



## Youth Service Center

Expenditures	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Salaries & Wages	2,035,884	2,033,366	1,953,645	1,734,730
Personnel Benefits	507,608	514,736	539,854	546,750
Supplies	74,579	55,275	34,300	25,050
Other Services & Charges	956,576	824,024	818,334	834,074
Total	3,574,847	3,427,401	3,346,133	3,140,504
Staffing / FTE	53.30	53.26	48.59	45.76

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### Program Description:

The **Yakima County Juvenile Court** is a division of Yakima County Court Services, which also includes the Superior Court and District Court.

The Juvenile Court includes the operation of the juvenile detention facility and the juvenile court, to include administrative offices, probation and support services. Services are provided to both juvenile offenders and non-offenders.

### Major Objectives:

1. To provide **services to the juvenile offenders** in Yakima County and hold them accountable for their actions through the following programs:
  - o **Community Supervision/Probation Services**.
  - o **Community Accountability Boards (CAB)**—An early intervention program for minor, first time offenders. Volunteers meet with juvenile offenders and hold them accountable for their misconduct. This program reduces the number of misdemeanor cases going to court.
  - o **W.A.J.C.A. Risk Assessment**—A tool that identifies youth most likely to re-offend.
  - o **New Case Management Process**—A tool currently being implemented that allows probation staff to focus their time and resources on appropriate youth based on the findings of the Risk Assessment process.
  - o **MST– Multi-Systemic Therapy**—A form of intensive counseling that focuses on the family as a whole. Counselors are assigned to the family based upon risk assessment eligibility criteria. The service is provided for 4-6 months with the counselor available for crisis situations twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
  - o **FFT– Functional Family Therapy** – A somewhat less intensive form of counseling than MST, 10-12 weeks in duration. Focuses on behavior modification for specific types of behavior in the family.
  - o **Community Service Program**—Recruits placements in the community for juveniles to complete Community Service Hours while performing service to the community.
  - o **Aggression Replacement Training** for Juveniles—A proven tool to reduce recidivism which focuses on social skills training, anger management and moral reasoning. The classes are three days a week for 10 weeks.
2. Provide services to **non-offender juveniles** through the following programs:
  - o **Guardian ad Litem Program**—A program that provides advocates for children in dependency matters.
  - o **At-Risk Youth (ARY)**;
  - o **Children in Need of Services (CHINS)**;
  - o **Truancy Program**—An intervention program for truant children. This includes Truancy Community Boards (TCB) where volunteers meet the children and their parents and work out a plan to return them to school.
3. Continue the development of trained citizen volunteers to serve on:
  - o Guardian ad Litem Program (GAL)
  - o Community Accountability Boards (CAB)

- o Truancy Community Boards (TCB)

**Revenue/Expenditure Comment:**

The Juvenile Court generates a moderate amount of revenue, primarily from:

1. Contracts with other juvenile agencies/jurisdictions for **detention beds**.
2. The collection of **Diversion Fees** from juveniles and parents for participating in the diversion process, which is available to certain juvenile offenders involved in minor offenses. The revenue from these fees has helped expand the program, to include the **Community Accountability Boards**.
3. The **Parent Pay Program** that requires parents to pay for juvenile court services. The Juvenile Justice Act allows for “parental responsibility” and mandatory involvement with the court if a youth is involved in the juvenile justice system.

A new program was added in 2002—**Day Reporting**. The Juvenile Court, in conjunction with DSHS/Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, the Yakima School District and Central Washington Mental Health, is providing a **sentencing alternative** for eligible juvenile offenders. The program allows juveniles to remain in their communities and attend school in the program while being monitored by the Juvenile Detention Electronic Monitoring System.