Mission Statement

The mission of the Douglas County Juvenile Department is to promote public safety by holding youth accountable for delinquent acts, providing youth with opportunities to restore their victims and our community, and offering reformation services to assist youth in becoming productive and responsible citizens.

Guiding Values

• We believe that our community’s interests of public safety and reformation of youth are best served by promoting the development and delivery of a balanced continuum of high quality, evidence-based services to youth and families which includes prevention, intervention, continuing care services, and accountability to victims.
• We are committed to the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct in our roles as public servants.
• We will honor our duty to the public to be financially responsible in management of our time and resources.
• We will model the highest levels of professionalism in our contacts with the public and with each other, treating people with respect, acting with integrity, and dealing with conflict in a sensitive and honest manner.
• We will endeavor to preserve family unity and maintain support systems by providing services to youth within the home and in our community whenever possible.
• We will provide leadership in the community as we work collaboratively with our partners, citizens, and other professionals in developing a comprehensive array of services for youth offenders and victims.
• We recognize the diverse strengths and skills of all our coworkers, and value the contributions each makes as we collectively strive to achieve our important mission.
• We are committed to the development of our skills and education as juvenile justice professionals, and supportive of a culture of learning and creativity.
• We will continually focus on improvement and achieving excellence by monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the services and programming we provide.

DOUGLAS COUNTY CITIZENS:

The Douglas County Juvenile Department (DCJD) is pleased to present our first annual Report Card to the Community.

We have undertaken this project because of two core values we hold:

1) We believe it is important to provide our stakeholders with information about our department and the services we provide; and
2) We hold ourselves accountable to the citizens and taxpayers of Douglas County for our performance in achieving our mission of public safety, offender accountability to victims and the community, and in reducing the risk of re-offending through skill development.

The Report Card contains a set of benchmarks that were developed in conjunction with the American Prosecutors Research Institute and the National Center for Juvenile Justice. These benchmarks reflect case status at the time of closing a youth’s case with DCJD, and are designed to measure our goals of community protection, holding youth accountable for delinquent conduct, victim satisfaction, community involvement, and youth competency development. The enclosed Report Card will reveal the strengths of our department’s work, as well as areas we need to improve upon.

Douglas County Juvenile Department is utilizing the information learned in the Report Card to continue to prioritize and develop action plans for implementing effective practices in all aspects of our work. DCJD is committed to continuous improvement, but no one person or group is responsible for the entire juvenile justice system. We must work together as a community to improve juvenile justice outcomes. While children may only represent 22% of the population of Douglas County, they constitute 100% of our future.

We are especially proud of several new programs implemented during Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and are excited about the opportunities these new services provide to improve our outcomes as we work with youth, families, partner agencies, and the community. Some of these programs include the Juvenile Restoration Work Crew, Roseburg Area Youth Services Program (a partnership with the Roseburg Police Department), TouchStone Residential Treatment Program, and our Volunteer Services Program. Information about all of these programs is included in the Report Card.

We hope you will take the time to study this Report Card, to gain a better understanding of how the Douglas County Juvenile Department works and performs in Douglas County. Please join in our efforts to make our communities safer, to better satisfy victims of crime, and to better prepare youth so they leave our system as community “assets” rather than “liabilities.”

Please contact me with any suggestions, concerns, or questions you may have at 541-957-4755, or by email at clmcmaha@co.douglas.or.us.

Sincerely,

Christina L. McMahan, Director
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Community Service

Juvenile Restoration Work Crew (ages 12 – 15):
• Of the 43 cases closed this year in which Juvenile Restoration Work Crew (JRWC) was ordered, 43 youth (96%) completed 100% of the days ordered.
• Of the 129 days of JRWC ordered in cases which were closed this year, 126 days were completed at case closing (98%).
• 67 youth made restitution payments to their victim(s) through participation on the JRWC.
• 85 Victims received restitution payments from the JRWC restitution fund, totaling $18,303.57.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Work Crew (ages 16 – 17):
• Of the 82 cases closed this year in which ODOT Work Crew was ordered, 75 youth (91%) completed 100% of the days ordered.
• Of the 333 days of ODOT Work Crew ordered in cases which were closed this year, 306 days were completed at case closing (92%).
• Youth participating on the ODOT Work Crew completed 100 days of work this year, walking a total of 510 miles removing litter along I-5. The crew completed 3,568 community service hours at an estimated value of $31,434.08 to the community.

Combined Total of JRWC and ODOT Work Crew:
• Of the 127 cases closed this year in which JRWC or ODOT Work Crew was ordered, 118 youth (93%) completed 100% of the days ordered.
• Of the 462 days of JRWC and ODOT Work Crew ordered in cases which were closed this year, 432 days were completed at case closing (94%).

Law-Abiding Behavior

Formal Accountability Agreements (Non-Court Formal Sanction)
(A formal sanctioning process outside of traditional court proceedings):
• Of the 193 Formal Accountability Agreement cases closed this year, 186 youth (96%) did not have charges filed for a new crime while under Juvenile Department supervision and 7 youth (4%) did have charges filed for a new crime.

Court Probation with Juvenile Department Supervision:
• Of the 51 Probation cases closed this year, 29 youth (57%) did not have charges filed for a new crime while under Juvenile Department supervision and 22 youth (43%) did have charges filed for a new crime.

Total:
• Of the 244 cases (Formal Accountability Agreement and Probation) closed this year, 215 youth (88%) did not have charges filed for a new crime while under Juvenile Department supervision and 29 youth (12%) did have charges filed for a new crime.

Restitution

Formal Accountability Agreements (Non-Court Formal Sanction)
• Of the 25 FAA cases closed this year in which restitution was ordered, 22 youth (88%) paid full restitution, 1 youth (4%) paid partial restitution, and 2 youth (8%) paid no restitution. 23 youth (92%) paid full or partial restitution.

Court Probation with Juvenile Department Supervision:
• Of the 30 Probation cases closed this year in which restitution was ordered, 18 youth (60%) paid full restitution, 7 youth (23%) paid partial restitution, and 5 youth (17%) paid no restitution. 25 youth (83%) paid full or partial restitution.

Total:
• Of the 55 Formal Accountability Agreement and Probation cases closed this year in which restitution was ordered, 40 youth (73%) paid full restitution, 8 youth (15%) paid partial restitution, and 7 youth (13%) paid no restitution. 48 youth (87%) paid full or partial restitution.

School Participation and Employment

Formal Accountability Agreements (Non-Court Formal Sanction):
• 95% of youth who were on Formal Accountability Agreements were attending school, had graduated or received a GED, and/or were employed at time of case closing.

Court Probation with Juvenile Department Supervision:
• 87% of youth who were on Court Probation were attending school, had graduated or received a GED, and/or were employed at time of case closing.

Average:
• 91% of youth who were on Juvenile Formal Accountability Agreements or Probation were attending school, had graduated or received a GED, and/or were employed at time of case closing.
Recidivism
In 1995 the Oregon Legislature required that the juvenile justice community adopt a recidivism definition and statewide reporting system as a way to assess progress of juvenile crime reduction and prevention efforts. The definition adopted is as follows:

“As a measure of public safety, recidivism is defined as a new criminal referral. A criminal referral is a law enforcement report to a juvenile department alleging one or more felony or misdemeanor acts (offenses).”

Recidivism rate refers to youth who receive 1 or more subsequent referrals during the following 12 months from initial criminal referral.

Chronic recidivism rate refers to youth who receive 3 or more subsequent referrals during the following 12 months from initial criminal referral.

Douglas County is currently above the state average in both recidivism and chronic recidivism:
• Douglas County’s recidivism rate for 2005 was 34.6%, while the state-wide recidivism rate was 31.5%.
• Douglas County’s chronic recidivism rate for 2005 was 7.5%, while the state-wide chronic recidivism rate was 6.2%.

Victim Services
The Douglas County Juvenile Department has access to the services of a part-time (.6 FTE) Victim Advocate through a collaboration with the District Attorney’s Office.
• The Victim Advocate received approximately 684 referrals this year. Approximately 682 correspondences were delivered to victims this year.
• The Victim Advocate made approximately 1,337 victim contacts this year.
• 88% of all questions answered on Victim Satisfaction Surveys received this year indicated that victims agreed or strongly agreed that the services and information provided by the Victim Services Program was helpful to them in terms of understanding their rights as victims (100%), understanding the criminal justice system process (88%), and making decisions about their situation (75%).

Volunteer Services
Adult Volunteers:
• Adult volunteers donated a total of 1,201.5 hours to the Juvenile Department this year (February through June) at an estimated value of $19,392.21.
• Between February 2007 and June 2007, the Juvenile Department had a monthly average of 22 adult volunteers.

Youth Volunteers:
• Youth volunteers donated a total of 1,248 hours to the Juvenile Department this year (January through June) through their participation in the Roseburg Area Youth Services (R.A.Y.S.) Youth Court.
• Between January 2007 and June 2007, the Juvenile Department had a monthly average of 24 youth volunteers.

Status at Case Closing
Formal Accountability Agreements (Non-Court Formal Sanction)
Of the 193 Formal Accountability Agreement cases closed this year, 170 cases (88%) were closed as successful for having fulfilled all imposed obligations. 23 cases (12%) were closed as unsuccessful for having not fulfilled all imposed obligations.

Court Probation with Juvenile Department Supervision:
Of the 51 Probation cases closed this year, 36 cases (71%) were closed as successful for having fulfilled all court imposed obligations. 15 cases (29%) were closed as unsuccessful for having not fulfilled all court imposed obligations.

Total:
Of the 244 Formal Accountability Agreement and Probation cases closed this year, 206 cases (84%) were closed as successful for having fulfilled all imposed obligations. 38 cases (16%) were closed as unsuccessful for having not fulfilled all imposed obligations.

Roseburg Area Youth Services (R.A.Y.S.) Program
Restitution:
Of the 3 R.A.Y.S. Program cases closed this year in which restitution was ordered, 3 youth (100%) paid full restitution.

School Participation and Employment:
94% of youth who were referred to the R.A.Y.S. Program were attending school, had graduated or received a GED, and/or were employed at time of case closing.

Community Service:
Of the 11 R.A.Y.S. Program cases closed this year in which community service was ordered, 10 youth (91%) completed 100% of the days ordered.
The Detention Facility is a 32-bed facility, of which 8 beds are dedicated to the Today=Tomorrow 30-day extended detention program. All programs in the Detention Facility utilize evidence-based curriculum in the programs used to address youth behaviors.

In FY 2006-2007, there was a total of 689 admissions to the Detention Facility. A total of 307 different youth were lodged in the facility during this time period.

Of all youth lodged in the Detention Facility in FY 2006-2007:
•73% were placed for criminal offenses, violations of probation and warrants.
•13% were placed in the Today=Tomorrow Program, which is a 30-day extended detention program designed to provide transitional services for youth entering or exiting other residential programs and when youth on probation need a higher level of intervention. Youth in the Today=Tomorrow Program receive evidence-based groups and activities that include Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, Thinking for a Change, and Options to Anger.
•14% were youth lodged on Measure 11 crimes or for such issues as out-of-state runaway.

Support Services Division

The Support Services Division (SSD) is the heart and soul of what makes the Juvenile Department run efficiently. Legal Assistants in the division perform a multitude of varied and important tasks. The SSD provides public reception services, processes all referrals received by the Juvenile Department by entering and continually updating information in the statewide juvenile data system. In addition to preparing all legal documents necessary to be filed with the court for delinquency and dependency cases, the SSD maintains the evidence log and returns evidence after case closures, tracks apology letters and restitution earned by youth offenders, and coordinates restitution payments to victims. The division also conducts document imaging for closed juvenile files for easy reference and security, and assists probation officers and the administration with specialized tasks.

In Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Support Services Staff:
•Prepared and filed approximately 3,318 legal documents with the Court
•Answered approximately 15,000 telephone calls to the Juvenile Department
•Filed approximately 9,352 documents in juvenile files
•Discovered approximately 19,000 pages of materials to attorneys and parties in juvenile proceedings

Community Service Projects completed by Shelter Programs FY 2006-2007

26 youth in Shelter Programs completed a total of nearly 1,070 hours of community service throughout Douglas County during the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. This amounts to $9,448 in labor provided to the community by the youth.

Projects have included:
•WATERING OF DOWNTOWN ROSEBURG HANGING FLOWERS
•COMPILED HEALTH INFORMATION PACKETS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
•LANDSCAPING AND CLEANUP PROJECTS AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND MUSEUM
•ANIMAL SOCIALIZATION AND CLEANING FOR SAVING GRACE
•WORKING AT FISH FOOD PANTRY
•SELLING BAKED GOODS TO BENEFIT UCAN