

# PROBATION - 3140

## MISSION

The mission of the Probation Department is to ensure the safety of Albany County residents by supervising all juvenile and adult clients on probation and helping them become responsible, productive and law-abiding members of the community.

## ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Albany County Probation Department provides a State mandated service for which the County receives State aid equal to approximately 11.25 percent of the total cost. The Probation Department provides services in three major areas to meet its mandate:

- **Intake Diversion**, which acts as a screening process to determine the appropriateness of PINS (Person in Need of Supervision) and JD (Juvenile Delinquent) cases for which the local Family Court has jurisdiction, and attempts to divert certain cases from formal Family Court processing;
- **Pre-Sentence Pre-Dispositional Investigation**, which produce a written document of an individual's legal and social history subsequent to a conviction in criminal court or an adjudication in Family Court; and
- **Supervision** of both adults and juveniles placed on probation as a sentence/disposition imposed by a Criminal Court or Family Court.

Through the Supervision program, probation services provides the probationer with mandated opportunities for rehabilitation, protection to the community and is a cost effective deterrent to incarceration and/or out of home residential placement.

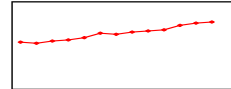
The cost of providing probation supervision is less than \$2,000 per probationer per year as compared to \$60,000-\$120,000 per individual per year for juveniles sentenced to residential treatment/placement, and approximately \$56,000 per individual per year for adults who are incarcerated in state prison and local jails. Probation is the most cost effective sanction available to the Courts, providing local taxpayers significant financial savings each year.

As part of Supervision, Probation makes an arrest when a probationer is in violation or has an outstanding warrant from a court, for other reasons. The Department's biggest training focus is on staff safety. This safety awareness is necessary considering the caseload size and the types of offenders being sentenced to probation.

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2011 Executive Budget reflects reductions in revenues of \$125,364. This decrease reflects a ten percent decrease in State aid for 2011. The increase of \$43,010 in appropriations combined with the revenue loss yields a County share increase of 2.4 percent or \$168,374 in the Department.
- The Department loses three vacant Probation Officer positions through this proposal.
- Personal service savings proposed in this Budget is in the amount of \$25,000 to be achieved by leaving current vacancies open until the savings are reached in 2011.

## APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$5,550,949
1999:	\$5,396,345
2000:	\$5,713,617
2001:	\$5,994,624
2002:	\$6,479,170
2003:	\$7,211,317
2004:	\$7,087,196
2005:	\$7,371,727
2006:	\$7,692,979
2007:	\$7,774,225
2008:	\$8,800,481
2009:	\$9,208,250
2010:	\$9,322,036

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