



JUDICIAL BRANCH

BRANCH PURPOSE

- To resolve disputes involving civil or personal rights and to determine the guilt of persons accused of crimes.
- To create and sustain a full range of alternatives to incarceration for both pre- and post-conviction adult and juvenile populations.
- To advocate for victims of crime and arrange for or provide services and financial compensation.
- To effectively resolve family and interpersonal conflicts through a comprehensive program of negotiation, mediation, evaluation and education.
- To provide safe and secure custody, treatment and rehabilitative services for children and families through the juvenile justice system.
- To enforce, review and adjust child support orders.
- To maintain secure and safe conditions in courthouses and other Judicial Branch facilities.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Drug Intervention Program

The Judicial Branch introduced a new model to address the treatment needs of drug dependent persons who have been charged with a crime – the Drug Intervention Program. This program provides treatment, supervision and judicial monitoring. It also expands the treatment options available to drug-dependent persons at all stages of a criminal case. It will reach a larger number of defendants who need drug treatment than was possible under the old “Drug Court” program that served only a very small percentage of those offenders.

Interpreter Initiative

April 2004, the Judicial Branch initiated a major program to quantify the need for court interpreters. This tracking program, begun as a pilot program in New Haven, will track the usage of court interpreters and will allow the Branch to analyze how many interpreters are needed during what times and in which courthouses. This compliments the Branch’s on-going effort to standardize the quality of its interpreters by utilizing a National Center for State Courts program to train and certify its interpreters.

Detention Center Accreditation

The Judicial Branch’s efforts to improve mental health services for its juveniles, again, received national attention through a second accreditation of its juvenile detention centers in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford. The accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) followed the recognition by the American Correctional Association (ACA). As a result, Connecticut is the only state-operated juvenile detention system in the country that is fully and duly accredited by the ACA and the NCCHC.

Improving the Attorney Grievance Process

On January 1, 2004, substantial revisions to the attorney grievance process took effect, with the goal of improving the attorney discipline process. Among the revisions was the creation of a disciplinary counsel to investigate and pursue all cases before the Statewide Grievance Committee in which probable cause of misconduct is found. The Branch hired bar counsel to assist members of the public in pursuing complaints against lawyers.

Judicial Branch Award Winning Website/E-Filing

The National Center for State Courts has recognized the excellence of the Judicial Branch’s website by placing it within the nation’s top ten court websites. The Branch’s website offers multiple services to lawyers and members of the public. These services include: case look-ups that provide information on civil, family, housing and small claims matters; information for jurors who have been

summoned to jury duty; court forms; a listing of job opportunities with the Judicial Branch; and a directory of courthouses and court personnel. In addition, the Branch, in July 2004, implemented e-filing, which allows certain court documents to be filed via the internet.

Multisystemic Therapy

When a review of the services that the Judicial Branch was providing for juveniles showed that improvements were needed, the Branch began implementing Multisystemic Therapy (MST). This is community-based, family-driven treatment for serious, violent and chronic juvenile offenders, ages 12 to 17. Its focus is on empowering parents to solve current and future problems related to a child’s family, peers, school and neighborhood.

Demystifying the Courts

- Under the leadership of Chief Justice William J. Sullivan and Chief Court Administrator Joseph H. Pellegrino, the Judicial Branch has made the demystification of its courts one of its top priorities. The success of this initiative has been exhibited in many ways over the past year. For example, the number of school children and citizens who participate in the Supreme Court Tour Program has increased.
- Another example is in the Jury Outreach Program. Its purpose is to promote awareness and support the likelihood that young adults will respond to jury summonses and serve on juries. A classroom education program has been developed for high school students and several schools have participated in the program.
- The celebration of Law Day serves as an important way to demystify the court system. The Judicial Branch, each year, develops a Law Day program to educate individuals about the state court system. In 2004, the American Bar Association recognized the Connecticut Judicial Branch as having one of the top Law Day programs in the nation.
- In addition, both the Supreme and Appellate Courts held oral arguments at schools throughout the state to provide students with the opportunity to observe appellate proceedings, under the Supreme and Appellate “court on tour” programs. Recently, the Supreme Court heard arguments at Eastern Connecticut State University, and the Appellate Court heard cases at Fairfield Preparatory School and Fairfield University. The judges and court staff worked closely with the hosting institutions to ensure an enriching and valuable experience for their students and for members of the public.

RECOMMENDED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Reductions to Current Services	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
• Remove Inflation	-926,637	-2,660,418
• Transfer Equipment to CEPF	-2,184,180	-2,127,040
• Fund Non-ERIP Accruals through the RSA Account	-400,000	-400,000
• Reduce Compensation Increases for Managers & Confidentials in FY07 <i>Provide 2% general wage increase and delay PARS by 6 months</i>	0	-790,130
• Reduce Funded Vacancies <i>Funding for 10 positions.</i>	-432,160	-432,160
• Eliminate Justice Education Center	-206,283	-210,821
• Eliminate Truancy Services	-348,196	-355,714
• Remove Inflation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	-18,525	-50,282
• Carryforward FY05 Funds <i>Includes \$1,455,390 in Personal Services and \$1,927,290 in Other Expenses.</i>	-3,382,680	0
Within Current Services		
• Annualize Salary Increases for Judges and Magistrates	2,445,913	4,036,744
• Annualize Funding for 48 Probation Officers <i>Added for caseload reduction.</i>	1,048,318	1,048,318
• Add 28 Judicial Marshals to Courthouses <i>New courthouses opening at Kendrick Avenue, Waterbury and 90 Washington Street and 75 Elm Street in Hartford.</i>	806,427	854,813
• Costs for 90 Washington Street, Hartford lease/purchase <i>Includes lease and operating costs such as utilities, security, cleaning costs. FY07 removes one-time moving costs.</i>	2,482,890	2,382,890
• Annualize 70 beds to expand AIP Residential Services	875,000	1,750,000
• Annualize Intensive Supervision/Technical Violation Programs	1,000,000	1,437,500
• Adjust Juvenile Alternative Incarceration Funding <i>Increase community-based Alternatives to Incarceration nursing services for girls (from 12 - 34 hours per week) consistent with services provided in the Juvenile Detention Centers.</i>	263,700	263,700
Reallocations or Transfers		
• Reallocate Partial Funding for Victim Services to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund <i>Portion of contracted costs for services to victims from the agency's Other Expenses account.</i>	-600,000	-600,000
• Reallocate Funding for Contracted Services for Victim Services from the Judicial Department <i>Portion of contracted costs for services to victims.</i>	600,000	600,000
• Reallocate Shelter Related Funding to DSS <i>Funding of \$83,357 from current services and \$38,869 included in the general fund pickup of the expiring federal grant for Grants to Encourage Arrest Program (Children and Domestic Violence Initiative).</i>	-122,046	-122,046
• Reallocate DCF Related Funding in Pickup of GEAP Expiring Federal Grant <i>Funding for services to children included in the general fund pickup of the expiring federal grant for Grants to Encourage Arrest Program (Children and Domestic Violence Initiative).</i>	-159,104	-159,104
New or Expanded Services		
• General Fund Pick-up in FY06 - Expiring Federal Grants <i>FY06 - \$77,000 for the Waterbury Community Court to support work crews, transportation and supervision by private, non-profit contracts; over \$420,000 for the Grants to Encourage Arrest (Children and Domestic Violence Initiative) for contracted services through community-based family violence victim advocate programs; 1 position and \$62,000 annualized for the Protective Order Registry Firearm Enhancement project to monitor the registry and data base oversight. FY07 - Over \$130,000 for Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment for 25 slots for individual, group and family therapy, education, and multi-system within the community.</i>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
	522,068	690,298
• Fund 4% COLA for Private Grant-Funded Providers <i>A 4% cost of living adjustment is proposed for grant-funded private providers under DMHAS, DMR, DCF, DOC, CTF and Judicial. This COLA is linked to successful imposition of a nursing home provider tax, through which nursing homes will receive a significant Medicaid rate increase, and which will generate increased federal Medicaid reimbursement. The new federal reimbursement will be used to support nursing home rate increases as well as 4% rate increases for: residential care homes, home health services, home care waiver services, state-funded home care, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, personal care attendants, assisted living services agencies, and private grant-funded providers.</i>	2,567,202	2,567,202
		<u>2007-2008</u>
		690,298

AGENCY SUMMARY

Personnel Summary	2004-2005	2005-2006	2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007
	Total	Change From	Total	Change From	Total
	Authorized	2004-2005	Recommended	2005-2006	Recommended
<u>Permanent Full-Time Positions</u>					
General Fund	4,119	19	4,138	0	4,138

Other Positions Equated to Fulltime

General Fund	131	-23	108	0	108
Federal Contributions	7	-7	0	0	0
Private Contributions	4	-4	0	0	0

Financial Summary

	2004-2005 Estimated	2005-2006 Current Services	2005-2006 Total Recommended	2006-2007 Current Services	2006-2007 Total Recommended
Personal Services	244,306,963	259,292,257	257,029,478	265,685,851	264,126,391
Other Expenses	66,781,061	70,264,383	66,941,682	72,606,405	69,406,499
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Equipment	2,140,000	4,318,662	2,134,482	4,188,404	2,061,364
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Alternative Incarceration Program	39,159,898	42,998,160	42,862,613	44,865,151	42,862,613
Justice Education Center, Inc.	201,100	210,801	0	220,371	0
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	20,309,519	21,553,428	21,443,455	22,519,982	21,573,626
Juvenile Justice Centers	2,975,373	3,123,370	3,107,235	3,265,171	3,107,235
Truancy Services	333,129	349,198	0	365,052	0
TOTAL - Other Current Expenses	62,979,019	68,234,957	67,413,303	71,235,727	67,543,474
TOTAL - General Fund	376,207,043	402,110,259	393,518,945	413,716,387	403,137,728
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	1,425,000	1,443,525	2,025,000	1,475,282	2,025,000
TOTAL - Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	1,425,000	1,443,525	2,025,000	1,475,282	2,025,000
<u>Additional Funds Available</u>					
Bond Funds	21,576,444	13,394,000	13,394,000	13,394,000	13,394,000
Federal Contributions	9,323,071	6,025,415	6,025,415	5,472,500	5,472,500
Private Contributions	5,918,008	5,070,065	5,070,065	4,969,617	4,969,617
TOTAL - All Funds Net	414,449,566	428,043,264	420,033,425	439,027,786	428,998,845



PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION

AGENCY PURPOSE

- Ensure the constitutional administration of criminal justice within the state criminal court system, by maintaining a public defender office at all court locations throughout the state.
- Provide legal representation to indigent accused in criminal trials and appeals, extradition proceedings, habeas corpus proceedings arising from a criminal matter, delinquency matters, Psychiatric Security Review Board cases and post-conviction petitions for DNA testing.
- Provide social work services to clients to assist them in addressing and resolving personal and social problems which lead to arrest and prosecution within the criminal justice system.
- Contribute to crime prevention by participation in specialized programs, including Domestic Violence Courts, Community Courts, Diversionary Programs, Drug Intervention, Alternatives to Incarceration and Team Case Management.
- Provide a balanced perspective within the criminal justice community by participation on state policy boards, task forces, and committees involved in addressing criminal justice issues.
- Fulfill the State's constitutional obligation to provide counsel for indigent accused in a professional, effective and cost efficient manner.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Division's Social Worker program continued to focus on crime prevention by assisting clients in addressing substance abuse, mental illness, employment, housing and other issues that have contributed to their involvement in the criminal justice system.
- The Division has continued its expanded focus on the representation of juvenile clients in delinquency proceedings.
- The Division made further improvements to its Special Public Defender program in the areas of compensation, training and litigation support for private attorneys appointed by the court to handle conflict of interest cases on a contractual and non-contractual basis.
- The Division continued to rank amongst the highest in total federal grant dollars received by a statewide indigent defense program. In 2004-05 the Division received \$375,710 in federal Byrne Grant funds and \$1 million in Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funds. In total, the Division was awarded \$1.39 million for team case management and Juvenile program expansion.
- The Division established the Connecticut Innocence Project to identify and examine cases of possible wrongful conviction and pursue legal relief on behalf of innocent persons.

RECOMMENDED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Reductions to Current Services

	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
• Remove Inflation	-18,022	-48,476
• Transfer Equipment to CEPF	-448,644	-413,058
• Fund Non-ERIP Accruals through the RSA Account	-571,173	-594,094
• Carryforward FY05 Funds	-269,182	0
• Reduce Compensation Increases for DPDS Chief Public Defenders <i>Limit increases to 3% in FY06 and 2% in FY07</i>	-69,061	-170,244
• Reduce Compensation Increases for DPDS Executive Public Defenders and Confidential/Exempt Employees in FY07 <i>Provide 2% general wage increase and delay PARS by 6 months</i>	0	-28,918

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Personnel Summary

	2004-2005 Total Authorized	2005-2006 Change From 2004-2005	2005-2006 Total Recommended	2006-2007 Change From 2005-2006	2006-2007 Total Recommended
<u>Permanent Full-Time Positions</u>					
General Fund	367	0	367	0	367
Federal Contributions	16	0	16	-15	1
<u>Other Positions Equated to Fulltime</u>					
General Fund	3	0	3	0	3

Financial Summary	2004-2005	2005-2006	2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007
	Estimated	Current Services	Total Recommended	Current Services	Total Recommended
Personal Services	26,695,556	28,288,403	27,431,839	28,642,979	27,849,723
Other Expenses	1,262,267	1,279,245	1,209,415	1,307,910	1,262,267
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Equipment	1,000	449,644	1,000	414,058	1,000
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Special Public Defenders - Contractual	2,231,622	2,510,633	2,510,633	2,715,867	2,715,867
Spec Public Defenders - NonContractual	4,070,703	3,561,212	3,561,212	3,639,229	3,639,229
Expert Witnesses	1,205,896	1,337,408	1,337,408	1,390,904	1,390,904
Training and Education	80,283	81,327	80,283	83,116	80,283
TOTAL - Other Current Expenses	7,588,504	7,490,580	7,489,536	7,829,116	7,826,283
TOTAL - General Fund	35,547,327	37,507,872	36,131,790	38,194,063	36,939,273
<u>Additional Funds Available</u>					
Special Funds, Non-Appropriated	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Bond Funds	167,125	0	0	0	0
Federal Contributions	1,192,885	1,224,708	1,224,708	59,604	59,604
Private Contributions	195,162	193,622	193,622	19,869	19,869
TOTAL - All Funds Net	37,192,499	39,016,202	37,640,120	38,363,536	37,108,746