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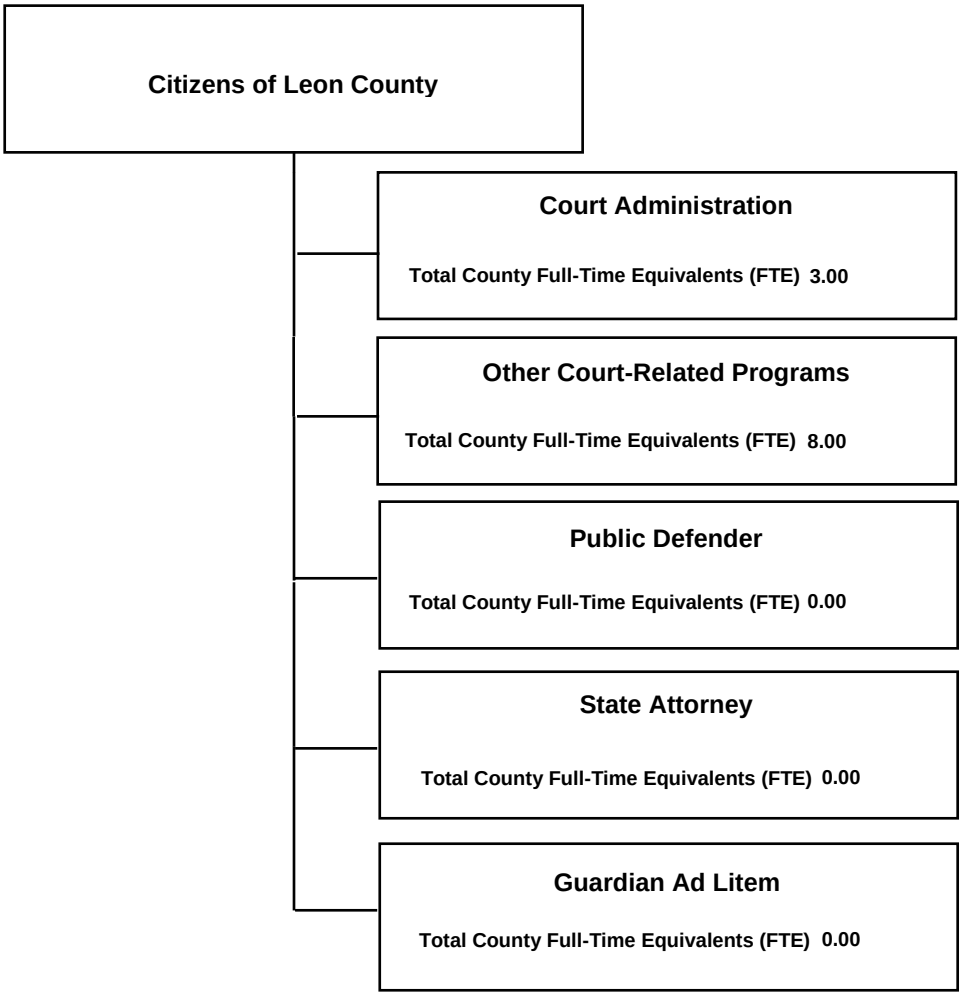
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Court Administration
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Public Defender
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State Attorney
Total County Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) 0.00
Guardian Ad Litem
Total County Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) 0.00

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Executive Summary

The Judicial section of the Leon County FY 2008/2009 Annual Budget is comprised of Court Administration & Other Court Related Programs, the State Attorney, and the Public Defender.

Court Administration protects right and liberties, upholds and interprets the law, and provides for the peaceful resolution of disputes for citizens of Leon County and other surrounding counties in the 2nd Judicial Circuit. Additionally, Court Administration is responsible for court reporting, the law library, family law assistance program, family visitation program, mediation, teen court, conflict attorneys, non-conflict attorney, and indigent probate services. The State Attorney prosecutes all criminal cases in the 2nd Judicial Circuit for the punishment of crimes and the safety and protection of the public. The Public Defender's office provides quality legal representation to all indigents charged with criminal offenses.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Mental Health Coordinator collaborated with the Public Defender's Office, the State Attorney's Office, and Leon County Pretrial and Probation, and County Administration to apply for a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant. The grant application was approved. The Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant (one of ten awarded state-wide) will be utilized to expand the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program, implement a mental health court and a competency restoration program. The total award of $792,624 is to be received over a three year period and is supported by in-kind services, provided by both the County and the other project partners.

Under the guidance of the Detention Review Coordinator (DRC), approximately 14,150 jails will be avoided in FY08 by the creation of the felony Violators of Probation (VOP) rocket docket. The DRC will continue to document the success rate of the felony violation of probation rocket docket program.

The State Attorney Office's will approximately receive and handle nearly 5,000 felony referrals, 15,500 misdemeanor referrals, and 1,700 juvenile referrals in FY08. The State Attorney Office's continues to provide efficient and effective prosecution and dispositions of all felony, misdemeanor, and Juvenile criminal cases referred.

The Public Defender's Office estimated a total of 11,866 cases will be closed in FY08. The Public Defender's office continues to provide quality legal representation to all indigents charged with criminal offenses. An additional $74,000 was provided to the Public Defender's Office from general revenue for First Appearance Attorneys to assist in reducing the jail population.

Teen Court continues to be one of the most successful and cost effective juvenile diversion programs. In 2007, a total of 147 cases were referred to Teen Court. In addition, 936 teens volunteered to serve as jurors. Recent statistics show that less then 15% of youth who complete the Leon County Teen Court Program are repeat offenders.

Guardian Ad Litem advocates for the best interest of children who are abused, neglected, or abandoned, and who are involved in court proceedings. In FY08, Guardian Ad Litem will represent approximately 795 children who are residents of Leon County.

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Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Personal Services	338,354	350,505	537,593	74,000	611,593	630,976
Operating	268,327	646,553	309,305	-	309,305	309,464
Capital Outlay	20,993	84,135	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Grants-in-Aid	104,501	185,007	188,147	-	188,147	188,977
Total Budgetary Costs	732,175	1,266,200	1,116,051	74,000	1,190,051	1,212,096

Appropriations	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Court Administration	188,710	187,298	186,772	-	186,772	192,077
State Attorney	58,654	88,904	88,884	-	88,884	88,884
Public Defender	90,757	107,775	107,775	74,000	181,775	181,775
Other Court-Related Programs	376,753	860,396	710,784	-	710,784	727,524
Guardian Ad Litem	17,301	21,827	21,836	-	21,836	21,836
Total Budget	732,175	1,266,200	1,116,051	74,000	1,190,051	1,212,096

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
001 General Fund	206,011	209,125	208,608	-	208,608	213,913
110 Fine and Forfeiture	175,078	592,664	292,644	74,000	366,644	366,644
113 Law Library Trust	11,402	-	-	-	-	-
114 Family Law Legal Services	135,762	142,351	188,118	-	188,118	195,036
117 Judicial Programs	203,922	322,060	426,681	-	426,681	436,503
Total Revenues	732,175	1,266,200	1,116,051	74,000	1,190,051	1,212,096

Staffing Summary	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Court Administration	3.00	3.00	3.00	-	3.00	3.00
Other Court-Related Programs	3.00	4.00	8.00	-	8.00	8.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE	6.00	7.00	11.00	-	11.00	11.00

Court Administration

Organizational Code: 001-540-601

Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of Court Administration's Mental Health Coordinator and Detention Review Coordinator is to provide case management and intervention in the case processing of defendants in the Leon County Jail and other facilities in order to reduce delays in case disposition and/or defendant release.

Summary of Services Provided

Mental Health Coordinator

1. Performs early identification; screening of all persons arrested and booked into the Leon County Jail, and attends First Appearance court.
2. Provides case management services for all identified mentally ill defendants with criminal charges pending in Leon County.
3. Reviews, enhances and coordinates follow up mental health services available in the Leon County Jail and acts as court liaison for mental health issues with all outside vendors.

Detention Review Coordinator

1. Performs case management and reviews of all jailed felony defendants, traffic and misdemeanor defendants.
2. Performs bi-weekly case management and review of all felony technical probation violators.
3. Serves as Court Liaison for jail population review and management with all outside agencies.

Statutory Requirements

Florida Constitution; Florida Statutes, Chapters 29 "Court System Funding" *Chapter 34 "County Courts" *Chapter 38 "Judges: General Provisions" *Chapter 39 "Judicial: Proceedings Relating to Children" *Chapter 40 "Jurors & Payment of Jurors & Witnesses" *Chapter 43 "General Provisions: Courts"

Advisory Board

Forensic Mental Health Workgroup; Baker Act Screening Committee; Partners in Crisis and Mental Health Workgroup; Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee; Public Safety Coordinating Council; Justice Information System Users Group, and attendant Mental Health Advisory Board

Performance Measures

Performance Measures	FY2006 Actual	FY2007 Actual	FY2008 Estimates	FY2009 Estimates
# of Jail Beds Avoided Due to Detention Review Coordinator Intervention	1,910	3,589	2,200	3,955***
# of Jail Beds Avoided Due to Felony Violators of Probation Rocket Docket*	N/A	10,501	14,150	23,365***
# of Jail Beds Avoided Due to Mental Health Coordinator Intervention	8,003	8,636	4,175**	2,985
# of Mentally Ill Inmates Screened for Needs	2,335	3,126	811**	756

*New Program

**Due to the continuous implementation of new procedures for mentally ill defendants, the Mental Health Coordinator is able to identify these defendants earlier. These procedures have decreased the number of days of incarceration. In addition, with the proper community resources for these mentally ill defendants the recidivism rate decreases therefore resulting in lesser number of jail beds avoided.

*** Fiscal constraints could cause this number to decline due to a decrease in resources dedicated to the problem.

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Court Administration (001-540-601)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Personal Services	151,766	151,032	151,492	-	151,492	156,797
Operating	36,944	36,266	35,280	-	35,280	35,280
Total Budgetary Costs	188,710	187,298	186,772	-	186,772	192,077

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
001 General Fund	188,710	187,298	186,772	-	186,772	192,077
Total Revenues	188,710	187,298	186,772	-	186,772	192,077

Staffing Summary	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Detention Review Coordinator	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Court Mental Health Coord.	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Clerical Assistant	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	3.00	3.00	3.00	-	3.00	3.00

This program is recommended at an overall decreased funding level due to personnel and service level reductions. However, there are increased costs associated with this program. The funding level adjustments for FY09 are as follows:

Decreases to Program Funding Levels:
1. The reduction of overall operating costs in the amount of $2,709.

Increases to Program Funding Levels:
1. A 3.9% cost of living adjustment for FY09. This adjustment will be offset by decreases in retirement, worker compensation, and a reduction in employer contribution to health care costs of 2.5%.

State Attorney

Organizational Code: 110-532-602

Mission Statement

The mission of the State Attorney is seeking justice for Florida by the efficient and effective prosecution and disposition of all felony, misdemeanor, and Juvenile criminal cases referred.

Summary of Services Provided

1. Provide personnel and procedures to perform all duties and functions for intake, investigation and prosecution of motions to which the State is a party.
2. Setting up and maintaining date and time for the Grand Jury to meet and providing a legal advisor.
3. Assist all law enforcement agencies with legal and investigative assistance upon request concerning any crime that has happened in the Second Judicial Circuit.
4. Represent the State of Florida in all suits, applications, civil and criminal motions to which the State is a party.

Statutory Requirements

Florida Statute 27
Florida Statute 29.008

Advisory Board

None

Performance Measures

Performance Measures	FY2006 Actual	FY2007 Actual	FY2008 Estimate	FY2009 Estimate
# of Felony Cases filed	5,515	5,513	5,000	5,800
# of Juvenile Cases filed	1,748	1,524	1,700	1,500
# of Misdemeanor Cases filed	19,495	19,317	15,500	19,100
# of Worthless Check Cases filed	2,874	2,765	3,000	2,700

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State Attorney (110-532-602)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Operating	58,654	88,904	88,884	-	88,884	88,884
Total Budgetary Costs	58,654	88,904	88,884	-	88,884	88,884

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture	58,654	88,904	88,884	-	88,884	88,884
Total Revenues	58,654	88,904	88,884	-	88,884	88,884

Notes
This program is recommended at the same funding level as the previous fiscal year.

Public Defender

Organizational Code: 110-533-603

Mission Statement

The mission of the Public Defender's Office is to fulfill its constitutional requirement of providing quality legal representation to all indigents charged with criminal offenses.

Summary of Services Provided

1. Represent indigent clients charged with criminal offenses filed in Circuit, County, Juvenile, and Traffic Court.
2. Represent indigent clients with cases on appeal to the First District Court of Appeal.
3. Represent indigent clients in civil commitment proceedings under the Jimmy Ryce Act and the Baker Act.

Statutory Requirements

Florida Statute, Chapter 27.51 and Florida Statute 29.008

Advisory Board

None

Performance Measures

Performance Measures	FY2006 Actual	FY2007 Actual	FY2008 Estimate	FY2009 Estimate
# of Total Appointed/Reopened cases	13,781	13,589	14,745	15,482
# of Cases Pled	7,173	7,202	7,675	8,058
# of Nolle Prossed/Dismissed Cases	1,744	1,693	1,831	1,923
# of Total Cases Closed	11,090	11765	11,866	12,459
% of Total Incarcerated Clients Contacted within 3 days	96%	98%	98%	98%
# of Total Cases Closed within Speedy Trial Time Frame	11,086	11,737	11,862	12,455
# of Substantiated Bar Grievances	0	0	0	0
# of Appellate Clients Represented	98	1,200	1,300	1,400
# of Appellate Briefs Filed	100	1,234	1,250	1,350

Judicial

Public Defender (110-533-603)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Personal Services	-	-	-	74,000	74,000	74,000
Operating	88,755	105,455	107,775	-	107,775	107,775
Capital Outlay	2,002	2,320	-	-	-	-
Total Budgetary Costs	90,757	107,775	107,775	74,000	181,775	181,775

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture	90,757	107,775	107,775	74,000	181,775	181,775
Total Revenues	90,757	107,775	107,775	74,000	181,775	181,775

Notes
This program is recommended at an overall increased funding level due to service enhancements. The funding level adjustments for FY09 are as follows:

Increases to Program Funding Levels:
1. Funding for First Appearance Attorney(s) in the amount of $74,000.

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Other Court-Related Programs Summary

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Personal Services	186,588	199,473	386,101	-	386,101	400,179
Operating	66,673	394,101	55,530	-	55,530	55,689
Capital Outlay	18,991	81,815	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Grants-in-Aid	104,501	185,007	188,147	-	188,147	188,977
Total Budgetary Costs	376,753	860,396	710,784	-	710,784	727,524

Appropriations	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Alternative Juvenile Programs (117-509-569)	67,927	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Conflict Attorney Expenses (110-538-621)	-	300,000	-	-	-	-
Court Admin Jud Prgs- Law Library (113-546-714)	11,402	-	-	-	-	-
Court Administration - Teen Court (114-586-662)	135,762	142,351	188,118	-	188,118	195,036
Judicial Programs/Article V (117-548-601)	51,258	80,515	183,663	-	183,663	188,466
Law Library (117-546-714)	5,903	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Legal Aid (110-555-564)	25,667	95,985	95,985	-	95,985	95,985
Legal Aid (117-555-564)	78,834	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Total Budget	376,753	860,396	710,784	-	710,784	727,524

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture	25,667	395,985	95,985	-	95,985	95,985
113 Law Library Trust	11,402	-	-	-	-	-
114 Family Law Legal Services	135,762	142,351	188,118	-	188,118	195,036
117 Judicial Programs	203,922	322,060	426,681	-	426,681	436,503
Total Revenues	376,753	860,396	710,784	-	710,784	727,524

Staffing Summary	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Alternative Juvenile Programs (117-509-569)	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Court Administration - Teen Court (114-586-662)	2.00	3.00	4.00	-	4.00	4.00
Judicial Programs/Article V (117-548-601)	-	-	3.00	-	3.00	3.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	3.00	4.00	8.00	-	8.00	8.00

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Other Court-Related Programs - Legal Aid (110-555-564)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Grants-in-Aid	25,667	95,985	95,985	-	95,985	95,985
Total Budgetary Costs	25,667	95,985	95,985	-	95,985	95,985

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture	25,667	95,985	95,985	-	95,985	95,985
Total Revenues	25,667	95,985	95,985	-	95,985	95,985

Notes
This program is recommended at same level of funding as the previous fiscal year.

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.

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.

Statutory Requirements

938.19 Assessment of additional court costs.
Florida Statutes, Chapter 938.19.

Leon County Ordinance Sec. 7-28(c).

Advisory Board

Teen Court is a member of the Florida Association of Teen Courts, as well as a participant in the National Youth Court Program. Collectively, program staff participates with the Integrated Juvenile Services Staffing team-Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC), Youth Development Council, and the 2nd Circuit Family Law Advisory Group.

Performance Measures:

Performance Measures	FY2006 Actual	FY2007 Actual	FY2008 Estimate	FY2009 Estimate
# of Adults Participating in Proceedings	292	360	500	694
# of Cases Referred to Teen Court	143	147	212	306
# of Hours Active Officers Have Served	1,356	1,200	1,308	1,426
# of Hours Teen Volunteers Have Served as Jurors	1,434	936	1,208	1,559

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Other Court-Related Programs - Court Administration - Teen Court (114-586-662)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Personal Services	118,661	130,465	179,254	-	179,254	186,172
Operating	15,415	11,886	8,864	-	8,864	8,864
Capital Outlay	1,686	-	-	-	-	-
Total Budgetary Costs	135,762	142,351	188,118	-	188,118	195,036

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
114 Family Law Legal Services	135,762	142,351	188,118	-	188,118	195,036
Total Revenues	135,762	142,351	188,118	-	188,118	195,036

Staffing Summary	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Administrative Asst. I	-	-	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Case Manager/Adm. Asst. I	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Secretary Specialist	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Education Coordinator	-	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	2.00	3.00	4.00	-	4.00	4.00

This program is recommended at an overall increased funding level due to personnel and service level enhancements. However, there are decreased costs associated with this program. The funding level adjustments for FY09 are as follows:

Increases to Program Funding Levels:
1. A 3.9% cost of living adjustment for FY09. This adjustment will be offset by decreases in retirement, worker compensation, and a reduction in employer contribution to health care costs of 2.5%.
2. During the June 10, 2008 meeting, the Board approved the realignment of one administrative position from Second Judicial Circuit to Teen Court in order to offset the mandated reductions passed by the Legislature in the 2008 Session.

Decreases to Program Funding Levels:
1. Reduction of overall operating costs in the amount of $3,022.

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Other Court-Related Programs - Alternative Juvenile Programs (117-509-569)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Personal Services	67,927	69,008	68,228	-	68,228	70,665
Operating	-	1,700	1,622	-	1,622	1,701
Capital Outlay	-	1,300	-	-	-	-
Grants-in-Aid	-	8,507	11,156	-	11,156	10,313
Total Budgetary Costs	67,927	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
117 Judicial Programs	67,927	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Total Revenues	67,927	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679

Staffing Summary	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Juvenile Alternative Sanctions Coordinator	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00

Notes
On June 8, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the imposition of a $65.00 criminal violation court costs. In accordance with Florida Statutes and the enabling County Ordinance, the proceeds from the $65.00 fine are to be used as follows: 25% to supplement State funding requirements related to the implementation of a Statewide court system or to pay for local requirements; 25% to be used to fund legal aid programs; 25% to be used to fund law library personnel and materials; and 25% to be used to fund alternative juvenile programs. At the end of the fiscal year, any fund balance remaining shall be utilized in subsequent fiscal years for the funding of either State or local requirements.

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Other Court-Related Programs - Law Library (117-546-714)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Capital Outlay	5,903	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Total Budgetary Costs	5,903	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
117 Judicial Programs	5,903	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Total Revenues	5,903	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679

Notes
On June 8, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the imposition of a $65.00 criminal violation court costs. In accordance with Florida Statutes and the enabling County Ordinance, the proceeds from the $65.00 fine are to be used as follows: 25% to supplement State funding requirements related to the implementation of a Statewide court system or to pay for local requirements; 25% to be used to fund legal aid programs; 25% to be used to fund law library personnel and materials; and 25% to be used to fund alternative juvenile programs. At the end of the fiscal year, any fund balance remaining shall be utilized in subsequent fiscal years for the funding of either State or local requirements.

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Other Court-Related Programs - Judicial Programs/Article V (117-548-601)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Personal Services	-	-	138,619	-	138,619	143,342
Operating	51,258	80,515	45,044	-	45,044	45,124
Total Budgetary Costs	51,258	80,515	183,663	-	183,663	188,466

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
117 Judicial Programs	51,258	80,515	183,663	-	183,663	188,466
Total Revenues	51,258	80,515	183,663	-	183,663	188,466

Staffing Summary	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Administrative Asst. I	-	-	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Trial Courts Marshall	-	-	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Intra County Circuit Liaison	-	-	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	-	-	3.00	-	3.00	3.00

Notes
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During the June 10, 2008 meeting, the Board approved the realignment of three positions from Second Judicial Circuit to Judicial Programs in order to offset the mandated reductions passed by the Legislature in the 2008 Session. The Chief Judge has asked each county in the Second Judicial Circuit to contribute on a pro rata basis to two of the positions that serve the counties comprising the circuit. In a May 28, 2008 letter to the Chairman, Chief Judge Francis stated that these two additional pro-rata positions are local requirements and should be funded in accordance with Florida State Statutes 29.0008(2)(c)2.

In accordance with Florida Statutes, 25% of the funds collected from the criminal violation court costs have been divided among the four statutorily required categories. The remaining expenditures for Local Requirement Judicial Programs, specifically the three new positions, are funded with appropriated fund balance. Leon County will act as fiscal agent for these positions and each county of the circuit will contribute a proportionate share of the two pro rata positions, while the third position will remain funded in Leon County.

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Other Court-Related Programs - Legal Aid (117-555-564)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Grants-in-Aid	78,834	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Total Budgetary Costs	78,834	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
117 Judicial Programs	78,834	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679
Total Revenues	78,834	80,515	81,006	-	81,006	82,679

Notes
On June 8th, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the imposition of a $65.00 criminal violation court costs. In accordance with Florida Statutes and the enabling County Ordinance, the proceeds from the $65.00 fine are to be used as follows: 25% to supplement State funding requirements related to the implementation of a Statewide court system or to pay for local requirements; 25% to be used to fund legal aid programs; 25% to be used to fund law library personnel and materials; and 25% to be used to fund alternative juvenile programs. At the end of the fiscal year, any fund balance remaining shall be utilized in subsequent fiscal years for the funding of either the State or local requirements.

Guardian Ad Litem

Organizational Code: 001-547-685

Mission Statement

The mission of the Guardian Ad Litem Program is to advocate for the best interests of children who are alleged to be abused, neglected, or abandoned, and who are involved in court proceedings.

Summary of Services Provided

1. Provide children with legal representation and advocacy services by assigning an attorney, case coordinator or social work person, and trained lay volunteer to each case.
2. Preserve children's physical safety and emotional well-being and protect children from further harm.
3. Make verbal and written recommendations for children's permanent placement in a stable and nurturing home environment.
4. Attend trials, hearings, and mediations.

Statutory Requirements

Florida Statutes, Chapter 39.402(8) (c)(1) "Placement of Child in Shelter"; Chapter 39.802(2)(a) "Petition for Termination of Parental Rights"; Chapter 39.822 "Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem"; Chapter 39.407(5) Dependency Case Referral to Mediation".

Advisory Board

None

Performance Measures

Performance Measures	FY2006 Actual	FY2007 Actual	FY2008 Estimates	FY2009 Estimates
# of Leon County Cases	257	380	410	452 *
# of Leon County Children Served	464	735	794	883 *
# of Volunteers	251	325	358	284 *

*Note: Beginning in Fall 2007, the Florida Department of Children and Families made an enhanced effort to provide higher quality, more intense in-home services. This was done in an effort to reduce caseloads and the number of children removed from homes. Thus far, this initiative has resulted in a 16% reduction in Dependency cases Statewide and nearly a 7% reduction locally. Therefore, instead of providing '09 performance measures that are indicative of increases, a 3% overall decline is estimated. However, this decreased estimate is not assured. Historical data have shown that as economic conditions worsen and unemployment rates rise, dependency cases increase and fewer people seek volunteer opportunities.

Judicial

Guardian Ad Litem (001-547-685)

Budgetary Costs	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Operating	17,301	21,827	21,836	-	21,836	21,836
Total Budgetary Costs	17,301	21,827	21,836	-	21,836	21,836

Funding Sources	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted	FY 2009 Continuation	FY 2009 Issues	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
001 General Fund	17,301	21,827	21,836	-	21,836	21,836
Total Revenues	17,301	21,827	21,836	-	21,836	21,836

Notes
This program is recommended at the same level of funding as the previous fiscal year.