

General District Court

85-02-Pretrial Services

Fund/Agency: 001/85	General District Court	
Personnel Services	\$476,186	<p>CAPS Percentage of Agency Total</p> <p>A pie chart titled 'CAPS Percentage of Agency Total' is positioned to the right of the table. It is divided into two segments: a blue segment representing 'Pretrial Services' at 36.9% and a yellow segment representing 'All Other Agency CAPS' at 63.1%. A legend below the chart identifies the colors: a blue square for 'Pretrial Services' and a yellow square for 'All Other Agency CAPS'.</p>
Operating Expenses	\$121,490	
Recovered Costs	\$0	
Capital Equipment	\$0	
Total CAPS Cost:	\$597,676	
Federal Revenue	\$0	
State Revenue	\$0	
User Fee Revenue	\$0	
Other Revenue	\$0	
Total Revenue:	\$0	
Net CAPS Cost:	\$597,676	
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	12/12.5	

► CAPS Summary

The Court Services Division (CSD) is a division of the General District Court, but also provides some services to Circuit Court and the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court. CSD assists defendants who request court-appointed counsel or interpretation services, interviews defendants in jail to assist judges and magistrates with release decisions, operates a pretrial supervised release program, and provides probation services to offenders convicted of both misdemeanors and Classes 5 and 6 felonies.

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► Method of Service Provision

The Pretrial Services Unit has two components: defendant investigations and provision of services to defendants requiring court appointed counsel or interpreters. The investigation process includes a thorough search of criminal history records and court records (performed by criminal record specialists), interviewing the defendant, verifying the information by contacting family, employers and other sources, and making recommendations to magistrates and judges concerning pretrial release of defendants (performed by the evaluators). Staff cover shifts in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center providing coverage seven days per week, 24 hours per day. Additional staff manage the court appointed attorney system with the assistance of volunteers who conduct financial interviews for determining eligibility for court appointed counsel. Staff also manage a group of contract interpreters by scheduling assignments for client/attorney interviews and court hearings and processing paperwork for reimbursement.

► Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate	FY 2002 Estimate
# of Investigations	6,158	5,257	4,914	4,788	4,765
# of Cases Appointed Attorneys	10,608	10,631	11,165	10,851	11,010
# of Interpretation Cases	7,482	7,668	10,381	11,837	11,840

► Mandate Information

This CAPS is Federally or State mandated. The percentage of this CAPS' resources utilized to satisfy the mandate is 76 - 100%. The specific Federal or State code and a brief description of the code follows:

- Article 5 (§19.2-152.2 et seq.) of Chapter 9 of Title 19.2 of the Code of Virginia, Pretrial Services Act. The purpose of this act is to provide more effective protection of society by establishing programs which assist judicial officers in discharging their duties pursuant to §§19.2-121 and 19.2-123. The programs are to provide better information and services for the judicial officers in determining the risk to public safety and the assurance of the persons appearance in court.