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In 2005, The Office of Youth Alternatives received funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 from monies appropriated by the Legislature to provide juvenile probation services in the Municipal and Circuit Court. The monies received were used to defray program costs associated with providing juvenile services to youth through both the Municipal Court for the City of Cheyenne and the Laramie County Circuit Court. Below is a break down of the services provided, the number of juveniles in each program, and the outcome of those services.

PROGRAM AREA:

1. Court Screening:

Purpose:

All non-traffic juvenile cases cited into the Municipal or Circuit Court are reviewed by the Juvenile Screening Committee. Information is gathered from a multi-disciplinary group about the child's past court involvement, school history, family issues and the like. A brief assessment of the juvenile and possible sentencing alternatives are provided to the Court for the Judges review.

Data:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number of cases screened	770	110	880
Number marked for deferral	220	16	236
Number of actual deferrals	118	5	123

2. Probation:

Purpose:

Juveniles are generally placed on probation for a period of 6 months. They are placed on one of three levels of regular probation and/or Intensive Support Probation, after a risk and needs assessment is completed.

Data:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number placed on probation	140	32	172
Average Age	15	16	16
Number of Males	81	24	105
Number of Females	59	8	67
Number of positive releases	116	2	118
Number of revocations	32	1	33
Number of DA referrals	12	0	12

3. Work Alternatives (WAP):

Purpose:

This is a supervised community service program. The young people referred to this program are required to work in the community at various work sites. The program is designed to hold participants accountable for their behavior by requiring them to make give something back to the community. The youth generally work from 24 to 48 hours.

Data:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number placed on WAP	203	10	213
Number deferred	102	1	103
Average Age	15	15	15
Number of Males	128	6	134
Number of Females	75	4	79
Number of positive releases	178	9	187
Number of revocations	8	0	8
Number of DA referrals	0	0	0
Total Number of Hours Worked	4870	208	5078

4. School Work Alternatives (SWAP):

Purpose:

This program is a cooperative effort between the School District and Youth Alternatives. When juveniles who are suspended from school complete the required number of community service hours, their suspension time is reduced by one day. These hours are also considered as part of a diversion or sentencing alternative by the court.

Data:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number placed on SWAP	37		37
Average Age	14		14
Number Males	31		31
Number Females	6		6
Number of positive releases	36		36
Number of negative releases	0		0
Number of incomplete	2		2
Total Number of Hours Completed	476		476

5. Electronic Monitoring (EMP):

Purpose:

This alternative enables the Court to monitor the movement of the youth ordered to the program. Youth are required to stay home unless other arrangements are made. Youth are generally placed in the program for a period of 30 to 60 days.

Data:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number placed on EMP	33	3	36
Average Age	15	16	16
Number of Males	19	2	21
Number of Females	14	1	15
Number of positive releases	29	3	32
Number of revocations	3	0	3
Number of DA referrals	1	0	1
Number of days ordered	1522	180	1702

6. Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Intervention Program (JADIP):**Purpose:**

The program provides services to juveniles who are experiencing drug and alcohol problems. There are two levels to the program:

- **Track I:** This level involves alcohol education and counseling for first time underage drinkers and their families.
- **Track II (Drug Court Model):** This level addresses the needs of youth who have committed a first or second substance abuse related offense. Individuals are typically placed in this program after a substance abuse assessment.

Data:**JADIP TRACK I**

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number placed in JADIP T I	42	21	63
Number of deferrals	16	5	21
Average Age	16	16	16
Number of Males	27	17	44
Number of Females	15	4	19
Number of positive releases	31	5	36
Number of revocations	4	0	4
Number of DA referrals	1	0	1

JADIP TRACK II

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number placed in JADIP TII	44	16	60
Average Age	16	17	16
Number of Males	36	12	48
Number of Females	8	4	12
Number of positive releases	37	1	38
Number of revocations	15	0	15
Number of DA referrals	2	0	2

7. Drug Screening (Includes all court services):

Purpose:

Random UA tests are regularly conducted on the juveniles placed on probation and in JADIP TII programs.

Data:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number of Tests	1146		1146
Number of Males	784		784
Number of Females	362		362
Number of Positive test	196		196
Number of Negative test	903		903

Note: A positive test indicates the juvenile was using an illegal controlled substance.

8. Juvenile Accountability and Enrichment Program:

Purpose:

This program is an alternative to detention. Individuals ordered to this program are placed on home detention and the Police Department conducts random evening home visits. In addition, individuals ordered to this program are also required to complete supervised community service from 6:00a.m to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Typical sentences range from 1 to 4 weekends.

Data:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Total Youth Served</u>
Number placed in program	80	18	98
Average Age	16	16	15
Number of Males	56	12	68
Number of Females	24	6	30
Number of positive releases	78	17	95
Number of revocations	2	0	2
Number of DA referrals	0	0	0

Please note that the program statistics may reflect individuals that were in multiple programs. The number of individuals served through the Court Services Division in 2005 totaled 432.

SUMMARY:

As indicated in the above data, 432 youth and families received services during 2005 in the Municipal and Circuit Courts. In addition to the services required to hold the juvenile accountable for his/her actions, other services were available to the juvenile. These services in many cases included assessments, individual, group and family counseling, tutoring, corrective thinking, mentoring, career education and others.

We recently conducted a recidivism review of all 432 cases that appeared in the courts in 2005. We reviewed

the Municipal, Circuit and District records to determine if any of the 2005 cases had returned to court since their services ended at Youth Alternatives. The recidivism rate does not include those juveniles whose cases were dismissed. The figures below, also include juveniles who were referred to the District Attorney or whose probation was revoked, prior to the juvenile completing their program at Youth Alternatives. The following are the results:

Court	Number of Juveniles Returning to Court	Direct Referrals to Dist. Att.	Dismissed	Recidivism Rate
District	106	-0-	21	20%
Circuit	55	-0-	17	9%
Municipal	135	14	23	26%

It is important to note that 71% of the juveniles who appeared in the Municipal and Circuit Courts have not appeared in District Court since ending services in the lower courts and as indicated only 20% have been convicted of a higher offense. It is also of interest, that many of the juveniles who reappeared in the Municipal or Circuit Court, were charged with minor status offenses like tobacco or curfew violations.