

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

Authorized Positions	56	56	56	54
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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

Authorized Positions	35	35	35	35
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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

Authorized Positions 1 1 1 1

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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