

## Lines of Business Reduction Impact Statements

### *Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court*

#### **001-81-310 Eliminate the Enterprise School (TES) Contract**

LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
81-02	Judicial/Court Services Administration	0 / 0.0 SYE	\$330,000	\$0	\$330,000

#### **DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION**

This reduction will eliminate the County contract with TES, a co-ed alternative day school which serves as a prevention program for up to 40 delinquent, at-risk adolescents.

#### **IMPACT OF REDUCTION**

This reduction will have a minor impact on level and quality of services provided. Other alternative school placements will be available to most youth. Between 20 and 40 at-risk adolescents may be impacted. Juvenile Court anticipates no impact on performance measures.

#### **001-81-311 Eliminate Gang Intervention, Prevention and Education Contract (IPE)**

LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
81-02	Judicial/Court Services Administration	0 / 0.0 SYE	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000

#### **DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION**

This contract provides community outreach and services to youth who are involved with or are at risk of becoming involved with gangs. This reduction eliminates the service.

#### **IMPACT OF REDUCTION**

Loss of this contract will impact the Court's prevention initiatives. Loss of contract will result in reduction of services to gang involved youth and to the prevention of gang activity. Loss of the contract will have a negative impact on the Court's effort to divert youth from gang life. There will be an impact on the Court's ability to provide gang prevention and intervention including community and street outreach, individual and family intervention, volunteer mentoring and employment opportunities to youth involved with or at risk of becoming involved in gangs. In FY 2009, the agency anticipates that IPE will serve over 120 families. The Court did secure federal grant funds through the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force, earmark funds, for two counselors which will reduce the impact of the loss of this program.

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#### **001-81-312 Eliminate Young Offender Treatment Services Contract**

LOB Number	LOB Title	Positions	Expenditures	Revenue	Net Reduction
81-01	Juvenile/Adult Investigation and Probation Services	0 / 0.0 SYE	\$82,000	\$0	\$82,000

#### **DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION**

Loss of this contract severely limits the Court's ability to provide immediate, age appropriate mental health services to youth ages 9 to 13 who commit serious offenses, such as sexual offenses, property crimes and assaults. The Court loses the ability to provide timely evaluation and assessment for mental health needs/services, intensive home based counseling and psychiatric assessment with short term medication management as required.

#### **IMPACT OF REDUCTION**

The Court will have no access to immediate age appropriate intervention, thus increasing the potential for further court involvement. Staff will need to request Comprehensive Services Act funds, and wait for services. Without early intervention, young offenders are more likely to become chronic adult offenders. Loss of service leads to reduction in public safety, and has a negative impact on low income families who do not have resources to pay for private treatment. Loss of the program may also have an adverse effect on the long-term recidivism rates for these youth. Sixteen youth were treated in FY 2007, and nine were treated in FY 2008.

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#### **001-81-313 Eliminate Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program (SVSE)**

<b>LOB Number</b>	<b>LOB Title</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Net Reduction</b>
81-01	<b>Juvenile/Adult Investigation and Probation Services</b>	2 / 2.0 SYE	\$112,467	\$6,000	\$106,467

#### **DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION**

This reduction eliminates funding for the Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program. SVSE provides a safe, neutral, affordable, and age appropriate setting for visitation and exchange of children in court referred cases. Families involved in SVSE have a history of domestic violence, sexual abuse, drug use, mental illness, and/or family dispute issues. This reduction is an elimination of the service.

#### **IMPACT OF REDUCTION**

Without this program parents and children may be denied visitation due to lack of alternatives. Children and family members may experience visitation/exchange under unsafe conditions, may become victims of domestic violence, may become emotionally traumatized, and/or forced to observe and be caught in the middle of traumatic, potentially dangerous conflicts. Year-to-date in FY 2009, 65 families have participated in SVSE. Loss of this program will have no impact on Court performance measures.

#### **001-81-314 Eliminate Family Counseling Unit (FCU)**

<b>LOB Number</b>	<b>LOB Title</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Net Reduction</b>
81-01	<b>Juvenile/Adult Investigation and Probation Services</b>	7 / 7.0 SYE	\$614,866	\$0	\$614,866

#### **DESCRIPTION OF REDUCTION**

The Family Counseling Unit (FCU) provides counseling, educational groups, and family evaluations for approximately 500 court involved families per year, the majority involved in serious custody disputes and domestic violence. The FCU coordinates the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program and the mandated assessments for Children in Need of Services, (CHINS) prior to disposition by the court.

#### **IMPACT OF REDUCTION**

Loss of the FCU will have a negative impact on programs across the entire continuum of court services. Untreated family dysfunction will result in continued domestic violence, and criminal behavior and Judges will not have access to timely family evaluations. There will be no substance abuse education programs available to the residential programs. Loss of the program could also lead to an increase in out-of-home placements and further delinquent behavior due to untreated substance abuse. Loss of the program will eliminate the Drug Court of the Juvenile Court, as staff provides the supportive services for the judge to hear cases. The coordination of the court's mandated Interdisciplinary Team making recommendations for truant and runaway youth will have to be curtailed and possibly absorbed by another division within the court or another outside agency delaying court hearings. Loss of the services provided by FCU will have a negative impact on recidivism rates for delinquent and CHINS youth.