



**Caroline County, Virginia
Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Adopted Budget**

Function: Judicial Administration
Department/Officer: Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
Division: Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

Mission:

To provide required building space and the payment of operating expenses in order for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to fulfill its mission to provide efficient and timely processing and distribution of Court orders related to custody and visitation, civil support, spousal support and criminal and traffic cases

Budget Unit Description/Activities:

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court is a branch of the District Court structure that handles cases involving juveniles (persons under the age of 18), domestic disputes or domestic violence. Cases heard may include delinquency petitions, juvenile traffic violations, child abuse, abandonment or neglect, or children in need of services or supervision. A child in need of services is a juvenile who has taken certain non-criminal actions, such as truancy or habitually running away from home, that indicate a need for intervention. Also covered are cases involving adults accused of abuse, neglect or violence against members of their family and disputes regarding the support, visitation or custody of children. Foster care and entrustment agreements and court consent for certain types of medical treatment may also be resolved in this court.

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court differs from other courts in its approach to promoting the welfare of the child and the family in its proceedings and its commitment to rehabilitate and treat, rather than punish, the individuals involved in cases before it. The Court has a duty to protect the privacy of all juveniles appearing in its cases.

Judges of the Court are appointed by the General Assembly and they and all other Court personnel are paid by the State. The locality must provide space for the Court to conduct its business and must pay for necessary office equipment, expenses and outside services when required. This budget also pays an allocated share of the judicial district's Court Service Unit. This Unit, serving the entire District, provides services to families and facilitates the rehabilitation of juveniles who appear before the Court.

Service Level/Performance Statistics:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
New Cases:					
Juvenile	1,429	1,355	1,277	1,134	1,341
Domestic	1,242	1,287	1,402	1,617	1,281
Hearings Held:					
Juvenile	2,877	2,776	2,602	2,240	2,740
Domestic	2,709	2,854	2,963	3,548	2,777
Cases Concluded:					
Juvenile	1,431	1,405	1,320	1,104	1,223
Domestic	1,338	1,294	1,429	1,713	1,278
Total Cases per Judge	6,678	6,550	6,698	6,878	6,556
Total Cases per Court Clerk	1,215	1,139	1,165	1,196	1,048

Budget Highlights:

No significant changes are adopted in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget for this unit.

Budgeted Funding and Expenditures:

	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>Change</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Funding Sources:</u>						
General Local Revenue	\$ 22,090	\$ 15,512	\$ 17,066	\$ 15,762	\$ (1,304)	-7.6%
Permits, Fees & Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Categorical Aid: State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Categorical Aid: Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Categorical Aid: Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total	\$ 22,090	\$ 15,512	\$ 17,066	\$ 15,762	\$ (1,304)	-7.6%
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Personnel Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Purchased Services	\$ 13,930	\$ 8,930	\$ 9,416	\$ 8,637	\$ (779)	-8.3%
Other Charges	\$ 7,760	\$ 5,694	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,775	\$ 25	0.4%
Materials & Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 888	\$ 900	\$ 1,350	\$ 450	50.0%
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	-100.0%
Total	\$ 22,090	\$ 15,512	\$ 17,066	\$ 15,762	\$ (1,304)	-7.6%