

PUBLIC DEFENDER DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW

The mission of the Public Defender's Office is to provide competent and professional legal counsel to indigent defendants in criminal cases, minors brought before the juvenile court, those alleged to be in need of restriction due to mental illness or a developmental disability, and other cases of people entitled to representation in the courts of Santa Barbara County. The cost centers of the Law Office of the Public Defender are Administration, Adult Legal Services, Juvenile Legal Services, Investigative Services, and Support Services.

All employees are located in offices adjacent to Court facilities in Santa Maria (Superior Court and Juvenile), Lompoc (Superior Court), and Santa Barbara (Superior Court and Juvenile). The Law Office employs 35 FTE attorneys including three that have varying degrees of administrative functions and a support staff of 37 FTE's, including a business manager, departmental analyst, information systems administrator, investigators, social service practitioners, paralegal, legal secretaries, accounting assistant, interpreters, and data entry operators.

Administration:

Responsible for general department issues including but not limited to accounting, budget, computer systems, facilities risk management, and personnel.

Adult Legal Services:

Provides legal counsel to indigent adults accused of criminal actions and those alleged to be in need of restriction due to mental illness or a developmental disability. A small portion of this caseload is devoted to clients eligible for Mental Health Treatment Court and Therapeutic Court.

Juvenile Legal Services:

Provides legal counsel to juveniles accused of criminal activities.

Investigative Services:

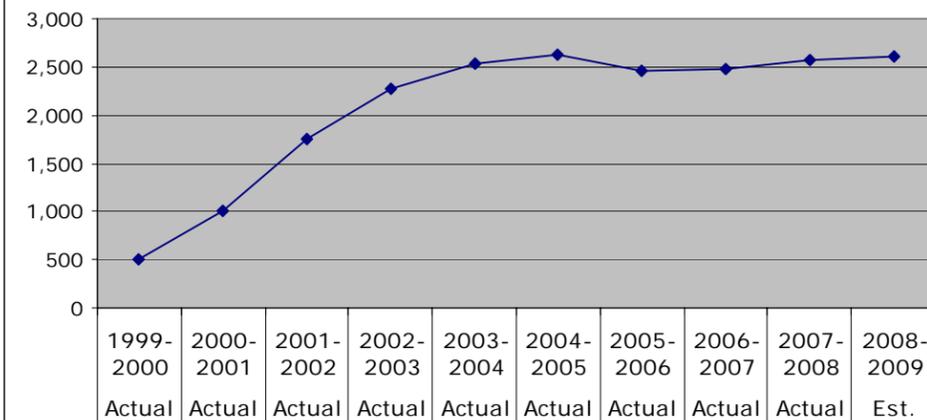
Provides investigator activities and services in support of the Department's attorneys preparing to represent their clients.

Support Services:

Provides support of Legal Secretaries, Legal Interpreters, and data entry operations in support of Attorneys, Investigators, and Management.

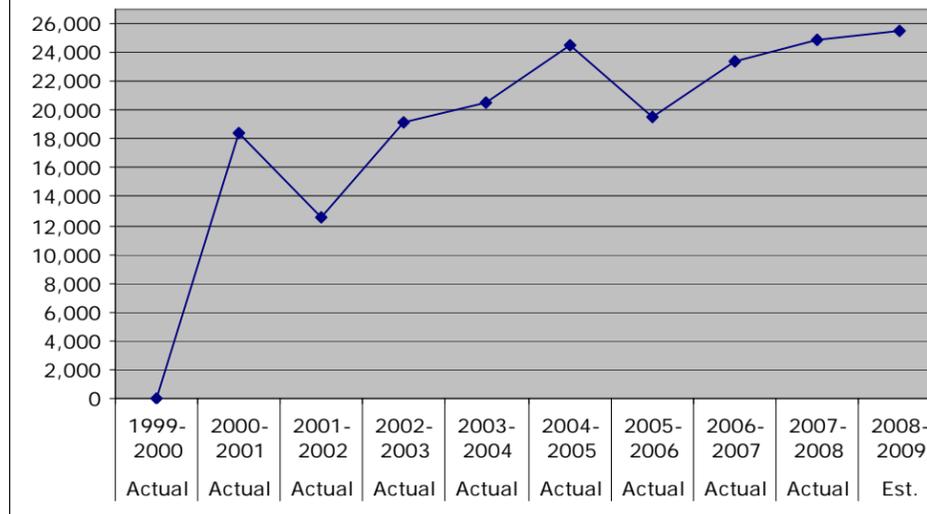
PUBLIC DEFENDER KEY TREND ANALYSIS

Public Defender's Office
Total Number of Therapeutic Court Cases



The trend of Therapeutic Court caseload shows a corresponding increase in the number of cases due to the changes in legislation that has increased the number of offenders assigned to these specialty courts.

Complete appropriate file documentation within 10 working days of an estimated 25,500 cases closed.



The number of cases closed highlights the trend of increasing cases handled by the Public Defender's Office since the measure was identified in FY 2000-01

Performance Measure Legend

Department-wide Effectiveness Performance Measure

Change to Performance Measure

Performance Measure to Delete

New Performance Measure

Budgets shown in Millions (\$M) or Thousands (\$K)

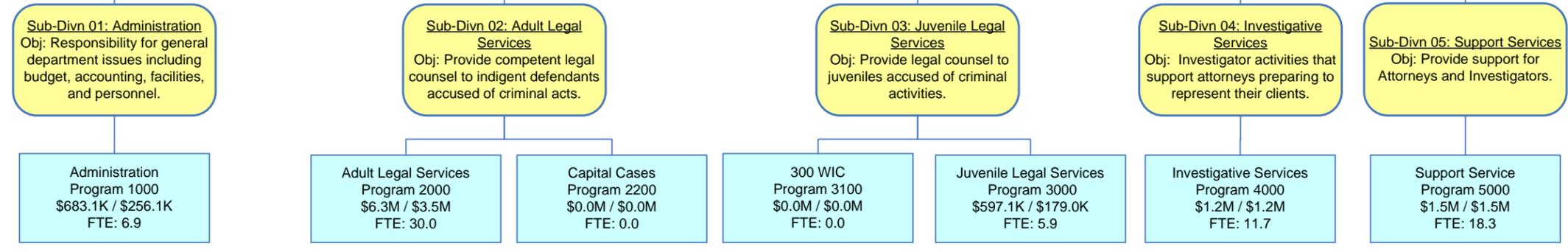
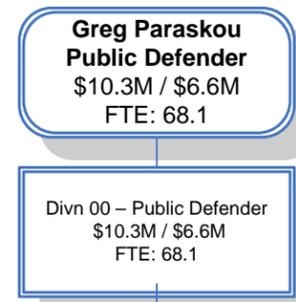
Program Budgets are \$ Total Uses / \$Total General Fund Contribution

Division: # & Title from CCID
Cost Center Report
Budget/GFC from CCID
(Financial Data by Cost Ctr)

Sub-Divn: # & Name from Cost
Center Report
Obj: from CCID Inventory

Program: Title from CCID
Number from CCID
Budget/GFC from CCID
(Financial Data by Prog)
FTE: CCID

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To ensure an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain the rate of General Liability claims filed at no more than 90 - 100% of the previous year's actual claims filed. As an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain the cost of workers' compensation incident claims to \$1.17 per \$100 payroll (salaries including overtime). To improve workers' safety, the County will conduct its operations in order to maintain the rate of Workers' Compensation incident claims to 12 or less per 100 FTE employees Countywide. As an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain the rate of Workers' Compensation claims filed between 90 - 100% of the previous year's actual claims filed. As an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain a productive workforce through a countywide Lost Time Rate of 5.9% or less. As an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain a quality workforce through completing 95 -100% of departmental Employee Performance Reviews (EPRs) by the Anniversary Due Date.

Coordinate with the Courts and District Attorney for an annual accounting of the number of cases handled (Adult and Juvenile, felony, misdemeanor, probation violation and Prop. 36) so that they are reported in the budget book and to the public in a consistent manner.

Consult with the Judge/Courts on 100% of cases to determine the ability of the defendant to pay Public Defender fees.

List number of clients placed in alternative sentencing programs and cost.

100% of (number) Attorneys will attend at least three criminal law and education programs .

Public Defender will meet annually with 14 judges to assess quality, representation, and service to Court.

Collaborate with Criminal Justice and County government partners on 6 projects (list projects and goals) annually to accomplish systemic improvements

The Public Defender will hold an annual strategic planning session with the presiding Judges, Court administrator, Court fiscal staff and CEO's office to assess the quality, representation and service to the Courts by this division.

of cases settled for a lesser charge than originally filed

Add total number of cases handled annually and estimated cost and duration of the case.

NOTE: This cost center is for fiscal tracking purposes only.

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Investigators/Social Service Practitioners will complete 100% of social/family histories of clients and seek alternative sentencing opportunities where appropriate.

Staff will contact 100% of an estimated 220 clients who are deemed unable to care for themselves or a threat to themselves within 24 hours of receiving such notice to determine if an appeal is requested.

100% of twelve investigators/ social workers will attend at least two specialized criminal law/investigation programs annually.

100% of 18 secretarial/clerical employees will attend at least one job-related class taught by a qualified instructor/ organization or the County's Employee University.

Complete appropriate file documentation within 10 working days for 100% of an estimated 25,500 cases closed.

Reduce loss time from current 7.5% to County-wide average or below for this division.