



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

AGENCY PURPOSE

- To uphold the laws of the state by determining the guilt or innocence of persons accused of crimes.
- To interpret state statutes and to determine whether a challenged law is unconstitutional.
- To resolve disputes involving civil or personal rights.
- 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 supervise probationers in the community and to promote improvement in their conduct and condition.
- To provide safe and secure custody, treatment and rehabilitative services for children and families through the juvenile justice system.
- To ensure the principles of fair and reasonable bail by interviewing all detained criminal defendants to determine whether they should remain incarcerated while their cases are pending.
- To enforce, review and adjust child support orders.
- To maintain secure and safe conditions in courthouses and other Judicial Branch facilities.
- To provide for the transportation of prisoners between courthouses and places of confinement.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Expanded Judicial Branch Website

Enhancements include allowing submission of short calendar markings via the website, providing electronic access to small claims and housing case information. In addition, the Branch began the work necessary to move towards electronic filing -- allowing court documents to be filed via the website.

Relocated the Appellate Court

Moved to a dedicated facility located at 75 Elm Street in Hartford. In addition, a lease was entered into for the building at 90 Washington Street in Hartford, which will provide the Judicial Branch with ten additional courtrooms as well as much needed office space.

Implemented the Case Management Information System (CMIS), July 2003.

This automated intranet-based system is designed to improve the timeliness and quality of services provided to the court by Judicial Branch staff members. The first phase of CMIS includes Bail Commission functions and Adult Probation Case Tracking.

Opened the Hartford Juvenile Detention Center, Jan 2004

This 58,000 square foot facility features state of the art accommodations and supervision services for 88 boys and girls in gender-specific units, as well as a separate medical/mental health unit, classrooms and a large recreation area for outside activities.

Developed the Paperless Re-Arrest Warrant Network (PRAWN)

In collaboration with various state agencies, the goal of this database is to make all rearrest warrants, now at nearly 40,000, known to law enforcement immediately upon issuance as long as they are active.

Expanded the Number of Court Service Centers

These centers, located in courthouses, help guide countless pro se litigants and attorneys through the court process by providing court forms, court publications, copy machines, fax machines, case information and children's centers now in the New Britain, Stamford and Bridgeport Superior Courts.

Accredited Nationally by the American Correctional Association, May 2003

This accreditation, to all three juvenile detention centers operated by the Branch, was based in large part on the professionalism of the detention staff, and comprehensive continuum of services provided to the juveniles housed in the centers.

Adopted a Risk Assessment Tool

The Family Criminal Violence Risk Assessment Project resulted in a new assessment tool to be used at arraignment to determine the level of risk in family violence cases by predicting possible violent behavior, thereby enhancing victim safety.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

Reductions

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| • Fund DNA Collection from Federal Byrne Grant | 2004-2005 |
| • Annualize FY2004 Reductions | -330,000 |
| • Reduce Personal Services to Effect Efficiencies | -700,000 |
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Technical Adjustments

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| • Early Retirement Incentive Plan Savings | -8,588,142 |
| • Transfer \$348,000 from AIP to Juvenile Justice Centers for Account Correction | |
| • Collect DNA Samples Pursuant to PA03-242 | 330,000 |

• Fleet Operations Savings	-66,912
• Adjust Occupancy Dates for 90 Washington St. and Bridgeport Detention Center	-2,207,078
• Transfer Business Services Funds to DoIT	-32,521
Expansion Adjustments	
• Salary Increases for Judges, Magistrates and Per Diem Judges	2,354,629
• General Fund Pick-up of Expiring Federal Grants	243,701
<i>Staff and program costs to continue the Waterbury Community Court previously paid from federal Byrne grant.</i>	
• Continue Development of E-Filing Capability in the Courts	600,939
<i>Staff and system costs for an integrated Case and Document Management system. The first phase of this project will be electronic filing for certain civil cases allowing attorneys and litigants access to court files and the official court record. Implementation of these cases is expected July 2004.</i>	

AGENCY SUMMARY

Personnel Summary	2002-2003 Authorized	2003-2004 Estimated	2004-2005 Appropriated	2004-2005 Net Adjustments	2004-2005 Revised Recommended
<u>Permanent Full-Time Positions</u>					
General Fund	4,005	4,020	4,098	-40	4,058
Financial Summary	2002-2003 Actual	2003-2004 Estimated	2004-2005 Appropriated	2004-2005 Net Adjustments	2004-2005 Revised Recommended
Personal Services	219,643,962	225,758,787	241,407,684	-7,062,065	234,345,619
Other Expenses	58,562,107	63,490,872	68,644,166	-1,788,989	66,855,177
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Equipment	1,987,363	1,448,000	1,938,000	0	1,938,000
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Alternative Incarceration Program	30,959,728	32,112,740	33,010,740	-192,330	32,818,410
Justice Education Center, Inc.	197,484	198,666	198,666	0	198,666
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	19,632,806	20,064,187	20,064,187	0	20,064,187
Juvenile Justice Centers	2,580,984	2,595,573	2,595,573	348,000	2,943,573
Truancy Services	327,137	329,097	329,097	0	329,097
Sheriffs Transition Account	1,727,824	0	0	0	0
Spanish Language Interpreter Certification	25,733	0	0	0	0
TOTAL - General Fund	335,645,128	345,997,922	368,188,113	-8,695,384	359,492,729
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	1,424,256	1,425,000	1,425,000	0	1,425,000
TOTAL - Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	1,424,256	1,425,000	1,425,000	0	1,425,000
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	337,069,384	347,422,922	369,613,113	-8,695,384	360,917,729



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, and Psychiatric Security Review Board cases.
- Provide social work services to clients to assist them in addressing and resolving personal and social problems, which lead to arrest and prosecution.
- Contribute to crime prevention by participation in specialized programs, including Domestic Violence Courts, Community Courts, Diversionary Programs, 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

- Continued to concentrate 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.
- Continued to expand its focus on the representation of juvenile clients in delinquency proceedings.
- Improved 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.
- Ranked amongst the highest in total federal grant dollars received by a statewide indigent defense program. In FY2003-04 the Division received \$897,300 in federal Byrne Grant funds and \$1.01 million in Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funds. In total, the Division was awarded \$1.9 million for team case management and juvenile program expansion.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

Technical Adjustments	2004-2005
• Early Retirement Incentive Plan Savings	-537,105
• Transfer Business Services Funds to DoIT	-53,802
Expansion Adjustments	
• Pickup Expiring Federal Positions in Juvenile Field Offices	200,000

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Personnel Summary	2002-2003 Authorized	2003-2004 Estimated	2004-2005 Appropriated	2004-2005 Net Adjustments	2004-2005 Revised Recommended
<u>Permanent Full-Time Positions</u>					
General Fund	362	362	362	5	367
Financial Summary	2002-2003 Actual	2003-2004 Estimated	2004-2005 Appropriated	2004-2005 Net Adjustments	2004-2005 Revised Recommended
Personal Services	25,248,479	25,172,896	26,268,227	-337,105	25,931,122
Other Expenses	1,284,500	1,332,339	1,332,339	-53,802	1,278,537
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					

Budget Summary

Equipment	69,755	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Special Public Defenders - Contractual	2,067,595	2,099,155	2,231,622	0	2,231,622
Spec Public Defenders - NonContractual	2,721,211	3,234,779	3,375,703	0	3,375,703
Expert Witnesses	1,025,896	1,025,896	1,025,896	0	1,025,896
Training and Education	80,283	80,283	80,283	0	80,283
TOTAL - Other Current Expenses	<u>5,894,985</u>	<u>6,440,113</u>	<u>6,713,504</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,713,504</u>
TOTAL - General Fund	32,497,719	32,946,348	34,315,070	-390,907	33,924,163