



# Juvenile Justice System in \_\_\_\_\_ County

## A Report Card to Our Stakeholders

When we ask citizens what they want to accomplish with their justice system, the message is clear and consistent.

- They want the justice system to further community safety;
- They want victims of crime to receive justice;
- They want offenders to be accountable for their behavior; and
- They want offenders to cease their criminal activity and become responsible and productive citizens and, ultimately.

As taxpayers you invest significant resources to cause these things to happen. The purpose of this document is to provide you with a report card on how your juvenile justice system is performing. To do so, we have established a set of benchmarks to inform the community and the juvenile justice system about our ability to further safety, restore justice for victims, and reduce the risk of re-offending. We hope you find the information helpful to determine if the return on your investment is reasonable. You can expect us to strive for improvement from year to year depending on the same benchmarks to provide you a reliable gauge of our progress.

We have also learned an important lesson from our work in this arena. We can and should be held accountable for our performance on these measures. However, we also know that the highest form of public safety occurs not only because of sound use of your tax dollars, but as a result of your personal involvement in creating a safer community. Working together we can build a safer and more just \_\_\_\_\_ County. To perform better on every one of these benchmarks we need citizen participation. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is the lead agency to further citizen involvement in \_\_\_\_\_ County. If you wish to become involved in these efforts or have questions or concerns, please contact the \_\_\_\_\_ at (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed,

Juvenile Court Judge

or

District Attorney

Chair, County Board of Supervisors

Director, State Dept. of Juvenile Justice

# COMPETENCY

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### DEVELOPING YOUTH COMPETENCY

#### RESISTANCE TO DRUG & ALCOHOL USE:

A test to determine illegal drug and alcohol use by adjudicated juvenile offenders yielded a finding that \_\_\_\_\_ percent tested positive at the time of probation intake. \_\_\_\_\_ percent were found to be using illegal drugs or alcohol during supervision. And \_\_\_\_\_ percent tested positive at the time of case closure.

**SCHOOL PARTICIPATION:** At case closure, we find that \_\_\_\_\_ percent of youth completing Accountability Agreements or Juvenile Court orders were actively involved in school, an alternative education program, or vocational training.

**EMPLOYMENT:** For those youth not involved in an educational or vocational program at case closure, \_\_\_\_\_ percent are employed.

**BUILDING COMMUNITY COMPETENCY CRIME PREVENTION/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** The very best way to reduce citizen and community victimization is to prevent crime from happening in the first place. Citizen participation in justice system efforts is essential to furthering public safety. During the year \_\_\_\_\_, the juvenile justice system fielded \_\_\_\_\_ volunteers who contributed in excess of \_\_\_\_\_ hours of service valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Drug & Alcohol Abuse Adjudicated Offenders Testing Positive

At Probation  
Intake: \_\_\_\_\_%

During Supervision: \_\_\_\_\_%

At Case Closure: \_\_\_\_\_%

#### School Participation

Youth Actively  
Participating in  
Educational Program  
or Vocational Training  
at Case Closure: \_\_\_\_\_%

#### Employment

Youth Employed  
at Case Closure: \_\_\_\_\_%

#### Citizen Participation

# of Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

Hrs. Contributed: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Hrs: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## ENSURING OFFENDER ACCOUNTABILITY

### Restitution to Victims

Ordered: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

% Paid or  
**Being Paid**  
On Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_%

**RESTITUTION:** Crime victims are clear about their expectations of offenders. Offenders should be expected to pay back for the harm they've caused. In the year \_\_\_\_\_, offenders were ordered to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in restitution to victims. The actual amount of restitution paid during the year was \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please note, of the restitution orders remaining open at the end of the year, \_\_\_\_\_ percent were being paid back on schedule.

### Restorative Community Work Service

Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Worked: \_\_\_\_\_

Fulfilled: \_\_\_\_\_%

\$ Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Of cases remaining open, \_\_\_\_\_ percent were being fulfilled on schedule.

**WORK SERVICE:** Offenders are expected to perform work service to repay the community for the loss of peace suffered by the community. In the year \_\_\_\_\_, over \_\_\_\_\_ hours of service were ordered to be performed by offenders. The amount of service performed was \_\_\_\_\_ hours. The percentage of hours worked compared to what was ordered was \_\_\_\_\_ percent. The value of this work to the community calculated at minimum wage was \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

### Victim Satisfaction

How would you rate your overall satisfaction with our department? (Rated 5 to 1 with 5 being "most positive" and 1 being "most negative.")

Rated "5" \_\_\_\_\_%  
Rated "4" \_\_\_\_\_%  
Rated "3" \_\_\_\_\_%  
Rated "2" \_\_\_\_\_%  
Rated "1" \_\_\_\_\_%

### MEASURING SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY The justice system has a responsibility to serve crime victims

Crime victims who are served by \_\_\_\_\_ County are provided a survey to determine their level of satisfaction with the \_\_\_\_\_ department's services. There are 10 questions. The very last question asks the crime victim to rate their overall experience with the \_\_\_\_\_ department. Surveys were distributed to \_\_\_\_\_ victims of crime. The average satisfaction rating (on a scale of 1 – most negative to 5 – most positive) from the survey respondents was \_\_\_\_\_.

ACCOUNTABILITY

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## FURTHERING COMMUNITY SAFETY

**JUVENILE CRIME:** Two important indicators of juvenile crime trends are the per capita rate of juvenile offenders who are adjudicated delinquent by the Juvenile Court or commit crimes that warrant a waiver to Adult Court. In the year \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ were found to be delinquent. This means that in our community \_\_\_\_\_ of every 1,000 juveniles were adjudged delinquent in \_\_\_\_\_. Table A at right illustrates how that compares with delinquency rates over the past five years. Furthermore, in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ youth were prosecuted in Adult Court. Table B illustrates how that figure compares with the five previous years.

**Table A  
Adjudications**

Year	Rate
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Table B  
Adult Prosecutions**

Year	Rate
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**LAW-ABIDING BEHAVIOR:** Of those offenders who completed Accountability Agreements (efforts to intervene before an offender is adjudicated delinquent by the court) or a Juvenile Court Order, \_\_\_\_\_ percent had no charges filed against them for a new criminal offense within one year of completing the order.

**Law-Abiding Behavior  
No Charges Filed for New  
Criminal Offense**

Accountability Agreement:	_____%
Court Order:	_____%

**ADULT CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS:** When reviewing the records of those juvenile offenders who completed Accountability Agreements or Juvenile Court orders, we find that as young adults (ages 19, 20 and 21 were sampled) \_\_\_\_\_ percent have no adult criminal convictions.

**Adult Criminal Convictions**

Youth with No Adult Criminal Convictions By Age 21:	_____%
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