

Court Administration - Teen Court

Organizational Code: 114-586-662

Mission Statement

The mission of Teen Court is to have clients face a jury of their peers, receive a fair and just sentence for their crime, complete the educational sanctions imposed by the Teen Court jury, learn from their mistakes, set goals for themselves, and make better decisions in the future.

Advisory Board

Teen Court is a member of the Florida Association of Teen Courts. Additionally, the Program Director is a member of the Tallahassee Pledge Coalition, and attends meetings of the Leon Youth Development Council and the Apalachee Ridge Neighborhood Association.

Summary of Services Provided

1. Provide a forum whereby youthful offenders are "sentenced" by a court of their peers.
2. Provide sanctions to offenders through sentencing hearings.
3. Provide professional, educational, and counseling services and/or referrals to clients of the program.
4. Provide training for teens to serve as prosecution and defense attorneys, as well as bailiffs, clerks and videographers.
5. Provide educational/crime prevention/victim's awareness components to clients.

Accomplishments

1. Recent statistics show that less than 15% of all youth who complete the Leon County Teen Court Program are repeat offenders.
2. The State's Attorneys Office continues to show support of the Leon County Teen Court program by referring ever more challenging cases.
3. The first Teen Court public service announcement was created in mid year 2005 and will be aired by WFSU.
4. The Teen Court Volunteer Coordinator is piloting Teen Court Clubs in local middle and high schools.
5. Through the efforts of the Florida Association of Teen Courts, the Florida Legislature re-instated the \$3.00 Fee on infractions under Florida Statute 939.19. This once again provides a steady source of funding for the Leon County Teen Court.

Current Year Notes

This program is recommended at an increased funding level. These recommendations include the following:

1. Routine salary, wage, and benefit adjustments.

Out-Year Notes

There are not any Budget Issues requested in FY2008 through FY2011, with the exception of routine salary, wage, and benefit adjustments.

Objectives / Performance Measures	Indicator	Units	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Budget
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• # of adults observing proceedings	Input	#	258	297	295
• # of cases held	Input	#	121	106	194
• # of teen volunteers serving as Jurors	Input	#	1,030	1,371	1,317
• # of times active officers have served	Input	#	374	384	388

**Leon County Government
Fiscal Year 2007 Budget**

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Budgetary Costs	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Continuation	FY 2007 Issues	FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Budget
Personal Services	49,209	88,884	101,179	0	101,179	109,115
Operating	8,276	9,470	9,470	0	9,470	9,470
Capital Outlay	1,976	0	0	0	0	0
Total Budgetary Costs	<u>59,461</u>	<u>98,354</u>	<u>110,649</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110,649</u>	<u>118,585</u>

Funding Sources	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Budget
114 Family Law Legal Services	59,461	98,354	110,649	118,585
Total Revenues	<u>59,461</u>	<u>98,354</u>	<u>110,649</u>	<u>118,585</u>

Staffing Summary	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Continuation	FY 2007 Issues	FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Budget
Case Manager/Adm. Asst. I	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Secretary Specialist	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>1.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>