

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Youth Courts Component Budget Summary

Component: Youth Courts

Contribution to Department's Mission

This component provides funding for statewide youth court grants across the state. These youth courts provide early intervention and serve as a community-based diversion program to youth who have been referred to juvenile probation for misdemeanor charges, District Court for status offenses, and school suspensions. The mission of the Division of Juvenile Justice is to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime. Youth courts assist the division in carrying out this mission.

Core Services

- Provide front-end accountability for first-time low level juvenile offenders

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$848,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

The additional influx of federal dollars (hard earmark) that the division received in FY2006 has given the youth court program the opportunity to expand and increase training and technical assistance. The major challenge continues to be how to expand upon the existing services and build infrastructure while ensuring sustainable services with this one-time federal grant. Developing sustainable resources for youth courts in rural communities has been difficult.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

In FY2010, the division will work closely with the grantees to ensure their reliance on the federal funding has been sustained by other resources as this earmark will be expended in FY2011.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

- In FY2008 the Division's Youth Court and Community Panel Grant Program provided funding for 15 youth courts and community panels around the state, as well as funding for technical assistance and training through the United Youth Courts of Alaska. Youth courts and community panels provided services in Anchorage, Delta Junction, Juneau, Kenai/Homer, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Mat-Su, Nome, Fairbanks, St. Michael, Sitka, King Cove, Valdez, Bethel and Wrangell. These 15 communities handled a total of 643 delinquency cases and over 603 status offense cases. Youth courts and community panels received referrals from the Division of Juvenile Justice for first and second time non-violent misdemeanor cases. They also received an increasing number of referrals from the District Court as part of a diversion effort for first time violators of the Minor Consuming Alcohol statute.
- The statewide Youth Court Conference, held in Seattle, hosted over 150 participants. The conference was coordinated through United Youth Court of Alaska and its youth members with the University of Washington.
- The direct benefit of utilizing youth courts and community panels as a diversionary program can be seen in

both the Division and the District Court through an increased level of offender accountability, a reduction in non-compliant episodes, and a reduction in adjustments with letters to non-violent misdemeanants.

- The Division of Juvenile Justice Youth Court Program Manager, along with Juvenile Probation Officers and members of the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, assisted with training and program development for Youth Courts.
- Division staff involvement in the development, training and sustainability of youth courts has increased.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010(7) Administration of Welfare, Social Services & Institutions

AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors

AS 47.14.030 Juvenile Institutions

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Youth Courts Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	36.9	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	3.8	50.0	50.0
73000 Services	1.5	50.0	50.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	451.7	748.0	748.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	493.9	848.0	848.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	221.8	568.5	568.5
1004 General Fund Receipts	272.1	279.5	279.5
Funding Totals	493.9	848.0	848.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	221.8	568.5	568.5
Restricted Total		221.8	568.5	568.5
Total Estimated Revenues		221.8	568.5	568.5

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	279.5	568.5	0.0	848.0
FY2010 Governor	279.5	568.5	0.0	848.0