chart reflects most recent data at time of publication.
Source: *DJJ Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2009*

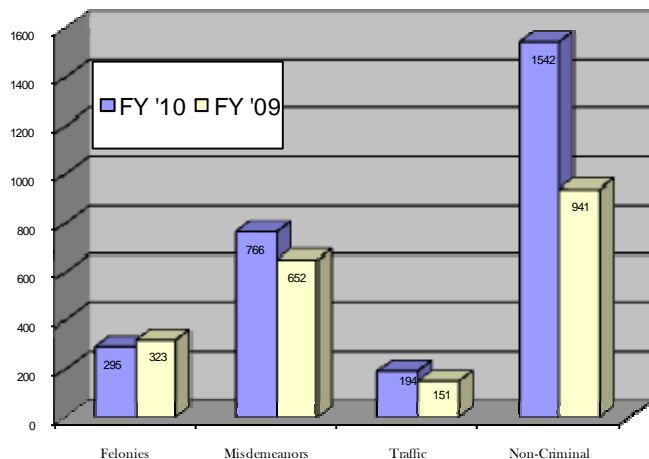
*ARLINGTON INTAKE COMPLAINTS FY 2009



Juvenile Intakes FY 2010



Juvenile Intake Comparisons FY 2010 and FY 2009



JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

CATEGORY	FY 10	FY 09	Change	%Change
MURDER:				
Murder	0	2	-2	-200%
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	2	-2	-200%
TOTAL	0	4	-4	-400%
FORCIBLE RAPE/VIOLENT SEX OFFENDER:				
Rape	3	2	1	50%
Rape, victim under age 13	3	0	3	300%
Sodomy	0	1	-1	-100%
Inanimate Sexual Penetration	0	0	0	0%
Consenting Victim <13 yrs	0	1	-1	-100%
Fornication	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	6	4	2	50%
ROBBERY:				
Robbery	10	17	-7	-41%
Attempted Robbery	1	2	-1	-50%
Carjacking	0	0	0	0%
Conspiracy to Robbery	0	2	-2	-100%
Robbery with Weapon	1	0	1	100%
TOTAL:	12	21	-9	-43%
FELONIOUS ASSAULT:				
Assault-Felonious	9	4	5	125%
Attempted Felonious Assault	1	0	1	100%
Felonious Assault by Mob	5	1	4	400%
Malicious Wounding of Police Officer	1	4	-3	-75%
TOTAL:	16	9	7	78%
ASSAULT & BATTERY:				
Assault & Battery	35	43	-8	-18%
Assault & Battery on Police	3	1	2	200%
Assault & Battery on Mob	9	5	4	80%
Assault & Battery hate crime	0	0	0	0%
Assault & Battery on family	9	5	4	80%
Non-malicious Wounding	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	56	54	2	4%
OTHER SEX OFFENSE:				
Sexual Battery	0	2	-2	-100%
Peeping	1	0	1	100%
Indecent Exposure	1	0	1	100%
TOTAL:	2	2	0	200%
OTHER PERSON OFFENSE:				
Abduction	0	0	0	0%
Written Threat	0	0	0	0%
Threat to School Authority	0	2	-2	-100%
Threat to Harm	0	0	0	0%
Throw Missiles at Vehicle	0	1	-1	-100%
Injury by Caustic Substance	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	0	3	-3	-100%

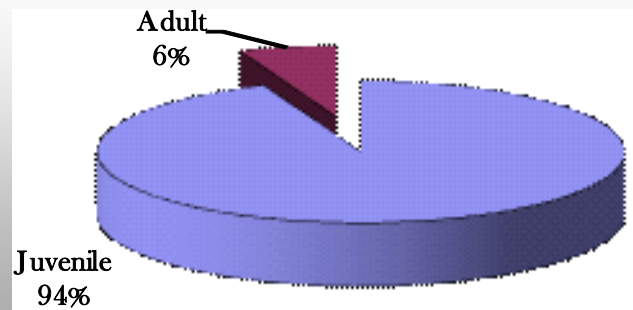
CATEGORY	FY 10	FY 09	Change	%Change
BURGLARY/B & E:				
Breaking and Entering	7	8	-1	-12%
Burglary	0	3	-3	100%
Burglary at night	1	0	1	100%
Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0%
Attempted Breaking & Entering	3	0	3	300%
Possess Burglary Tools	7	15	-8	-53%
Conspire to Commit Burglary	0	3	-3	-100%
TOTAL:	18	29	-11	-38%
LARCENY-THEFT (FELONY):				
Grand Larceny	127	169	-42	-25%
Attempted Larceny	1	2	-1	-50%
Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny	10	0	10	1000%
Embezzlement (felonious)	1	1	0	0%
Receive Stolen Goods >\$200	6	2	4	200%
TOTAL:	145	174	-27	-16%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:				
Unauthorized Use (felonious)	1	1	0	-100%
Unauthorized Use (misdem.)	0	0	0	0%
Automobile Theft	10	7	3	43%
Attempted G.L. Automobile	0	0	0	0%
Tampering with Automobile	1	4	-3	-75%
Altered Serial Number (Auto)	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	12	12	0	0%
ARSON:				
Arson of Occupied	2	0	2	200%
Offender 15 or over	0	0	0	0%
False Alarm—False	2	1	1	100%
Arson of Unoccupied <\$200	4	0	4	400%
Offender under 15	1	0	1	100%
TOTAL:	9	1	8	800%
VANDALISM-PUBLIC/PRIVATE:				
Destruction of Public Property				
>\$1000	0	0	0	0%
< \$1000	0	1	-1	-100%
Destruction of Private Property				
>\$1000	9	6	3	50%
< \$1000	14	27	-13	-48%
Interfere with Phone	0	0	0	0%
Tamper fire hydrant	1	0	1	100%
TOTAL:	24	34	-10	-29%
TRESPASSING:				
Trespass	21	23	-2	-9%
Trespass on School	0	2	-2	-100%
Trespass by Posted Sign	0	3	-3	-100%
Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	21	28	-7	-25%

JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

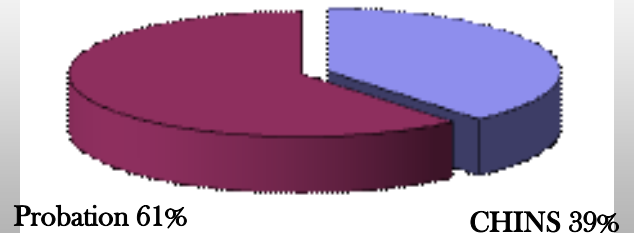
CATEGORY	FY 10	FY 09	Change	%Change
FRAUD/CREDIT CARD/CHECK:				
Forgery	16	7	9	128%
Embezzlement (misdemeanor)	6	2	4	200%
Credit Card Fraud	6	3	3	100%
Theft Credit Card	4	3	1	33%
Bad checks <\$200	2	0	2	200%
Perjury	6	1	5	500%
Uttering	2	1	1	100%
TOTAL:	42	17	25	147%
LARCENY-PETTY:				
Petty Larceny	152	126	26	20%
Attempted Petty Larceny	0	0	0	0%
Receive Stolen Goods <\$200	5	5	0	0%
Conceal Merchandise <\$200	1	2	1	100%
TOTAL:	158	133	27	20%
OTHER CRIMINAL-FELONY:				
Conceal Merchandise >\$200	1	5	-4	-80%
Unlawful Use of Phone	0	0	0	0%
Failure to Appear (felony)	30	36	-6	-17%
TOTAL:	31	41	-10	-24%
DRUG VIOLATIONS:				
Distribution of Drugs on School Grounds	5	1	4	400%
Distribution of Marijuana	4	2	2	100%
Possession of Heroin	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Cocaine	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Cocaine with Int. to Dist. (School Zone)	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Marijuana	47	35	12	34%
Possession of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribution of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribute, Sell <.5oz	0	1	-1	-100%
Distribute, Sell >.5 oz <5 lbs	1	0	1	100%
Distribute, Sell >.5 oz	0	0	0	0%
Inhale Drugs	0	0	0	0%
Possession schedule III	0	1	-1	-100%
TOTAL:	57	40	17	42%
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE:				
Resist Arrest, threats, force	1	1	0	0%
Resist Arrest, w/o threat, force	6	5	1	20%
Obstruct Justice	0	0	0	0%
Fail to Identify	6	10	-4	-40%
Disorderly Conduct	14	23	-9	-39%
Fugitive	0	0	0	0%
Eluding	0	0	0	0%
Curse and Abuse	3	3	2	-66%
File False Report	0	2	-2	-200%
TOTAL:	30	44	-14	-32%

CATEGORY	FY 09	FY 08	Change	%Change
WEAPONS OFFENSE:				
Use of Firearm in Felony	0	1	-1	-100%
Conceal Weapon	1	5	-4	-80%
Weapons at School	3	4	-1	-25%
Possession of Firearm under Eighteen	0	0	0	0%
Possession of a Weapon by Felon	0	2	-2	-100%
Brandishing	1	1	0	0%
Possess or Transport Weapon	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	5	13	-8	-62%
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS:				
Drive While Intoxicated	1	0	1	100%
Drunk in Public	1	0	1	100%
Drinking in Public	0	1	-1	-100%
Possession of Beer/Alcohol	28	38	-10	-26%
Sell Alcohol to a Minor	0	0	0	0%
Drinking in Public (School)	0	1	-1	-100%
Consume Alcohol <21 yrs	0	0	0	0%
Use False ID to purchase	0	0	0	0%
Drinking in Metro station	0	0	0	0%
DWI/DUI	0	1	-1	-100%
TOTAL:	30	41	-11	-27%

Complaints Processed by Intake



Violations Issued



JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

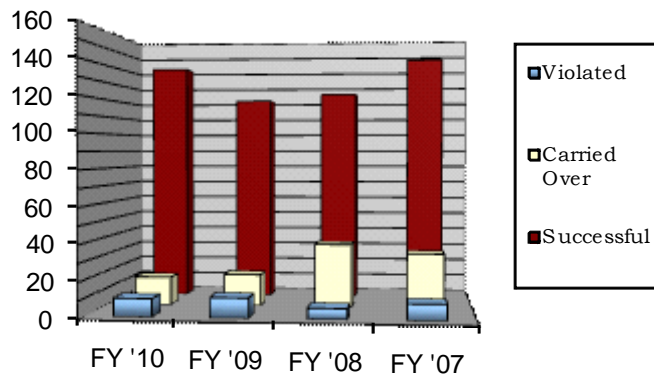
CATEGORY	FY 10	FY 09	Change	%Change
TRAFFIC:				
Felonious Hit and Run	0	0	0	0%
Misdemeanor Hit and Run	1	1	0	0%
Traffic Offenses/Summonses	63	42	21	50%
Reckless Driving	8	22	-14	-64%
No Driver's License	22	26	-4	-15%
Driving on Suspended License	10	5	5	100%
Ride Moped Under the Age of 16	0	0	0	0%
Failure to stop for Police	1	0	1	100%
Altered ID/License	0	1	-1	-100%
Violation of a Learner's Permit	27	30	3	-10%
Speeding charges	57	21	36	171%
Drive Bike without helmet	0	3	-3	-100%
Riding Moped without helmet	0	0	0	0%
Driver <18 curfew violation	0	0	0	0%
Petition court for restricted License	5	0	5	500%
TOTAL:	194	151	43	28%
OTHER CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS				
Identity Theft	10	6	4	66%
Fail to Pay (Metro)	295	164	131	80%
Eat on Metro	0	0	0	0%
Littering	1	0	1	100%
Escape without force	0	1	-1	-100%
Trespassing School at night	6	0	6	600%
Harassment by computer	0	0	0	0%
Urinating in Public	0	0	0	0%
Vending from a vehicle	0	0	0	0%
Harassing Phone Calls	0	1	-1	-100%
Shoot BB air gun	1	1	0	0%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	313	173	140	81%
TRANSFERS (IN):				
Transfer of Disposition	3	2	1	50%
Transfer of Supervision	0	0	0	0%
Request Supervision (Courtesy)	6	13	-7	-54%
Transfer of Venue	0	3	-3	-100%
Transfer case Parole	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	9	18	-9	-50%
VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION:				
Violations of Probation	235	217	18	8%
Violation of Parole	6	18	-12	-66%
Violation of Supervision CHINS	149	146	3	2%
Violation of Court Order	2	6	-4	-66%
TOTAL:	392	387	5	1%
CHINS:				
CHINS	9	27	-16	-59%
Runaway	59	32	27	84%
Out of State Runaway	2	0	2	200%
Truancy	68	93	-25	-27%
TOTAL:	138	152	-14	-9%

CATEGORY	FY 10	FY 09	Change	%Change
CUSTODY CASES:				
Custody	453	382	71	18%
Registration of Custody Order	0	3	-3	-100%
Visitation Problems	84	72	12	16%
Adoption (Private)	1	2	-1	-50%
Establish Paternity	31	34	-3	-9%
Disestablish Paternity	1	2	-1	-50%
Relief of Custody	2	1	-1	-100%
TOTAL:	572	496	76	15%
OTHER NON-CRIMINAL				
Emancipation	2	0	2	200%
Foster Care Permanent	1	3	-2	-66%
Judicial Review Foster Care	3	0	3	300%
Neglect & Abuse Child	27	39	-12	-31%
Educational Neglect	2	7	-5	-71%
Protective Order (Juvenile)	23	49	-26	-53%
Terminate Parental Rights	16	27	-11	-40%
Child Support	287	255	32	12%
Spousal Support	32	29	4	14%
Failure to Appear	72	96	-24	-25%
Chancery Request	19	8	11	137%
Entrustment	1	4	-3	-75%
TOTAL:	485	517	-32	-6%
TRANSFERS (OUT):				
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0%
GANG OFFENSES:				
Solicit, invite, recruit juveniles to be members of gang	0	0	0	0%
Participation in criminal act for Benefit of Gang	2	2	0	0%
TOTAL:	2	2	0	0%
MENTAL HEARING:				
* Beginning FY 2007, mental hearings are heard in 19th District (Fairfax)				
TOTAL:	1	0	0	100%
INFORMAL TOBACCO				
TOTAL:	2	13	-11	-85%
INFORMAL BIKE HELMETS				
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0%
POSS. Of TOBACCO (COURT)				
TOTAL:	15	15	0	0%
Grand Total:	2797	2628	169	6%

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 in the program. They conduct community outreach visits and consultation with other professionals to facilitate compliance of program rules.

DDP Program Participant Outcomes



Detention Diversion Program Demographics

	FY '10	FY '09
Youth Enrolled	152	167
Minority Clients	124 (82%)	142 (85%)
Males	106 (70%)	120 (72%)
Females	46 (30%)	47 (28%)
Arlington Placement	131 (86%)	157 (94%)
Falls Church Placement	21 (14%)	10 (6%)
Childcare Days	4,404	4,371
Utilization Rate	86%	85.5%

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. Parents also participate in the Street Law educational experience. This year, twelve sessions were offered, with 97 youth successfully completing the program.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA JUVENILE DETENTION HOME & SHELTERCARE

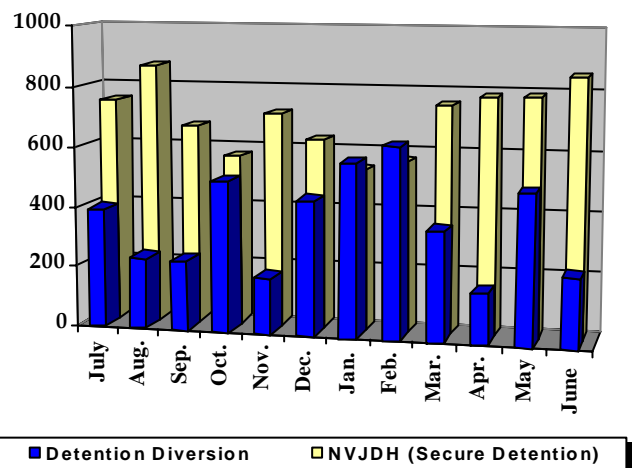
The **Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home (NVJDH)** is operated by a multi-jurisdictional commission. The Commission members are appointed by the Arlington County Board, the City of Alexandria and the City of Falls Church. The Detention Home has a capacity of 70 beds, with 10 beds reserved for **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 contracted with the City of Alexandria for one bed at the home. This is a decrease from three beds under contract in FY 2009.

Arlington Use of Multi-Jurisdictional Facilities

Sheltercare	FY '10	FY '09
Bed days used	232 55%	509 46%
NVJDH	FY '10	FY '09
Bed days used (inc. New Beginnings)	10,435 63%	10,508 58%

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

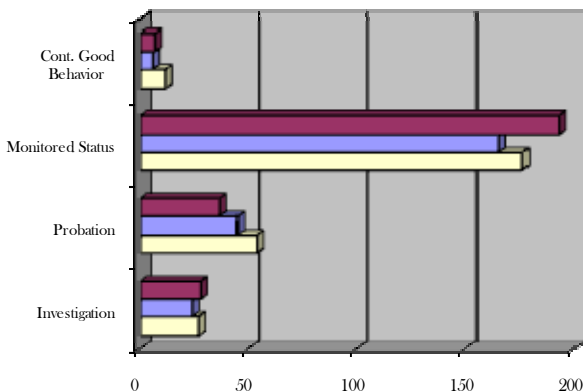
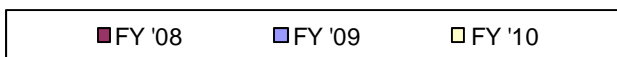
- ◆ In FY 2010, the total case assignments increased by 12% to 269 from 240 in FY 2009.
- ◆ One sexual offense case was assigned in FY 2010, a decrease of 50% over FY 2009. Sexual offenses decreased 85% from FY 2008 to FY 2009. In FY 2008, 13 sexual offense cases were assigned to the unit.
- ◆ There were 5 case assignments for offenses against persons in FY 2010, a 72% decrease from the 18 reported in FY 2009.



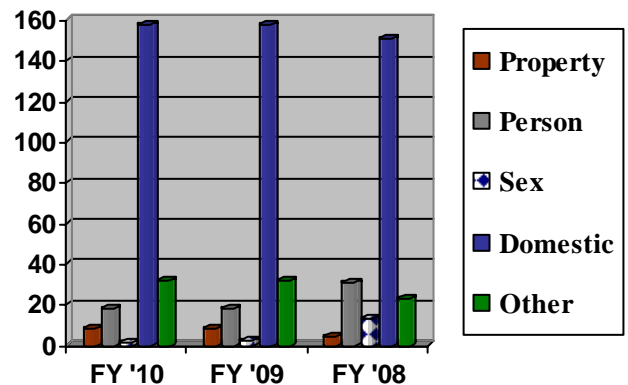
(l to r) **Maurice Holtz**, **Kimberly Dexter**, **Joanne Hamilton**, Adult Probation Officers; **Naomi Cuffie-Brooks**, Supervisor; **Arnaldo Rosado**, Adult Probation Officer

FY '10		FY '09	
Male	75%	Male	77%
Female	25%	Female	23%
Black	43%	Black	30%
Hispanic	62%	Hispanic	33%
White	46%	White	31%
Asian	7%	Asian	3%
Mid East	1%	Mid East	2%
Other	3%	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 18th birthday and adults who committed offenses prior to their 18th 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 for probation and parole cases (delinquent) and for Children in Need of Services cases (non-delinquent). Cases are monitored for compliance with certain conditions mandated by the Court, such as restitution or community service, even where no formal supervision status is prescribed.

The duties of the juvenile probation staff include case preparation, management, documentation, referral and coordination of client services. Probation officers visit clients at detention, Shelter-care, schools, homes, state correctional facilities and residential placements. Staff also attend interagency planning meetings and court hearings.

Substance Abuse Screening

The Court Services Unit continued to perform on-site drug screening during FY '10. Screenings may be conducted for THC (marijuana), cocaine, amphetamine, morphine, heroin, alcohol, and methamphetamine. See also page 39 for additional activity.

The rate of positive drug screens remained at 21% of those tested. The overall number of screenings administered in FY '10 was 280, an increase of .5% over FY '09.

Total Drug Screens Taken:	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08
Negatives	231	278	278
Positives	49 (21%)	59 (21%)	71 (20%)
Invalid	4	0	4
Types of Positives			
Marijuana	49	44	58
Cocaine	0	3	6
Amphetamine	3	4	1
Morphine	2	3	1
Alcohol	0	3	3
PCP	0	0	2
Methamphetamine	0	2	0



Juvenile Unit (l to r) **Evelyn Cochis, Arthur Jean, Colin Bagwell, Niasha John, Manuel Vicens, Eric Assur, Lacretia Davis, Erick King, Kari Gividen, Amy Ashley, Lisa Laboy, Tim Coffman**, Probation Officers; **Faye Jones**, Supervisor; **Michele Wood**, Probation Officer; **Shannan Moore**, Supervisor; **Marvin Dickerson**, Probation Officer.

Not pictured: **Rita Brewer, Oswaldo Castillo, Carmen Cornelison, Leilani Page, Hao Pera**.

JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk assessment process is designed to enhance and classify 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.

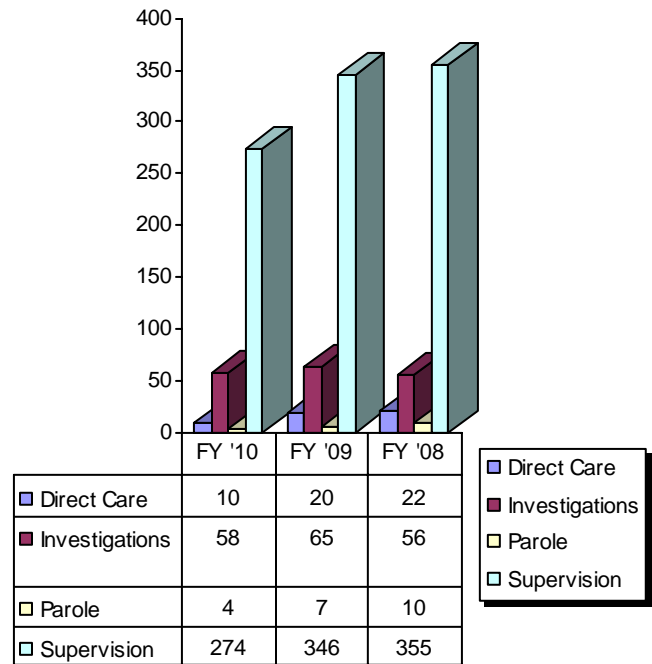
Adjudicated offenders are assessed based on a set of factors provided by DJJ. Assessments identify those who are most likely to commit subsequent offenses and aid the CSU in making appropriate intervention decisions within its allocated resource limits. JDRC correlates a juvenile's level of risk with an appropriate level of supervision and program type. Offenders with the highest risk, who pose an ongoing threat to public safety, receive 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	Number of Cases	Percent
Low	108	48%
Moderate	102	45%
High	16	7%
Total	226	100%
Region 2 Data FY 2009*		
Risk Classification	# of Cases	Percent
Low	1,294	33%
Moderate	2,038	52%
High	588	15%
Total	3,920	100%
	* FY 2010 Not available	At time of publication.
Statewide Data FY 2009 *		
Risk Classification	# of Cases	Percent
Low	3,917	35%
Moderate	5,147	46%
High	2,126	19%
Total	11,190	100%

Average Monthly Workload



Recidivism Rates

	Arlington		State Average	
	Parole	Probation	Parole	Probation
2008 (Rearrest)	23.8%	23.5%	46.9%	37%
2007 (Reconviction)	33%	13%	41.5%	26.1%

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.

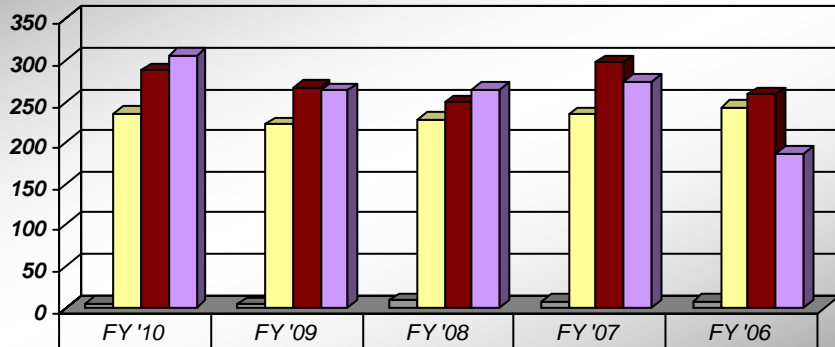
—source: Data Resource Guide,
Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, February 2, 2009

Commitments to DJJ

FY '10**	FY '09	FY '08
15	15	18

** Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, BADGE

New Assignments



	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07	FY '06
■ Custody Investigation	5	4	9	7	7
■ Supervision	236	222	228	234	243
■ Social History	288	268	249	298	259
■ Suspended Imposition of Sentence	306	264	265	274	187

FY 2010 DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY:

Male:	153	(65%)
Female:	83	(35%)
Black:	112	(48%)
White:	114	(48%)
Asian/Pacific Is.:	8	(3%)
Middle Eastern:	3	(1%)
Hispanic Origin:	91	(39%)

ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME:

Below 10K:	12	(5%)
10K-25K:	71	(30%)
25K-40K:	53	(22%)
40K-55K:	34	(14%)
55K-70K:	18	(8%)
Above 70K:	22	(9%)
Unknown:	26	(11%)

GRADE:

Seventh & below:	19	(9%)
Eighth:	15	(6%)
Ninth:	73	(31%)
Tenth:	57	(24%)
Eleventh:	43	(18%)
Twelfth:	20	(8%)
College:	0	(0%)
Graduated/No longer in school:	9	(4%)

New Supervision Cases

AGE:

Twelve & under:	10	(4%)
Thirteen:	17	(7%)
Fourteen:	33	(14%)
Fifteen:	42	(18%)
Sixteen:	70	(30%)
Seventeen & over:	64	(27%)

FAMILY PROFILE:

2 Natural parents:	56	(24%)
1 Natural parent:	123	(52%)
1 Natural and step parent:	18	(8%)
Other relatives:	18	(8%)
Guardian:	6	(3%)
Institution:	4	(1.5%)
Alone:	1	(.5%)
Foster Care:	9	(4%)

SCHOOLS:

Arlington Mill:	2	(1%)
Career Center:	4	(2%)
Gunston:	6	(3%)
HB Woodlawn:	3	(1%)
Kenmore:	8	(3%)
Langston:	6	(3%)
New Directions:	5	(2%)
Swanson Middle:	2	(1%)
Thomas Jefferson Middle:	7	(3%)
Washington & Lee High:	55	(23%)
Wakefield High:	31	(13%)
Williamsburg Middle:	2	(1%)
Yorktown:	15	(6%)
None:	6	(3%)
Schools, Other Jurisdictions:	83	(35%)



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 17, and their families. The residents, and often their parents, typically have issues related to authority problems, anger management, family dysfunction, interpersonal and emotional problems, lack of supervision at home, and poor school performance. 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 '10	FY '09	FY '08
Clients	19	21	19
Successful Clients	16	16	16
Recidivists* (rearrested within 1 year of release)	VJCCA data are not yet available.	VJCCA data are not yet available.	2
Utilization Rate	88%	82%	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: 15 (68%)	Black: 5 (23%)
White: 2 (9%)	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 2010

- Sixteen residents successfully completed the program.



—Mural painted by Argus House residents.

- The Argus House residents started the summer of 2009 with a sailing activity sponsored by Planet Hope, an organization that teaches sailing to disadvantaged youth.
- Honors earned by successful residents:
 - Commonwealth Teen Challenge (1 resident)
 - CHS County Employment Program (8 residents)
 - Youth Congress (1 resident)
- Hosted an Open House involving current residents, professionals and former residents
- Former food service manager Sterling Lindsey and his staff from Goodwin House prepared a formal sit-down dinner at Argus House.

Therapeutic Services Statistics:

PPC Group Hours	195
Individual and Family Therapy Hours	343
Parent Group Hours	66

Other groups that took place at Argus House:

JASPERS Program (OAR)	16 groups
Law-related education group	
Substance Abuse Group (N. John, S. Moore and K. Dexter)	8 groups
Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM) AIDS Sexual Awareness, STD's and Safe Sex Practices	5 groups
Sanitation Training (Aramark)	3 sessions

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

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

Aurora House 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	3,454
Average Daily Population	9.5
Completions	11
Utilization Rate	79%
Recidivists w/in 1 Year	0

Ethnicity:

African American	3	(25%)
Caucasian	1	(8%)
Hispanic	7	(58%)
Asian	1	(8%)

Age at admission to Aurora House

13 yrs of age	0	(0%)
14 yrs of age	0	(0%)
15 yrs of age	4	(33%)
16 yrs of age	4	(33%)
17 yrs of age	4	(33%)

Home School at time of admission

New Directions	9	(47%)
W & L HS	3	(16%)
Wakefield HS	4	(21%)
Yorktown HS	1	(5%)
George Mason HS	2	(10%)

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

Girls' Outreach eight-month, after school, day-treatment 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 high risk hours after school. While attending **Girls' Outreach**, young ladies involved with the Court remain at home with their families and address the issues which caused them to become Court-involved. The program fosters self-esteem through empowerment. It offers clients psychoeducational 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.

FY2010 was a very productive and successful year for **Girls' Outreach**: utilization continued to rise; and the program was at full capacity for the majority of the year. Staff continued to create new peer groups to target its clients' specific issues. **Girls' Outreach** clients continue to provide the community with numerous hours of com-



(from left:) **Houreya Refaat**, Counselor; **Tara Magee**, Program Coordinator; **Alison Kempter**, Counselor.

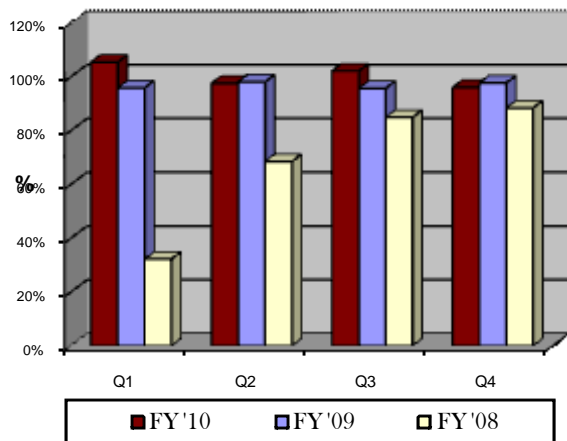
munity service at various events and maintain a stretch of Lee Highway for the Adopt-A-Highway Program. **Girls' Outreach** continues to work closely with other Arlington County agencies including the **Teen Employment Center**, **Arlington County Public Libraries**, the **Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM)**, **Arlington Teens website**, and the **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department**, which enhances the services we can provide to our clients.

The **Girls' Outreach Program** expects that high utilization and positive community relationships will continue into 2011.

Program capacity is 14 full time clients.

	FY '10	FY '07	FY '08
Utilization Rate	100%	97%	69%
Childcare Days	5,123	4,934	3,741

Utilization Rate by Quarter



REFERRED OFFENSES	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08
CHINS	25 (70%)	25 (76%)	19 (79%)
Delinquent	11 (30%)	8 (24%)	5 (21%)
TOTAL	36	33	24

CLIENTS	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08
Carryovers from prior FY	13	12	4
New Clients	23	21	20
TOTAL:	36	33	24

CLIENT STATUS	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08
Successful Clients	11	11	5
Terminated without Completion	11	9	8
Carryovers to the next FY	14	13	11
TOTAL	36	33	24

ETHNICITY	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08
Hispanic	24 (67%)	17 (52%)	10 (42%)
RACE	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08
Black	7 (19%)	5 (15%)	8 (33%)
White	26 (72%)	10 (30%)	12 (50%)
Asian	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	2 (8.5%)
Middle Eastern	2 (6%)	0 (0%)	2 (8.5%)
TOTAL	36	33	24

REAL TALK 2010

Real Talk: STAYING SAFE IN A CONNECTED WORLD—Teen Dating, Gang Violence and Internet Safety/Sexting: A Workshop for Young Men, Young Women and the People Who Care Most About Them

In February, 2010, 123 young men and women and 75 parents attended Real Talk — held at Washington and Lee High School. The Honorable **Esther L. Wiggins**, Chief Judge chaired the Program Committee, members: **Donna Ahart**, **Colin Bagwell**, **Rita Brewer**, **Amy Burnham**, **Earl Conklin**, **Margarite Gooden**, **Chris Edmonds**, **Lisa Laboy**, **Tara Magee**, **Linh Nghe**, **Patricia M. Romano**, **Alyce Walker Johnson**, **Timothy K. Johnson**, **Rick Strobach**, **Robert Vilchez**, **Judy Woodall** and the Honorable **George Varoutsos**.

“For the first time, we are bringing young men and young women together for what we believe to be a serious conversation and shared learning experience. Our goal is for you to learn more about how to positively address the challenges we all face in the digital age. If you are struggling with any of the issues that we discuss today to know someone who is, please get help — now! Young people have incredible opportunities in life. We want all of you to be safe so that you can take advantage of the best that life has to offer—you deserve it!” —Judge **Esther Wiggins and Committee**

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 The Honorable **Esther L. Wiggins**, Chief Judge



Program

Welcome and Overview **Judge Esther L. Wiggins**

The Yellow Dress—
 a Dramatic Presentation
Amie Cazel, Alyce Walker Johnson

Love Doesn’t Hurt: Healthy Relationships

Panel for Parents **Ilene Segal, Marie Michaud, Shirley Jones**

For Young Men

Kedrick Griffin, Tim Coffman

For Young Women

Candice Lopez, Lisa Bergman

Gang Awareness

For Parents **Eric Vega, Lisa Laboy**

For Teens **Robert “Tito” Vilchez, Colin Bagwell**

Staying Safe in the Digital Age

For Parents **Laurie Nathan, Rick Strobach**

For Teens **Laura Harris, Tim Johnson**

Closing and Grand Prize Drawings

Judge Esther L. Wiggins, Alyce Walker Johnson



CSUNIVERSITY

CSUniversity



- Created in FY 2010;
- Promotes the values and mission of the Court Services Unit;
- Welcomes and trains new employees;
- Provides on-going employee development;
- Facilitates bottom-up communication in which everyone has a chance to share and listen.

CSUniversity Team

Amy Ashley
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Joanne Hamilton
Justin Wingate-Poe
Leilani Page
Naomi Brooks
Rita Brewer
Faye Jones
Robin Knoblach
Shannan Moore
Tara Magee
Rick Strobach, chair

FY 2010 Accomplishments

- Reviewed and updated the training program and information for new staff.
- Mentoring of new staff by seasoned staff person.
- Developed a PowerPoint-based training to explain to new staff our organizational culture, mission and values.
- Developed a series of informal, “brown bag” trainings for staff, including
 - Myers-Briggs training
 - Gang Training by the Arlington Police
 - A presentation by local community leader, Elmer Lowe of the Arlington NAACP.
- Hosted a reception for DHS staff at Girls’ Outreach to improve cross-agency communication, meet staff, and promote positive collaborative relations.
- Supported the CSU/DHS “Meeting in the Middle” Project.
- Coordinated social events, including a staff picnic held in the city of Falls Church.



TOWN MEETING / SOCCER TOURNEY

On June 19, the **Arlington County Gang Task Force** sponsored a soccer tournament and town meeting at Washington-Lee High School, for at-risk and gang-involved Arlington youths, ages 14 to 18. Teams competed for a \$500 grand prize for first place, with third and second place teams winning DC United tickets.



The town hall meeting took place before the semi-finals tournament, and it engaged small groups of youth in a dialogue on what initiatives the County's schools, community and families can undertake to

The tournament/town meeting was funded by the **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**, with special thanks to our Keynote speakers Congressman **Hon. Jim Moran** (D-8th District) and **Mr. Walter Tejada**, County Board member. Lastly, special thanks to our sponsors, **El Pollo Rico**, **Law Office of Manuel Leiva**, **Mister Days Sports Café**, **Screaming Eagles**, **Arlington Rotary Club** and **Washington-Lee High School** for lending us their facility and soccer field and for making this event an inspiration for our youth.

keep them out of gangs and encourage them to pursue constructive alternatives. The County's Department of Human Services, Sheriff's Office, Police, the Juvenile Court and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources and Arlington Public Schools all participated to make the event successful.



The combined soccer tournament and town meeting received the support of dozens of local businesses, elected officials, non-profit organizations, police, community leaders, and professionals working with youth. Soccer tournaments are capturing the attention of our youth regionally and reaching out to those in need of positive activities. In addition, we are breaking barriers among gang members, and the population we target is diverse. We will continue the fight to prevent gangs in our region, and we ask that our community stay involved and support these soccer tournaments we have twice a year.





PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

The **Psychological Services** team is responsible for the coordination, development, and implementation of evaluation and therapeutic services for juveniles and adults. The team consists of one half-time Court Psychologist, an Argus House Clinical Coordinator, and **Rick Strobach**, Deputy CSU Director. During FY 2010, the Psychological Services team included of **Dr. Robin Knoblach**, Court Psychologist and **Maria Caballero**, Argus House Clinical Coordinator. **The team provided services to 130 clients during FY 2010 (an increase of 16% over FY 2009), with each client receiving an average of 1.7 different services over the course of the year.**

ARGUS HOUSE

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

GIRLS' OUTREACH

Psychological Services provides family, group and individual therapy for clients and case consultation and training to staff. 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 at local universities. Under the clinical supervision of the court psychologist, pre-doctoral externs provided individual, family, and group therapy, mental health evaluation, and psychological testing to CSU clients across all units and programs. **During FY 2010, externs and interns worked a total of 737 hours (including training and supervision) and provided services to a total of 23 clients.** Many of these clients received multiple services, such as group and family therapy.

BILINGUAL SERVICES

Psychological Services has one full-time staff member who is Spanish-speaking and able to provide bilingual services.

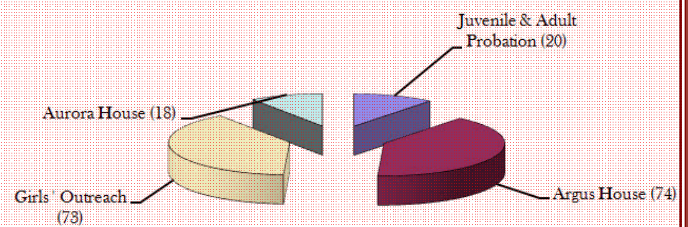
INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

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.

FY 2010 Clients Served by Program



SERVICES FOR JUVENILE CLIENTS

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

SERVICES FOR ADULT CLIENTS

- ◆ Psychological Evaluation
- ◆ Family and Individual Therapy

SERVICES FOR CSU STAFF

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

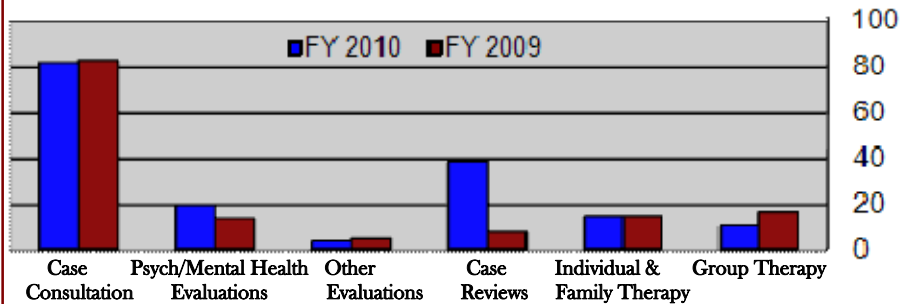
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

All Direct and Consultative Services Provided in FY 2010

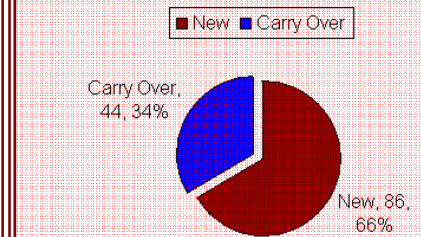
(shows how many clients in each program received each service; some clients received multiple services)

Service	Juvenile & Adult Probation	Argus House	Girls' Outreach	Aurora House	Total	FY 2009 Totals / per cent change
Case Consultation	5	38	55	13	111	110/ <1%
Case Reviews	35	1	0	0	36	6/ +500%
Psychological/ Mental Health Evaluations	7	1	2	0	10	13/ -23%
Other Evaluations (i.e. sex offender, competence)	2	0	1	N/A	3	2/ +50%
Evaluations by Outside Psychologists					12	12/ 0%
Individual & Family Therapy	2	17	3	N/A	22	25/ -12%
Group Therapy (parent groups, Argus therapy groups, gang prevention & STAR/EQUIP)	N/A	21	0	N/A	21	35/ -40%
TOTALS	20	74	73	18	185	216/ -14%

New Referrals for Direct and Consultative Services



Clients Served FY 2010



Outcomes of Direct Services in FY 2010

Service	Completed	Did not complete	Referral withdrawn or not accepted	Total
Evaluations (includes evaluations referred out)	22	0	3	25
Individual & Family Therapy	11	3	0	14
Group Therapy (includes parent groups & STAR/EQUIP)	10	3	0	13
FY 2010 TOTALS	43	6	3	52
FY 2009 TOTALS	67	7	1	75
% change from FY09	-36%	-14%	200%	-31%

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.

Life Skills sessions are held once a week over a five-week period, and they 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 JDRC's Court House offices, New Beginnings, Argus House, Girls' Outreach and Aurora House. During FY 2010, under the direction of probation officers **Kari Gividen** and **Hao Pera**, the program was held at Argus House and Courthouse.

Referrals	13	
Successful Completions	11	(85%)
Male	9	(70%)
Female	4	(30%)
AGE:	14 years (8%)	15 years (23%)
	16 years (46%)	17 years (23%)

In FY 2010, JDRC management and staff attended 281 courses for a total of 2878 training hours. On an average, each staff member attended 49 training hours.

The purpose of the **Training** program is to provide 20 hours of in-house training per year to staff. During FY 2010 the program provided 63.5 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:

- Motivational Interviewing Training led by Gretchen Soto of DJJ
- CANS Re-Certification Training—DJJ
- The “Duhs” of Cyber-Security—DJJ
- Gang Training—provided by CS University
- New Phone Orientation—CISCO/DTS
- “Meeting in the Middle” Series—DHS and JDRC
- Cultural Diversity—provided by CS University
- “Risks of Drinking and Effects on Your Job” - Capitol Police Officer Tom McMahon
- Video and discussion “Gifted Hands”
- Black History Month Presentation—Mr. Elmer Lowe, President, Arlington Branch of NAACP.
- Children’s Treatment Solutions—Tonia Pulliam
- SASSI Training—Scott Reiner of DJJ
- IROC/YASI Case Reviews—CS University

Videos were also made available for home viewing.

BASICS OF SAFE DRIVING

The **Basics of Safe Driving Program** was established in 1996 to increase driving awareness and enhance 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. Officer **Adam Stone ACPD** makes frequent appearances and shares valuable information with young drivers and their parents. In FY 2010, Probation Officer **Carmen Cornelison** was succeeded by Probation Officer **Manuel Vicens**.

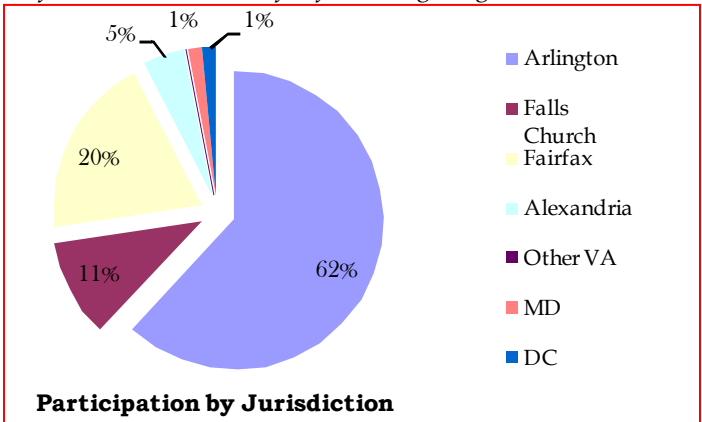
Typical referrals from court include first time traffic offenders who have received tickets for speeding, failure to obey stop signs and driving with no operator's license. Those who successfully complete the program, pay a required \$25 fee, receive a certificate of completion and avoid a conviction 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 Officers **Carmen Cornelison** and **Manuel Vicens** facilitated the Basics of Safe Driving Program in FY 2010.

Fees Collected: \$1,650 Certificates Presented: 66
 Males: 38 Females: 28
 Hispanic: 11 Non-Hispanic: 55 White and Black: 1;
 White: 54; Asian: 3; Black: 7; Middle Eastern: 1; Other: 0

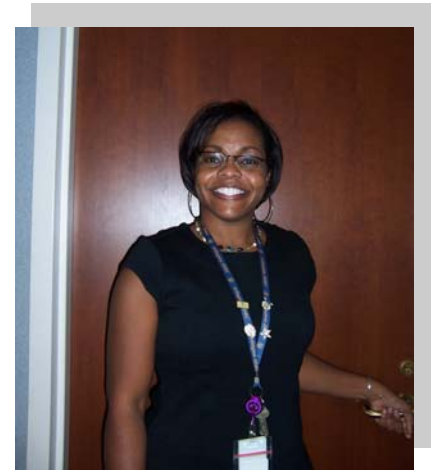
Teen drivers have the highest crash/fatality rate of any other driver, and crashes are a leading cause of death for teens. Drivers under the age of 18 who have held their licenses for less than a year are only permitted to have one passenger under 18 (excluding siblings). They are restricted from driving 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 Officer **Joanne Hamilton** facilitated the program during FY 2010. There were seven groups held in FY 2010, an increase of 250% over FY 2009, with an equal increase in the number of parents/guardians attending.



Probation Officer **Joanne Hamilton** facilitates the Truancy Awareness Group.

FY 2010 TAG Groups Held: 7
 Number of Parents/Guardians referred: 57
 Number of Parents/Guardians attended: 38
 Percentage of Parents/Guardians completing: 67%

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 in FY 2010.**

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. They share information with the police and provide gang awareness training to Arlington County schools, community centers, group homes and schools. Rule

“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.”

violators are held accountable through the existing continuum of sanctions.

During FY 2010, DJJ discontinued the Virginia Gang Management System, used in prior years to report gang involved Arlington youth.

In FY 2010, **Messrs. Bagwell** and **Vilchez** attended the National Gang Conference sponsored by the NOVA Regional Gang Task Force. This training allowed the Gang Unit to be kept up to date with trends both regionally and nationally.

Mr. Vilchez made presentations and gave press conferences at Arlington community centers and public schools, and at venues in Alexandria, Loudoun, the District of Columbia, and Fairfax, including: Sportsplex, the Council of Governments, Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center; and locally at Mount Salvation Baptist Church, Fort Myer, Northern Virginia Family Service, National District Attorney’s Association, Telemundo Spanish Channel, El Salvador Embassy, Performance Institute, Gallaudet University, and Real Talk 2010. These presentations consist of an educational component related to gang membership as well as statistics and current events



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

on gang activity within the metropolitan area. Upon request, these presentations may be given in Spanish.

During FY 2010, in order to enhance communications between the CSU and the Police, **members of this program conducted 23 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, Court staff 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 Officer **Colin Bagwell** directed the program.

Highlights include: **85 probation/parole violations were handled** either judicially or non-judicially; **no new criminal charges** were filed; **1 outstanding warrant was served** on identified youth on probation or parole; **301 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

experience 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 County web pages.

Special points of interest:

- ◆ Inquiries Received: 10
- ◆ Interns Placed: 18
- ◆ Total Hours Worked: 3,363
An Increase of 138% over FY 2009.
- ◆ Value to CSU: \$70,367*
An Increase of 142% over FY 2009.

**Based upon the average national rate of \$20.93 determined by the Virginia Employment Commission*

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
Julie Polinger Psychological Services	Donald Wortham CSU/Probation
MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Kim Dexter Argus House	Anna Vasiliou Judges' Chambers
Laura Raymer CSU/Probation	
Angeline Gugliotta CSU/Probation	LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW	Croix Colling-Hottell Judges' Chambers
Ann Zachariah Judges' Chambers	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	Michael Owen Manning Judges' Chambers
Consuelo Nelson Argus House	VOLUNTEERS
Kiersten Cooley Argus House	Claudia Eberhart Girls' Outreach
Nickolas Milonas Judges' Chambers	Kathryn Eberhart Girls' Outreach
ARGOSY UNIVERSITY	Sonia Claviere Argus House
Cari Brault Psychological Services	Alex Drukier Argus House
Jennifer Christman Psychological Services	

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The court services unit performs on-site drug screening in order to identify and deter illegal **substance abuse** and to promote an alcohol and drug free environment. (See p. 22 for details.) Substance Abuse Specialists **Niasha John** and **Kim Dexter** are available to conduct assessments which include administration of the adolescent version of the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI-A2). Screenings and assessments are used for substance abuse prevention, early intervention, deterring usage, recommending treatment, and relapse prevention. Substance abuse education classes are also provided to the Argus House program and the Argus Girl's Outreach program.

FY 2010 Services	
Assessments	13
Education Groups:	
Girls' Outreach	8
Argus House	8



Kim Dexter and Niasha John, Probation Officers and Substance Abuse Specialists

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 2010.

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 2010. Probation Officer **Amy Ashley** facilitated significant book donations from **Christ Church United Methodist**. Books are donated a few times a year and stored in the JDRC offices. Throughout the year, pamphlets and / or book-marks 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 2010 a total of 4,745 books were donated and 2,428 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 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 2010 was an active year with requests from both the educational and citizen sectors for Court tours, public speaking events about the juvenile Court processes and the provision of services. Presentations were made to student groups requesting an interview and tour of the Court, including **Gibbs College, Northern Virginia Community College, Westwood College, Marymount and George Mason Universities**, and student interns of JDRC's **Judges' Chambers**. Most of these students were interested in entering the field and were participating in a criminal justice program.

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 audiences of parents whose children attend **Thomas Jefferson Middle School**. In addition, **Judge Varoutsos** met with groups from **Key and Randolph Elementary Schools**.

Every year, a special presentation that is requested by a particular group or public service provider. In FY 2010, parents of students at **Phillips School** and the **Arlington YMCA** requested such presentations.

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 attend a 2.5 hour session, pass a test on presented material and complete a community service assignment. The program is modeled on a successful one developed by the CSU in Chesterfield, Virginia. Those who fail to appear for the program are referred to court for formal prosecution.

FY 2010 Demographic Data

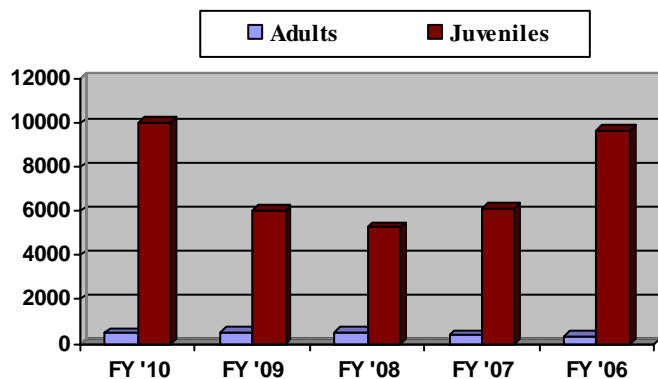
Males: 87	Females: 101
White: 14	Asian: 2
Black: 155	Hispanic: 16
Total Number of Referrals:	188
Number Attended:	158
Average Age:	16
Total Amount Stolen:	\$ 40,280
Average Amount Stolen:	\$ 215



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

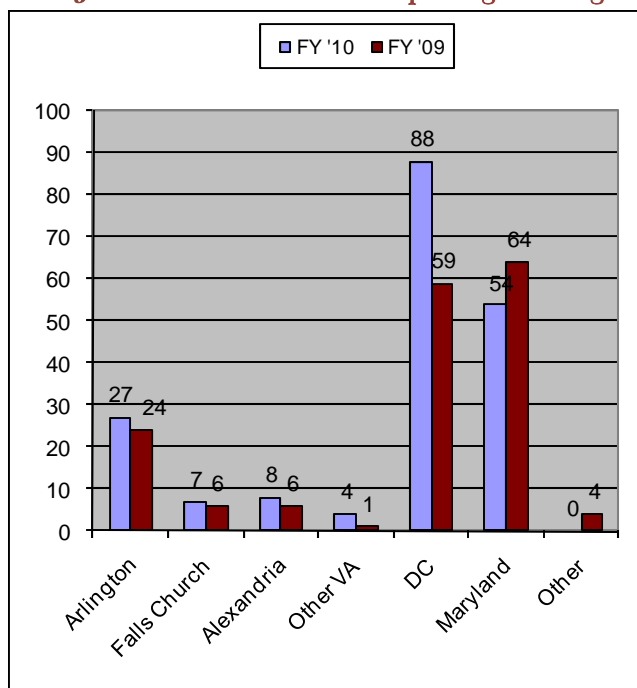
Residency, Juveniles Convicted of Shoplifting in Arlington

Community Service Hours Performed



Community Service gives adjudicated juveniles and adults an opportunity to repay the community for the damage that they have caused. Offenders are assigned to perform community service through court order or through a diversion program. Probation officers refer offenders to Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) of Arlington County for assignment to supervised work sites. OAR staff assess a participant's skills, education, experience and talent, find placements that consider school and work schedules, and match the community service requirements with a requested need in the community.

Youth Participating	362
Community Service Hours	10,030
Value to Community @\$5.15/hr	\$51,654.50
Adults Participating	31
Community Service Hours @ \$12.91/hr	459
Value to Community	\$5,925.69



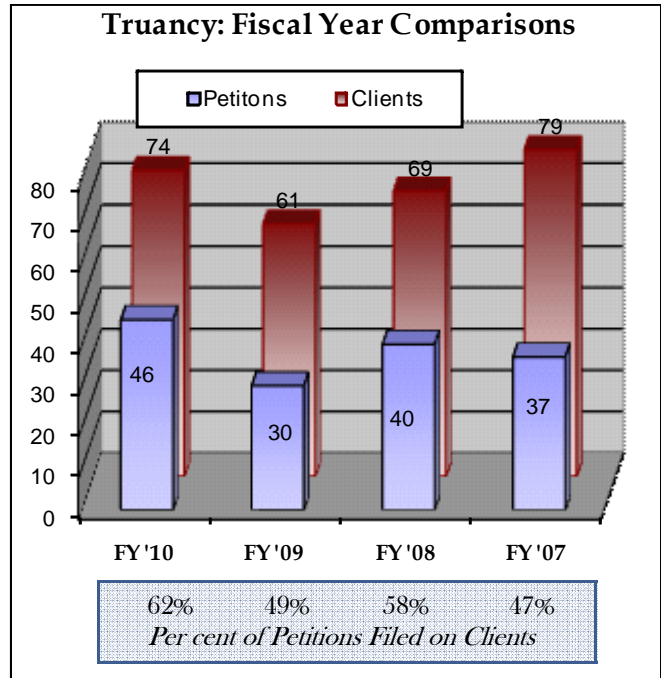
The **Restitution** program allows for the victims of crime to be compensated for their out-of-pocket expenses. Victims provide documentation of their losses and juvenile(s) are ordered to repay that amount through the Clerk's office. The judge or the probation officer determines how long the person has to complete payments. In FY 2010 total restitution was \$27,687.10.

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 with the truancy coordinator and staff from the Department of Social Services, and the school the student attends.

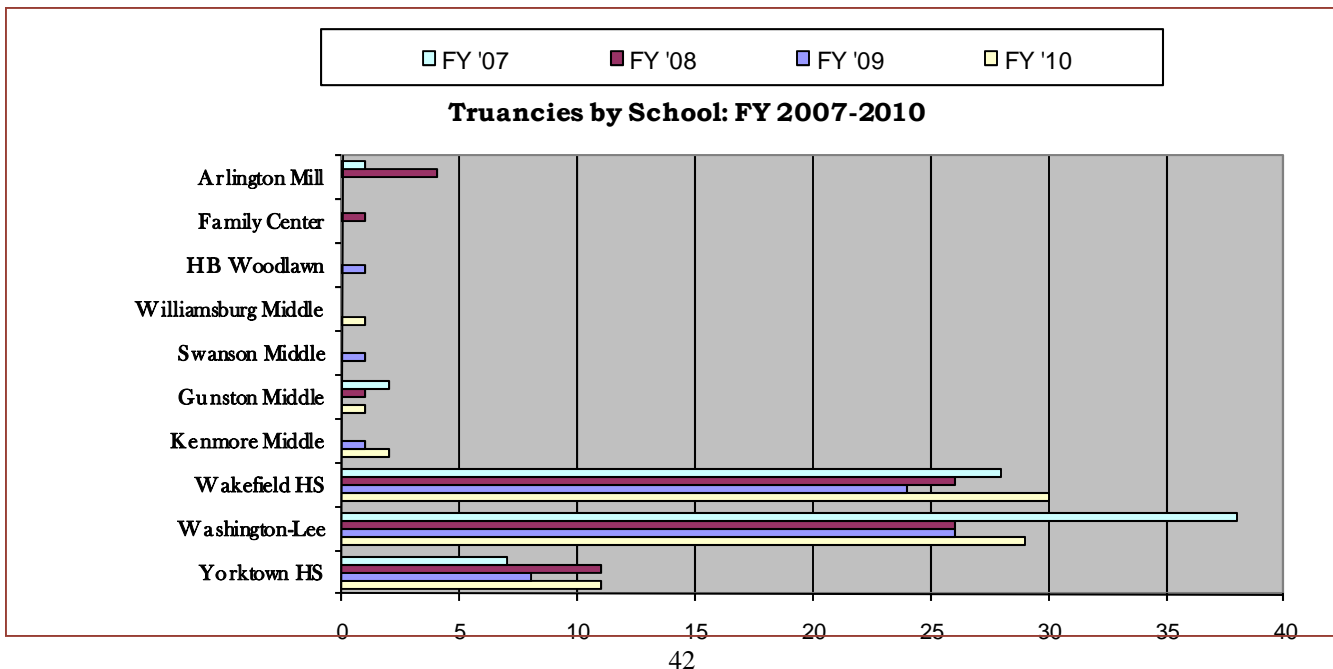
Following these meetings, the team revisits the remedies taken. Families involved with the Truancy Program are referred to the Community Assessment Team if necessary. If there are continued student absences without parental permission, the student will be brought before a judge of the Juvenile & Domestic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

Probation officer **Amy Ashley** coordinated the program in FY 2010.



AGE	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
17 Years	13	19	27	28
16 Years	30	18	25	20
15 Years	18	14	15	21
14 Years	11	9	1	7
13 Years	0	1	1	0
12 Years	1	0	0	2
11 Years	1	0	0	0

GRADE	FY '10	FY '09	FY '08	FY '07
12th	6	10	8	8
11th	14	12	19	13
10th	28	20	22	29
9th	21	17	19	24
8th	2	1	0	2
7th	2	1	1	2
6th	1	0	0	2



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 SPC 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.

All three high schools in Arlington County use the SPC Program. There are three (3) counselors each at Wakefield High School and Washington-Lee High School, and two (2) at Yorktown High School. Probation officer **Tim Coffman** provided transition and startup in Q1 of FY 2010. During Q2-4, probation officer **Carmen Cornelison** facilitated the program.

The program served 72 youth in school year 2009-2010. Of this total, 41 clients (57%) were male, 31 clients (43%)

were female. Delinquent supervisions were 39; 33 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 '10 FY '09 FY '08

School Information

Number Clients Served:	72	90	119
School Information Requests:	30	34	51

Schools

Wakefield HS:	27	34	46
Washington-Lee HS:	25	30	42
Yorktown:	20	26	31

Demographics

White: 47	Asian: 4	Hispanic: 33	
Black: 19	Arabic: 2	Non-Hispanic: 39	

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 FY 2010, the program helped 70 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, 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 may move and complete a similar program elsewhere or have court actions which end their referral to this enrichment program.

Program Participation Comparisons

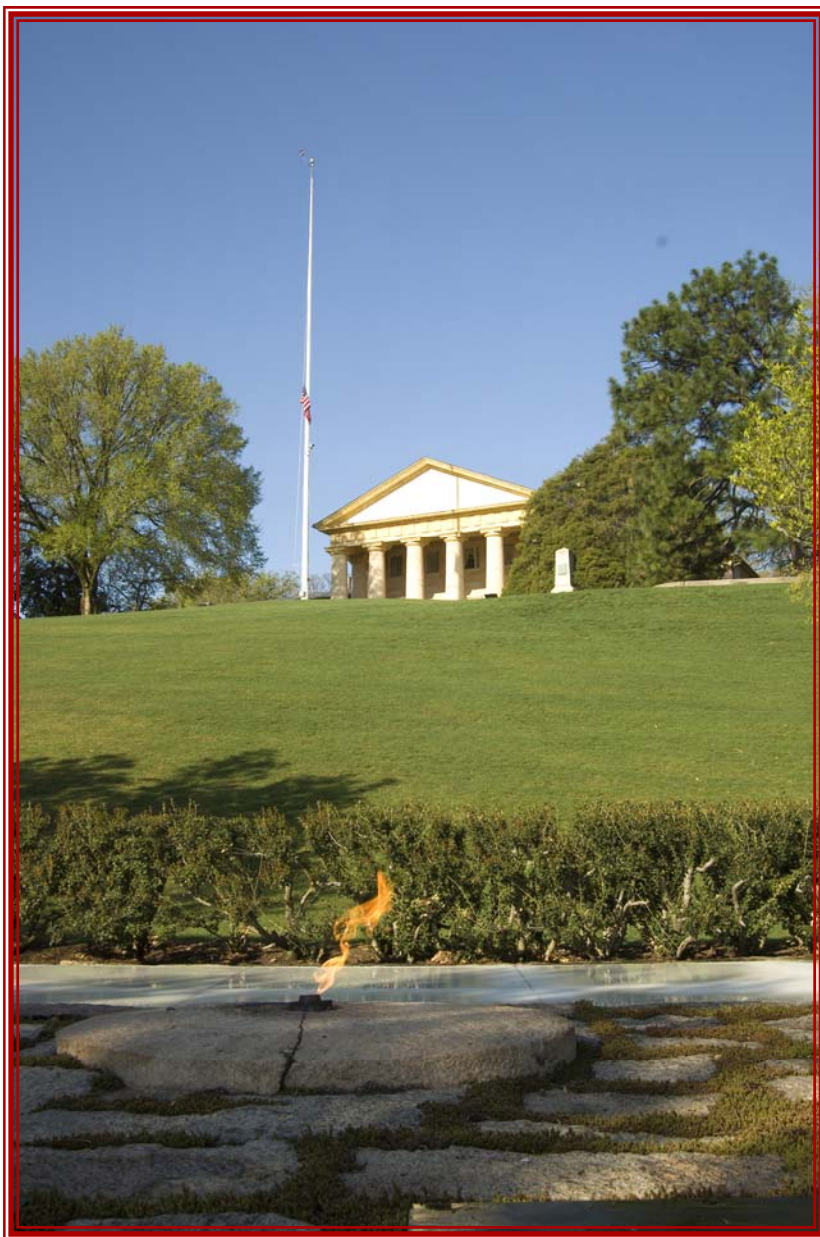
	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008
REFERRALS	96	73	50
PARTICIPANTS	70 (73%)	66 (90%)	50 (100%)
SUCCESSFUL	70	66	50
CARRIED OVER	26	7	0

CLERK'S OFFICE

	FY '10	FY '09	%+/-
NEW CASES			
<u>JUVENILE</u>			
TRAFFIC	169	217	-22%
DELINQUENCY	1,785	1,714	4%
CUSTODY/VISITATION	929	969	-4%
STATUS OFFENSES	56	132	-58%
TOTAL	2,939	3,032	-3%
<u>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</u>			
MISDEMEANORS	421	342	23%
FELONIES	107	64	67%
CAPIAS/SHOW CAUSE	435	391	11%
CIVIL SUPPORT	651	758	-14%
CRIMINAL SUPPORT	0	0	0%
TOTAL	1,614	1,555	4%
<u>TOTAL NEW/CONTINUED CASES</u>			
JUVENILE	8,273	7,749	7%
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	4,120	3,791	9%
TOTAL	12,393	11,540	7%
<u>HEARING RESULTS</u>			
WAIVED JUVENILE	40	61	-34%
FINAL JUVENILE	3,047	2,825	8%
FINAL DOMESTIC RELATIONS	1,703	1,664	2%
CONTINUED JUVENILE	5,186	4,863	7%
CONTINUED DOMESTIC RELATIONS	2,658	2,127	25%
TOTAL	12,634	11,540	9%



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