

2012 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**

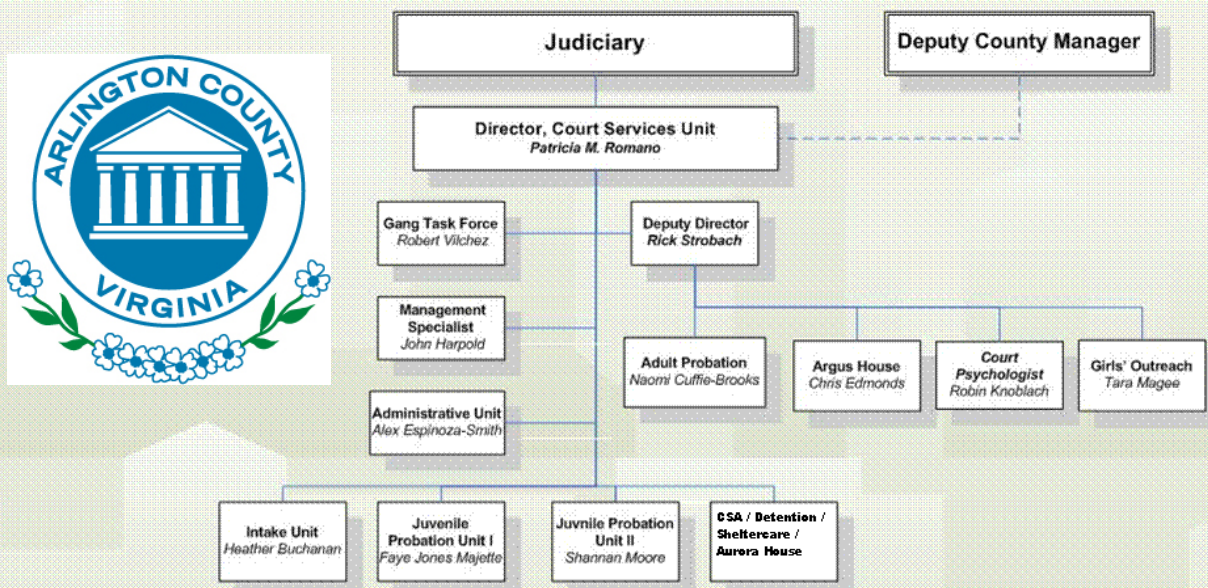
***Mission***

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**, Clerk; **Hon. George D. Varoutsos**, Chief Judge; **Hon. Esther L. Wiggins**, Judge; **Patricia M. Romano**, Director

## Arlington County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Services Unit



# FY 2012 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*

Oswaldo Castillo  
Colleen Zamary

## *Relief*

Jordan Lawi  
Adam Shane  
Victor Vega

## *Hit Duty*

Mauricio Tagle  
Autumn Murray

## *DHS Liaison*

Fredy Martinez

## *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  
Jessica Cabrera  
*Group Home Counselors*  
Clarice Kelliebrew,  
*Food Services Coordinator*

## *Relief*

Jordan Lawi  
Michelle Mosely  
Ebenezer Owiredu  
Sher Singh  
Jennifer Sizer  
Lawrence Wiley  
Kim Zajac

## *Girls' Outreach Program*

Tara Magee,  
*Coordinator*  
Romina Abawi  
Alison Kempter  
*Outreach Counselors*

## *Relief*

Parisa Bigdeli  
Margaret Serbeh

## *Adult Probation*

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

## *Juvenile Probation-Unit I*

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

## *Juvenile Probation-Unit II*

Shannan Moore,  
*Supervisor*  
Eric Assur  
Colin Bagwell  
Rita Brewer  
Tim Coffman  
Kari Gividen  
Arthur Jean  
Niasha John  
Manuel Vicens

## *School Probation Counselors*

Carmen Cornelison,  
*Coordinator*  
Tony Bentley  
Michael D. Calabro  
Monica Larrieu  
Heather Mizell  
Al Reid  
William Wheeler

## Objectives FY 2012

### CSU

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

Review new DJJ policies and rewrite CSU policies as needed. — **COMPLETED**

### Adult Unit

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

### Andrew B. Ferrari Argus House

Have a utilization rate at or greater than 80%. — **Close (79.1% utilization)**

Implement the Positive Peer Culture Action Committee. — **COMPLETED**

Staff training related to team building and implement concepts into daily working milieu. — **COMPLETED**

### Girls' Outreach

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

Review, update and revise the client behavioral management program. — **COMPLETED**

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

### Intake Unit

Assess and improve employee morale and cohesiveness through possible staff surveys and follow-up. — **Decided not to proceed with the survey.**

### Juvenile Unit

Integrate YASI upgrades in the development of supervision plans following DJJ training. — **ONGOING**

Continue to incorporate Motivational Interviewing modality as a best practice skill for juvenile probation officers. — **Training COMPLETED, practice is ONGOING.**

## Objectives FY 2013

### CSU

Implement a pilot after-school program for boys, with focus on attendance, academic progress, and positive behavior in school.

### Juvenile Unit:

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

Research and develop anger management and cyber safety programs for juveniles.

### Adult Unit:

Create a written policy for case management of adult appealed cases.

Research, coordinate and receive training on jail-based services/program for incarcerated adult clients being released back to community under court supervision.

### Intake Unit:

Increase the number of presentations to community partners regarding services the Intake Unit can offer. (i.e., CASA, schools, teen parenting program, etc.)

### Girls' Outreach:

Expand the use of the YASI (Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument) to include identifying treatment goals as well as measuring success in program participants.

Incorporate the Motivational Interviewing modality by training staff in its techniques.

### Andrew B. Ferrari Argus House:

Evaluate the Positive Peer Culture (PPC) Program using an outside consultant and implement recommended changes.

Develop a PPC training manual with the assistance of a consultant.

# STAFF CHANGES AND HIGHLIGHTS

## **The following staff are new to the organization:**

Autumn Murray – in December 2011 as Probation Counselor I

Jessica Cabrera – in February 2012 as Group Home Counselor II

Romina Abawi – in March 2012 as Group Home Counselor II

## **Promotions:**

Caitlin Tracy –was promoted from a Probation Officer II to Probation Supervisor (Intake).

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## LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

### **20 YEARS**

Alex Espinoza-Smith

### **15 YEARS**

Dr. Robin Knoblach

### **10 YEARS**

Lisa Laboy

Lloyd Murphy

Robert Vilchez

### **5 YEARS**

Amy Ashley

Clarice Kelliebrew

Erick King

Michele Wood



# 2012 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

## **Community Report Card**

As a subcommittee for the Partnership for Youth, Children and Families, the committee focused on getting community input in the areas of peaceful conflict resolution, cultural competence and interpersonal competence.

*Members:* Chris Edmonds, Rick Strobach, Manuel Vicens and 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.

Community Policy & Management Team (CPMT):

*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

*Member:* Rick Strobach

## **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:* Joanne Hamilton

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

*Members:* Rita Brewer, Naomi Cuffie-Brooks, Tim Coffman, Joanne Hamilton, Robin Knoblach, Tara Magee, Shannan Moore, Marianna Rouse, Rick Strobach, Andre P Taylor

## **Second Chance**

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, Second Chance, was to 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, Heather Buchanan

## **Arlington READY Coalition (Reducing or Eliminating Alcohol & Drug use by Youth)**

This group addresses high-risk drinking in Arlington youth and to develop strategies for reducing teen alcohol use.

*Member:* Shannan Moore

# 2012 RECOGNITION AWARDS

## **Amy Ashley**

Amy received a recognition award because she consistently goes above and beyond the requirements of her immediate job responsibilities to contribute to the CSU. Amy took over the Truancy Program last year and totally revamped the program. She expanded the program to include representatives from private agencies, school resource officers, and an interpreter. Additionally, she insists on covering all the hearings to ensure that appropriate services are requested.

Amy volunteers regularly at the Girls' Outreach Program. One of her favorite things is to do arts & crafts activities with the girls. On one occasion, when staff was given 4 hours of non-county holiday leave because the court building was closed, Amy worked because she had previously committed to a project with the GOP.

Amy is a high energy, positive woman who engages life at the highest level. She is motivating and inspiring to others and she exemplifies the professional qualities that help the JDRC carry out its mission of providing quality programs and services to the Arlington community.

## **Tim Coffman**

Tim received an award for volunteering to develop a mentoring program to work with new employees of the CSU. This mentoring program is beneficial to the CSU in that we have a designated person to work with new hires and make sure that they are properly trained and learn about our CSU programs.

One strength of Tim's is that he has a vast network with other professionals throughout Arlington. He enjoys taking new hires/volunteers around Arlington and introducing them to professionals from the schools, recreation centers, OAR and DHS among others. He also helps introduce the new hire to CSU staff. By doing this he enhances the effective communication interpersonally as well as throughout the organization.

Additionally, while working with an intern, Tim noticed that there was a need for a quick description of each of the court programs. He developed a definition word bank to help new employees and interns understand the court terminology that is used. These documents will be helpful for all new hires within the CSU.

## **Alison Kempter**

Alison received a recognition award for her commitment to the Girls' Outreach Program and its clients. Alison consistently goes above and beyond the requirements of her immediate job responsibilities to ensure that the program runs smoothly and that all of the clients receive the highest level of care. Alison's dedication to her clients, the Girls' Outreach Program and the Court Services Unit has been evident during a time of transition. She has been supportive, encouraging and innovative during a time when resources are limited.

Alison has always ensured that the program continues to run smoothly and that the clients are supervised and receiving the attention that they need. Alison has also met with parents and ensures that monthly parent staffing continue as scheduled.

Alison's willingness to go above and beyond for the sake of her colleagues and her clients is an illustration of the teamwork we encourage within the JDRC and an example of the high quality of services that we provide to the Arlington community.

## **Caitlin Tracy**

Caitlin received an award for her outstanding customer service. She always provides prompt, reliable, and quality services to our customers and shareholders in a respectful and courteous manner. As a result, she has become well known in the community and is often personally requested by customers and shareholders requesting intake services. She has taken on additional job responsibilities, often on her own initiative. Some examples include facilitating intake training for other court service units, assisting in the management of the shoplifter diversion program, and creating and maintaining a memorandum of understanding between store merchant loss prevention units and the intake unit.

She receives frequent commendations from her peers for her attentiveness to their requests and her generous willingness to assist coworkers.

Caitlin is consistently looking for ways to improve our existing services and readily communicates her suggestions for improvement. Her efforts exemplify the objectives of the Court Service Unit Mission.

## **HB 391/ SB 476 - The Department of Juvenile Justice May Share Confidential Juvenile Records with Correctional Facilities**

### *Summary:*

Amends § 16.1-300 of the Code of Virginia. The legislation allows the Department to share the social, medical, psychiatric, and psychological reports and records of juveniles with an adult correctional facility when the juvenile subject of the records is subsequently convicted as an adult and serving a period of incarceration in a state or local correctional facility.

### *Existing Law:*

- Section 16.1-300 provides that all Department records (and other agency records relating to court-involved juveniles) are confidential unless a specific exception is provided for in the Code of Virginia.

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## **HB 1188/ SB 259 - Combats Human Trafficking by Requiring Schools to Provide Awareness Training**

### *Summary:*

**HB 1188** and **SB 259** add § 22.1-16.5 to the Code of Virginia. The legislation requires the Board of Education and the Department of Social Services to address issues of child trafficking.

### *Changes Effective July 1, 2012:*

- Development of Training Materials on Human Trafficking: The bills add § 22.1-16.5 to the Code of Virginia to require the Board of Education to provide awareness training materials for local school division staff on human trafficking. The training materials shall be developed in collaboration with the Department of Social Services and must include strategies for the prevention of the trafficking of children.
- Provision of Information on Human Trafficking: Add § 63.2-214.3 to the Code of Virginia to require the Department of Education to provide to the Board of Education (i) resource information on human trafficking including how to prevent this occurrence and (ii) materials for distribution that describe resources to which students, school per-

sonnel, and parents may refer for information on human trafficking, including prevention strategies. The Department of Education shall collaborate with experts in the field of human trafficking prevention prior to providing information to the Board of Education.

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## **SB 239/HB 1237/ HB 3/ HB 74 - Mandatory Reporting Requirements**

### *Summary:*

**SB 239**, **HB 1237**, **HB 3**, and **HB 74** amend § 63.2-1509 of the Code of Virginia. The legislation adds to the list of mandatory reporters by requiring persons associated with or employed by public organizations and persons employed by public and private institutions of higher education to report child abuse and neglect.

Additionally, the legislation reduces the maximum amount of time to file a report to 24 hours and increases the penalty for failing to report. Finally, it clarifies that any individual 18 years of age or older not specifically enumerated in the statute by their profession who is responsible for the care, custody, or control of children is a mandatory reporter of child abuse and neglect.

Note: The basic reporting requirements are the same. If a probation officer or juvenile correctional center staff has, in their official or professional capacity, a reason to suspect that a child is an abused or neglected child, he or she is a mandated reporter and that suspected abuse or neglect must be reported to the local Child Protective Services (CPS) or the Department of Social Services (DSS) hotline.

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## **HB 546 - Prostitution Added to the List of Predicate Criminal Acts**

### *Summary:*

**HB 546** amends § 18.2-46.1 of the Code of Virginia relating to crimes against gangs by adding prostitution to the list of predicate criminal acts for gang involvement.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2012

## STUDY- Bill - HB 1301- Virginia Community Crime Control Act Assessment

*Chapter 0003 of the 2012 Virginia Acts of Assembly (The Appropriation Act, Item 408 (E.3.c.) (2012)).*

The Department of Juvenile Justice, with the assistance of the Department of Correctional Education, the Department of Corrections, the Virginia Council on Juvenile Detention, juvenile court service unit directors, juvenile and domestic relations district court judges, and juvenile justice advocacy groups, shall provide a report on the types of programs supported by the Juvenile Community Crime Control Act and whether the youth participating in such programs are statistically less likely to be arrested, adjudicated or convicted, or incarcerated for either misdemeanors or crimes that would otherwise be considered felonies if committed by an adult.

## SB 300 - Strengthens the Provisions of Virginia's Protective Orders Laws

*Summary:*

SB 300 amends §§ 16.1-241, 16.1-253.2, 16.1-253.4, 16.1-260, and 19.2-152.8 of the Code of Virginia and adds to Chapter 9.1 of Title 19.2 a section numbered § 19.2-152.11. The legislation makes various changes to the provisions governing protective orders issued by a juvenile and domestic relations district court, addresses venue, and clarifies that juvenile and domestic relations district courts have jurisdiction over all protective orders that involve juveniles whether as the alleged victim or as a respondent.



## **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 Zamary**, 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 2012, the CSU Intake Services Unit received a total of 2,705 complaints.
- ◆ The number of intake complaints received in FY 2012 was 2,705, an increase of one over the 2,704 complaints received in FY 2011.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ \*Beginning with FY 2012, Intake diversions are counted. In FY 2012, the CSU Intake Services Unit diverted 122 CHINS, Truancy, Runaway, alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, petit larceny and bike helmet complaints.

INTAKE COMPLAINTS & ACTIVITIES				
	FY 12	FY 11	FY 10	FY 09
<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS:</b>	2,705	2,704	2,975	2,760
<b>Juvenile</b>	2,512	2,522	2,797	2,628
<b>Adult</b>	193	182	178	132
<b>CHINS (court):</b>	76	77	138	152
<b>CHINS (diversion):</b>	49	*	*	*
<b>VIOLATIONS:</b>	327	398	390	381
Probation	175	238	235	217
CHINS	149	155	149	146
Parole	3	5	6	18
<b>Informal Hearings:</b>	149	129	190	179
Tobacco	20	1	2	13
Shoplifter	129	128	188	166
<b>Complaints from Out-of-state:</b>	511	642	774	729
<b>After Hours Calls:</b>	191	203	284	223

	FY '12	FY '11	Change	%Change
<b>Assaults</b>	34	55	-21	-38%
<b>Property</b>	197	231	-37	-16%
Property complaints include: Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle offenses, and Arson				
<b>Vandalism</b>	18	11	7	64%
<b>Drug Violations</b>	61	50	11	22%
<b>Weapons</b>	15	4	11	275%
<b>Credit Card Fraud</b>	0	7	-7	-700%

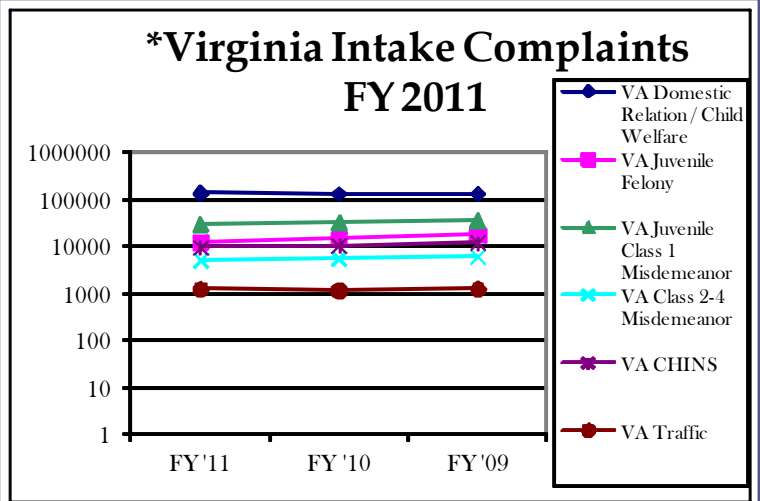
# FY 2012 INTAKE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Juvenile complaints decreased 0.4% from the prior year.**  
2,512 juvenile complaints were received in FY 2012, versus 2,522 in FY 2011.
- **Violations of Probation, Child in Need of Services / Supervision (CHINS) and Parole decreased 18% from the prior year.**  
There were 327 violations processed in FY 2012, versus 398 processed in FY 2011.
- **Of 125 CHINS complaints received in FY 2012, 61% were heard in court; 39% were diverted.**

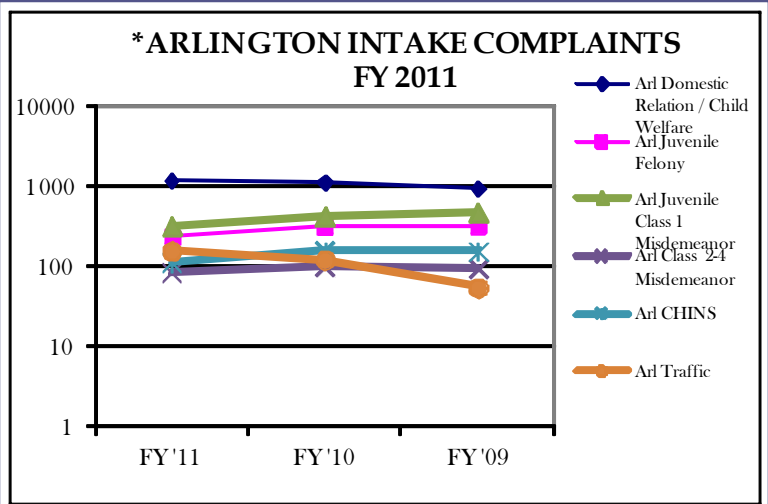
During FY 2012, the Intake Unit increased its focus on diverting cases away from further court action. The goal of diversion is to limit court involvement for non-violent first-time offenders and to provide sufficient support to successfully and permanently divert these juveniles from the court system.

Diversion is available for bike helmet and tobacco violations, first time offenses of petit larceny, possession of marijuana, possession of alcohol, truancy, and CHINS services and supervision (runaway) cases. Diversion cases require the development of a behavior contract which mandates compliance with relevant services and interventions, as well as expectations for behavior at home, school, and in the community.

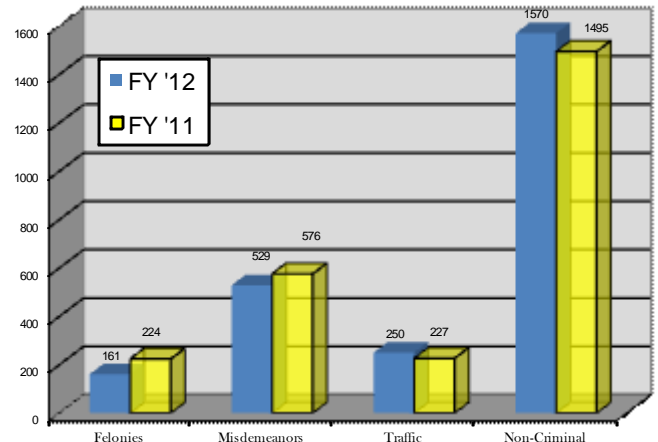
This increased focus on diversion helps alleviate pressure on the Court and the Court Services Unit by reducing the amount of formal cases. It benefits families and juveniles by providing sufficient intervention to potentially prevent any further court involvement in the youth's life. The Intake Unit has seen a marked increase in these types of cases and hopes to continue to increase its capacity to provide this service to the community.



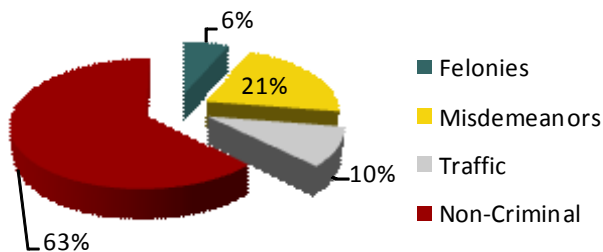
\*Chart reflects most recent data at time of publication.  
Source: *DJJ Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2011*



## Juvenile Intake Comparisons FY 2012 and FY 2011



## Juvenile Intakes FY 2012



# JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

CATEGORY	FY 12	FY 11	Change	%Change	CATEGORY	FY 12	FY 11	Change	%Change
<b>MURDER:</b>					<b>BURGLARY/B &amp; E:</b>				
Murder	0	0	0	0%	Breaking and Entering	4	0	4	400%
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	0	0	0%	Burglary	0	1	-1	-100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	Burglary at night	0	0	0	0%
<b>FORCIBLE RAPE/VIOLENT SEX OFFENDER:</b>					Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0%
Rape	2	0	2	200%	Attempted Breaking & Entering	0	0	0	0%
Rape, victim under age 13	0	0	0	0%	Possess Burglary Tools	7	11	-4	-36%
Sodomy	0	0	0	0%	Conspire to Commit Burglary	3	0	3	300%
Inanimate Sexual Penetration	0	0	0	0%	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17%</b>
Consenting Victim <13 yrs	0	0	0	0%	<b>LARCENY-THEFT (FELONY):</b>				
Fornication	0	0	0	0%	Grand Larceny	60	90	-30	-33%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>200%</b>	Attempted Larceny	0	6	-6	-600%
<b>ROBBERY:</b>					Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny	1	7	-6	-86%
Robbery	6	13	-7	-54%	Embezzlement (felonious)	1	0	1	100%
Attempted Robbery	1	3	-2	-66%	Receive Stolen Goods >\$200	3	10	-7	-70%
Carjacking	0	0	0	0%	Conceal Merchandise >\$200	3	0	3	300%
Conspiracy to Robbery	0	1	-1	-100%	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>-40%</b>
Robbery with Weapon	0	0	0	0%	<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-59%</b>	Unauthorized Use (felonious)	0	2	-2	-200%
<b>FELONIOUS ASSAULT:</b>					Unauthorized Use (misdem.)	1	0	1	100%
Assault-Felonious	2	3	-1	-33%	Automobile Theft	8	3	5	166%
Attempted Felonious Assault	1	0	1	100%	Attempted G.L. Automobile	0	0	0	0%
Felonious Assault by Mob	1	1	0	0%	Tampering with Automobile	2	2	0	0%
Malicious Wounding of Police Officer	1	2	-1	-100%	Altered Serial Number (Auto)	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>ASSAULT &amp; BATTERY:</b>					<b>ARSON:</b>				
Assault & Battery	18	35	-17	-49%	Arson of Occupied	0	0	0	0%
Assault & Battery on Police	1	2	-1	-50%	Offender 15 or over	0	0	0	0%
Assault & Battery by Mob	0	0	0	0%	False Alarm—False	0	0	0	0%
Assault & Battery hate crime	0	0	0	0%	Arson of Unoccupied >\$200	1	4	-3	-75%
Assault & Battery on family	10	11	-1	-9%	Offender under 15	0	1	-1	-100%
Non-malicious Wounding	0	1	-1	-100%	Carelessly cause brush fire	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-60%</b>
<b>OTHER SEX OFFENSE:</b>					<b>VANDALISM-PUBLIC/PRIVATE:</b>				
Sexual Battery	1	9	-8	-89%	Destruction of Public Property				
Peeping	0	0	0	0%	>\$1000	0	0	0	0%
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0%	< \$1000	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-89%</b>	Destruction of Private Property				
<b>OTHER PERSON OFFENSE:</b>					>\$1000	1	3	-2	-67%
Abduction	1	0	1	100%	< \$1000	16	8	8	100%
Written Threat	0	0	0	0%	Interfere with Phone	0	0	0	0%
Threat to School Authority	0	1	-1	-100%	Tamper fire hydrant	0	0	0	0%
Threat to Harm	0	0	0	0%	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-64%</b>
Throw Missiles at Vehicle	0	0	0	0%	<b>TRESPASSING:</b>				
Injury by Caustic Substance	0	0	0	0%	Trespass	22	18	4	-14%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	Trespass on School	0	0	0	0%
					Trespass by Posted Sign	0	0	0	0%
					Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	0%
					<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22%</b>

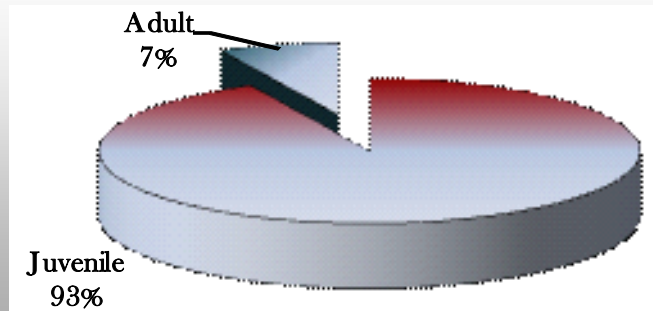


# JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

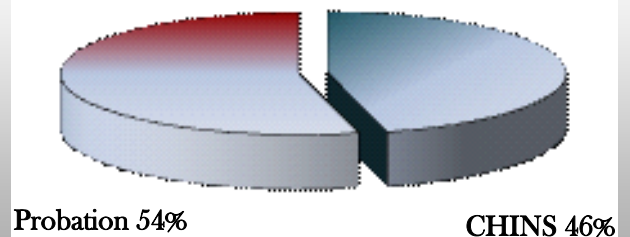
CATEGORY	FY 12	FY 11	Change	%Change
<b>FRAUD/CREDIT CARD/CHECK:</b>				
Forgery	2	16	-14	-86%
Embezzlement (misdemeanor)	0	1	-1	-100%
Credit Card Fraud	0	7	-7	-100%
Theft Credit Card	1	6	-5	-83%
Bad checks <\$200	0	0	0	0%
Perjury	0	1	-1	-100%
Uttering	5	2	3	150%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-76%</b>
<b>LARCENY-PETTY:</b>				
Petty Larceny <\$200 (Court)	71	87	-16	-23%
Petty Larceny <\$200(Diversion)	21	0	21	2100%
Attempted Petty Larceny	2	4	-2	-50%
Receive Stolen Goods <\$200	7	2	5	250%
Conceal Merchandise <\$200	1	1	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL-FELONY:</b>				
Unlawful Use of Phone	0	0	0	0%
Failure to Appear (felony)	26	31	-5	16%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>DRUG VIOLATIONS:</b>				
Distribution of Drugs on School Grounds	3	2	1	50%
Distribution of Marijuana	2	1	1	100%
Possession of Heroin	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Cocaine	0	0	0	0%
Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute	1	0	1	100%
Possession of Cocaine with Int. to Dist. (School Zone)	0	0	0	0%
Possess Marijuana (court)	27	44	-17	-39%
Possess Marijuana (diversion)	15	0	15	1500%
Possession of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribution of LSD	0	0	0	0%
Distribute, Sell <.5oz	3	1	2	200%
Distribute, Sell >.5 oz <5 lbs	0	1	-1	-100%
Distribute, Sell >.5 oz	0	0	0	0%
Inhale Drugs	7	1	6	600%
Possession schedule II	2	0	2	200%
Possession schedule IV	1	0	1	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE:</b>				
Resist Arrest, threats, force	0	1	-1	-100%
Resist Arrest, w/o threat, force	4	5	-1	-20%
Obstruct Justice	0	0	0	0%
Fail to Identify	0	3	-3	-100%
Disorderly Conduct	4	9	-5	-55%
Fugitive	0	0	0	0%
Eluding	0	0	0	0%
Curse and Abuse	0	2	-2	-100%
File False Report	2	2	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-55%</b>

CATEGORY	FY 12	FY 11	Change	%Change
<b>WEAPONS OFFENSE:</b>				
Discharge firearm from vehicle	2	0	2	200%
Use of Firearm in Felony	0	0	0	0%
Conceal Weapon	7	0	7	700%
Weapons at School	4	1	3	300%
Discharge Firearm on or w/in 1000 ft of school property	0	1	-1	-100%
Possession of a Weapon by Felon	0	0	0	0%
Brandishing	2	2	0	0%
Possess or Transport Weapon	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>275%</b>
<b>LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS:</b>				
Drive While Intoxicated	4	0	4	400%
Drive Under the Influence	1	0	1	100%
Drunk in Public	3	3	0	0%
Drinking in Public	0	0	0	0%
Poss. Beer/Alcohol (court)	41	33	8	24%
Poss. Beer/Alcohol (diversion)	8	0	8	800%
Sell Alcohol to a Minor	2	0	2	200%
Drinking in Public (School)	0	3	-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	3	0	3	300%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>59%</b>

## Complaints Processed by Intake



## Violations Issued



# JUVENILE INTAKES BY TYPE

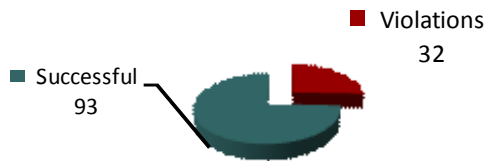
CATEGORY	FY 12	FY 11	Change	%Change
<b>TRAFFIC:</b>				
Felony Hit and Run	2	2	0	0%
Misdemeanor Hit and Run	0	0	0	0%
Traffic Offenses/Summonses	128	83	45	54%
Reckless Driving	9	14	-5	-36%
No Driver's License	27	15	12	80%
Driving on Suspended License	1	3	-2	-67%
Ride Moped Under the Age of 16	0	0	0	0%
Failure to stop for Police	1	2	-1	-100%
Altered ID/License	1	0	1	100%
Violation of a Learner's Permit	20	19	1	5%
Speeding charges	61	82	-21	-26%
Drive Bike w/o helmet (court)	1	2	-1	-50%
Riding Moped without helmet	0	0	0	0%
Driver <18 curfew violation	1	0	1	100%
Petition court for restricted License	1	5	-4	-80%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS</b>				
Identity Theft	0	15	-15	-100%
Fail to Pay (Metro)	171	222	-51	-23%
Eat on Metro	0	0	0	0%
Littering	1	1	0	0%
Escape without force	0	0	0	0%
Trespassing School at night	0	3	-3	-100%
Harassment by computer	1	0	1	100%
Urinating in Public	0	0	0	0%
Vending from a vehicle	0	0	0	0%
Carry Loaded Firearm in Arl.	0	2	-2	-100%
Shoot BB air gun	0	3	-3	-100%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>-73</b>	<b>-30%</b>
<b>GANG OFFENSES:</b>				
Solicit, invite, recruit juveniles to be members of gang	0	0	0	0%
Participation in criminal act for Benefit of Gang	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION:</b>				
Violations of Probation	175	216	-41	-19%
Violation of Parole	4	5	-1	-20%
Violation of Supervision				
CHINS	149	155	-6	-4%
Violation of Court Order	7	23	-16	-70%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>CHINS:</b>				
CHINS (court)	19	10	9	90%
CHINS (diversion)	2	0	2	200%
Runaway (court)	34	32	2	6%
Runaway (diversion)	13	0	13	1300%
Out of State Runaway	1	2	-1	-50%
Truancy (court)	22	33	-11	-33%
Truancy (diversion)	34	0	34	3400%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>62%</b>

CATEGORY	FY 12	FY 11	Change	%Change
<b>CUSTODY CASES:</b>				
Custody	449	442	7	2%
Registration of Custody Order	0	3	-3	-300%
Visitation Problems	119	106	13	12%
Adoption (Private)	3	1	2	200%
Establish Paternity	49	34	15	44%
Disestablish Paternity	2	0	2	200%
Relief of Custody	0	2	-2	-200%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>OTHER NON-CRIMINAL</b>				
Emancipation	0	0	0	0%
Foster Care				
Permanent	0	1	-1	-100%
Judicial Review				
Foster Care	2	0	2	200%
Neglect & Abuse				
Child	42	25	17	68%
Educational Neglect	4	6	-2	-33%
Protective Order (Juvenile)	49	57	-8	-14%
Terminate				
Parental Rights	21	28	-7	-25%
Child Support	275	252	23	9%
Spousal Support	44	32	12	38%
Failure to Appear	51	39	12	31%
Chancery Request	7	1	6	600%
Entrustment	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>TRANSFERS (IN):</b>				
Transfer of Disposition	0	1	-1	-100%
Transfer of Supervision	0	0	0	0%
Request Supervision (Courtesy)	7	3	4	130%
Transfer of Venue	21	14	7	50%
Transfer case Parole	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>TRANSFERS (OUT):</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>MENTAL HEARING:</b>				
* Mental hearings are heard in 19th District (Fairfax)				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>POSS. Of TOBACCO (Diversion)</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>600%</b>
<b>POSS. Of TOBACCO (Court)</b>				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>				
	<b>2512</b>	<b>2522</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-.4%</b>

# DETENTION DIVERSION • STREET LAW

The **Detention Diversion Program (DDP)** of the Court Services Unit reduces the number of 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 **Oswaldo Castillo and Colleen Zamary** 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 First Diversion



## Detention Diversion Program Demographics

	FY '12	FY '11
Youth Enrolled	109	145
Minority Client	121 (83%)	121 (83%)
Males	78 (72%)	100 (69%)
Females	31 (28%)	45 (31%)
Arlington Placement	105 (96%)	139 (96%)
Falls Church Placement	4 (4%)	6 (4%)
Childcare Days	3,967	4,508
Utilization Rate	78%	88%

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. During FY 2012, twelve sessions were offered, with 110 youth successfully completing the program.

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA JUVENILE DETENTION HOME & SHELTERCARE

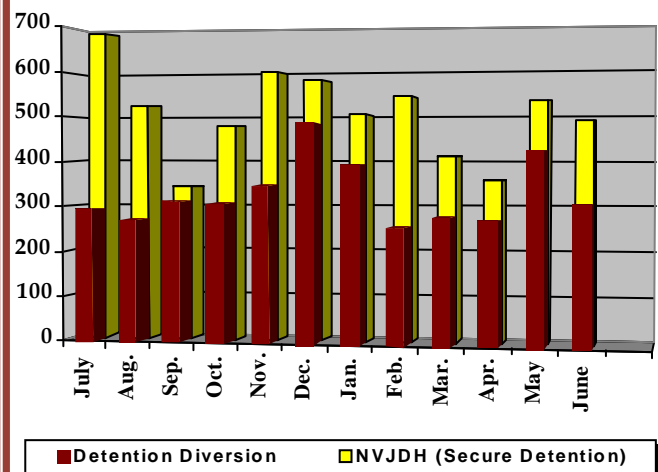
The Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home (NVJDH) is a secure detention facility operated by a multi-jurisdictional commission. The Commission members are appointed by the Arlington County Board, the City of Alexandria and the City of Falls Church. The Detention Home has a capacity of 70 beds, with 10 beds reserved for **New Beginnings**, the “post-dispositional” program, which offers therapeutic groups, problem-solving sessions and guest speakers. Youth can reside in the New Beginnings program for a maximum of six months.

**Sheltercare** is a temporary shelter for youth who are abused, neglected, or cannot return home. In FY 2011, Arlington discontinued its contract for Sheltercare.

## Use of Multi-Jurisdictional Facilities

NVJDH	FY '12	FY '11
Bed days used by Arlington including New Beginnings	6,067	8,244
	48%	47%

## 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 its jurisdiction. Matters that fall within the purview of the Adult Unit are those relating to domestic violence and other intra-family criminal cases such as adult offenses against children, property theft and/or damage done by one family member against another or offenses against a household member.

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. They monitor compliance with orders of the court. Counselors also arrange for violation hearings for non-compliance with court orders.

## Trends in Adult Probation Services

- ◆ In FY 2012, the total case assignments decreased by 14% to 286 from 331 in FY 2011.
- ◆ No sexual offense cases were assigned in FY 2012, a decrease of 200% over two cases in FY 2011.
- ◆ There were 5 case assignments for offenses against persons in FY 2012, a 150% increase from the 2 reported in FY 2011.

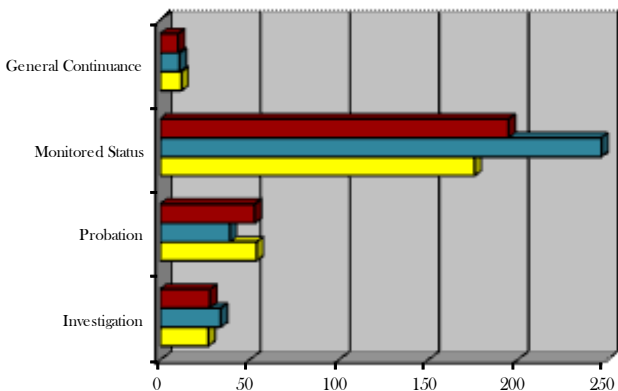


(L.to R.) *Kimberly Dexter, Joanne Hamilton, Maurice Holtz, Arnaldo Rosado, Adult Probation Officers; Naomi Cuffie-Brooks, Supervisor*

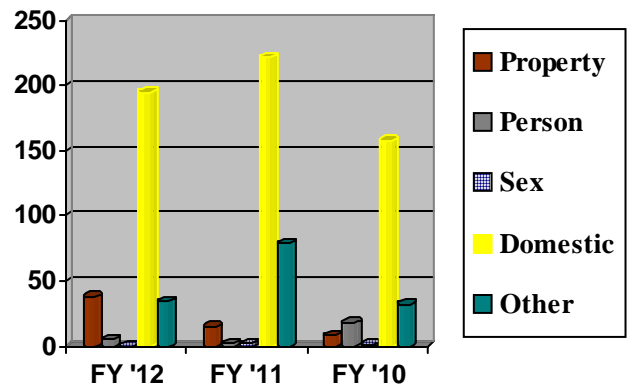
## Case Assignments by Race & Ethnicity

FY '12		FY '11	
Male	73%	Male	71%
Female	27%	Female	29%
Black	30%	Black	32%
Hispanic	28%	Hispanic	28%
White	31%	White	32%
Asian	7%	Asian	6%
Mid East	3%	Mid East	1%
Other	1%	Other	1%

## Adult Assignments by Type



## Case Assignments by Offense Type



## **Juvenile Probation Unit**

### ***Mission***

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

# JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES

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

Investigation services are provided for the following types of cases: delinquency, Children in Need of Services / Supervision (CHINS), 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, 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 2012. 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 18% to 16% of those tested. The overall number of screenings administered in FY 2012 was 367, a decrease of 1% from FY 2011.

Total Drug Screens Taken:	FY 2012	FY 2011	FY 2010
Negatives	307	303	231
Positives	60 (16%)	68 (18%)	49 (21%)
Invalid	1	1	4

### Types of Positives

Marijuana	48	65	49
Cocaine	1	2	0
Amphetamine	7	0	3
Morphine	0	0	2
Alcohol	1	1	0
K-2/Spice	2	0	N/A
Methamphetamine	1	0	0



Juvenile Unit (l to r) **Evelyn Cochis, Arthur Jean, Colin Bagwell, Niasha John, Manuel Vicens, Eric Assur, Loretia 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, Carmen Cornelison**.

# JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES

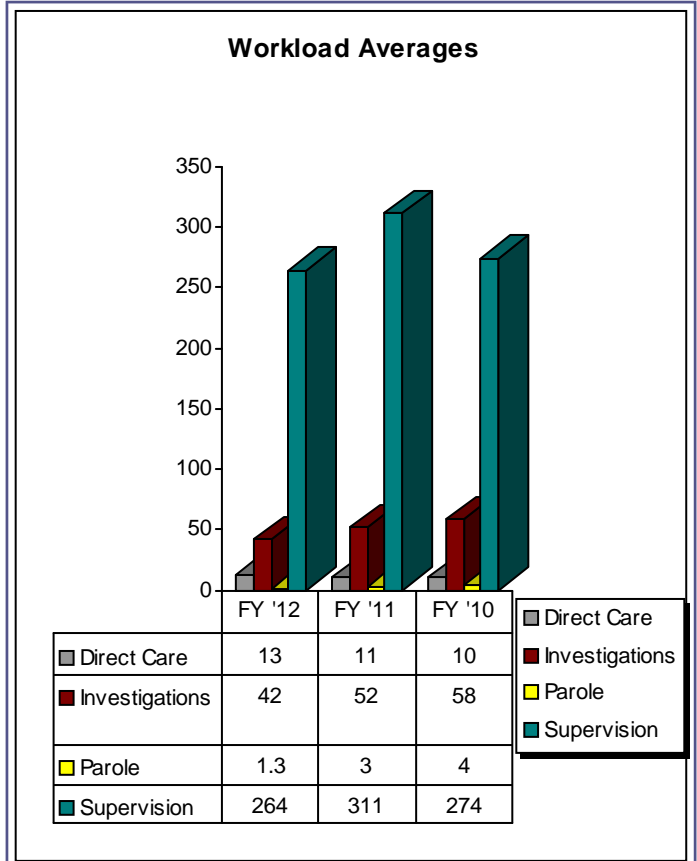
## RISK ASSESSMENT

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 has the capacity to create social histories from data entered and includes guidelines for developing case plans.

The juvenile probation unit is trained to use YASI for assessing risks, as well as 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 and to continue to practice and gain expertise in YASI application and interpretation.

The successful application of YASI is grounded in Motivational Interviewing (MI) Principles, an evidence-based method of initiating and maintaining behavioral change in individuals. It is a communication style probation officers use to increase the likelihood that juvenile offenders make lasting positive change.

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.



**Most Recent Recidivism Rates**

	Arlington		State Average	
	Parole	Probation	Parole	Probation
<b>2010 (Rearrest)</b>	8.3%	19%	46%	36.5%
<b>2009 (Reconviction)</b>	4.3%	16.3%	36.6%	24.2%

**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, 2011*

**RISK ASSESSMENT COMPARISONS**  
**Arlington—17th CSU FY 2011\***

Risk Classification	YASI Assessments	Percent
<b>Low</b>	52	36%
<b>Moderate</b>	75	51%
<b>High</b>	19	13%
<b>Total</b>	146	100%

\*FY 2012 statewide data not available at time of publication.

**Statewide Data FY 2011 \***

Risk Classification	YASI Assessments	Percent
<b>Low</b>	4,179	36%
<b>Moderate</b>	4,875	42%
<b>High</b>	2,554	22%
<b>Total</b>	11,608	100%

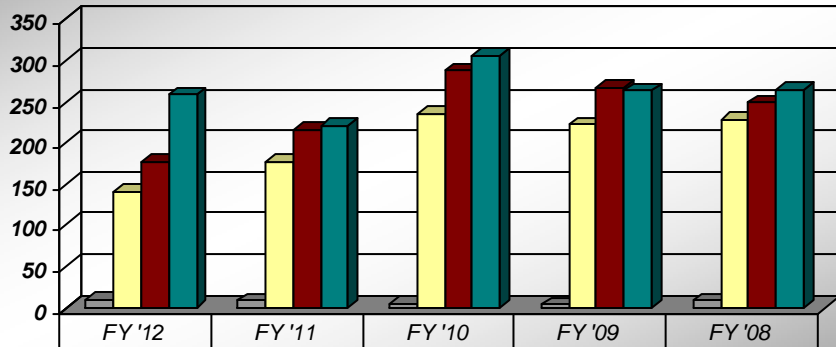
**Commitments to DJJ**

	FY '12**	FY '11**	FY '10
	16	10	11

\*\* Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, BADGE case management system



### New Assignments



■ Custody Investigation	10	9	5	4	9
■ Supervision	141	177	236	222	228
■ Social History	178	216	288	268	249
■ Suspended Imposition of Sentence	259	221	306	264	265

#### FY 2012 DEMOGRAPHICS

##### GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY:

Male:	99	(70%)
Female:	42	(30%)
Black:	45	(32%)
White:	88	(62%)
Asian/Pacific Is.:	8	(6%)

Hispanic Origin: 62 (44%)

##### ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME:

Below 10K:	19	(13%)
10K-25K:	31	(22%)
25K-40K:	37	(26%)
40K-55K:	17	(12%)
55K-70K:	11	(8%)
Above 70K:	26	(18%)

##### GRADE:

Seventh & below:	12	(9%)
Eighth:	19	(13%)
Ninth:	28	(20%)
Tenth:	35	(25%)
Eleventh:	25	(18%)
Twelfth:	10	(7%)
Graduated/No longer in school:	12	(9%)

#### New Supervision Cases

##### AGE:

Twelve & under:	10	(7%)
Thirteen:	12	(9%)
Fourteen:	16	(11%)
Fifteen:	26	(18%)
Sixteen:	36	(26%)
Seventeen & over:	41	(29%)

##### FAMILY PROFILE:

2 Natural parents:	47	(33%)
1 Natural parent:	47	(33%)
1 Natural and step parent:	42	(30%)
Other relatives:	0	(0%)
Guardian:	2	(1%)
Institution:	1	(1%)
Alone:	0	(0%)
Foster Care:	2	(1%)

##### SCHOOLS:

Career Center:	2	(1%)
Gunston:	2	(1%)
HB Woodlawn:	1	(1%)
Kenmore:	8	(6%)
New Directions:	2	(1%)
Swanson Middle:	5	(4%)
Thomas Jefferson Middle:	7	(5%)
Washington & Lee High:	24	(17%)
Wakefield High:	28	(20%)
Williamsburg Middle:	1	(1%)
Yorktown:	15	(11%)
None:	10	(7%)
Schools, Other Jurisdictions:	46	(33%)



## 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.

## Highlights of FY 2012

- Fourteen residents successfully completed the program.



—Mural painted by Argus House residents.

- During July 2011, the Argus House residents started the summer off with a sailing activity sponsored by Planet Hope, an organization that teaches sailing to disadvantaged young men. In August, they earned their annual trip to Kings Dominion. In March, they participated in Real Talk (see page 32).
- Honors earned by successful residents: (partial listing)  
 Walter Reed Senior Adult Ctr. service project (All)  
 Financial Literacy 101, financial planning (All)  
 DHS County Employment Program (2 residents)  
 Educating Youth Through Employment (6 residents)  
 Academic Excellence Award, President's List (one)

CLIENT STATUS	FY '12	FY '11	FY '10
Clients	22	22	19
Successful Clients	14	12	16
Recidivists* (rearrested within 1 year of release)	VJCCA data are not yet available.	18.2%	42.9%
Utilization Rate	79%	77%	88%

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

### FY 2012 Demographics:

Hispanic: 12 (55%)	Black: 8 (36%)	White: 0 (0%)	Asian: 1 (4.5%)	Other: 1 (4.5%)
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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.



### Therapeutic Services Statistics:

PPC Group Hours	261
Individual and Family Therapy Hours	293
Parent Group Hours	62

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

EQUIP Training	37 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)	29 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 Andrew B Ferrari Argus House program, there are tangible results.

**Aurora House** serves adolescent females 13 to 18 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 girls' adjudication as a "Child in Need of Services" or delinquent and placement in the program. However, these girls may present 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. Some girls placed at Aurora House also have histories of associations with gang members.

**Statistics:**

Referral	18
Clients served	19
Child Care Days	2,955
Average Daily Population	8.1
Completions	12
Utilization Rate	100%
Recidivists w/in 1 Year	0%

**Ethnicity:**

African American	4	(33%)
Caucasian	3	(25%)
Hispanic	5	(42%)
Asian	0	(0%)

**Age at admission to Aurora House**

13 yrs of age	3	(25%)
14 yrs of age	0	(0%)
15 yrs of age	1	(8%)
16 yrs of age	6	(50%)
17 yrs of age	2	(17%)

**Home School at time of admission**

Gunston	3	(25%)
New Directions	2	(17%)
W & L HS	2	(17%)
Wakefield HS	2	(17%)
Yorktown HS	1	(8%)
George Mason HS	1	(8%)
Minnie Howard (Alexandria)	1	(8%)

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 84%.** 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. **Four scholarships were awarded in 2012.** Aurora House has a tradition of promoting academic advancement with our **College Awareness Program**, in which 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 is an eight-month, after school, day-treatment program that 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 as they 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.

FY2012 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.

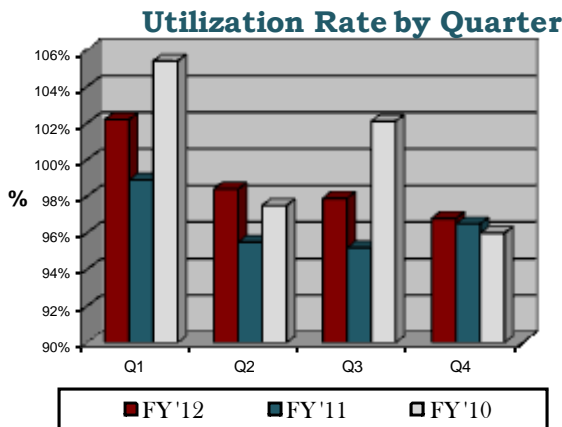


(from left:) **Houreya Refaat**, Counselor; **Tara Magee**, Program Coordinator; **Alison Kempter**, Counselor.

Staff continued to create new peer groups to target clients' specific issues. **Girls' Outreach** clients continue to provide the community with numerous hours of community service at various events, such as maintaining 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 **Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation**, which enhances the services we can provide to our clients.

Program capacity is 14 full time clients.

	FY '12	FY '11	FY '10
<b>Utilization Rate</b>	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Childcare Days</b>	<b>5,066</b>	<b>4,932</b>	<b>5,123</b>



REFERRED OFFENSES	FY '12	FY '11	FY '10
CHINS	27 (84%)	23 (74%)	25 (70%)
Delinquent	5 (16%)	8 (26%)	11 (30%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>

CLIENTS	FY '12	FY '11	FY '10
Carryovers from prior FY	14	13	13
New Clients	18	18	23
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>

CLIENT STATUS	FY '12	FY '11	FY '10
Successful Clients	13	10	11
Terminated without Completion	7	7	11
Carryovers to the next FY	12	14	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>

ETHNICITY	FY '12	FY '11	FY '10
Hispanic	19 (59%)	18 (58%)	24 (67%)
RACE	FY '12	FY '11	FY '10
Black	7 (21%)	9 (29%)	7 (19%)
White	20 (63%)	19 (61%)	26 (72%)
Asian	4 (13%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
Middle Eastern	1 (3%)	2 (6%)	2 (6%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>

# BOYS TO MEN: MOVING TOWARD MANHOOD



**1:15 p.m. Session III for Parents Library**  
**"Substance Abuse: What's a Parent To Do?"**



Alcohol and drugs can destroy the future of even the most capable young man. Sometimes, there is already a BIG problem by the time a parent realizes that anything is wrong!

This session will help parents know what to look for, how to prevent teen substance abuse and where to find help if your family is dealing with substance abuse.

Presenters: *Karen Case, Wellness & Health Promotion, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB and Vanessa Zuniga, Arlington County Substance Abuse Services*

Moderator: *Earl Conklin*

**Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
*(Generously sponsored by Whole Foods)*

**8:45 a.m. Welcome & Workshop Overview**  
*Judge Esther Wiggins*  
*Officer Patrick Gasper & Jeff Jankovich, Esquire*

**9:15 a.m. Session I for Parents Library**  
**"Who Am I & Who is My Son?"**



This session will focus on your son's developmental needs and opportunities.

**Boys to Men: Moving towards Manhood**

March 3, 2012 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Swanson Middle School  
 5800 North Washington Blvd  
 Arlington, VA

Sponsored by Arlington County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

**10:20 a.m. Session II for Parents Library**  
**"Taking Back the Power"**

This session will affirm the parent's role and authority in establishing healthy boundaries for your teen son.

Presenters: *Pastor King Rhodes & Milagros Vascones-Gatski*  
 Moderators: *Rick Strobach and Robert Vilchez*

**Session II for Young Men Big Gym**  
**"Man Up: Choices, Choices, Choices"**

This session will look at the power of choice and how it impacts decision-making, current and future relationships and the direction of our lives as MEN.

Presenters: *Kevin Smith, USMC (Retired)*  
 Moderator: *Chris Edmonds*

**11:35 a.m. Lunch featuring Jimmy Lange**  
*(Catered by El Pollo Rico)*  
**Hosted by Judge George Varoutsos**

Jimmy Lange grew up in Northern Virginia and began training as a boxer at age five (5).

He was a contestant on the first season of NBC's reality show, *The Contender*, produced and hosted by actor Sylvester Stallone and boxing champ, Sugar Ray Leonard.

Mr. Lange holds the World Boxing Union (WBU) and North American Boxing Union (NABU) Junior Middleweight titles.

Record: 38-4-2 (25 KOs)



**12:30 p.m. The Passport Experience**  
**Hosted by Colin Bagwell**

The journey from boyhood to manhood presents many choices, opportunities, trials and triumphs along the way.

Thankfully, there are resources available to help young men successfully navigate their teen years. After a brief presentation, young men and parents will visit with the individuals and organizations listed below. As you visit, think about the range of education, vocational and career options open to young men as you plan for the future.

**Participants**

- Fred Geiger, Seaport Foundation*
- Hispanic Committee of Virginia*
- Isabel Kaldenbach, Esquire*
- Meredith McKeen, Northern Virginia Family Services*
- QuRita Hunter, Northern Virginia Community College*
- Michael Swisher, Arlington Soccer Association*
- Hueytyng Reynold, Job Corps*
- Department of Parks and Recreation*
- United States Air Force*

**YOUNG MEN MUST GET AT LEAST 4 PASSPORT STAMPS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING!!!**

*A man accomplishes what he dreams, while a male dreams about what he could accomplish.*



**Real Talk Committee:**

- Judge Esther L. Wiggins
- Colin Bagwell
- Rita Brewer
- Amy Burnham
- Earl Conklin
- Chris Edmonds
- Sheila Guzman
- Cleveland James

- Lisa Laboy
- Tara Ann Magee
- Linh Nghe
- Patricia Romano
- Jessica Smith
- Rick Strobach
- Robert Vilchez
- Alyce Walker-Johnson



# CSU IN ACTION-HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

## ARLINGTON JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

*NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>*

*DONATED ITEMS WILL BENEFIT  
A-SPAN TO HELP END  
HOMELESSNESS IN ARLINGTON*

*CLEAN, GENTLY WORN COATS  
SOCKS, HATS, GLOVES,  
SCARVES, UMBRELLAS*

Contact Naomi Brooks, Faye Majette or  
Roselynn Wesley

*Drop off sites located on  
JDRC 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> floors*



*Imagine your shelter a blanket or a coat  
Thirty two degrees and calling for snow  
No house, apartment or a single room  
To call home at the end of the day  
Your home you wear upon your back  
Earthly belongings carried in a sack  
Now...just imagine that.*

What started out as a small project to get coats donated for the homeless quickly expanded into an agency wide effort. **Faye Jones Majette**, **Roselynn Wesley** and **Naomi Cuffie-Brooks** spearheaded a winter coat drive to benefit A-SPAN (Arlington Street People Assistance Network). Over 50 coats were donated with various other clothing items valued at over \$5,800. It took three trips to A-SPAN just to deliver all the donations. Sarah Morse, A-SPAN's Manager of Volunteer Program & Special Events came to the CSU to personally thank everyone for the contributions. This was a great opportunity for staff to learn about how our donations impacted needy residents of Arlington County.

Staff across the CSU joined to take leadership roles in other projects. **Shannan Moore** coordinated a canned food drive and collected 50 pounds of canned goods for the Arlington Food Bank. **Tara Magee**, in coordination with D. C. Central Kitchen, prepared holiday treat bags for at-risk youth. **Joanne Hamilton** collected gift cards which were donated to the Arlington County Foster Care Adoption Program. **Tim Coffman** collected over 60 baseball caps for children with cancer at the Children's Hospital in D. C.

The CSU team really pulled together, and our efforts stretched beyond our office. Contributions came from Arlington and Falls Church JDRC staff and families, New Directions, Doorways staff, the Circuit Court, Commonwealth Attorney, Guardian Ad Litem and many others. This effort involved many people who donated their time and energy. The Holiday Giving Project effort is estimated to be valued at \$5,950. Anyone wanting to see the CSU in action had only to look at the work, time and effort that went into reaching out to those in need. Together we all made a difference!

## COURT SERVICES AWARD—OPTIMIST CLUB



*COURT SERVICES AWARD presented to Timothy Coffman  
For Distinguished and Dedicated Service by the Optimist Club of Arlington,  
June 6, 2012*

“**Tim Coffman** started as juvenile probation officer 27 years ago in 1985. In the past 27 years, Tim has received 8 recognition awards from his colleagues for going the extra mile to assist whenever needed. Tim is the one who is the first to volunteer to take on extra duties when needed. He frequently has ideas or suggestions to help improve services to citizens served by the Court. He has a very positive attitude and is always willing to give a helping hand.

“Tim coordinates the Public Relations program within the CSU. He reaches out to the community to give presentations on the Juvenile Justice System in Arlington and educate participants about inappropriate behaviors that can result in serious consequences. Tim gives presentations at Arlington Public Schools, local colleges and universities, civic associations, and anyone else that seeks information about the juvenile justice system.

In 1988 Tim began giving tours of the Court to groups of Arlington school students. The tours have expanded to include groups from foreign countries and dignitaries. He helps train and provides orientation of the court system to new interns and employees.

“In addition to his full time work and being involved in the activities of his three children, Tim is a coach and mentor for youth in the community. He has worked with the Annandale/North Springfield Boys and Girls Club and the National Coaches Association. He is involved with a project that recruits and trains mentors for young people.

“Tim’s work with families that come before the Court is to be commended, as he is dedicated to the families and assisting the young people on his caseload to make better choices. Tim’s personnel file is two inches thick; and 1 3/4 of it are thank you letters and letters of gratitude for the work he did with families and the time he has spent engaging in the community. Tim has had a positive impact on many young lives in and around Arlington County and is to be commended for his commitment and dedication to helping youth make positive choices.”

## 2012 ALLIES IN PREVENTION AWARD



*Honoree **Erick T. King** (center) with Keynote Speaker **Judge Stephen Rideout** and emcee **Leon Harris**  
from ABC7 / WJLA-TV  
10th Annual Allies in Prevention Awards Luncheon, March 28, 2012*

“**Erick T. King** is living proof that one person - or in his case, two brothers - can forever change a community. In 2008, with his brother Isaac, Erick founded the Capital Youth Empowerment Program, or CYEP. Erick is a probation officer in Arlington County, as well as a local business owner. He and his brother saw a void in the community when it came to treatment options for fathers involved in domestic violence, CPS and child abuse & neglect cases.

“As his nominator notes, Erick “saw a need in the community and built an organization to address it.” Investing their own money and time, the brothers made a commitment to make a difference through CYEP’s Fathers In Touch Program, which provides a 12-week fatherhood class along with three coordinated group activities—at NO COST to families—to help dads find support from their peers and strengthen their parenting skills.

“Less than four years since its launch, Erick’s program has helped more than 200 children and families in Alexandria and Fairfax, empowering fathers to be responsible, committed and nurturing parents and inspiring them to take on active roles in the lives of their children. Erick’s private company, King Brothers & Associates, has also provided affordable housing for families previously in low-income housing projects or homeless shelters.

“In 2010, CYEP won the NAACP Community Service Award in Alexandria and Fairfax. Earlier this month, the Northern Virginia Urban League honored Erick with the Next Generation of Leadership Award. But you don’t need to hear a list of awards to understand Erick’s impact. Just talk to any of the men who have gone through the program—they’ll express gratitude for the rare opportunity to find support, to talk openly about the unique challenges of fatherhood, and for the opportunity to pass on that strength to other men in the community.”

# 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 2012, 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 116 clients during this fiscal year (-4% from FY11), with each client receiving an average of 2 different services over the course of the year.

## ARGUS HOUSE

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

## GIRLS' OUTREACH

Psychological Services 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 2012, externs and interns worked a total of 689 hours (including training and supervision) and provided services to a total of 51 clients.** Many of these clients received multiple services, such as group and family therapy.

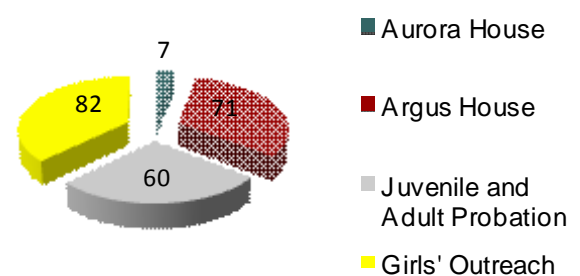
## BILINGUAL SERVICES

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

## 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 2012 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

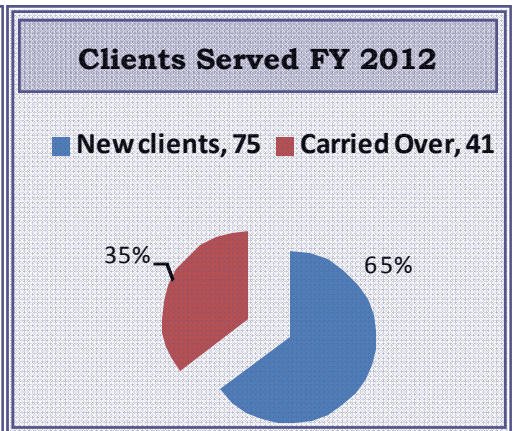
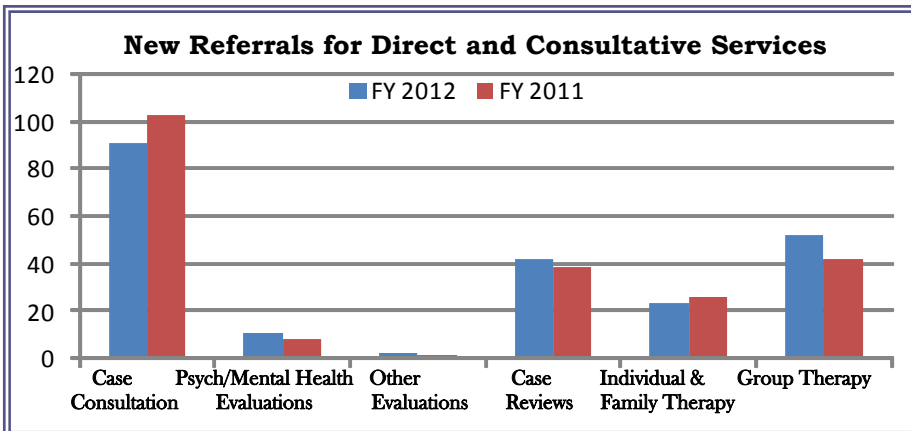
- ◆ Individual consultation on client mental health issues
- ◆ Training in mental health issues
- ◆ Identification and coordination of outside treatment and evaluation resources
- ◆ Training and supervision in group therapy

# PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

## All Direct and Consultative Services Provided in FY 2012

(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	FY 2012 Totals	FY 2011 Totals / per cent change
<b>Case Consultation</b>	6	33	46	6	91	103/ -12%
<b>Case Reviews</b>	42	0	0	0	42	38/ +11%
<b>Psychological/ Mental Health Evaluations</b>	10	0	0	0	10	8/ +25%
<b>Other Evaluations</b> (i.e. sex offender, competence)	1	0	1	N/A	2	1/ +100%
<b>Evaluations by Outside Psychologists</b>					19	17/ +12%
<b>Individual &amp; Family Therapy</b>	1	16	5	1	23	26/ -12%
<b>Group Therapy</b> (parent groups, Argus therapy groups, gang prevention & STAR/EQUIP)	N/A	22	30	N/A	52	42/ +24%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>235/ +2%</b>



## Outcomes of Direct Services in FY 2012

Service	Completed	Did not complete	Referral withdrawn or not accepted	Total
<b>Evaluations</b> (includes evaluations referred out)	29	0	3	32
<b>Individual &amp; Family Therapy</b>	11	1	1	13
<b>Group Therapy</b> (includes parent groups & STAR/EQUIP)	42	5	0	47
<b>FY 2012 TOTALS</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>FY 2011 TOTALS</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>% change from FY11</b>	<b>+28%</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>+100%</b>	<b>+24%</b>

## 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, speaks 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 from the juvenile justice system. 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 2012 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 **Northwestern Virginia Community College, Westwood College, American University, Marymount University, and George Mason University**, and student interns of JDRC's **Judges' Chambers**. Most of these students were interested in entering the criminal justice 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 Nottingham Elementary Schools** hosted presentations on the topics of "bullying" and transitioning into middle school. At **Kenmore Middle School**, the topic was the role of the court system.

Community groups and service providers also make requests. In FY 2012, the **Arlington Career Center** requested several presentations, including "Making Choices for the Future." The **Fairlington Civic Association** meeting focused on high school age students and the court.

Any individual or group interested in participating 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 any audience need.

## 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 2012.

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. During 2012 significant book donations were received from **Christ Church United Methodist**. Donated books may be new or used.

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 services unit.

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.

During FY 2012 **more than 5,000 books were received in donations; 2,150 books were distributed** through Project Open Book; and **1,450 books were donated to the Right to Read Foundation** to support their literacy program in Sierra Leone, Africa. (See p. 37.)



Children of **Sierra Leone**, Africa, gathering to receive books donated to the **Right to Read Foundation** by **JDRC's Project Open Book**. See program description on facing page.

# PARTNERS

The **Partners** program was first presented during FY 2012. “**Partnering with the Court System**” was developed by Intake Officer **Marianna Rouse**, with the objective of introducing parents to the court system and developing a collaborative environment to foster cooperation between the parents and the juvenile court system.



*Intake Officer,  
Marianna Rouse*

Program goals include:

- Provide a forum in which parents of court-involved juveniles can gain and share information regarding involvement in the juvenile justice system.
- Increase parental understanding of the juvenile justice process and the parent’s role in holding juveniles accountable and modeling cooperation with the Court.
- Increase parental engagement, commitment and cooperation in the court process.
- Increase parents’ ability to effectively manage and support their court-involved juvenile.
- Support the development of parenting skills that will complement and strengthen the limits and expectations set by the Court for court-involved youth.
- Decrease juvenile recidivism by increasing parental involvement and support.

The program held five sessions consisting of two groups each. The majority of attendees reported improved understanding and confidence in the following areas:

- Court processes
- Roles of professionals
- Interactions with probation officers
- Benefits of the court process
- Enforcing rules and boundaries
- Communication with the court and probation
- Working cooperatively and being part of the decision making process with probation.

<b>Partners</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
<b>Referrals</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Spanish speaking</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>English speaking</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Completions</b>	<b>14</b>

# STAFF TRAINING

In FY 2012, JDRC management and staff attended 335 courses for a total of 2,407 training hours. On an average, each staff member attended 38 training hours.

The purpose of the **Training** program is to provide 20 hours of in-house training per year to staff. During FY 2012 the program hosted 31 hours of in-house training. The program is coordinated by probation officer **Rita Brewer**, who is responsible for the following:

- Surveying staff for their training interests and needs
- Coordinating locations for training
- Maintaining contact with the Department of Juvenile Justice regarding DJJ sponsored training
- Distributing the Arlington County training schedule
- Informing 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. Highlights from FY 2012 include:

- **Mongolian Community**— a cultural overview, provided by CS University and the **Mongolian Community Association**.
- **HealthSmart’s** “Spa for the Soul”
- Conduct Disorder in Children and Adolescents, taught by Dr. Abby Marsh, **Georgetown Univ.**
- **Institute for Family Center** presentation on life skills training for adolescents in re-entry.
- **DHS Family Partnerships**; Parks and Recreation update, and **CASA** presentation.
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth, presentation by Kevin Nunley and Phil Hicks of **PFLAG**.
- New Designer Drug “25i”, presented by **Kim Dexter**
- “**I AM**” movie, provided by the CSU
- **CANS** Recertification, on-line training.
- “Brown Bag Lunch” YASI Update, taught by probation supervisors **Faye Jones and Shannan Moore**
- “**Colors Personality Training**”, presented by Sandra Brody, HR training officer
- Update for use of conference room equipment.



*Probation Officer,  
Rita Brewer*



# BASICS OF SAFE DRIVING

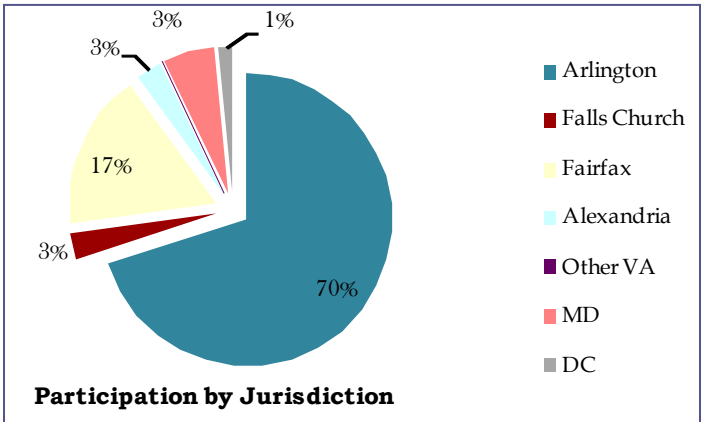
The **Basics of Safe Driving Program** was established in 1996 to increase driving awareness and enhance the driving skills of inexperienced young drivers. The program encourages and supports ongoing parental involvement in supervising and monitoring their teen drivers. Parents are required to accompany 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 2012, Probation Officer **Manuel Vicens** coordinated the program.



Probation Officer **Manuel Vicens** facilitated the *Basics of Safe Driving Program* in FY 2012.

Typical referrals from court include first-time traffic offenders who have received tickets for speeding, failure to obey stop signs and driving without an operator's license. Those who successfully complete the program pay the 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: \$1,700    Certificates Presented: 70**  
 Males: 50    Females: 20  
 Hispanic: 13    Non-Hispanic: 57  
 White: 57; Asian: 2; Black: 7; Middle Eastern: 1; Other:

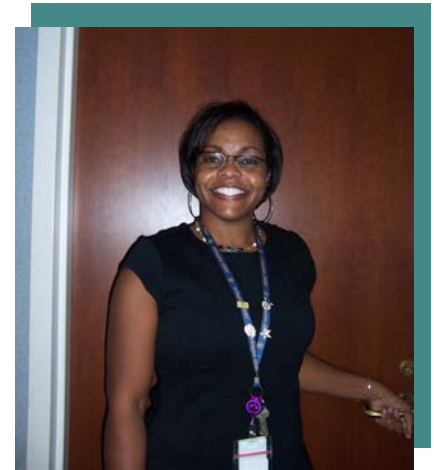


Teen drivers have the highest crash/fatality rate of any other driver, and crashes are a leading cause of death for teens. Drivers under the age of 18 who have held their licenses for less than a year are only permitted to have one passenger under 18 (excluding siblings). They are restricted from driving 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 2013. There were four groups held in FY 2012, a decrease of 20% over FY 2011. The number of parents/guardians attending in FY 2012 decreased 33% over FY 2011; the percentage of parents/guardians completing in FY 2012 increased 7% over FY 2011.



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

**FY 2012 TAG Groups Held: 4**  
 Number of Parents/Guardians referred: 36  
 Number of Parents/Guardians attended: 20  
 Percentage of Parents/Guardians completing: 70%

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 2012.**

Gangs are transient and mobile in nature. As the result of an 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 2012, Messrs. Bagwell and Vilchez attended numerous trainings in the Northern Virginia area which allowed them to remain up-to-date with trends both regionally and nationally. Mr. Vilchez attended the Border Violence and Changing Landscape in Mexico training in Prince William County Virginia, and the Attorney General’s Office Gang Prevention’s training in Alexandria Virginia. Additionally, Mr. Vilchez completed the Yahoo Digital Course in Washington DC.

**Mr. Vilchez** made presentations and gave press conferences at Arlington community centers and public schools, as well as at other venues in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties, and Maryland, including Leadership of Arlington, the United States Naval Academy, Northern Virginia Family Service, Culmore Teen Center, Fairfax County Government Center, the Andrew B Ferrari Argus House, and the Arlington YMCA. He also presented to a delegation of congressmen from Honduras on behalf of the Regional Gang Task Force. 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 organizations through workshops and trainings.*

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

During FY 2012, in order to enhance communications between the CSU and the Police, **members of this program conducted four 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 lasted approximately four to six hours.**

As part of the ride-alongs, staff meet with juveniles who are at-risk and gang involved. In addition, home visits were performed 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 CHINS supervision, probation, parole and house arrest at random unscheduled times. Probation Officer **Colin Bagwell** directed the program.

Highlights include: **25 probation/parole violations were handled** either judicially or non-judicially; **in 18 instances no new criminal charges** were filed; **in 72 instances, juveniles received a violation or graduated sanction.**

**Thirty-one PACE** checks were performed, resulting in **335 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 from the community who have an interest in the probation and parole aspects of the justice system or who want to assist the administrative staff of the Court Services Unit.

Those 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 page: [www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/JuvenileDomesticRelations/JuvenileDomesticCourtMain.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/JuvenileDomesticRelations/JuvenileDomesticCourtMain.aspx)

### Special points of interest:

- ◆ Probation Inquiries Received: **26**
- ◆ Probation Interns Placed: **5**
- ◆ Total Hours Worked: **3,791**  
*An increase of 14% over FY 2011.*
- ◆ Value to CSU: **\$80,976\***  
*An increase of 17% over FY 2011.*

*\*Based upon the average national rate of \$21.36 determined by the Virginia Employment Commission, an increase of 18% over FY 2011.*

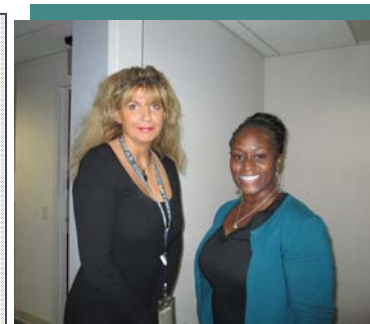
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Matthew Kaye	Argus House	Michelle Thomas	Argus House
Helen Costas	Psychological Services		
Samantha Moskowitz (Law)	Judges' Chambers		
<b>MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY</b>		<b>GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY</b>	
Jacqueline Campa	Probation	Shonnetta Johnson-Perez	Probation
Jessica Lopez	Probation	Diana Zarick (Law)	Judges' Chambers
Catherine Martocci	Argus House		
<b>UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW</b>		<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>	
Alexander Lawson	Judges' Chambers	Claudia Eberhart	Girls' Outreach
Richard Kassner	Judges' Chambers	Andrew Wellman	Argus House
		Rachell Stoll	Probation
		Jordan Lawi	Probation
<b>AMERICAN UNIVERSITY</b>			
Gianna Bove	Argus House		

# 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. 21 for details.) Substance Abuse Specialists **Niasha John** and **Kim Dexter** 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 participants.

### FY 2012 Services

Assessments	7
Education Groups:	
Girls' Outreach	10
Argus House	10



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

# SHOPLIFTER • COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Shoplifter Program, a diversion and court-referral program, implemented in FY 1997 for first-time petit larceny offenders. It 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 the material presented and complete a community service assignment. The program is modeled on a successful one developed by the CSU in Chesterfield, Virginia. Those who fail to appear for the program are referred to court for formal prosecution.

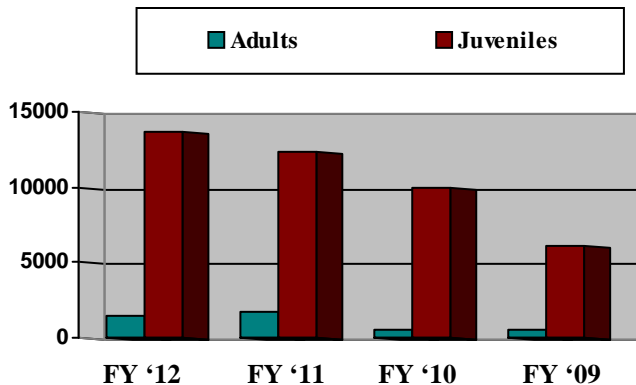


*Oswaldo Castillo (left), DDP Counselor  
Lisa Laboy (center) Shoplifter Program Coordinator,  
A-Hakim Khandoker (right), Administrative Assistant*

## FY 2012 Demographic Data

Males: 63	Females: 63
White: 15	Asian: 3
Black: 95	Hispanic: 13
Total Number of Referrals: 128	
Number Attended: 107	
Average Age: 16	
Total Amount Stolen: \$ 26,640	
Average Amount Stolen: \$ 211	

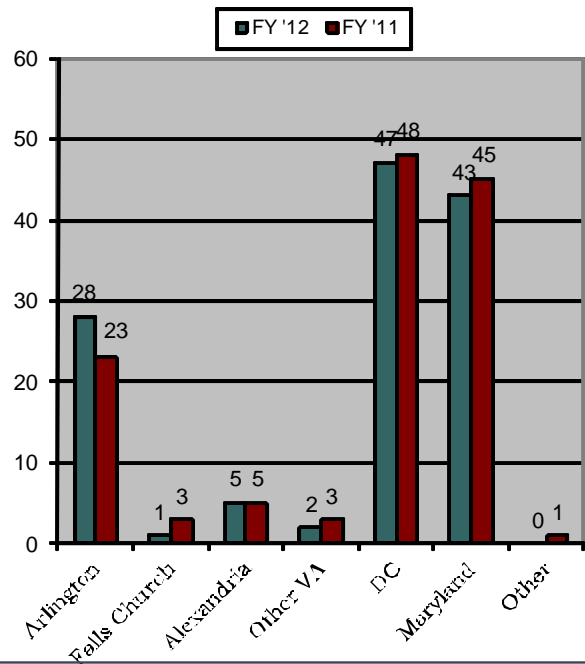
## Community Service Hours



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 by 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 to find placements that consider school and work schedules and that match the community service requirements with a requested need in the community.

<b>Youth Participating</b>	276
Community Service Hours	13,688
Value to Community @\$5.15/hr	\$70,493.20
<b>Adults Participating</b>	40
Community Service Hours @ \$12.91/hr	1,423
Value to Community	\$18,370.93

## 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 offenders 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 2012 total restitution paid was \$18,852.70.

# TRUANCY

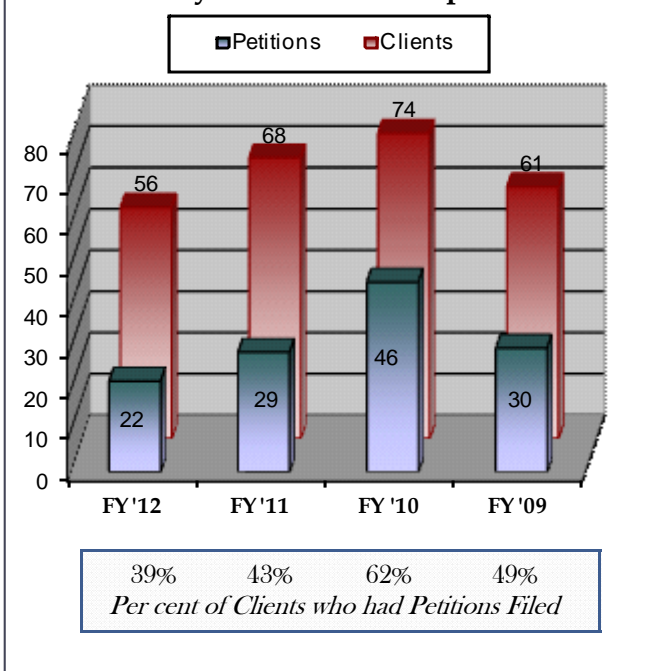
The Truancy Program was created in FY 2001 following amendments to §22.1-258 of the Code of Virginia. This law requires schools to address attendance issues following 5 unexcused absences. Absences are addressed through contacts and conferences with parents.

Issues related to truancy are brought before the Intake Unit by the Schools following 7 unexcused absences. Parents and students attend an interagency meeting with the truancy coordinator, staff from the Department of Human Services, and personnel from the school the student attends.

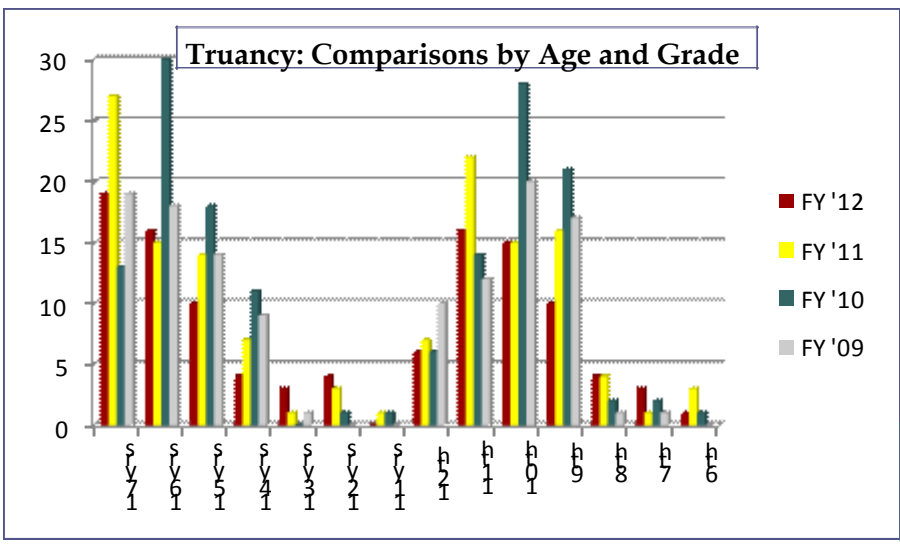
Following these meetings, the team revisits the remedies taken. Families involved with the Truancy Program are referred to the Community Assessment Team if necessary. If there are continued student absences without parental permission, the student will be brought before a judge of the Juvenile & Domestic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

In FY 2012, 52% of truants were female, 48% male.

### Truancy: Fiscal Year Comparisons

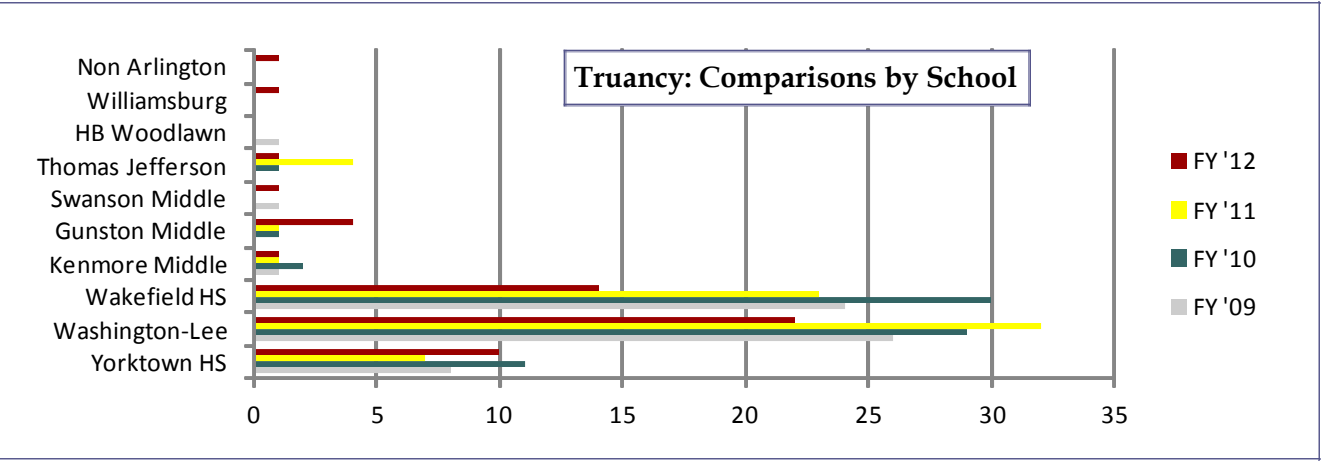


### Truancy: Comparisons by Age and Grade



Probation Officers **LaRetia Davis** and **Amy Ashley** coordinated the Truancy program in FY 2012.

### 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's goal is to assist the client in improving academic and behavioral standing in their school setting. Further, it assists the Probation Unit in monitoring clients for compliance with court orders and rules of probation/supervision.

All three public high schools in Arlington County use the SPC Program. There are two counselors each at Wakefield High School, Washington-Lee High School, and Yorktown High School. During FY 2012, probation officer **Carmen Cornelison** facilitated the program.

The program served 47 youth during the 2011-2012 school year. Of this total, 29 clients (62%) were male, 18 clients (38%) were female. Delinquent supervisions were 24; 23 were Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS).

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



*School Probation Counselor Program Coordinator, **Carmen Cornelison**, Probation Officer*

	FY '12	FY '11	FY '10
<b>School Information</b>			
Number Clients Served:	47	76	72
School Information Requests:	26	31	30
<b>Schools</b>			
Wakefield HS:	22	34	27
Washington-Lee HS:	17	25	30
Yorktown:	8	15	20
<b>Demographics FY 2012</b>			
White: 33	Asian: 0	Hispanic: 28	
Black: 12	Arabic: 1	Non-Hispanic: 19	

# VICTIM AWARENESS



*Program Coordinators, **Eric Assur** and **Maurice Holtz***

The Court Services Unit initiated the **Victim Awareness Program** in July of 2001. The program presents an overview of the Restorative Justice concept and encourages 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 2012, five sessions were held. The program helped 47 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.

## Program Participation Comparisons

	FY 2012	FY 2011	FY 2010
REFERRALS	55	73	96
SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS	47	83	70

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.

# CLERK'S OFFICE

NEW CASES	FY '12	FY '11	% +/-
<b><u>JUVENILE</u></b>			
TRAFFIC	209	182	15%
DELINQUENCY	1,386	1,623	-15%
CUSTODY/VISITATION	1,052	1,059	-1%
STATUS OFFENSES	132	135	-2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,779</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>-7%</b>

## **DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

MISDEMEANORS	505	460	10%
FELONIES	76	89	-15%
CAPIAS/SHOW CAUSE	473	482	-2%
CIVIL SUPPORT	706	641	10%
CRIMINAL SUPPORT	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>5%</b>

## **TOTAL NEW/CONTINUED CASES**

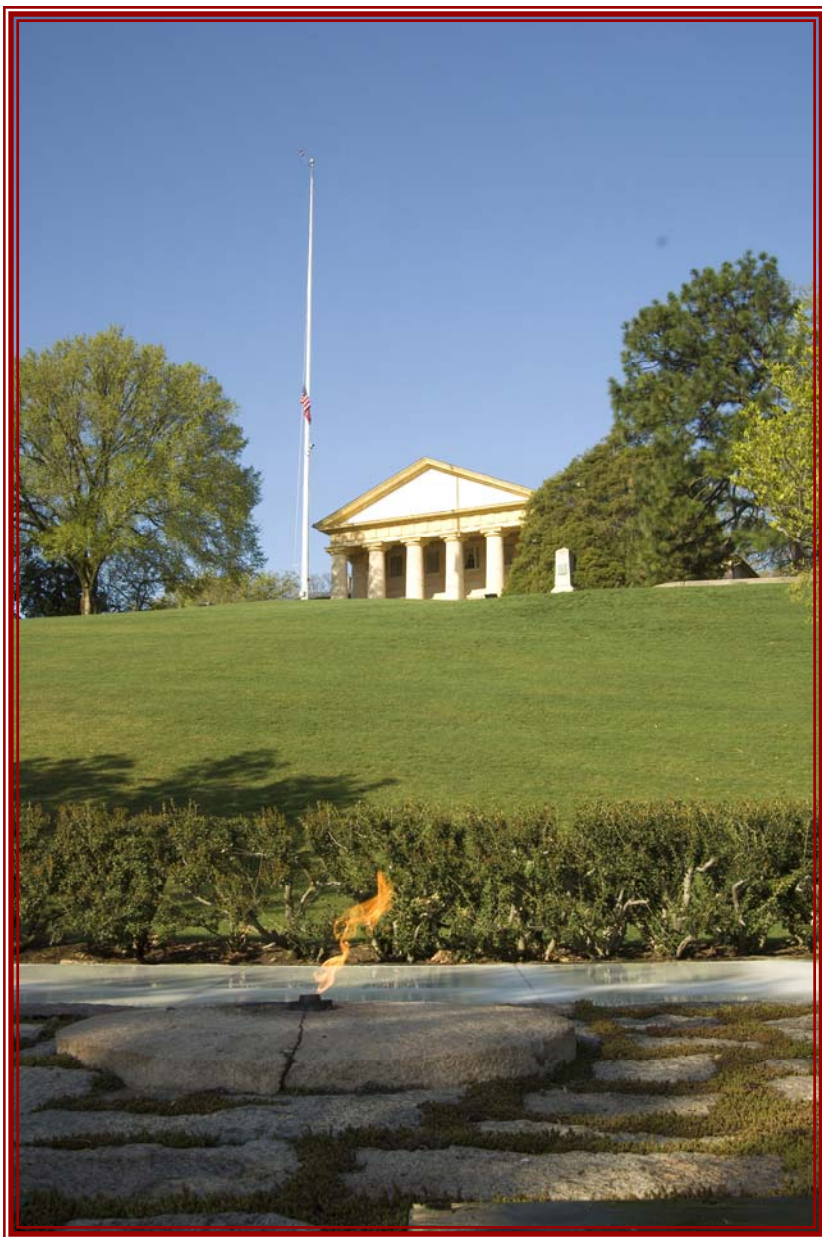
JUVENILE	7,775	8,171	-5%
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	7,065	4,595	54%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,840</b>	<b>12,766</b>	<b>16%</b>

## **HEARING RESULTS**

WAIVED JUVENILE	45	52	-13%
FINAL JUVENILE	2,976	3,150	-6%
FINAL DOMESTIC RELATIONS	1,923	1,752	10%
CONTINUED JUVENILE	4,754	4,969	-4%
CONTINUED DOMESTIC RELATIONS	2,839	2,843	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,537</b>	<b>12,766</b>	<b>-2%</b>



*Clerk Staff (l to r): Beatriz Porras, Darcee King, Shirley Arteaga, Joyce Janeway, Carol Kowalski, Natasha Cruz, Deputy Clerks; Amy Burnham, Clerk*



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