



Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

Request By: Chairman Connolly

Question: What percentage of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court's \$21.8 million budget is mandated by the state?

Response: The FY 2008 Mandate report classifies 100 percent of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court (JDRC) expenditures as mandated. For purposes of the report, a mandate is defined as those that the County provides because it is required to do so by Federal or State law. Mandated programs can also be those that the County chooses to provide, but once it does, it must meet a series of federal/state rules and/or regulations. In the case of JDRC, 87 percent fall into the first part of the definition (programs the County provides because it is required to do so) and the remaining 13 percent fall into the second part of the definition (programs the County chooses to provide, but once it does, must meet federal/state rules and/or regulations). For example, the County has chosen to provide specialized residential services for high risk boys and girls in the Boys and Girls Probation House programs. In doing so the County is required to meet a series of federal and/or state rules and regulations.