

PROBATION - 3140

MISSION

The mission of the Probation Department is to ensure the safety of Albany County residents by supervising all juvenile and adult clients on probation and helping them become responsible, productive, and law-abiding members of the community.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

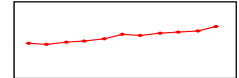
The Albany County Probation Department provides a State mandated service for which the County receives State Aid. The Probation Department provides services in three major areas to meet its mandate:

Intake Diversion, which acts as a screening process to determine the appropriateness of PINS (Person in Need of Supervision) and JD (Juvenile Delinquent) cases for which the local Family Court has jurisdiction and attempts to divert certain cases from formal Family Court processing

Pre-Sentence, Pre-Dispositional Investigations, a written document of an individual's legal and social history subsequent to a conviction in criminal court or an adjudication in Family Court and assisting in judicial decision making

Supervision of both adults and juveniles placed on probation as a sentence/disposition imposed by a Criminal Court or Family Court

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$5,550,949
1999:	\$5,396,345
2000:	\$5,713,617
2001:	\$5,994,624
2002:	\$6,479,170
2003:	\$7,211,317
2004:	\$7,087,196
2005:	\$7,371,727
2006:	\$7,692,979
2007:	\$7,774,225
2008:	\$8,800,481

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Number of cases received on Probation in 2007:

<u>Adult</u>		<u>Juvenile Supervision</u>		<u>Intake</u>
Misdemeanors	979	PINS	85	PINS 419
Felonies	398	JD's	106	JD's 600

Number of cases under Supervision as of 12/31/07:

<u>Adult</u>		<u>Juvenile Supervision</u>		<u>Intake</u>
Misdemeanors	1,349	PINS	86	PINS 156
Felonies	2,174	JD's	127	JD's 143
		Adult	17	

Through the supervision program, probation services provide the probationer with mandated opportunities for rehabilitation, protection to the community and cost effective deterrent to incarceration and/or out of home residential placement.

The cost of providing probation supervision is less than \$2,000 per probationer per year as compared to \$60,000 - \$120,000 per individual per year for juveniles sentenced to residential treatment/placement, and approximately \$56,000 per individual per year for adults who are incarcerated in state prison and local jails. Probation is the most cost effective sanction available to the Courts, allowing local taxpayer's significant financial savings each year.

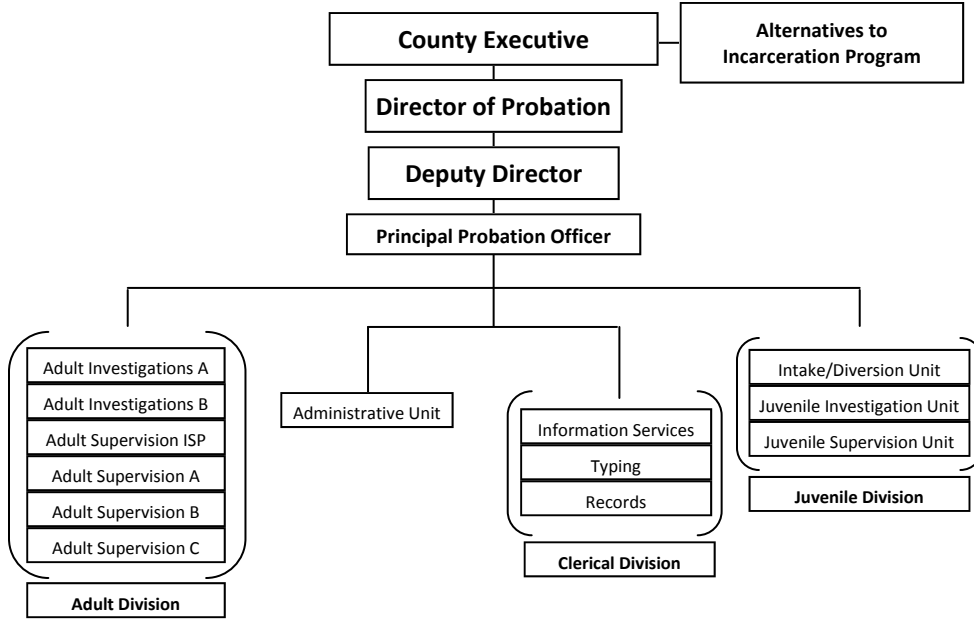
As part of supervision, Probation makes arrests when a probationer is in violation or has an outstanding warrant from a court for other reasons. The Department's biggest training focus is on staff safety. This safety awareness is necessary considering the caseload size and the types of offenders being sentenced to probation.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2009 Executive Budget reflects reductions in State revenues of approximately \$294,000. The decreases primarily reflect the recent downward trends in expected State Aid for 2009 and miscellaneous adjustments related to decreased program expenses that are state reimbursable. Combined with an increase of \$402,509 in appropriations and the decrease in expected state revenues of \$148,818, the County Share has increased by 8.7 percent at the Department.
- The 2009 Executive Budget proposes decreased equipment expenses based on various equipment purchases being completed in the current 2008 Budget. Additionally, program adjustments are made to remaining equipment lines, including computer equipment expenses that are transferred to the Division of Information Services 2009 Budget.
- The Executive Budget eliminates one probation assistant and one full-time probation officer position within the Department related to departmental efficiencies and reprogramming. However, the loss of one full-time probation officer position is offset by the creation a new part-time position. The Department is realigning its work assignments to cover the loss of these positions while maintaining existing services to its clients.
- The Executive Budget assumes \$137,067 in personal service savings based on current vacancies within the department and historical personnel spending patterns related to hiring and retention rates.
- The Department in partnership with Albany County's Department for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is undertaking significant modification of its preventive services to juvenile delinquent (JD) populations to better serve its clients. This change has resulted in an increase of \$121,000 in overtime appropriations for 2009 and is approximately 70 percent funded by federal or state funding sources. There are also \$114,466 in contractual spending increases related to the modified programming that are offset by other miscellaneous adjustments to contractual spending at the Department. The programming change will require increased probation officer and related staffing hours devoted to the following programs:
 1. Aggression Replacement Training Program (ART) Program: Provides a 10 week course to juveniles that have assaultive arrest or are placed in Persons In-Need of Supervision (PINS) and exhibit aggression towards peers or family members. It is aimed at improving social skill competence, anger control, and moral reasoning of participants.
 2. Parent Project/Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) Program: Provides 11 week classes for Parents of JD or PINS populations with instruction on how to deal with difficult - to - manage children, including techniques on how to bridge communication and relationship gaps within the family structure. The CBT segment is an Evidence Based Program designed to address the criminogenic needs of the offender and allow for behavior modification. This program is instrumental in decreasing the need to refer cases to the Family Court System.
 3. Juvenile Community Accountability Board (JCAB) and National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM) are both designed to provide a positive results-driven incentive to keep youth from re-entering the Juvenile Justice System. JCAB is based on a Restorative Justice Model and places a child before a board of community members to learn how his/her behavior has affected the community as well as to be held accountable for those actions. The NYPUM segment uses the privilege of riding mini-bikes as an incentive for motivating at-risk youth and providing them with healthy peer relationships, and positive role models.

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Account	Description	2007 Expended	2008 Adjusted	2009 Proposed	2008-09 Change	2008-09 Percent Change	
Appropriations							
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	Personnel Services	\$ 5,655,068	\$ 5,916,978	\$ 5,947,738	\$ 30,760	0.5%	
	Equipment	\$ 57,349	\$ 14,962	\$ 26,936	\$ 11,974	80.0%	
	Contractual Expenses	\$ 455,851	\$ 1,147,773	\$ 1,295,082	\$ 147,309	12.8%	
	Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,704,245	\$ 1,720,768	\$ 1,933,234	\$ 212,466	12.3%	
	Probation	\$ 7,872,512	\$ 8,800,481	\$ 9,202,990	\$ 402,509	4.6%	
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Revenue							
	Probation	\$(2,412,377)	\$(2,493,614)	\$(2,344,516)	\$ 149,098	(6.0%)	
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	County Share	\$ 5,460,136	\$ 6,306,867	\$ 6,858,474	\$ 551,607	8.7%	
			2008 Adjusted	2009 Requested	2009 Proposed	2008-09 Changes	2008-09 Percent Change
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