



PLATTE COUNTY

2010

6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Juvenile Justice System In Platte County Missouri

A Report Card to our Citizens

Dear Citizens,

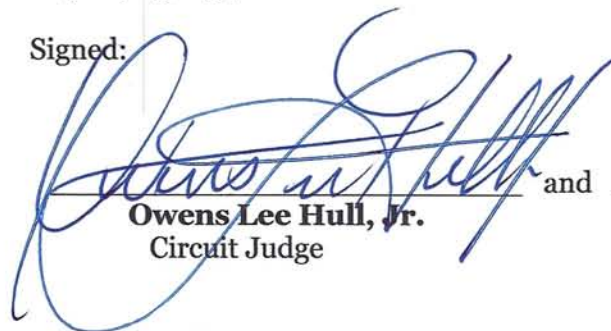
The purpose of this document is to provide you with a report card on how your juvenile justice system in Platte County is performing. When we ask citizens what they want to accomplish with their justice system, the message is clear and consistent.

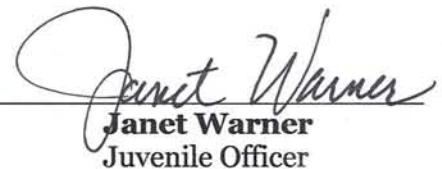
- They want the justice system to further community safety;
- They want victims of crime to receive justice;
- They want offenders to be accountable for their behavior; and
- They want offenders to cease their criminal activity and become responsible and productive citizens.

As taxpayers, you invest significant resources to cause these things to happen. We have learned an important lesson from our work in this arena. We can and should be held accountable for our performance on these measures. We hope you find the information helpful to determine if the return on your investment is reasonable. You can expect us to strive for improvement from year to year depending on the same benchmarks to provide you a reliable gauge of our progress.

We know that the highest form of public safety occurs not only because of sound use of your tax dollars, but as a result of your personal involvement in creating a safer community. Working together we can build a safer Platte County. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Platte County Juvenile Office at (816) 858 -3420.

Signed:


Owens Lee Hull, Jr.
Circuit Judge


Janet Warner
Juvenile Officer

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A Report Card to Our Citizens FURTHERING COMMUNITY SAFETY

JUVENILE CRIME: Two important indicators of juvenile crime trends are the per capita rate of juvenile offenders who are adjudicated delinquent by the Juvenile Court or commit crimes that warrant a waiver to Adult Court. In the year 2010, seventeen (17) youth were found to be delinquent. That means that in our community 2.3 of every 1,000 juveniles were adjudged delinquent in 2010. (Juvenile population includes youth grade seven through eleven) *Table A at right illustrates how that compares with delinquency rates over the past five years.*

TRANSFER TO ADULT COURT: In 2010, no youth committed crimes that warranted prosecution in Adult Court.

Table B illustrates how that figure compares with the previous five years.

RECIDIVISM RATE FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS: Recidivism is the rate at which juveniles re-offend (commit new crimes). Recidivism rates included in this section includes offenders that have completed Accountability Agreements (efforts to intervene before an offender is adjudicated delinquent by the Court) and offenders that are formally charged in Juvenile Court.

LAW ABIDING BEHAVIOR: Data from 2010 indicated that 90% of the youth supervised in 2010 had no additional delinquency offenses within one year of beginning supervision. Data from 2010 indicates that within 12 months after release into the community, following supervision, 95% had no misdemeanor or felony charges filed against them for a new criminal offense within one year of completing the order.

ADULT CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS: 559 youth supervised for delinquencies during 2006-2010 aged out of the juvenile system (turned 17 y/o). Missouri Case Net reveals that 86% of those youth had no adult criminal convictions in Missouri as of December 31, 2010.

Table A

Adjudications	
Year	Rate
<u>2010</u>	<u>2.3</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>2.1</u>
<u>2008</u>	<u>2.9</u>
<u>2007</u>	<u>2.8</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>4.4</u>

Table B

Adult Prosecutions	
Year	Rate
<u>2010</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>2008</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>2007</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>1</u>

RECIDIVISM RATE FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS

No additional delinquency offenses while on supervision (within one year of the order date of supervision)

<u>2010</u>	<u>88%</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>86%</u>

No charges filed for new delinquency offenses (within one year after case closed)

<u>2010</u>	<u>93%</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>94%</u>

Adult Criminal Convictions

Juvenile offenders from 2006-2010 that aged out of the system **559**

Juvenile offenders who aged out with NO adult criminal convictions in MO. as of December 31-2010 **480**

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ACCOUNTABILITY

A Report Card to Our Citizens ENSURING OFFENDER ACCOUNTABILITY

RESTITUTION: Crime victims are clear about their expectations of offenders. Offenders should be expected to pay back for the harm they have caused. In 2010, youth paid a total of \$4,489.52 in restitution to their victims.

RESTITUTION REPAYMENT PROGRAM: The Platte County “Restitution Repayment Program” requires youth to compensate their victims through work restitution. Youth are assigned community service and receive credit at the rate of the current minimum wage. The amount earned reimburses the victim for verified expenses. In 2010, seventeen youth worked a total of 639 hours and earned \$4,360. All earnings were paid to their victims.

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE: Offenders are expected to perform work service to repay for the loss of peace suffered by the community. In the year 2010, over 1,434 hours of service were performed by juvenile offenders. The value of this work to the community calculated at minimum wage was \$10,396.50.

WORK SERVICE HISTORICAL DATA: Since the inception of the work services program 70,084 hours of service have been performed. The total value of work services for the community calculated at year’s respective minimum wage is \$349,381.60.

MEASURING SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY
The justice system has a responsibility to serve crime victims. Crime victims served by Platte County Juvenile are provided a survey to determine their level of satisfaction. The victims are asked to rate their overall experience with the Juvenile Office. Surveys were distributed to 39 victims of crimes. Thirty-six (36%) of the victims responded to the survey. Overall, 100% reported they were satisfied with how the case was handled.

Total Amount of Restitution Paid to Victims

<u>2010</u>	<u>\$ 4,489.52</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>\$10,033.13</u>

Platte County Juvenile Office “ Restitution Repayment Program

	Hours worked	\$’s earned
<u>2010</u>	<u>639</u>	<u>\$4,360</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>\$6,439</u>

Community Work Service in 2010

Worked:	<u>1,434</u>
\$ Value:	<u>\$ 10,396.50</u>

Victim Satisfaction

How do you rate your overall satisfaction with the Juvenile Office & the handling of your case?

Excellent	<u>71.0%</u>
Good	<u>29.0%</u>
Fair	<u>0.0%</u>
Poor	<u>0.0%</u>

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COMPETENCY

A Report Card to Our Citizens DEVELOPING YOUTH COMPETENCY

RESISTANCE TO DRUG & ALCOHOL USE:

A test to determine illegal drug and alcohol use by adjudicated juvenile offenders found that 87.5% tested negative while under supervision. Marijuana was the most common drug for which positive test occurred.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse
Adjudicated Offenders
Testing Negative

Percent testing negative during Supervision: 87.5%

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION:

At case closure, we find that 92.3% of youth completing Accountability Agreements or Juvenile Court Orders were actively involved in school, an alternative education program, or vocational training.

School Participation

Youth Actively Participating in Educational Program or Vocational Training at Case Closure: 92.3%

EMPLOYMENT: For those youth not involved in an educational or vocational program at case closure, 5.6% were employed.

Youth Employed at Case Closure: 5.6%

Sanctions & Services:

An important component of the Platte County Juvenile Justice System is the sanction component for delinquency conduct. Balancing community protection, offender accountability and competency development in offenders are the primary factors that determine the offender's sanctions.

Sanctions and Services

	# Attending Programs in 2010
Delinquency only	
Supervision by a Juvenile Officer (includes juveniles that were warned and released)	190
Commitment to the Division of Youth Services	9
Community Service Program	77
Conflict Resolution Program	Youth 29 Parents 30
Diversion Accountability Program	15
Drug Abuse Prevention Program	Youth 37 Parents 45
Drug Screens	72
Electronic Monitoring	4
Home Detention	1
Home Study Courses	35
In Patient Drug Treatment	0
Mental Health Program & Counseling	4
Out Patient Drug Treatment	2
Parents & Adolescents Mediation Program	5
Residential Group Home Placement	3
Restitution Repayment Program	20
RISE—Girls Group	3
Secure Detention	18
Shoplifting Program	38
Victim Offender Mediation	4
Written Apology Letter to Victim or Report	17

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Delinquency Cases Referred to Juvenile Offices in 2010

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2010	225
2009	266
2008	286
2007	308

Delinquency Referrals - Youth, 16 years of age and younger, that have violated a state law or municipal ordinance.

Frequent Offenses

The list reports the top five most frequent delinquency offenses committed in 2010.

Five Most Frequent Offenses

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Offense</u>
#1	Stealing
#2	Assault
#3	Drugs, & or Alcohol
#4	Property Damage
#5	Peace Disturbance / Disorderly Conduct/ Harassment

<u>AGE</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
12 & under	29	37	14	18	12
13	38	40	26	34	21
14	54	69	42	32	51
15	76	73	73	75	67
16	93	87	130	106	71
17 & older	2	2	1	1	3

Age of Juvenile at time of Referral

Breakdown of ages for delinquency referrals for reported years.

Gender Breakdown for 2010

<u>Males</u>	58%
<u>Females</u>	42%

of Youth in 2010 paying into Crime Victims Compensation Fund

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THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND: The Crime Victims Compensation Fund reimburses residents of Missouri who suffered injuries causing financial loss due to certain crimes of violence.

STATISTICS

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CHILD PROTECTION

A Report Card to Our Citizens CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT INTERVENTIONS

CHILD PROTECTION:

Victims of child abuse or neglect are referred for protection from further harm. In response, the Court makes decisions and oversees efforts to rehabilitate and maintain families, or to provide permanent alternative care for the child victim

CHILDREN IN CARE:

In 2010, eight children were adjudicated for abuse or neglect. The children were placed in the custody of the Missouri Children's Division. The table to the right provides information concerning the eight children.

CHILDREN IN CUSTODY OF CHILDREN'S DIVISION AT YEAR END

2010	<u>21</u>
2009	<u>23</u>
2008	<u>28</u>
2007	<u>34</u>

TIMELINESS OF HEARINGS:

The Missouri Supreme Court sets timelines for Child Protection hearings. Timely hearings are crucial if children who have been removed from their homes are to be reunited with their families or are to be placed in other permanent homes as soon as possible.

Children Adjudicated

Abused or Neglected

2010	8
2009	10
2008	10
2007	27

Male	4
Female	4

Asian/Pacific Islander	1
Persian	1
White	6

Placed in Foster Home	7
Placed with Relatives	1
Residential Placement	0

Hearings Held Within Time Standards

2010	100%
2009	100%
2008	100%
2007	89%

SUPREME COURT PERMANENCY AWARD:

The Sixth Judicial Circuit was awarded the 2010 Supreme Court Permanency Award from the Missouri Supreme Court for holding 100% of Child Protection Hearings within the required time frames.