

**State of Alaska
FY2006 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 community-based diversion program to youth who have been referred to juvenile probation for misdemeanor charges or the court for municipal violations. The mission of the Division of Juvenile Justice is to address juvenile crime by promoting accountability, public safety and skill development; these youth courts help to carry out this mission.

Core Services

The core services include a grant to the United Youth Courts of Alaska. This entity subgrants to various youth courts across the state. Youth courts perform a critical function in the state's juvenile justice service array. The number of youth referred to youth courts during FY 2003 was 923 or approximately 14% of the total number of referrals received by the Division and 642 or 10% of the total referrals received by the Division in FY 2004.

Youth court sub-grantees of United Youth Courts of Alaska include:

- Anchorage Youth Court
- Delta Youth Court
- Juneau Youth Court
- Kenai Peninsula Youth Court
- Ketchikan Youth Court
- Kodiak Teen Court
- Mat-Su Youth Court
- Nome Youth Court
- North Star Youth Court
- Valdez Youth Court
- Wrangell Youth Court

The primary activities and services provided to the state through Alaska's youth court include:

- * Community-based training and technical assistance (training offered by state and national trainers)
- * First and second time misdemeanor cases are diverted from Juvenile Probation
- * District court diverts juvenile alcohol and tobacco cases
- * Monitor community service ordered by Youth Court
- * Monitor restitution payments ordered by Youth Court
- * Youth volunteer and receive training on the legal, court and juvenile justice systems
- * Victim services such as mediation, community work service, and restitution are offered
- * Youth receive immediate consequences for offenses they have committed
- * Offending youth make timely restoration to the victim and/or community
- * Referrals for drug and alcohol education classes
- * Adult community volunteers are actively involved in mentoring youth (lawyers, judges, educators, parents and other community members)
- * School referrals for alternatives to suspension

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results									
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Key Component Challenges

The major challenge at this time is lack of flexibility with these funds. There are times that other services may need to receive funding based on data and needs of the client populations served by the division. These other services may include, but are not limited to, non-secure shelters, other alternate living arrangements, counseling, support or skill development services for both youth and parents, etc. Needs may change from year to year and based on the data that is collected within the division, there may be more need in one area than another.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

It is the intent of the Division of Juvenile Justice to have this component combined with the probation service component to allow for more flexibility in how these funds are spent. The division will continue to track costs for the youth courts.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

In FY2004 the Youth Court and Community Panel Program provided funding for eleven youth courts and community panels around the state. Youth courts and community panels existed in Anchorage, Delta Junction, Juneau, Kenai/Homer, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Wasilla, Nome, Fairbanks, Valdez and Wrangell. These eleven communities handled a total of 735 delinquency cases and 292 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.

Overall, there are approximately 2,000 volunteers and 32 paid staff for youth courts. During FY04, a total of \$12,989 was ordered in restitution; \$9,667 was paid (74%). Community work service hours ordered was 23,546; a total of 18,938 (80%) was performed.

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.

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

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	308.3	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	308.3	0.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	28.8	0.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	279.5	0.0
Funding Totals	0.0	308.3	0.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	0.0	28.8	0.0
Restricted Total		0.0	28.8	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	28.8	0.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	279.5	28.8	0.0	308.3
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer Funding from Youth Court Component to Probation Services	-279.5	-28.8	0.0	-308.3
FY2006 Governor	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0