

**COORDINATED ENFORCEMENT PLAN (CEP)
JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG)
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A. Problem(s) to be Addressed

a. Identify the scope of the existing juvenile crime problem within the grant jurisdiction. Supporting documentation and supporting data should be included or footnoted. Any relevant testimonies or research can be included.

In 2006, 1,289 petitions were filed in the Juvenile Court, encompassing 1,790 individual delinquent acts in the following categories: non-violent offenses 795 (44%); violent offenses 394 (22%); substance abuse offenses 273 (15%); and status offenses 328 (18%). Over the past six years, the total number of offenses increased 13%, with a low of 1,451 in 2002 and a high of 1,790 in 2006. After a peak of 469 violent offenses in 2004, the number has steadily decreased in the past two years. Significant increases in 2006 were seen for status offenses (14% increase) and drug/alcohol offenses (20% increase). Though no significant overall trends are visible, assessing changes year by year can help us judge the impact of our programs and help determine new or renewed areas of need and focus.

For the Juvenile Court in Washtenaw County, domestic violence offenses committed by juveniles continue to be one of our renewed areas of need and focus. In 2006 there were 71 counts of domestic violence representing 63 separate petitions. This number is up slightly from 2005 when 67 counts were filed on 60 petitions. Families in these situations are characterized by negative and violent communication patterns, an inability to manage anger and difficulties deescalating conflict.

In Washtenaw County the purpose of intensive probation supervision is to protect the community from violent, serious, and/or chronic juvenile offenders while holding them accountable for their acts and increasing their skills and competencies. Intensive probation supervision includes: a phased system of controls (i.e. frequent contacts; night surveillance and tether); case planning and continuous case management; core service requirements; and a system of swift rewards and graduated sanctions. In 2006, 51% of youth closed from intensive probation received new external petitions during their term of supervision. Though these are the youth highest at risk in Washtenaw County for recidivism, this recidivism rate is concerning. A 2005 OJJDP Juvenile Justice Bulletin reported that linking an intensive supervision program to rehabilitative services enhances the likelihood of success in reducing recidivism (MacKenzie, 1997, as cited in Austin, Johnson and Weitzer, 2005, OJJDP Juvenile Justice Bulletin: Alternatives to Secure Detention and Confinement of Juvenile Offenders, pg 18). Therefore, JABG monies will assist the Intensive Probation program to continue rehabilitative programming to augment the existing intensive supervision and monitoring.

JABG funds this year will focus on rehabilitation services for the specific populations of domestic violence offenders and youth on intensive probation.

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b. Describe the existing programs, services, and personnel currently available to address the juvenile crime problem.

In Washtenaw County several programs exist currently to address the issues of juvenile crime. At the law enforcement level, 6 of the 12 school districts in our County have eight full-time officers assigned to the schools. These officers are members of a Youth Officer's Association, which meets on a monthly basis to discuss specific juvenile crime issues.

The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's office has a Juvenile Diversion/Restoration Program. It is a diversion and intervention program for juvenile offenders. The goal of the program is to instill accountability in at risk juveniles and provide restoration to the community. This program was designed to offer first time, non-violent offenders the opportunity to re-direct their paths in order to become productive citizens while accepting responsibility for their actions. The program strives to prevent the juvenile from entering the court system by stopping the authorization of a petition after successful program completion and eliminating recidivism.

The Washtenaw County Trial Court – Family Division/Juvenile Center currently employs 42 staff. Within the probation department there are: two diversion caseworkers, two caseworkers for the sex offender caseload, eight probation officers (one dedicated to the supervision of drug court participants), one juvenile drug court coordinator, four intensive probation officers, four in-home intervention specialists (night surveillance), and four supervisors. The diversion unit provides informal supervision to status offenders. The probation officers make case specific recommendations to the bench and provide supervision to youth post disposition. The night surveillance staff is utilized as needed for short-term structure and sanctions. The intensive probation unit offers long-term structure and sanctions for youth at risk of being removed from home.

In February 2004, the Children's Services Department, in conjunction with Dawn Farm (a local substance abuse provider), made available to the court, programming for adjudicated youth with a history of substance abuse. This Juvenile Drug Court is housed in the Detention facility and seeks to combat the growing number of youth abusing substances in Washtenaw County. Currently three different levels of care exist within the program. They include: a residential component which is 6-9 months long; an Intensive Outpatient program for Dependent youth; and an Intensive Outpatient program for Abusing youth. All three programs have a strong family component. To date, the program has served 82 youth and their families. Currently, 22 youth are in the program.

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B. Project Design

- a. Outline a plan of action pertaining to the scope and detail of how the proposed program purpose areas will be accomplished. Describe any innovations or new features of the project such as technology, reductions in cost or time, or extraordinary community involvement.

Utilizing the FY 2008 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant monies, the Washtenaw County Trial Court – Juvenile Division intends to request contractual funding for the continuation of domestic violence programming for adjudicated youth. This programming which includes a parental component allows for offender accountability and skill development to deter future violent confrontations. Separate weekly sessions for youth and their parents run for 8 weeks.

Contractual services will also be requested to continue a group curriculum for our intensive probation population. Using the Balanced and Restorative Justice model, this curriculum will focus on empathy building/identification, community reparation and competency development. Groups will run an average of twelve weeks and serve 8-10 youth per session.

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b. List in chronological order, a schedule of accomplishments and their target dates (timeline).

September 2007	JCEC Planning Meeting
December 2007	Submission of 07-08 grant application
May 2008	JCEC bi-annual meeting/Final report from 07-08 grant
March-April 08/09	Monthly submission of financial reports
March-April 08/09	Ongoing domestic violence and Intensive Probation programming
September 2008	JCEC meeting
October 2008	Submission of semi-annual report

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c. List organizations or other key individuals who will work on the project along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution.

The Washtenaw County Trial Court - Juvenile Center will continue to work closely with our local schools, law enforcement and the children's service department as we seek to develop new and innovative ways to address the issue of juvenile crime in our county.

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A. Purpose

The purpose of the Washtenaw County Trial Court Juvenile Division's controlled substance abuse testing policy is to identify, monitor and reduce the number of juveniles using controlled substances. This will be through early assessments, treatment referrals, regular testing, graduated sanctions and intense supervision as needed.

B. Categories of Juveniles to be Tested

All adjudicated juveniles who come before the court for drug and alcohol offenses will be tested. At the request of the probation officer, juveniles who self-report use or have otherwise demonstrated some form of substance use, will be tested randomly by the Washtenaw County Community Corrections Drug testing unit or another drug testing agency.

All youth in the Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) program will be tested in accordance with the drug testing protocols outlined in the policy and procedure manual.

C. Test Sites

The Washtenaw County Trial Court - Juvenile Division utilizes the Community Corrections drug testing unit.

D. Treatment Interventions and Options

Juveniles who are identified as having a potential substance abuse problem will be ordered to have an assessment. Currently the Washtenaw County Trial Court - Juvenile Division refers to the following agencies:

- Access
- St Joseph Hospital -Greenbrook
- First Step
- Dawn Farm

Based on the recommendations of the assessment, juveniles will be connected to a variety of treatment options:

- Drug education: First Step Prevention Services; St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Greenbrook, Dawn Farm education series
- Individual, Group and/or Family counseling: St Joseph Mercy Hospital-Greenbrook
- Intensive Outpatient: Daybreak, Growthworks
- Residential: Daybreak, Karios, Wolverine Human Services, Nokomis.

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E. Testing

1. Authorization to Test

The Washtenaw County Trial Court - Juvenile Division will authorize substance abuse testing by issuing a court order. The juvenile will sign a release of information allowing the court and treatment agency to share the results of screens as well as treatment progress.

2. How will you ensure chain of custody?

At Community Corrections, the taking of all specimens is staff-monitored.

3. Who will provide staff training?

Community Corrections will be responsible for providing the appropriate staff training.

4. What will be your preferred method of testing?

Urine screens will be the preferred method of testing with the Community Corrections test site using four-panel Roche OnTrak TESTKIT. When the drug of choice is alcohol, a test will be conducted at Community Corrections by a certified operator. Additionally, oral swabs are now being used on a select number of juveniles.

5. Frequency

The frequency of testing is driven by probation staff based on reports, community behavior and the number of positive screens.

The frequency of testing for participants of the Juvenile Drug Court is established in the JDC policy and procedure manual.

6. Initial Screening and Confirmation

Screenings are conducted at the Community Corrections site as well as the Detention Center. Confirmation requests will be mailed to an off-site lab.

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7. Confidentiality

The rights of the juveniles will not be violated. Therefore, every screen and test result will be shared with the probation officer and judge only after the juvenile completes a release of information form.

Every test result will be shared with the probation officer and hearing officer after the juvenile completes a release of information form.

F. Responses to Test Results

Please indicate your response to clean drug tests.

Clean Drug tests responses include:

1. verbal praise
2. sharing information with the family
3. decreased drug testing
4. increase in program privileges
5. written acknowledgment provided to the hearing officer

Please indicate your response to dirty drug tests.

The following has been identified as potential responses to dirty screens:

1. verbal reprimand
2. drug education program
3. increased drug testing
4. increased contacts with probation staff
5. earlier curfew or loss of other privileges
6. community service assignments
7. electronic monitoring
8. referral for evaluation and/or treatment
9. placement in detention
10. placement in a residential facility

G. Sanctions will be imposed with approval of court as reported by

After considering the recommendation of the probation officer, treatment staff, family and/or the prosecutor, the judge or hearing officer will impose appropriate sanctions as listed above.

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- a. Identify results and benefits to be derived.

To assist 20 families (at minimum) in which juveniles are assaulting their parents to learn and practice effective non-violent methods to resolve family conflicts; enhance the parent-child/adolescent relationship.

To provide a positive group experience for up to 20 juveniles on intensive probation to enhance their empathy with the community and victims, to enhance their desire to make reparations for the harm they have caused, to build their social skills, and ultimately, reduce the likelihood of future offenses.

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- b. Identify the kinds of data to be collected and maintained for your evaluation of the project.

Attendance reports and discharge summaries will be submitted to the Washtenaw County JABG project director (Donna White) regarding all youth referred to the Domestic Violence and Intensive Probation group programs.

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Program Summary

JABG funding provides for contractual services for domestic violence programming and a group curriculum for our intensive probation population. The domestic violence programming includes a parental component and provides for offender accountability and skill development to deter future violent confrontations. Separate weekly sessions for youth and their parents run for 8 weeks.

Using the balanced and Restorative Justice model, the intensive probation curriculum focuses on empathy building/identification, community reparation and competency development. Groups run an average 12 weeks with a maximum of 20 youth for the year.

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