

2011 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

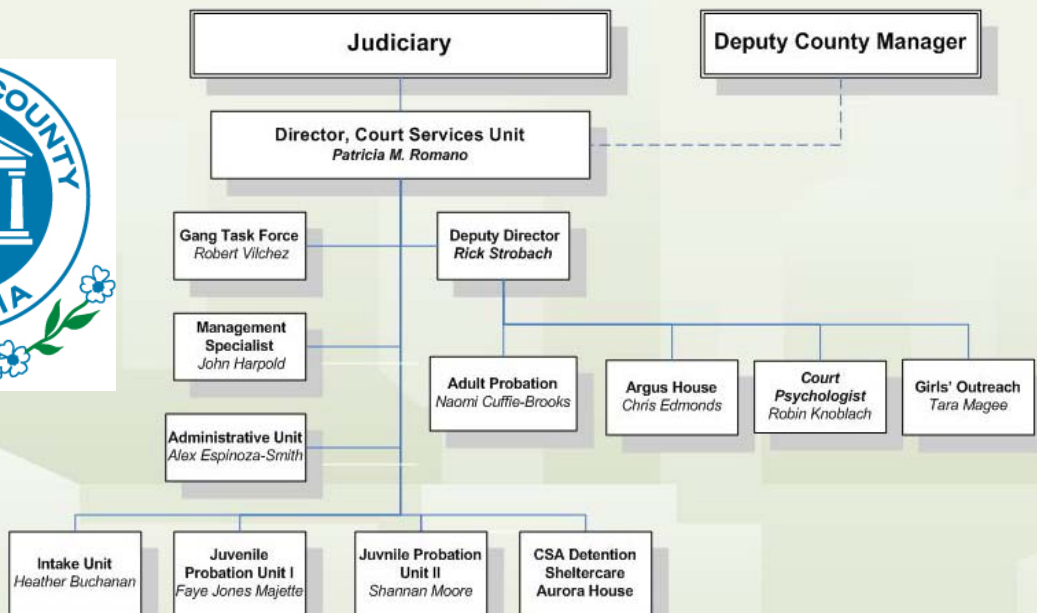
Mission

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 2011 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
Marianna Rouse
Caitlin Tracy

Detention Diversion

Osvaldo Castillo
Leilani Page

Relief

Caren Gillison
Ebenezer Owiredu
Adam Shane
Mauricio Tagle
Victor Vega

Hit Duty

Xiomara Herrera
Efrem Knight

Argus House

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

Relief

Darrius Fenton
Michelle Mosely
Ebenezer Owiredu
Sher Singh
Jennifer Sizer
Lawrence Wiley

Girls' Outreach Program

Tara Magee,
Coordinator
Houreya Refaat
Alison Kempter
Outreach Counselors

Relief

Noemi Cuellar
Lily Gutierrez
Margaret Serbeh

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
Arthur Jean
Niasha John
Hao Pera
Manuel Vicens

Juvenile Probation-Unit II

Faye Jones Majette,
Supervisor
Amy Ashley
Evelyn Cochis
Carmen Cornelison
Lacretia Davis
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 2011

CSU

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

Adult Probation Unit

Refer appropriate clients to the Adult Reentry Program. **COMPLETED**

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

Argus House

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

Pass the Department of Juvenile Justice 2011 certification audit. **COMPLETED**

Girls' Outreach Program

Begin using the YASI (Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument) as a method of measuring success in program participants. **Continue into 2012.**

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

Juvenile Probation Unit

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

Generate Court Reports and Supervision Plans from YASI. **Court Reports generated from YASI don't meet the Court's needs.**

Intake Unit

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

Objectives FY 2012

CSU

Review and evaluate in-house programs coordinated by probation counselor IIs

Review new DJJ policies and rewrite CSU policies as needed.

Adult Unit

Create a spreadsheet and track progress of clients who are ordered to complete a Court ordered Program to include anger management.

Argus House

Have a utilization rate at or greater than 80%
Implement the Positive Peer Culture Action Committee Staff training related to team building and implement concepts into daily working milieu.

Girls' Outreach

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

Review, update and revise the client behavioral management program.

Implement the use of a client pre- and post-survey to measure client change during the program.

Intake Unit

Assess and improve employee morale and cohesiveness through possible staff surveys and follow-up.

Juvenile Unit

Integrate YASI upgrades in the development of supervision plans following DJJ training

Continue to incorporate Motivational Interviewing modality as a best practice skill for juvenile probation officers.

STAFF CHANGES AND HIGHLIGHTS

The following staff are new to the organization:

Lacretia Davis – in September 2010 as Probation Officer II
Raymar Byrd – in July 2010 as Group Home Counselor II
Amanda Colton – in July 2011 as Group Home Counselor II
Mauricio Tagle – in July 2011 as Probation Officer I
Colleen Zamary – in July 2011 as Probation Officer II
Jessica Smith – in September 2011 as Judges Secretary

Promotions:

Arthur Jean - Promoted from a PO I to a Probation Officer II

Accomplishments and Recognition:

Kimberly Dexter

completed her Master of Arts in Counseling
from Marymount University

Rick Strobach

completed the 4 month Leaders Challenge III program

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

30 YEARS

Arthur McNeill

25 YEARS

Tim Coffman

15 YEARS

Tina Asinugo

5 YEARS

John Harpold

Leilani Page

Manuel Vicens

Curtina Wilson-Baba

2011 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

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. After two years of work, a substance abuse education program, Second Chance, will be implemented in September 2011 as a diversion program for the court and school alternative to suspension, for first-time alcohol and marijuana possession.

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

2011 RECOGNITION AWARDS

Colin Bagwell

Colin has shown a high level of teamwork over the last couple of years. He has offered to help in almost every department within the CSU. When we were down an intake worker he volunteered to help with petitions/violations. He volunteers to cover HIT, to cover court for fellow probation officers and file violations/detention orders for PO's while they are out on leave. Colin has helped the Administrative Department by always being willing to help out at the front desk. Colin trained a Falls Church probation officer in the standards and procedures related to committed youth and took the P.O. to the DJJ facilities. Colin continually assists his coworkers without complaint and often on his own accord. He continues to be a real team player and all of this work not only helps our agency as a whole, it also means our clients benefit from his responsive actions.

Faye Jones and Shannan Moore

Faye and Shannan are to be recognized for their leadership and teamwork in implementing the new risk/needs assessment tool, YASSI, and incorporating Motivational Interviewing into the skill set of juvenile probation staff. YASSI and Motivational Interviewing changed the culture of the way we do business. It took a lot more than just having staff attend training, having them return to the office and expecting it to work. Both Faye and Shannan have taken on a process that is an ongoing hands-on approach.

They attended extra training to become experts and role models in the implementation and have sought out extra trainings for staff as they develop their new skills. Faye and Shannan created an implementation plan which phased YASSI into the current work processes. Their positive attitude and enthusiasm has helped to create a very positive response from staff. They have been models for how change in the work place can be a fun and rewarding experience.

Michele Wood

Michele Wood embodies and demonstrates the professional qualities and practical skills of a top notch probation counselor. Effective communication and organization are two of Michele's strengths. In her half-time position, she maintains excellent communication with her clients, her job-share partner, her supervisor and treatment team members which helps with all aspects of

case management and crisis management. Michele embraces the principles of Motivational Interviewing and she was recognized by her supervisors and professional peers for being the Probation Counselor most frequently overheard using MI principles with her clients during "MI game week".

Teamwork is another one of Michele's contributions to the CSU. Michelle often rearranges her schedule to be present at unit meetings, trainings, client's graduations and CAT meetings. She frequently visits her clients at Argus and Girls' Outreach. Michele is willing to assist her co-workers when asked and volunteers to assist when she observes the need. She and her job-share partner routinely assist one another with covering cases; and she assists co-workers with case coverage when she can. Michele is a valuable and admirable member of the CSU in general and the Juvenile Probation Unit in particular.

Houreya Refaat

Houreya Refaat has been a tremendous asset to the CSU and regularly provides much more than is required. Her contributions not only meet, but exceed the criteria for High Quality Service Delivery and Teamwork. Over the last three years Houreya has shown a level of commitment and dedication to providing top quality service to all of her clients in this challenging program. She consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty in several ways: using her bilingual speaking and writing skills in Arabic, supporting staff in other units, bridging the cultural gap for our Muslim-culture clients and stepping in to take charge of the program when I am unavailable. Houreya's counseling skills and cultural sensitivity enhances communications with families and frequently prevents tense situations from becoming unmanageable. Her generosity with lending her skills provides great assistance not only to the families, but also to the other professionals we strive to serve. This creates not only a better rapport between the family and the provider, but also ensures the necessary information is obtained accurately and in a timely manner.

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HB 2036 - Commitment on parole supervision; court services unit to consult with local social services.

Release of persons from commitment on parole supervision. Changes the time during which the court services unit shall consult with the local department of social services concerning return of a person released from the Department of Juvenile Justice to a locality from four weeks to 90 days prior to the date on which the person is released, and provides that during that time the court services unit and the local department of social services shall collaborate to develop a plan that prepares the person for successful transition from the Department's custody to the community. The plan shall identify the services necessary for such transition and how the services are to be provided. This bill is identical to [SB 1170](#).

HB 1783 - Juvenile Justice, Department of; confidentiality of records.

Juvenile records; confidentiality. Clarifies that the Department of Juvenile Justice may share confidential juvenile records with persons, agencies, and institutions having a legitimate interest regardless of the state in which they are located. The bill also allows the Department to share confidential juvenile records with a requesting party who has custody or is providing supervision for a juvenile and the release of the confidential information is in the interest of maintaining security in a secure facility in a state other than Virginia provided it meets that state's definition of "secure facility." This bill is identical to [SB 1166](#).

HB 2012 - Law-enforcement employment; disclosure of juvenile records

Law-enforcement employment; disclosure of juvenile records. Provides that a person who was adjudicated delinquent may be denied employment with the State Police or a local police department or sheriff's office where such denial is based on the nature and gravity of the offense, the time since adjudication, the time since completion of any sentence, and the nature of the job sought. The bill also provides that juvenile record information may be disseminated to the State Police or a local police department or sheriff's office for the purpose of screening a person for employment.

SB 1168 - Juvenile; may be detained in secure facility for violation if fail to adhere to conditions of court

Detention of juvenile for violation of conditions of release. Provides that a juvenile taken into custody whose case is considered by a judge, intake officer or magistrate, who, following his release upon a Class 1 misdemeanor charge or

a felony charge "under such conditions as may be imposed" by the judge, intake officer or magistrate and who then fails to adhere to the conditions of the court, intake officer or magistrate while on conditional release may be detained in a secure facility, pursuant to a detention order or warrant, upon a finding by the judge, intake officer, or magistrate. This is to clarify that a juvenile may be detained for violation of such conditions.

HB 2462 - Juveniles; filing of petition not necessary for certain misdemeanor offenses

Certain misdemeanor offenses by minors. Provides that in the case of a misdemeanor violation of § 18.2-250.1 (possession of marijuana) and § 18.2-266.1 (underage drinking and driving) a petition need not be filed if the juvenile is released to the custody of a parent or legal guardian pending the initial court date. Current law provides that no petition need be filed in the case of any violation of § 18.2-266 (DUI) or 29.1-738 (drunk boating). A procedure is established making it possible for a juvenile to have a misdemeanor possession of marijuana charge referred to intake for consideration of informal proceedings.

HB 2085 - Guardianship; child custody

Guardianship; child custody. Eliminates the option for parents who are separated but not divorced to bring a custody proceeding in either circuit court or juvenile and domestic relations district court. Such actions shall be brought in juvenile and domestic relations district court, unless concurrent jurisdiction exists with the circuit court, i.e., divorce actions.

HB 1407 - Underage drinking and driving; punishable as Class 1 misdemeanor

Punishment for underage drinking and driving; penalty. Provides that "zero tolerance" (0.02% BAC) underage drinking and driving is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Currently, the punishment is loss of license for six months and a fine of no more than \$500. This bill provides that the punishment must include forfeiture of such person's license to operate a motor vehicle for a period of one year from the date of conviction and either a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 or 50 hours of community service. This bill is identical to [SB 770](#).

HB 1496 - Providing alcohol to an underage person; person who purchases is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor

Providing alcohol to an underage person. Provides that any

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person who purchases alcoholic beverages for or otherwise gives, provides, or willfully assists in the provision of alcoholic beverages to another person, knowing or having reason to know that such person was less than 21 years of age is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Current law does not address a violation committed when the violator has reason to know a person is underage.

HB 1434 Cannabinoids, synthetic; penalties for transport, possession, sale, or distribution, etc

Penalties for possession, sale, gift, distribution or possession with intent to sell, give or distribute synthetic cannabinoids; bath salts. Lists those chemicals that comprise synthetic cannabinoids and makes possession a Class 1 misdemeanor. Possession with intent to distribute and manufacturing are felonies. The first offender statute applies as it does to marijuana and controlled substances. The bill criminalizes privately compounding with the specific intent to circumvent the criminal penalties for synthetic cannabinoids. The bill also allows restitution for cleaning up sites where the drug is made. A number of Code sections are amended for the purpose of treating synthetic cannabinoids as marijuana is treated throughout the Code. The bill adds chemicals known as "bath salts" to Schedule I of the Drug Control Act. There is an emergency clause. This bill incorporates [HB 1473](#), [HB 1481](#), [HB 1878](#), [HB 1778](#), [HB 1423](#), and [HB 1427](#). This bill is identical to [SB 745](#).

HB 1898 Abduction of minors; for sexual purposes, penalty

Abduction; forced labor or services. Provides that abduction of any person for the purpose of prostitution or of a minor for the purpose of manufacturing child pornography is a Class 2 felony. The bill also provides that any person who receives any money or other valuable thing for or on account of causing any person to engage in forced labor or services, concubinage, prostitution, or the manufacture of any obscene material or child pornography is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

HB 2063 Protective orders; expands class of persons eligible to obtain

Protective orders; availability; penalty. Renames "protective orders for stalking" as "protective orders" and expands the class of persons that is eligible to obtain a protective order by enlarging the types of conduct that permit the issuance of a protective order from certain specified criminal acts to any act involving violence, force, or threat that results in bodily injury or places one in reasonable apprehension of death, sexual assault, or bodily injury. Such protective orders are available based on such conduct, regardless of the relationship of the parties involved. The bill also makes several

amendments to make protective orders and family abuse protective orders more consistent, including amending the definition of "family abuse" to be consistent with the conduct that would allow for the issuance of a "protective order" and providing that a family abuse protective order may include a condition prohibiting the allegedly abusing person from committing a criminal offense that results in injury to person or property. The bill also makes the penalties for violating a protective order consistent with the penalties for violating a family abuse protective order:

HB 1779 Protective orders, preliminary; prohibition on purchase & transport of firearms for certain persons

Preliminary protective orders. Makes the prohibition on purchasing and transporting a firearm applicable to persons subject to preliminary protective orders where a petition alleging abuse or neglect has been filed. Under current law, persons subject to a preliminary protective order are prohibited from purchasing or transporting a firearm regardless of any allegation. This bill is identical to [SB 754](#).

HB 1984 Child welfare; placement of children

Child welfare; placement of children. Provides that in cases in which a child cannot be returned to his family or placed for adoption and kinship care is not in the best interests of the child, the Department of Social Services shall consider other placements and services that may be in the best interests of the child. This bill is identical to [SB 1178](#)

SB 1037 Foster care plan; eliminates independent living as permanency goal option

Foster care plan; independent living. Eliminates independent living as a permanency goal option for foster care plans approved on or after July 1, 2011, except in cases involving children admitted to the United States as refugees or asylumees who are 16 years of age or older.

SB 1038 Foster care; allows child placed in care to remain at his original school

Foster care; school placement. Allows a child placed in foster care to remain at his original school, if it is determined to be in his best interests. The bill requires the determination to be made in writing by the placing social services agency and the local school division together, and adds the school placement to the foster care plan.

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



(clockwise from l.) **Mauricio Tagle**, Hit Duty Counselor; **Heather Buchanan**, Supervisor; **Oswaldo Castillo**, DDP Counselor; **Marianna Rouse**, Intake Officer; **Colleen Zamarly**, DDP Counselor; **Caitlin Tracy**, Intake Officer

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 2011, the CSU Intake Services Unit received a total of 2,704 complaints.
- ◆ Intake complaints decreased by 9% from the 2,975 complaints received during FY 2010.
- ◆ 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.

INTAKE COMPLAINTS & ACTIVITIES				
	FY 11	FY 10	FY 09	FY 08
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	2,704	2,975	2,760	2,619
Juvenile	2,522	2,797	2,628	2,485
Adult	182	178	132	134
CHINS	140	138	152	168
VIOLATIONS	398	390	381	381
Probation	238	235	217	172
CHINS	155	149	146	181
Parole	5	6	18	28
Informal Hearings	129	190	179	105
Tobacco	1	2	13	36
Shoplifter	128	188	166	69
Complaints from Out-of-state	642	774	729	456
Juvenile Mental Commitments	0	1	0	4
After Hours Calls	203*	284*	223*	42

	FY '11	FY '10	Change	%Change
Assaults	55	72	-17	-24%
Property	225	341	-116	-34%
Property complaints include: Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicles, and Arson				
Vandalism	13	25	-12	-48%
Drug Violations	50	57	-7	-12%
Weapons	4	5	-1	-20%
Fraud				
Credit Card	7	6	1	17%

INTAKE HIGHLIGHTS

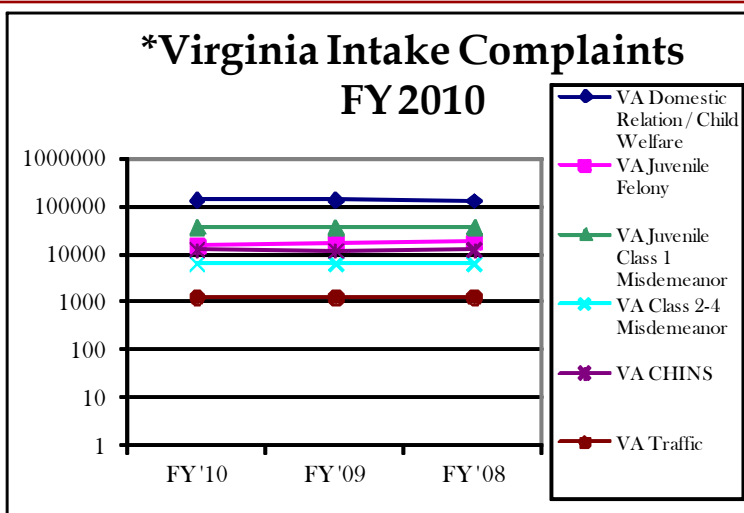
FY 2011 Highlights

- **Intakes decrease 15% from last year.**
2,522 in FY 2011; 2,975 in FY 2010.
5 year average (2007-2011): 2,427
- **New Juvenile Probation/ Supervision decrease 25% from last year.**
177 in FY 2011; 236 in FY 2010.
5 year average (2007-2011): 219
- **Juvenile Investigations (includes custody) decrease 23% from last year.**
225 in FY 2011; 293 in FY 2010.
5 year average (2007-2011): 271

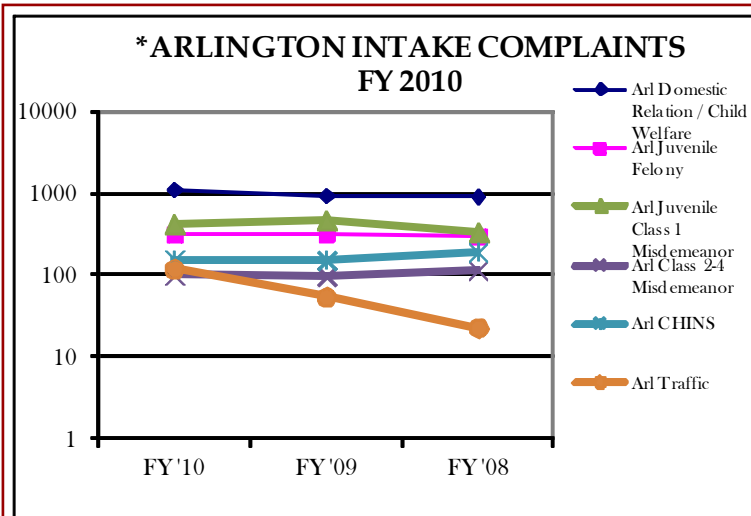
During FY 2011, the Intake Unit focused efforts on building collaborative partnerships, both internally and externally. The unit traveled to West Virginia and completed a day long team-building retreat, which involved ropes courses and water challenges. The team not only had to work together to achieve common goals, but did so under some very challenging circumstances! As a result, the unit was able to develop leadership qualities and enhance group effectiveness, which has remained a priority throughout the year.

The Intake Unit:

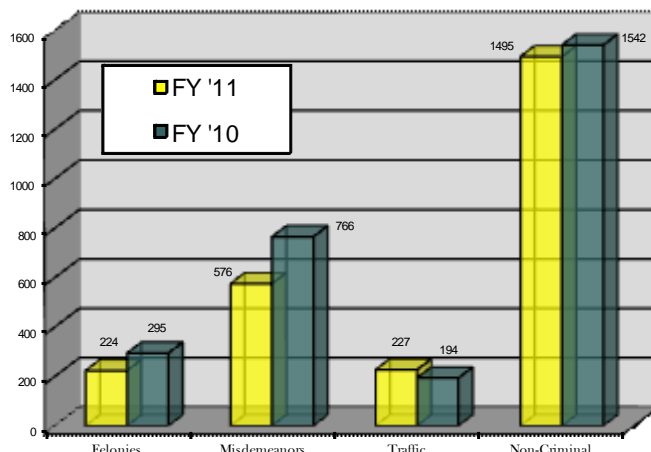
- developed relationships with local court services units, particularly Fairfax and Prince William Counties.
- participated in cross-training with intake units in both jurisdictions to challenge and improve our policies and standards for service delivery.
- developed a partnering relationship with Marymount University, welcoming a psychology student intern, Ana Vazquez, who was a great asset in the development of our new parenting program, the "Partners Program."



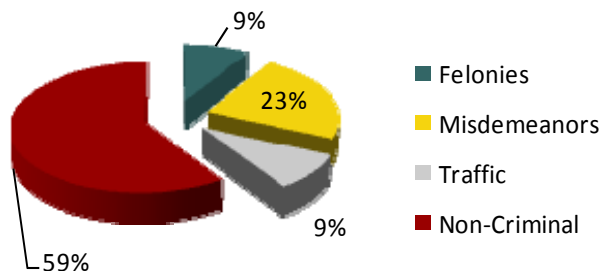
* Chart reflects most recent data at time of publication.
Source: *DJJ Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2010*



Juvenile Intake Comparisons FY 2011 and FY 2010



Juvenile Intakes FY 2011



JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

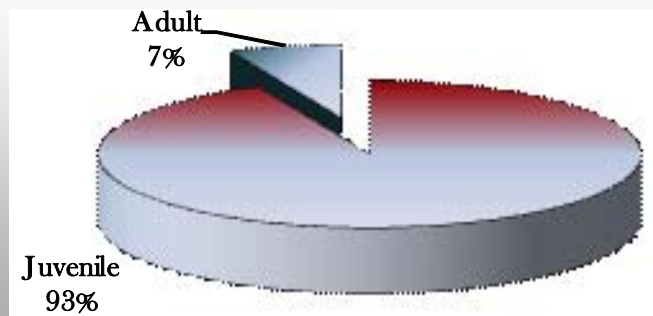
CATEGORY	FY 11	FY 10	Change	%Change	CATEGORY	FY 11	FY 10	Change	%Change
MURDER:					BURGLARY/B & E:				
Murder	0	0	0	0%	Breaking and Entering	0	7	-7	-700%
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	0	0	0%	Burglary	1	0	1	100%
TOTAL	0	0	0	0%	Burglary at night	0	1	-1	-100%
FORCIBLE RAPE/VIOLENT SEX OFFENDER:					Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0%
Rape	0	3	-3	-100%	Attempted Breaking & Entering	0	3	-3	-300%
Rape, victim under age 13	0	3	-3	-100%	Possess Burglary Tools	11	7	4	57%
Sodomy	0	0	0	0%	Conspire to Commit Burglary	0	0	0	0%
Inanimate Sexual Penetration	0	0	0	0%	TOTAL:	12	18	-6	-33%
Consenting Victim <13 yrs	0	0	0	0%	LARCENY-THEFT (FELONY):				
Fornication	0	0	0	0%	Grand Larceny	90	127	-37	-29%
TOTAL:	0	6	-6	-100%	Attempted Larceny	6	1	5	500%
ROBBERY:					Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny	7	10	-3	-30%
Robbery	13	10	3	30%	Embezzlement (felonious)	0	1	-1	-100%
Attempted Robbery	3	1	2	200%	Receive Stolen Goods >\$200	10	6	4	67%
Carjacking	0	0	0	0%	TOTAL:	113	145	-22	-15%
Conspiracy to Robbery	1	0	1	100%	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:				
Robbery with Weapon	0	1	-1	-100%	Unauthorized Use (felonious)	2	1	1	100%
TOTAL:	17	12	5	42%	Unauthorized Use (misdem.)	0	0	0	0%
FELONIOUS ASSAULT:					Automobile Theft	3	10	-7	-70%
Assault-Felonious	3	9	-6	-67%	Attempted G.L. Automobile	0	0	0	0%
Attempted Felonious Assault	0	1	-1	-100%	Tampering with Automobile	2	1	1	100%
Felonious Assault by Mob	1	5	-4	-80%	Altered Serial Number (Auto)	0	0	0	0%
Malicious Wounding of Police Officer	2	1	1	100%	TOTAL:	7	12	-5	-42%
TOTAL:	6	16	-10	-63%	ARSON:				
ASSAULT & BATTERY:					Arson of Occupied	0	2	-2	-200%
Assault & Battery	35	35	0	0%	Offender 15 or over	0	0	0	0%
Assault & Battery on Police	2	3	-1	-33%	False Alarm—False	0	2	-2	-200%
Assault & Battery by Mob	0	9	-9	-900%	Arson of Unoccupied <\$200	4	4	4	400%
Assault & Battery hate crime	0	0	0	0%	Offender under 15	1	1	0	0%
Assault & Battery on family	11	9	2	22%	TOTAL:	5	9	-4	-44%
Non-malicious Wounding	1	0	1	100%	VANDALISM-PUBLIC/PRIVATE:				
TOTAL:	49	56	-7	-13%	Destruction of Public Property				
OTHER SEX OFFENSE:					>\$1000	0	0	0	0%
Sexual Battery	9	0	9	900%	< \$1000	0	0	0	0%
Peeping	0	1	-1	-100%	Destruction of Private Property				
Indecent Exposure	0	1	-1	-100%	>\$1000	3	9	-6	-67%
TOTAL:	9	2	7	350%	< \$1000	8	14	-6	-43%
OTHER PERSON OFFENSE:					Interfere with Phone	0	0	0	0%
Abduction	0	0	0	0%	Tamper fire hydrant	0	1	-1	-100%
Written Threat	0	0	0	0%	TOTAL:	11	24	-13	-54%
Threat to School Authority	1	0	1	100%	TRESPASSING:				
Threat to Harm	0	0	0	0%	Trespass	18	21	-3	-14%
Throw Missiles at Vehicle	0	0	0	0%	Trespass on School	0	0	0	0%
Injury by Caustic Substance	0	0	0	0%	Trespass by Posted Sign	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	1	0	0	100%	Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0%
					TOTAL:	18	21	-3	-17%

JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

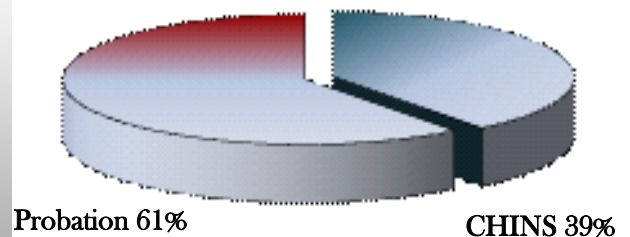
CATEGORY	FY 11	FY 10	Change	%Change
FRAUD/CREDIT CARD/CHECK:				
Forgery	16	16	0	0%
Embezzlement (misdemeanor)	1	6	-5	-83%
Credit Card Fraud	7	6	1	17%
Theft Credit Card	6	4	2	50%
Bad checks <\$200	0	2	-2	-200%
Perjury	1	6	-5	-500%
Uttering	2	2	1	100%
TOTAL:	33	40	-7	-18%
LARCENY-PETTY:				
Petty Larceny	87	152	-65	-43%
Attempted Petty Larceny	4	0	4	400%
Receive Stolen Goods <\$200	2	5	-3	-60%
Conceal Merchandise <\$200	1	1	0	0%
TOTAL:	94	158	-64	-41%
OTHER CRIMINAL-FELONY:				
Conceal Merchandise >\$200	0	1	-1	-100%
Unlawful Use of Phone	0	0	0	0%
Failure to Appear (felony)	31	30	1	3%
TOTAL:	31	31	0	0%
DRUG VIOLATIONS:				
Distribution of Drugs on School Grounds	2	5	-3	-60%
Distribution of Marijuana	1	4	-3	-75%
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	44	47	-3	-6%
Possession of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribution of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribute, Sell <.5oz	1	0	1	100%
Distribute, Sell >.5 oz <5 lbs	1	1	0	0%
Distribute, Sell >.5 oz	0	0	0	0%
Inhale Drugs	1	0	1	100%
Possession schedule III	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	50	57	-7	-12%
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE:				
Resist Arrest, threats, force	1	1	0	0%
Resist Arrest, w/o threat, force	5	6	-1	-17%
Obstruct Justice	0	0	0	0%
Fail to Identify	3	6	-3	-50%
Disorderly Conduct	9	14	-5	-36%
Fugitive	0	0	0	0%
Eluding	0	0	0	0%
Curse and Abuse	2	3	-1	-33%
File False Report	2	0	2	200%
TOTAL:	22	30	-8	-27%

CATEGORY	FY 11	FY 10	Change	%Change
WEAPONS OFFENSE:				
Use of Firearm in Felony	0	0	0	0%
Conceal Weapon	0	1	-1	-100%
Weapons at School	1	3	-2	-67%
Discharge Firearm on or w/in 1000 ft of school property	1	0	0	100%
Possession of a Weapon by Felon	0	0	0	0%
Brandishing	2	1	1	100%
Possess or Transport Weapon	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	4	5	-1	-20%
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS:				
Drive While Intoxicated	0	1	-1	-100%
Drunk in Public	3	1	2	200%
Drinking in Public	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Beer/Alcohol	33	28	5	18%
Sell Alcohol to a Minor	0	0	0	0%
Drinking in Public (School)	3	0	3	300%
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	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	39	30	9	30%

Complaints Processed by Intake



Violations Issued



JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

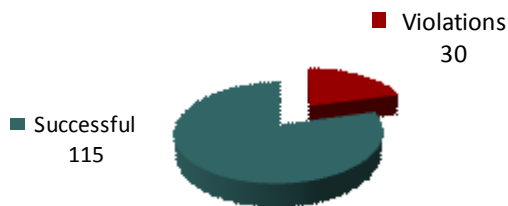
CATEGORY	FY 11	FY 10	Change	%Change
TRAFFIC:				
Felonious Hit and Run	2	0	2	200%
Misdemeanor Hit and Run	0	1	-1	-100%
Traffic Offenses/Summonses	83	63	20	32%
Reckless Driving	14	8	6	75%
No Driver's License	15	22	-7	-32%
Driving on Suspended License	3	10	-7	-70%
Ride Moped Under the Age of 16	0	0	0	0%
Failure to stop for Police	2	1	-1	-100%
Altered ID/License	0	0	0	0%
Violation of a Learner's Permit	19	27	-8	-30%
Speeding charges	82	57	25	44%
Drive Bike without helmet	2	0	2	200%
Riding Moped without helmet	0	0	0	0%
Driver <18 curfew violation	0	0	0	0%
Petition court for restricted License	5	5	0	0%
TOTAL:	227	194	-33	-17%
OTHER CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS				
Identity Theft	15	10	5	50%
Fail to Pay (Metro)	222	295	-73	-25%
Eat on Metro	0	0	0	0%
Littering	1	1	0	0%
Escape without force	0	0	0	0%
Trespassing School at night	3	6	-3	-50%
Harassment by computer	0	0	0	0%
Urinating in Public	0	0	0	0%
Vending from a vehicle	0	0	0	0%
Carry Loaded Firearm in Arl.	2	0	0	200%
Shoot BB air gun	3	1	2	200%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	246	313	-67	-21%
TRANSFERS (IN):				
Transfer of Disposition	1	3	-2	-67%
Transfer of Supervision	0	0	0	0%
Request Supervision (Courtesy)	3	6	-3	-50%
Transfer of Venue	14	0	14	1400%
Transfer case Parole	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL:	18	9	9	100%
VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION:				
Violations of Probation	216	235	-19	-8%
Violation of Parole	5	6	-1	-17%
Violation of Supervision CHINS	155	149	6	4%
Violation of Court Order	23	2	21	1050%
TOTAL:	399	392	7	2%
CHINS:				
CHINS	10	9	1	11%
Runaway	32	59	-27	-46%
Out of State Runaway	2	2	0	0%
Truancy	33	68	-35	-51%
TOTAL:	77	138	-61	-44%

CATEGORY	FY 11	FY 10	Change	%Change
CUSTODY CASES:				
Custody	442	453	-11	-2%
Registration of Custody Order	3	0	3	300%
Visitation Problems	106	84	22	26%
Adoption (Private)	1	1	0	0%
Establish Paternity	34	31	3	10%
Disestablish Paternity	0	1	-1	-100%
Relief of Custody	2	2	0	0%
TOTAL:	588	572	16	3%
OTHER NON-CRIMINAL				
Emancipation	0	2	-2	-200%
Foster Care				
Permanent	1	1	0	0%
Judicial Review				
Foster Care	0	3	-3	-300%
Neglect & Abuse				
Child	25	27	-2	-7%
Educational Neglect	6	2	4	200%
Protective Order (Juvenile)	57	23	34	148%
Terminate				
Parental Rights	28	16	12	75%
Child Support	252	287	-35	-12%
Spousal Support	32	32	0	0%
Failure to Appear	39	72	-33	-46%
Chancery Request	1	19	-18	95%
Entrustment	0	1	-1	-100%
TOTAL:	441	485	-44	-9%
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	0	2	-2	-200%
TOTAL:	0	2	-2	-100%
MENTAL HEARING:				
* Beginning FY 2007, mental hearings are heard in 19th District (Fairfax)				
TOTAL:	0	1	-1	-100%
INFORMAL TOBACCO				
TOTAL:	1	2	-1	-50%
INFORMAL BIKE HELMETS				
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0%
POSS. Of TOBACCO (COURT)				
TOTAL:	10	15	-5	-33%
Grand Total:	2522	2797	-275	-10%

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 '11	FY '10
Youth Enrolled	145	152
Minority Client	121 (83%)	124 (82%)
Males	100 (69%)	106 (70%)
Females	45 (31%)	46 (30%)
Arlington Placement	139 (96%)	131 (86%)
Falls Church Placement	6 (4%)	21 (14%)
Childcare Days	4,508	4,404
Utilization Rate	88%	86%

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 90 youth successfully completing the program.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA JUVENILE DETENTION HOME & SHELTERCARE

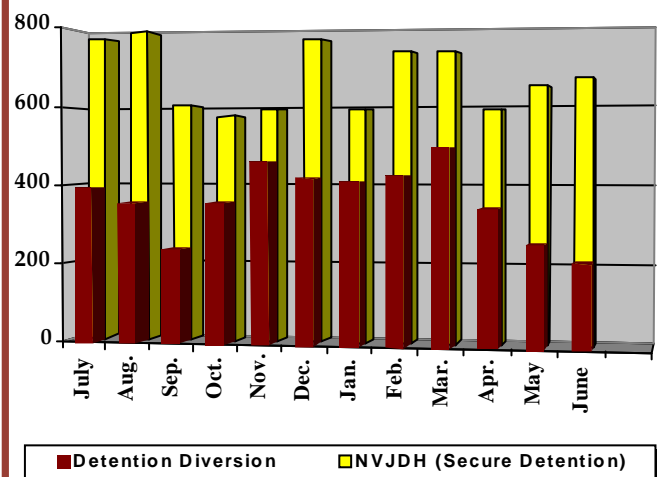
The **Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home (NVJDH)** is a secure detention facility operated by a multi-jurisdictional commission. The Commission members are appointed by the Arlington County Board, the City of Alexandria and the City of Falls Church. The Detention Home has a capacity of 70 beds, 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. In FY 2011, Arlington discontinued its contract for Sheltercare. (In FY 2010, one bed was under contract.)

Use of Multi-Jurisdictional Facilities

NVJDH	FY '11	FY '10
Bed days used by Arlington including New Beginnings	8,244	10,435
	59%	63%

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 2011, the total case assignments increased by 19% to 320 from 269 in FY 2010.
- ◆ One sexual offense case was assigned in FY 2011, the same as in FY 2010.
- ◆ There were 2 case assignments for offenses against persons in FY 2011, a 60% decrease from the 5 reported in FY 2010.

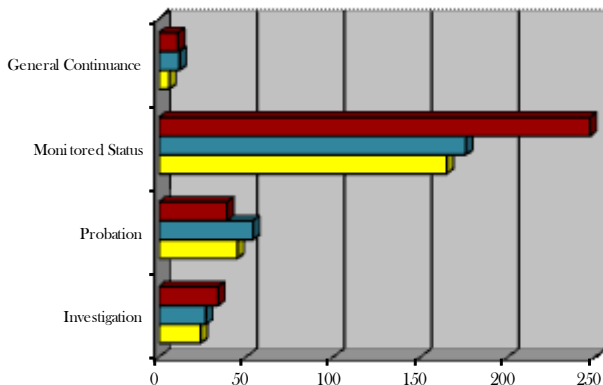


(L.to R.) **Kimberly Dexter, Joanne Hamilton, Maurice Holtz, Arnaldo Rosado, Adult Probation Officers; Naomi Cuffie-Brooks, Supervisor**

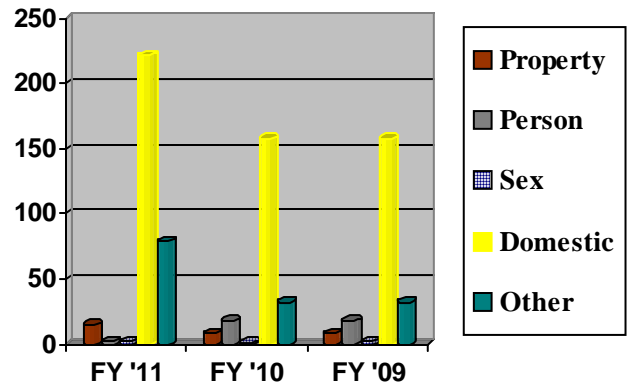
Case Assignments by Race & Ethnicity

FY '11		FY '10	
Male	71%	Male	75%
Female	29%	Female	25%
Black	32%	Black	43%
Hispanic	28%	Hispanic	39%
White	32%	White	46%
Asian	6%	Asian	7%
Mid East	1%	Mid East	1%
Other	1%	Other	3%

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 2011. Screenings may be conducted for THC (marijuana), cocaine, amphetamine, morphine, heroin, alcohol, methamphetamine and K-2 Spice. Additional screening and educational services are described on page 39.

The rate of positive drug screens decreased from 21% to 18% of those tested. The overall number of screenings administered in FY 2011 was 372, an increase of 32% over FY 2010.

Total Drug Screens Taken:	FY 2011	FY 2010	FY 2009
Negatives	372	280	268
Positives	303	231	278
Invalid	68 (18%)	49 (21%)	59 (21%)
	1	4	0
Types of Positives			
Marijuana	65	49	44
Cocaine	2	0	3
Amphetamine	0	3	4
Morphine	0	2	3
Alcohol	1	0	3
PCP	0	0	0
Methamphetamine	0	0	2



Juvenile Unit (l to r) **Evelyn Cochis, Arthur Jean, Colin Bagwell, Niasha John, Manuel Vicens, Eric Assur, Lacretia Davis, Erick King, Kari Gviden, 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

Starting in 2009, the Department of Juvenile Justice introduced the Youth Assessment & Screening Instrument, commonly referred to as YASI. A screening tool, YASI, is a systematic method of gathering and using information needed to effect positive behavioral change in juveniles. YASI is part of the "Best Practices" model for effective case work. In addition to being a risk/needs assessment tool, YASI creates social histories from the data entered and includes guidelines for developing case plans.

Over the past two years, the juvenile probation unit was trained to use YASI for assessing risks, needs and protective factors in adjudicated and pre-adjudicated youth. Probation Officers are now fully immersed in the basic application of YASI to determine the overall risk level; the next level of training involves using YASI to develop case plans.

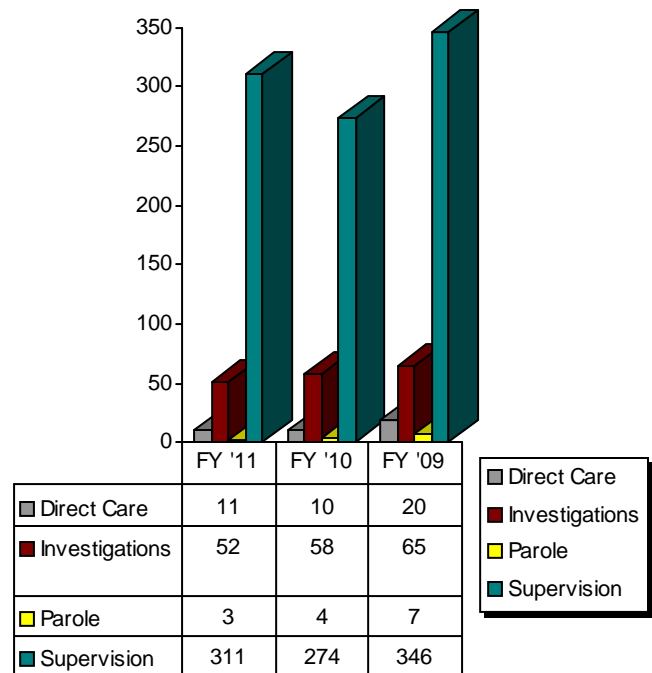
Successful application of YASI is grounded in Motivational Interviewing Principles, an evidence based method of initiating and maintaining behavioral change in individuals. It is a communication style probation officers learned to increase the likelihood that juvenile offenders will make lasting positive change.

In addition to ongoing training, the juvenile probation unit received over 40 hours of formal training in the theory and application of Motivational Interviewing and YASI during the past two years. This includes training sponsored by the Department of Juvenile Justice, ongoing in-house training focused on practical application of MI skills and follow-up training sponsored by the National Counseling Group, a private provider.

RISK ASSESSMENT COMPARISONS Arlington—17th CSU FY 2010*

Risk Classification	Number of Cases	Percent
Low	91	37%
Moderate	116	47%
High	39	16%
Total	246	100%
*FY 2011 statewide data not available at time of publication.		
Statewide Data FY 2010 *		
Risk Classification	Number of Cases	Percent
Low	3,491	33%
Moderate	4,974	47%
High	2,116	20%
Total	10,581	100%

Average Monthly Workload



Most Recent Recidivism Rates

	Arlington		State Average	
	Parole	Probation	Parole	Probation
2009 (Rearrest)	17.4%	24.8%	49.3%	36.7%
2008 (Reconviction)	23.8%	14.2%	47%	37.1%

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.

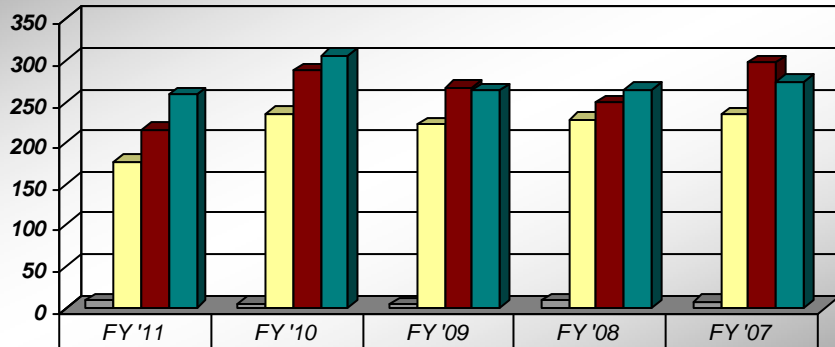
—source: *Data Resource Guide, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, December, 2010*

Commitments to DJJ

FY '11**	FY '10	FY '09
10	11	15

** Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, BADGE

New Assignments



■ Custody Investigation	9	5	4	9	7
■ Supervision	177	236	222	228	234
■ Social History	216	288	268	249	298
■ Suspended Imposition of Sentence	259	306	264	265	274

FY 2011 DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY:

Male:	114	(64%)
Female:	63	(36%)
Black:	88	(50%)
White:	83	(47%)
Asian/Pacific Is.:	6	(3%)

Hispanic Origin: 61 (34%)

ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME:

Below 10K:	19	(11%)
10K-25K:	55	(31%)
25K-40K:	55	(31%)
40K-55K:	26	(9%)
55K-70K:	17	(10%)
Above 70K:	15	(8%)

GRADE:

Seventh & below:	6	(3%)
Eighth:	7	(4%)
Ninth:	46	(26%)
Tenth:	39	(22%)
Eleventh:	44	(25%)
Twelfth:	24	(14%)
Graduated/No longer in school:	11	(6%)

New Supervision Cases

AGE:

Twelve & under:	4	(2%)
Thirteen:	7	(4%)
Fourteen:	20	(11%)
Fifteen:	24	(14%)
Sixteen:	56	(32%)
Seventeen & over:	66	(37%)

FAMILY PROFILE:

2 Natural parents:	47	(27%)
1 Natural parent:	96	(54%)
1 Natural and step parent:	8	(5%)
Other relatives:	11	(6%)
Guardian:	4	(2%)
Institution:	4	(2%)
Alone:	1	(.5%)
Foster Care:	6	(3%)

SCHOOLS:

Arlington Mill:	1	(.5%)
Career Center:	2	(1%)
Gunston:	1	(.5%)
HB Woodlawn:	1	(.5%)
Kenmore:	4	(2%)
Langston:	5	(3%)
New Directions:	8	(5%)
Swanson Middle:	0	(0%)
Thomas Jefferson Middle:	6	(3%)
Washington & Lee High:	32	(18%)
Wakefield High:	46	(26%)
Williamsburg Middle:	0	(0%)
Yorktown:	15	(9%)
None:	4	(2%)
Schools, Other Jurisdictions:	51	(29%)



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

The **Andrew B Ferrari 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 '11	FY '10	FY '09
Clients	22	19	21
Successful Clients	12	16	16
Recidivists* (rearrested within 1 year of release)	VJCCA data are not yet available.	42.9%	22.2%
Utilization Rate	77%	88%	82%

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

FY 2011 Demographics:

Hispanic: 14 (64%)	Black: 6 (27%)
White: 1 (4.5%)	Asian: 0(0%) Other: 1 (4.5%)

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.



Highlights of FY 2011

- Twelve residents successfully completed the program.



—Mural painted by Argus House residents.

- The Argus House residents started the summer of 2010 with a sailing activity sponsored by Planet Hope, an organization that teaches sailing to disadvantaged youth.
- Honors earned by successful residents:
 - Therapeutic Recreation Team Building (All)
 - CHS County Employment Program (4 residents)
 - Emerging Leaders Program (La Escuela Bolivia) (3 residents)
- Argus hosted a dedication ceremony in October to rename the program **Andrew B Ferrari Argus House**; many public officials and county Judges attended.
- Completed DJJ Triennial Certification (April 2011)

Therapeutic Services Statistics:

PPC Group Hours	179
Individual and Family Therapy Hours	294
Parent Group Hours	53

Other groups that took place at Argus House:

EQUIP Training	21 groups
Anger Management, Social Skills, Moral Reasoning Substance Abuse Group (Niasha John, and Kimberly Dexter)	8 groups
Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM) AIDS Sexual Awareness, STD's and Safe Sex Practices	5 groups
Therapeutic Recreation (Michael Swisher)	33 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	20
Clients served	19
Child Care Days	2,245
Average Daily Population	6.15
Completions	11
Utilization Rate	51%
Recidivists w/in 1 Year	1

Ethnicity:

African American	5	(26%)
Caucasian	4	(21%)
Hispanic	9	(47%)
Asian	1	(5%)

Age at admission to Aurora House

13 yrs of age	0	(0%)
14 yrs of age	1	(5%)
15 yrs of age	5	(26%)
16 yrs of age	8	(42%)
17 yrs of age	5	(26%)

Home School at time of admission

New Directions	6	(31%)
W & L HS	6	(31%)
Wakefield HS	3	(16%)
Yorktown HS	1	(5%)
George Mason HS	3	(16%)

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 82%.** 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 2011.** 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.

FY2011 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-



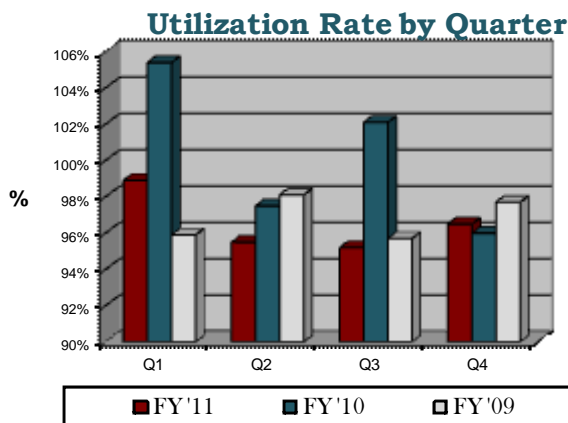
(from left:) **Houreya Refaat**, Counselor; **Tara Magee**, Program Coordinator; **Alison Kempter**, Counselor.

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 2012.

Program capacity is 14 full time clients.

	FY '11	FY '10	FY '09
Utilization Rate	97%	100%	97%
Childcare Days	4,932	5,123	4,934



REFERRED OFFENSES	FY '11	FY '10	FY '09
CHINS	23 (74%)	25 (70%)	25 (76%)
Delinquent	8 (26%)	11 (30%)	8 (24%)
TOTAL	31	36	33

CLIENTS	FY '11	FY '10	FY '09
Carryovers from prior FY	13	13	12
New Clients	18	23	21
TOTAL:	31	36	33

CLIENT STATUS	FY '11	FY '10	FY '09
Successful Clients	10	11	11
Terminated without Completion	7	11	9
Carryovers to the next FY	14	14	13
TOTAL	31	36	33

ETHNICITY	FY '11	FY '10	FY '09
Hispanic	18 (58%)	24 (67%)	17 (52%)
RACE	FY '11	FY '10	FY '09
Black	9 (29%)	7 (19%)	5 (15%)
White	19 (61%)	26 (72%)	10 (30%)
Asian	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
Middle Eastern	2 (6%)	2 (6%)	0 (0%)
TOTAL	31	36	33

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(L. to R.) The Hon. William T. Newman, Jr., The Hon. George D. Varoutsos, and Jonathan Kinney

The Hon. George D. Varoutsos,
 2010 William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community
 Award Recipient, November 18, 2010

“Judge Varoutsos is a lifelong Arlington resident, a graduate of Yorktown High School and has served Arlington for over 12 years as a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge. During his tenure, Judge Varoutsos has been recognized as a protector and advocate for children and families. Particular contributions include an expansion of the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA), signing orders to appoint CASAs as the voice of over 100 children in Arlington.

“He was instrumental in establishing a juvenile training program for drivers licensing, acting as the Project Director for this highway safety program. His colleagues describe his tireless dedication to the pursuit of justice and fairness, his amiable demeanor, his patience and commitment to excellence.

“Arlington is enriched by Judge Varoutsos' service as a Director and Trustee of the Arlington Bar Foundation and longtime supporter of the Public Law Library. He is well known as an avid supporter of nu-



merous community activities across the region including the Arlington Community Foundation.”



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ANDREW B. FERRARI ARGUS HOUSE



**ANDREW B. FERRARI
ARGUS HOUSE**
Dedication Ceremony
Program
October 20, 2010



ARGUS HOUSE ESTABLISHED IN 1976

The Argus House hereafter will be named the Andrew B. Ferrari Argus House in honor of the late Judge Andrew B. Ferrari. Judge Ferrari founded the Argus House in 1976 for at-risk boys between the ages of thirteen and eighteen.

The Judges of the Arlington Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and Circuit Court Judge Joanne F. Alper (who succeeded Judge Ferrari) requested the Historical Affairs & Landmark Review Board to recommend to the County Board the renaming of the Argus House to the Andrew B. Ferrari Argus House. The recommendation was made, and the County Board approved the name change.

Judge Ferrari saw the need for a community based boys' residential program. Because of Judge Ferrari's efforts in working with State and County officials and the local community, the Argus House was created. The Argus House program has helped many young offenders and their families by providing an alternative to detention, counseling (individual, group, and family), supervision and guidance.

Boys who reside in Arlington County and the City of Falls Church are eligible to enter Argus House. The Argus House is located in Rosslyn. The boys are allowed to attend their home schools and access community resources. The program emphasizes personal accountability, competency development, and positive functioning in the community. One of the most important components of the program is family participation.

Judge Ferrari served as a Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge from July 21, 1967, until his retirement on July 1, 1991. Judge Ferrari passed away on December 7, 2004, and leaves a legacy of dedication and commitment to the best interest of children.

ANDREW B. FERRARI ARGUS HOUSE DEDICATION CEREMONY

WELCOME

The Honorable George D. Varoutsos
The Honorable Esther L. Wiggins

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John Bazaz, Former Argus House Manager

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVE

Kim Zajac, Former Argus House Resident

REMARKS

The Honorable Joanne F. Alper

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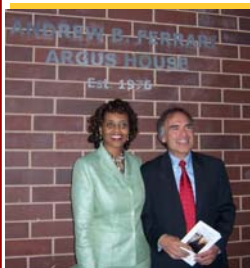
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UNVEILING OF THE NAMING & CLOSING

The Honorable George D. Varoutsos

DEDICATION

We dedicate the Argus House in the memory of
JUDGE ANDREW B. FERRARI
for his commitment to children and families of Arlington
County and Falls Church City.



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Leon Harris of WJLA-TV (Channel 7), Arlington honoree Joanne Hamilton, and SCAN executive director Sonia Quinonez at the organization's annual "Allies in Prevention" awards presentation.

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Joanne Hamilton, a probation officer for the Arlington Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, has been named the county's recipient of the 2011 "Allies in Prevention" award by SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia and the Allies in Prevention Coalition.

Hamilton was one of five individuals from across the region honored for going above and beyond in their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to support the children and families of the community.

The event also marked the launch of a new campaign, Pause for a Child (www.pauseforachild.org), and the beginning of National Child Abuse Month.

"Child abuse is a silent epidemic affecting the entire spectrum of society at all educational and socio-economic levels," said Douglas Brammer of Verizon,

which is sponsoring the Pause for a Child initiative. "We're hopeful the tools and programs we support will prove to be valuable resources."

For more information, see the Web site at www.scanva.org.

"The pinwheel represents a current, a fluid stream of energy which flows from point to point. To me this is symbolic of how I work with clients...to teach, learn and guide them to the next step." - *Joanne Hamilton*

Joanne Hamilton is on the front lines of child abuse and domestic violence every day. As a Probation Officer for Arlington County's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, she works with adults placed on probation due to family conflicts. ... she has a unique talent for treating them with respect, working to help them understand the requirements of their probation as well as the consequences of their actions for themselves, their children and the community at large. "Joanne is the world to many, many parents," said one nominator. Even with an annual caseload of more than 80 adults, Joanne is able to give them the ultimate gift—the "opportunity to turn their lives around." Joanne is proud of raising her three children, and experiencing the joys but also understanding the challenges parents face."

ARLINGTON GANG TASK FORCE SOCCER

An event based upon an idea has earned the support of dozens of local businesses, elected officials, non-profit organizations, police, community leaders, and professionals working with youth. The **Arlington Gang Task Force soccer tournaments** are capturing the attention of youth regionally and reaching out to those in need of positive activities. These tournaments showcase some of the local mentoring programs, **Intervention Prevention Education** program regionally, **Arlington Soccer Association**, parks and recreation programs and it promotes the regional public service announcement, 703-GET-HELP along with the website, www.preventgangsnova.org In 2007, the soccer tournaments became replicated throughout Northern Virginia.



Soccer Camp
 At George Mason University
 4400 University Dr. Fairfax, VA
 (Field House)
**WEDNESDAY
 AUGUST 25TH**
2:30PM
MORN
 AGED 13+
 PRACTICE WITH GMU MEN'S SOCCER TEAM
 HANGERS ON SC RINGSIDE
 INSPIRING WORDS FROM GMU PLAYERS
 Pre-Registration required! Deadline is
 August 20th
 For more information call:
 Robert "Tito" Vilchez at 571.274.2699
 rvilchez@arlingtonva.us
 Everyone must wear
 shin guards to play!
 NO EXCEPTIONS!
 Made possible by GMU and your Arlington Gang Task Force

**Soccer Tournament
 and Town Meeting**
 Sponsored by the Arlington Gang Task Force
 At Washington-Lee High School
 1301 N. Stafford St., Arlington, VA 22201
**SATURDAY
 JUNE 19TH**
8:30 TO 2:00 PM
\$500 GRAND PRIZE FOR 1ST PLACE TEAM
DO LIMITED TO ALL OTHER 2ND & 3RD PLACE TEAMS
(Pre-Registration required! Deadline is June 15th)
10 PLAYERS PER TEAM
AGES 13-18
LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED FOR PARTICIPANTS
 For more information call:
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 Made possible thanks to grants from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
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2011 Team Champions and Robert "Tito" Vilchez, Task Force Coordinator

Since 2005, Arlington's Gang Task Force continues to establish partnerships with different organizations to include **Northern Virginia Family Service**, **George Mason University (GMU)** and **U.S. Naval Academy**. Through this activity, at-risk and gang involved youth are exposed to positive role models and mentors (midshipmen and GMU men's soccer team).

Initiatives such as **Arlington Gang Task Force** soccer tournament allow youth an opportunity to discuss gang involvement, gang prevention and issues of teen violence. This activity helps to prevent gang activity before it becomes criminal activity in the community. In addition, barriers are broken between gang members; and the target population is diverse. It's important that the fight continue to prevent gangs in the region, and the collaborative effort of the Arlington Gang Task Force helps to support this effort.

Special thanks also to the tournaments' generous sponsors, **El Pollo Rico**, **Law Office of Manuel Leiva**, **Mister Days Sports Café**, **Arlington Lions Club**, **Law Office of Jeffrey Jankovich**, **Screaming Eagles**, **Arlington Rotary Club**, **Law Office of Nicholas A. Balland**, **YMCA**, **Arlington Community Federal Credit Union** and to **Washington- Lee High School** for lending their facility and soccer field.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

The **Psychological Services Team** provides direct and consultative psychological services to adult and juvenile offenders and their families with the goals of improving psychosocial functioning and reducing risk of further acting-out and delinquent behavior so that offenders may enjoy more adaptive and satisfying participation in the community. During FY 2011, the Psychological Services team included **Rick Strobach**, Deputy Director; **Dr. Robin Knoblach**, Court Psychologist; **Maria Caballero**, Argus House Clinical Coordinator, **Roselynn Wesley**, Administrative Assistant; **Sylvia Benitah**, Administrative Technician; **Chris Edmonds**, Argus House Group Home Manager, and **Tara Magee**, Girls' Outreach Coordinator.



Psychological Services Team: *Chris Edmonds, Argus House Manager; Dr. Robin Knoblach, Court Psychologist; Sylvia Benitah, Administrative Technician; Tara Magee, Girls' Outreach Coordinator; Rick Strobach, Deputy Director; Maria Caballero, Family Therapist; not pictured Roselynn Wesley, Administrative Assistant*

The Psychological Services team provided services to 121 clients during this fiscal year (-7% from FY10), with each client receiving an average of 1.9 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 Coordinators are 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 continues to provide family 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 and marriage and family therapy at local universities. Under supervision, 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 2011, externs and interns worked a total of 588 hours (including training and supervision) and provided services to a total of 49 clients.** Many of these clients received multiple services, such as group and family therapy.

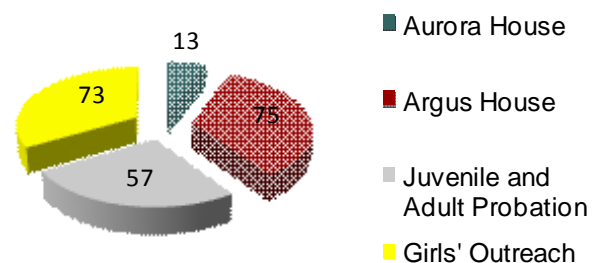
BILINGUAL SERVICES

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.

FY 2011 Clients Served by Program*



**Some clients received multiple services.*

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

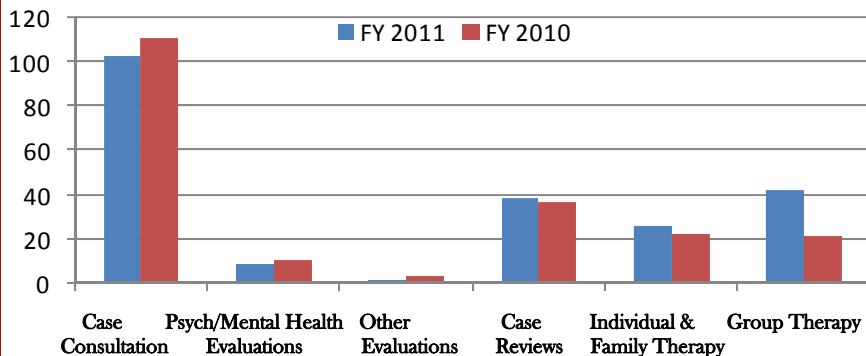
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

All Direct and Consultative Services Provided in FY 2011

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

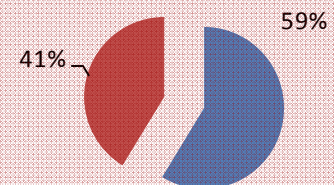
Service	Juvenile & Adult Probation	Argus House	Girls' Outreach	Aurora House	Total	FY 2010 Totals / per cent change
Case Consultation	9	35	47	12	103	111/ -7%
Case Reviews	37	0	0	1	38	36/ +6%
Psychological/ Mental Health Evaluations	7	1	0	0	8	10/ -20%
Other Evaluations (i.e. sex offender, competence)	1	0	0	N/A	1	3/ -67%
Evaluations by Outside Psychologists					17	12/ +42%
Individual & Family Therapy	3	18	5	N/A	26	22/ +18%
Group Therapy (parent groups, Argus therapy groups, gang prevention & STAR/EQUIP)	N/A	21	21	N/A	42	21/ +100%
TOTALS	57	75	73	13	235	185/ +27%

New Referrals for Direct and Consultative Services



Clients Served FY 2011

■ New clients, 71 ■ Carried Over, 50



Outcomes of Direct Services in FY 2011

Service	Completed	Did not complete	Referral withdrawn or not accepted	Total
Evaluations (includes evaluations referred out)	19	0	1	20
Individual & Family Therapy	16	0	1	17
Group Therapy (includes parent groups & STAR/EQUIP)	29	8	0	37
FY 2011 TOTALS	64	8	2	74
FY 2010 TOTALS	43	6	3	52
% change from FY10	+49%	+33%	-33%	+42%

LIFE SKILLS

TRAINING

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



*Probation Officer,
Kari Gividen*

- 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 2011, under the direction of probation officer **Kari Gividen**, the program was held at Argus House and Courthouse.

Life Skills Referrals	18	
Successful Completions	16	(89%)
Male	17	(94%)
Female	1	(6%)
AGE:	14 years (0%)	15 years (44%)
	16 years (39%)	17 years (17%)

In FY 2011, JDRC management and staff attended 296 courses for a total of 2828 training hours. On an average, each staff member attended 44 training hours.

The purpose of the **Training** program is to provide 20 hours of in-house training per year to staff. During FY 2011 the program provided 23 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:

- Trainings presented by **Poplar Spring Hospital**
- Self-Injurious Behavior, taught by Christine Hall,
- Understanding Sexually Abusive Youth in the Community, taught by Dr. Kelly Britt
- Outlook 2010, presented by **DTS**
- Release! The Healing Power of Forgiveness, taught by **Dr. Michael Barry**
- Brown Bag Lunch Videos: My Name is Kahn; Bullied
- Motivational Interviewing: Practical Application for Probation Officers, presented by the **National Counseling Group**
- Gang Training Update, presented by **Robert Vilchez**, Gang Task Force Coordinator, **Colin Bagwell**, Probation Officer, and **Det. Joe McGrath**
- CSA Case Management, presented by **Arlington County CPMT**
- YASI Update, taught by probation supervisors **Faye Jones and Shannan Moore**
- Adolescents and Substance Abuse, taught by probation officer **Kim Dexter** and **Vice Det. Hanula**



*Probation Officer,
Rita Brewer*

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 2011, Probation Officer **Manuel Vicens** coordinated the program.

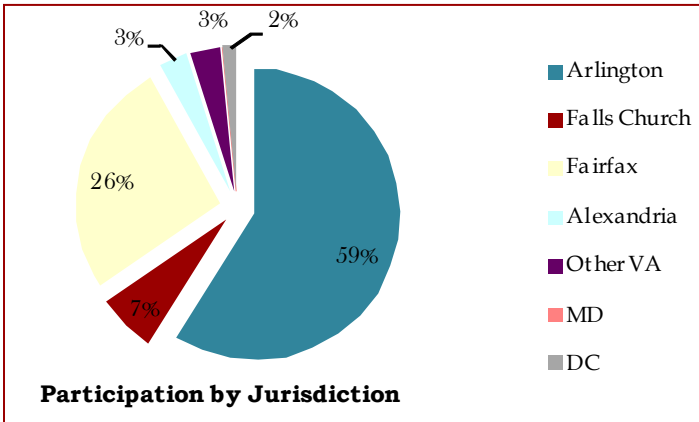


Probation Officer Manuel Vicens facilitated the Basics of Safe Driving Program in FY 2011.

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.

Fees Collected: \$1,525 Certificates Presented: 61
 Males: 45 Females: 16
 Hispanic: 7 Non-Hispanic: 54
 White: 51; Asian: 4; Black: 6; Middle Eastern: 0; Other:

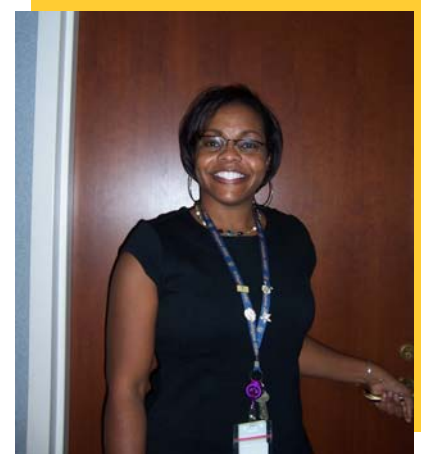
Teen drivers have the highest crash/fatality rate of any other driver, and crashes are a leading cause of death for teens. Drivers under the age of 18 who have held their licenses for less than a year are only permitted to have one passenger under 18 (excluding siblings). They are restricted from driving 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 2011. There were five groups held in FY 2011, a decrease of 29% over FY 2010; and the number of parents/guardians attending in FY 2011 decreased 27% over FY 2010.



Probation Officer Joanne Hamilton facilitates the Truancy Awareness Group.

FY 2011 TAG Groups Held: 5
 Number of Parents/Guardians referred: 48
 Number of Parents/Guardians attended: 30
 Percentage of Parents/Guardians completing: 63%

GANG INTELLIGENCE • PACE

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 2011.**

Gangs are transient and mobile in nature. 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.



“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.”

They share information with the police and provide gang awareness training to Arlington County schools, community centers, group homes and schools. Rule violators are held accountable through the existing continuum of sanctions.

In FY 2011, **Messrs. Bagwell** and **Vilchez** attended the National Gang Crime Research Center, Chicago, IL; the Virginia Gang Investigators Association Conference, Virginia Beach, VA; and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Gang Symposium in Orlando, FL. These trainings allowed the Gang Unit to be kept up to date with trends both regionally and nationally.

Gang Task Force Soccer Tournaments for at-risk and gang involved youth are featured on page 33.

Mr. Vilchez made presentations and gave press conferences at Arlington community centers and public schools, as well as at venues in Alexandria, Loudoun, the District of Columbia, Fairfax, and Prince William County, including Public TV, WACA Radio, NoVa Juvenile Detention Home, ITT, Arlington Housing Corporation, US Marines, Arlington Lions Club and the YMCA. His presentations consist of an educational component related to gang membership as well as statistics and current events on gang activity within the metro-

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

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

During FY 2011, in order to enhance communications between the CSU and the Police, **members of this program conducted 12 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: **82 probation/parole violations were handled** either judicially or non-judicially; **in 15 instances no new criminal charges** were filed; **in 67 instances, violations or graduated sanctions** were filed.

28 PACE checks were performed, resulting in **227 curfew checks** 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:

- ◆ Probation Inquiries Received: **19**
- ◆ Probation Interns Placed: **5**
- ◆ Total Hours Worked: **3,306**
A decrease of 2% over FY 2010.
- ◆ Value to CSU: **\$69,195***
A decrease of 2% over FY 2010.

**Based upon the average national rate of \$18.04 determined by the Virginia Employment Commission, a decrease of 14% over FY 2010.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY		MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	
Kistina Horvic	Argus House	Nadia Bitar	Judges' Chambers
MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY		HOWARD UNIVERSITY	
Kyle Friedrich	Argus House	Mahkada Taylor	Psychological Services
Kate Bell	Argus House	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY	
Ana Vasquez	Probation	Kimberly Velazquez	Girls' Outreach
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW		Kyle Hayes	Judges' Chambers
John Haggy	Judges' Chambers	Jessica O'Connell	Judges' Chambers
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY		VOLUNTEERS	
Ryan Kasman	Argus House	Claudia Eberhart	Girls' Outreach
Wendi Goldfarb	Argus House	Sonia Claviere	Argus House
Jessica Legermarisino	Argus House	Alex Drukier	Argus House
ARGOSY UNIVERSITY		Mauricio Tagle	Probation
Gina Debein	Psychological Services	Shirley Arteaga	Probation
Jennifer Christman	Psychological Services	Jordan Lawi	Probation

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 2011 Services

Assessments	15
Education Groups:	
Girls' Outreach	3
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 2011.

At the present time, the Court is registered as a recipient of books with **Books for America**, a national organization, and **The Reading Connection**, a literacy outreach program located in Arlington. In addition, during 2011, significant book donations were received from **Christ Church United Methodist** and **Messiah Methodist Church**, a new donor organization.

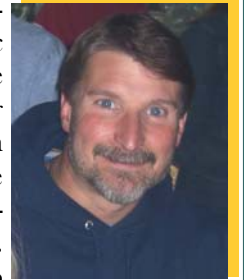
During FY 2011 a total of 1,390 books were donated and 1,420 books were distributed.

Books are donated a few times a year and stored in the JDRC offices. Throughout the year, pamphlets and / or bookmarks from the **Department of Education**, relating to reading, are placed on our shelves for distribution. Occasionally a group, organization, or business will donate books to the Court.

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 2011 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 University**, **Richmond University**, and **George Mason University**, 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** including career days and classroom programs designed around educating students on the Court process. **Glebe** and **Patrick Henry Elementary Schools** received presentations on the topic of “Bullying”. At **Swanson Middle School**, the topic was peer choices, contacts, and situations.

Community groups and service providers also make requests. In FY 2011, the **Arlington Career Center** requested several presentations, including “Making Choices for the Future.” The **South Arlington Baptist Church** focused on high school age students and the court.

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.

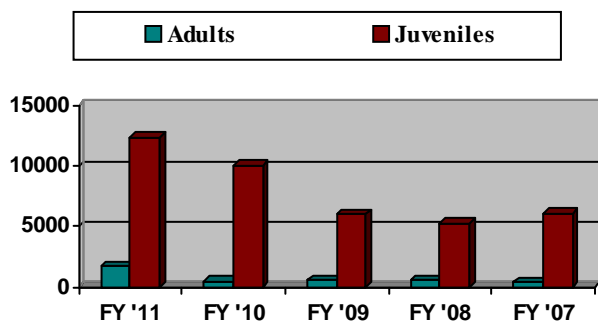
FY 2011 Demographic Data

Males: 68	Females: 60
White: 11	Asian: 0
Black: 108	Hispanic: 9
Total Number of Referrals:	128
Number Attended:	109
Average Age:	15
Total Amount Stolen:	\$ 27,872
Average Amount Stolen:	\$ 218



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

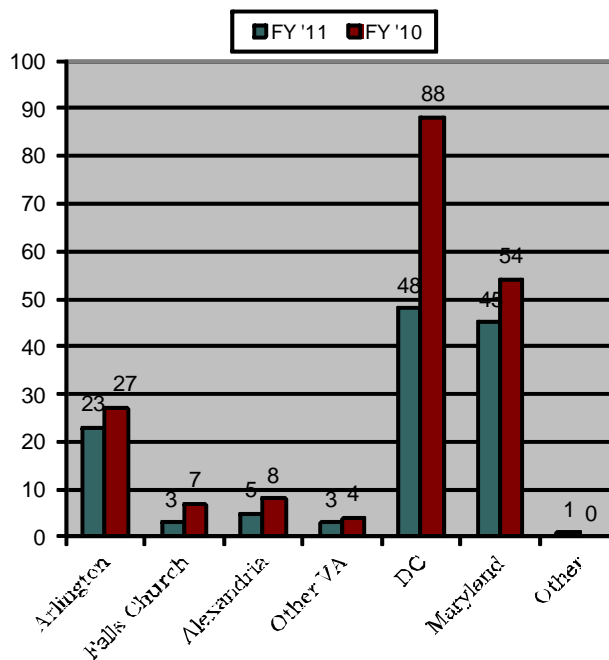
Community Service Hours Performed



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	254
Community Service Hours	12,360
Value to Community @\$5.15/hr	\$63,654.00
Adults Participating	23
Community Service Hours @ \$12.91/hr	1693
Value to Community	\$21,856.63

Residency, Juveniles Convicted of Shoplifting in Arlington



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 2011 total restitution paid was \$25,400.02.

TRUANCY

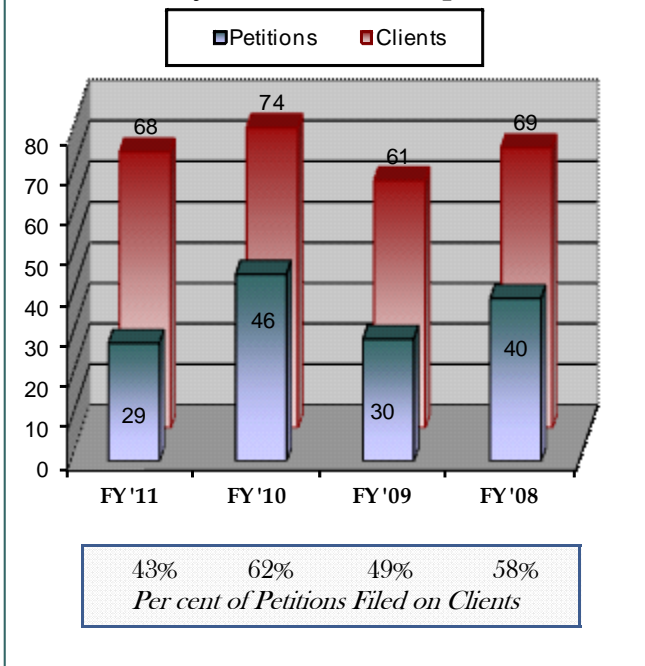
The **Truancy Program** was created following amendments to §22.1-258 of the Code of Virginia. This law requires schools to address attendance issues following 5 unexcused absences. Absences are addressed through contacts and conferences with parents.

Issues related to truancy are brought before the Intake Department by the schools following 7 unexcused absences at school. Parents and students attend an inter-agency meeting with the truancy coordinator and staff from the Department of Social Services, and the school the student attends.

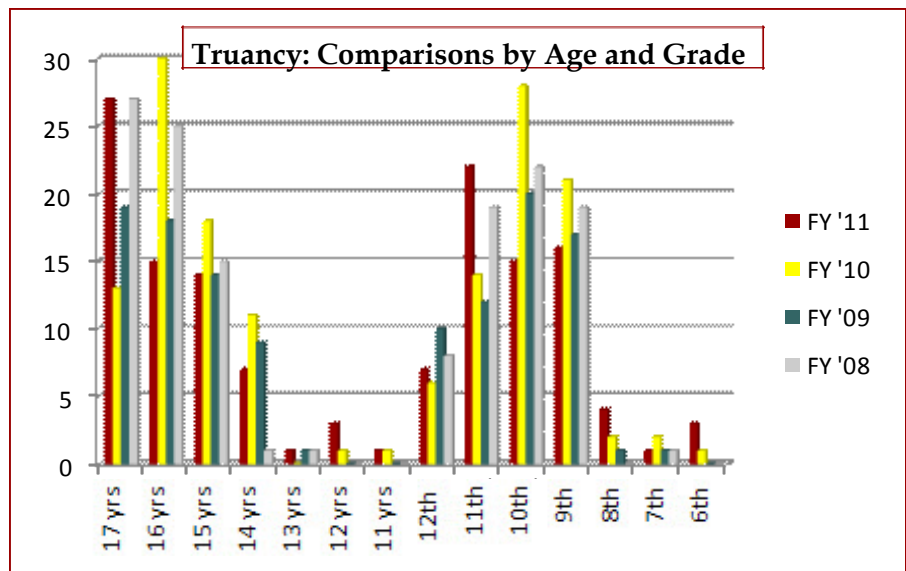
Following these meetings, the team revisits the remedies taken. Families involved with the Truancy Program are referred to the Community Assessment Team if necessary. If there are continued student absences without parental permission, the student will be brought before a judge of the Juvenile & Domestic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

In FY 2011, 38% of truants were female, 62% male.

Truancy: Fiscal Year Comparisons

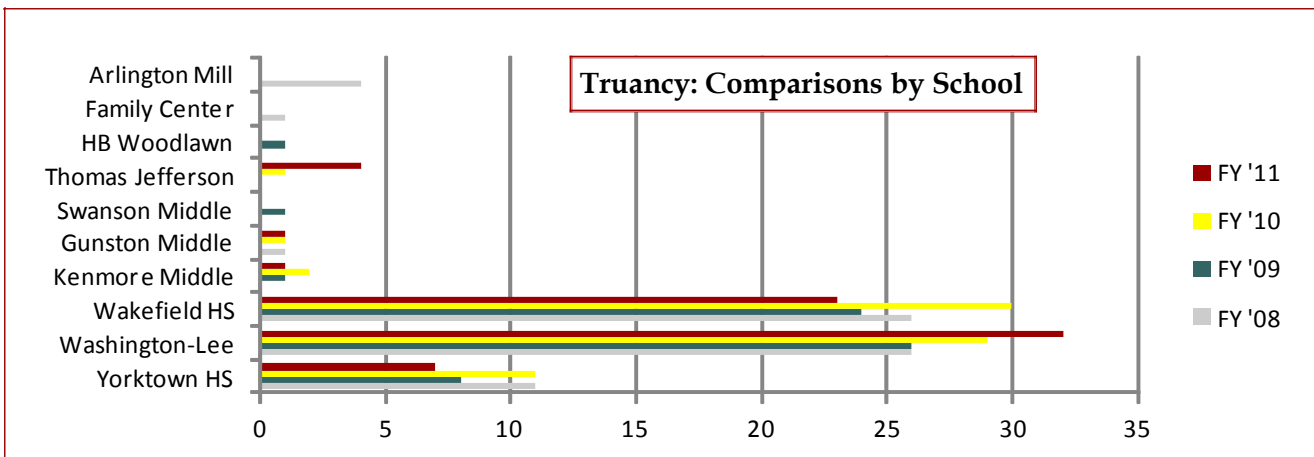


Truancy: Comparisons by Age and Grade



Program Coordinator, Amy Ashley

Truancy: Comparisons by School



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 two (2) counselors each at Wakefield High School, Washington-Lee High School, and Yorktown High School. During FY 2011, probation officer **Carmen Cornelison** facilitated the program.

The program served 76 youth in school year 2010-2011. Of this total, 51 clients (67%) were male, 25 clients (33%) were female. Delinquent supervisions were 44; 30 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 '11	FY '10	FY '09
School Information			
Number Clients Served:	76	72	90
School Information Requests:	31	30	34
Schools			
Wakefield HS:	34	27	34
Washington-Lee HS:	27	25	30
Yorktown:	15	20	26
Demographics FY 2011			
White: 41	Asian: 5	Hispanic:	32
Black: 28	Arabic: 1	Non-Hispanic:	44

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

In FY 2011, seven sessions were held. The program helped 83 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.

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

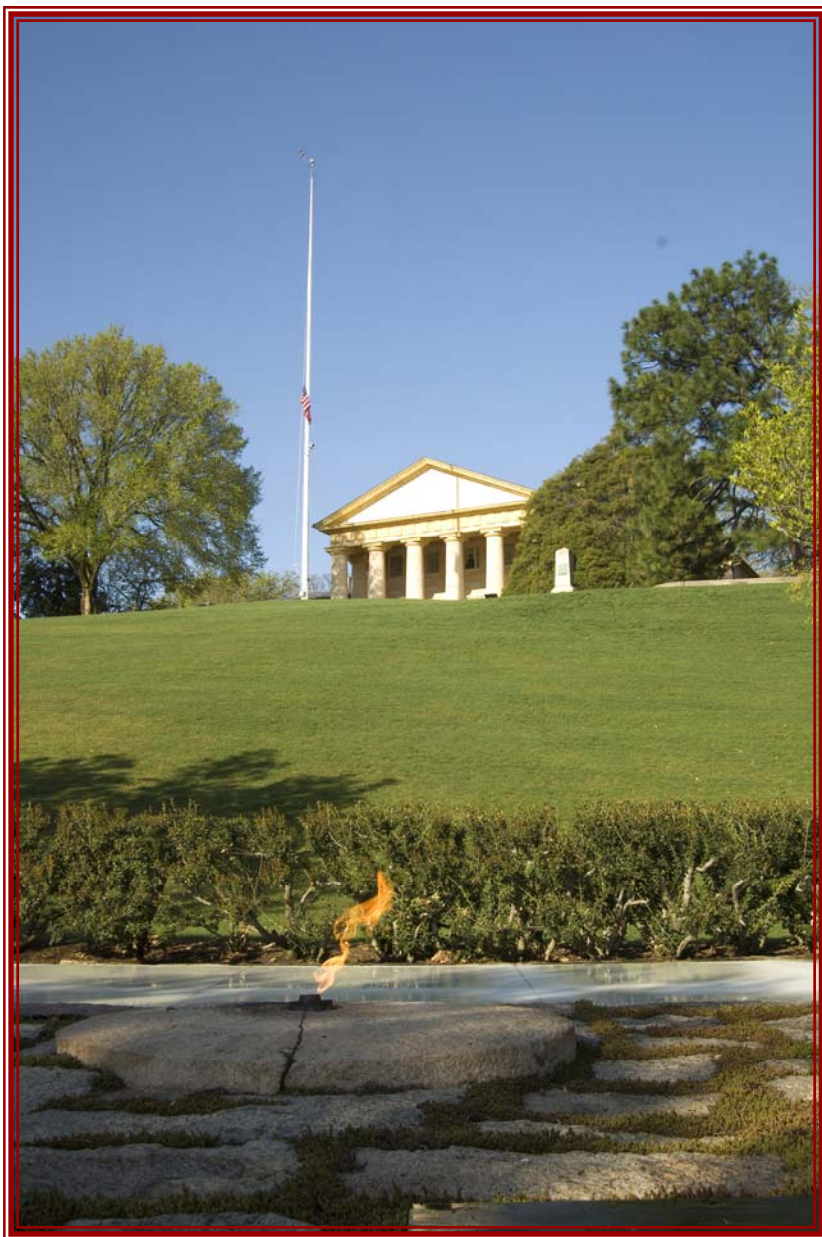
	FY 2011	FY 2010	FY 2009
REFERRALS	73	96	73
SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS	83	70	66

CLERK'S OFFICE

NEW CASES	FY '11	FY '10	% +/-
<u>JUVENILE</u>			
TRAFFIC	182	169	8%
DELINQUENCY	1,623	1,785	-9%
CUSTODY/VISITATION	1,059	929	14%
STATUS OFFENSES	135	56	141%
TOTAL	2,999	2,939	2%
<u>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</u>			
MISDEMEANORS	460	421	9%
FELONIES	89	107	-17%
CAPIAS/SHOW CAUSE	482	435	11%
CIVIL SUPPORT	641	651	-2%
CRIMINAL SUPPORT	0	0	0%
TOTAL	1,672	1,614	4%
<u>TOTAL NEW/CONTINUED CASES</u>			
JUVENILE	8,171	8,273	-1%
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	4,595	4,120	12%
TOTAL	12,766	12,393	3%
<u>HEARING RESULTS</u>			
WAIVED JUVENILE	52	40	30%
FINAL JUVENILE	3,150	3,047	3%
FINAL DOMESTIC RELATIONS	1,752	1,703	3%
CONTINUED JUVENILE	4,969	5,186	-4%
CONTINUED DOMESTIC RELATIONS	2,843	2,658	7%
TOTAL	12,766	12,634	1%



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