

**State of Alaska
FY2007 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 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

Youth courts perform a critical function in the state's juvenile justice service array. The number of youth referred to youth courts during FY05 was or approximately 11% of the total number of referrals received by the Division. In FY04, these numbers were 642 youth referred or 10% of the total referrals received by the Division.

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, freeing up juvenile probation officer time for more serious cases warranting court intervention and more intensive monitoring
- ⌚ 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, restitution are offered by some sites
- ⌚ Offending youth receive timely 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

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2007 Component Budget: \$848,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Due to a one-time influx of federal dollars (hard earmark), the major challenge at this time will be to expand upon existing services and build infrastructure while ensuring the ability to provide sustainable services with this one-time federal grant.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

Review and refine ability to measure outcomes obtained from youth courts in Alaska and expand the ability to provide a similar service in more rural locations across the state.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

In FY05 the Youth Court and Community Panel 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 existed in Anchorage, Delta Junction, Juneau, Kenai/Homer, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Mat-Su, Nome, Fairbanks, North Slope Borough, St. Michael, Sitka, King Cove, Valdez and Wrangell. These 15 communities handled a total of 645 delinquency cases and over 200 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 2500 volunteers and 45 staff for youth courts.

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
7AAC 78 Grant Programs

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**Youth Courts
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	50.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	50.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	310.4	308.3	748.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	310.4	308.3	848.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	56.8	28.8	568.5
1004 General Fund Receipts	253.6	279.5	279.5
Funding Totals	310.4	308.3	848.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	56.8	28.8	568.5
Restricted Total		56.8	28.8	568.5
Total Estimated Revenues		56.8	28.8	568.5

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	279.5	28.8	0.0	308.3
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer Federal Authority from Delinquency Prevention Component for Federal Grant	0.0	539.7	0.0	539.7
FY2007 Governor	279.5	568.5	0.0	848.0