

APPENDIX I – Agency Descriptions

Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division

The Court Support Services Division (CSSD) was established within Connecticut's Judicial Branch, in February 1999. It was formed to respond to the changing needs of judges, attorneys, litigants, defendants, and communities, while providing on-going public safety. William H. Carbone is the Executive Director.

The CSSD combines the resources and expertise of the former: Office of the Bail Commissioner, Family Services Division, Juvenile Detention Services, Office of Juvenile Probation, Office of Adult Probation, and the Office of Alternative Sanctions. The merger created a single entity with staff representation and services in each Judicial District. Judges now have all available pre-trial services, family services, offender sentencing and supervision options for adults and juveniles, as well as juvenile detention services, coordinated through the single CSSD division and managed from a central office.

The main court support functions for adults and juveniles includes: Intake/Assessment/Referral (IAR) - a single, comprehensive pre-trial evaluation and referral process; Supervision - a unit that focuses only on effective supervision of clients involved with the court system; and Administration - an alternative sanctions continuum of treatment and support services for pre-trial and sentenced adults and juveniles purchased under contract by CSSD with community based providers comprising a statewide network that serves each judicial district. The CSSD also incorporates Family Civil Services and Family Criminal Court Services.

For more information on CSSD please visit their web site at www.jud.ct.gov/CSSD.

Department of Correction (DOC)

The Commissioner of the Department of Correction, Theresa C. Lantz, by direction of the courts, confines and controls approximately 18,600 accused and sentenced offenders in 14 correctional institutions, 4 correctional centers and various units; and by statute administers medical, mental health, rehabilitative, and community based service programs. DOC mission is to protect the public and staff while ensuring the secure, safe and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration. The DOC's *Division of Parole and Community Services* represents the consolidated community supervision and enforcement functions of the Department of Correction and the Board of Pardons and Paroles, which were combined in the fall of 2004 at the direction of the General Assembly.

For more information on the Department of Correction please visit their web site at www.ct.gov/doc.

Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP)

The Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles, under the direction of Robert Farr, Chairman, is committed to protecting the public by making responsible panel and staff decisions regarding when and under what circumstances eligible persons may be granted a Pardon or Parole. BOPP is an autonomous panel with administrative support provided by the Department of Correction. The Board possesses discretionary authority to grant pardons for criminal convictions and to place appropriate offenders in the community under parole supervision as a means of supporting their successful reintegration into law abiding society. Two full-time Victim Services Coordinators from the Office of Victim Services are responsible for assisting those victims of crimes who choose to participate in the decision-making processes of the Board.

For more information on the Board of Pardons and Paroles please visit the DOC web site at www.ct.gov/doc and click on "Board of Pardons and Paroles."

