# Juvenile Court / Juvenile Judge - 1061

### **FUNCTION**

The Juvenile Court of Hamilton County is the official assembly for transactions of judicial business and the administration of justice as mandated by local, state, and federal law in juvenile matters. Children are referred to the Juvenile Court for reasons of delinquency, status offenses (truancy & runaway), and dependency/neglect issues. Presently, Hamilton County Juvenile Court hears more than 7,000 new cases per year and maintains over 15,000 open cases. Habilitation and rehabilitation of youth and preservation of the family unit remain the philosophical goal of the Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

#### PERFORMANCE GOALS

- 1. To expedite judicial processing of all complaints
- 2. To protect the needs of youth referred to the court
- 3. To reduce the number of youth who recidivate to criminal behavior
- 4. To protect youth in a state of dependency and/or neglect
- 5. To divert from judicial intervention those cases meeting pre-defined criteria
- 6. To maintain data and records for evaluation and planning of court services

Expenditures by type	Actual 2009		Actual 2010		Budget 2011		Budget 2012	
Employee Compensation	\$	2,367,160	\$	2,366,760	\$	2,453,893	\$	2,459,400
Employee Benefits		1,038,393		1,017,670		1,251,368		1,089,444
Operations		174,184		190,274		204,815		195,952
Total Expenditures	\$	3,579,737	\$	3,574,704	\$	3,910,076	\$	3,744,796

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## **Juvenile Court / Detention Center – 1062**

## **FUNCTION**

The Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center is a pre-adjudicatory temporary holding facility for juveniles charged with delinquent and runaway offenses. Juveniles held in the detention center are required to take part in the educational program and to participate in daily tasks. The detention center is in operation, twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days per year. Approximately two thousand (2,000) children come through the facility each year.

### PERFORMANCE GOALS

- 1. Because the Juvenile Detention Center is a temporary holding facility, the primary goal is to provide a safe and secure facility for children who are being detained prior to court hearings
- 2. The Center is unable to provide correctional treatment, however, an active educational program is provided, as well as crisis intervention, which could lead to a community referral for family assistance
- 3. To maintain high standards and protocol in the orderly, structured daily operation of the detention center

Expenditures by type	Actual 2009		Actual 2010		Budget 2011		Budget 2012	
Employee Compensation	\$ 1,153,454	\$	1,154,792	\$	1,271,850	\$	1,282,538	
Employee Benefits	540,491		548,191		588,501		596,499	
Operations	218,349		198,498		236,681		235,400	
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,912,294	\$	1,901,481	\$	2,097,032	\$	2,114,437	

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# Juvenile Court / IV-D Child Support - 1063

### **FUNCTION**

The IV-D Department of the Juvenile Court is responsible for hearing all cases pertaining to the obtaining of delinquent collections from absent parents. Funds collected for children on Families First are forwarded to the Department of Human Services to offset those State costs. The Court hearings from this department involve legitimacy, paternity suits, visitations, and contempts. Due to computerization, the program is linked to similar programs across the nation making accessibility of child support easier for custodians of children.

## **PERFORMANCE GOALS**

To hear all cases in a timely fashion brought to obtain child support from absent parents.

Expenditures by type	Actual 2009		Actual 2010		Budget 2011		Budget 2012	
Employee Compensation	\$	387,010	\$	387,310	\$	387,610	\$	390,357
Employee Benefits		153,765		156,568		158,970		143,179
Operations		50,933		38,374		90,050		88,750
Total Expenditures	\$	591,708	\$	582,252	\$	636,630	\$	622,286

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### **PROGRAM COMMENTS**

In FY 2002 the State of Tennessee began processing the Child Support collections of Hamilton County's Juvenile Court.

## Juvenile Court Volunteer Services - 1064

#### **FUNCTION**

The Volunteer Service department utilizes approximately 90 volunteers throughout the Court system. Volunteers are recruited, and trained for placements with all types of children. The Auxiliary Probation Officer (APO) program assists in monitoring in-home detention as well as children on probation. The Foster Care Review Board reviews every foster child's case and provides recommendations to the Court for future planning. The board reviews more than 1,000 cases per year.

## PERFORMANCE GOALS

- 1. To recruit, train, and supervise volunteers for services to the Court
- 2. To make recommendations to the Court regarding future planning for children
- 3. To provide informed community representatives who will raise awareness on juvenile issues
- 4. To provide a positive role model for children and families coming into the system
- 5. To protect children classified as "high risk" for abuse, delinquency or neglect

Expenditures by type	Actual 2009		Actual 2010		Budget 2011		Budget 2012	
Employee Compensation	\$	80,196	\$	80,196	\$	80,196	\$	81,946
Employee Benefits		37,845		39,182		39,799		40,185
Operations		18,042		15,044		18,650		17,200
Total Expenditures	\$	136,083	\$	134,422	\$	138,645	\$	139,331

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# Juvenile Court CASA - 1066

#### **FUNCTION**

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are trained community volunteers appointed by the Judge or Referee to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in court. The CASA provides the judge with a carefully researched background investigation of the child and their circumstances. Additionally the CASA serves as the child's advocate in dealing with agencies and court personnel, to make sure that the child's unique needs are not overlooked, and that his/her interests remain of paramount concern in the care planning process.

Hamilton County CASA presently utilizes 28 volunteers who have intervened in over 593 cases. This year 55 new children have already been served. Program volunteers contribute an average of 85 hours per month. Hamilton County CASA is a member and partially funded by the Tennessee CASA association. Additional funding is received from the national CASA associations.

Expenditures by type	Actual 2009		Actual 2010		Budget 2011		Budget 2012	
Employee Compensation	\$	46,006	\$	46,006	\$	46,306	\$	47,956
Employee Benefits		23,541		26,323		26,612		26,975
Operations		4,815		3,479		6,250		5,150
Total Expenditures	\$	74,362	\$	75,808	\$	79,168	\$	80,081

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### Juvenile Court Youth & Alcohol – 1067

# **FUNCTION**

This department facilitates the state mandates of the Youth Highway Safety Program, which addresses issues related to juvenile drinking and drug usage. All individuals convicted in a drug or alcohol offense face mandatory loss of driving privileges and drug and alcohol program attendance.

Expenditures by type	Actual 2009		Actual 2010		Budget 2011		Budget 2012	
Employee Compensation	\$	39,498	\$	39,548	\$	39,598	\$	39,923
Employee Benefits		18,637		24,868		25,132		25,204
Operations		1,802		984		3,100		2,400
Total Expenditures	\$	59,937	\$	65,400	\$	67,830	\$	67,527

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