

Juvenile Justice System in Platte County Missouri

A Report Card to Our Citizens

We are pleased to provide the community this report card on how your juvenile justice system is performing in Platte County.

Our continued goals are:

- Assure community safety
- Hold offenders accountable for their behavior
- Address crime victim's needs
- Educate offenders to reduce/eliminate the risk of re-offending so they become responsible and productive citizens.

A list of benchmarks has been established to inform the community and the juvenile justice system about the impact we have had in the year 2007. We hope that this information is helpful to the community as your involvement and input is an invaluable component for our continued progress. We need the community's involvement to help build a safer Platte County. If you wish to become involved in these efforts or have questions or concerns, please contact the Platte County Juvenile Office at (861) 858-3420

Signed,


Owens Lee Hull, Jr.
Circuit Court Judge


Janet Warner
Juvenile Officer

The
Face
of
Change

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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 2007, sixteen (16) youth were found to be delinquent. That means that in our community 2.8 of every 1,000 juveniles were adjudged delinquent in 2007. (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 2007, two youth committed crimes that warranted prosecution in Adult Court. *Table B illustrates how that figure compares with the five previous 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 2007 indicated that 91% of the youth supervised in 2007 had no additional delinquency offenses within one year of beginning supervision. Data from 2007 indicates that within 12 months after release into the community, following supervision, 97% had no charges filed against them for a new criminal offense within one year of completing the order.

ADULT CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS:

289 youth supervised for delinquencies during 2005-2007 aged out of the juvenile system (turned 17 y/o). Missouri Case Net reveals that 91% of those youth had no adult criminal convictions in Missouri as of December 31, 2007.

Table A

Adjudications	
Year	Rate
<u>2007</u>	<u>2.8</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>4.4</u>
<u>2005</u>	<u>5.7</u>
<u>2004</u>	<u>4.8</u>
<u>2003</u>	<u>5.2</u>

Table B

Adult Prosecutions	
Year	Rate
<u>2007</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>2005</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>2004</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>2003</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>2007</u>	<u>91%</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>90%</u>

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

<u>2007</u>	<u>97%</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>97%</u>

Adult Criminal Convictions

Juvenile offenders from 2005-2007 that aged out of the system 289

Juvenile offenders who aged out with NO adult criminal convictions in MO. as of December 31-2007 258

SAFETY

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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 2007, youth paid a total of \$11,895.17 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 2007 twenty-two youth worked a total of 1,077 hours and earned \$6,737. All of their earnings went to the victims of their offense.

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE: Offenders are expected to perform work service to repay for the loss of peace suffered by the community. In the year 2007, over 1,393 hours of service were performed by juvenile offenders. The value of this work to the community calculated at minimum wage was \$9,054.50.

WORK SERVICE HISTORICAL DATA: Since the inception of the work services program 63,210 hours of service have been performed. The total value of work services for the community calculated at year’s respective minimum wage is \$302,224.38.

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 133 victims of crimes. Thirteen percent of the victims responded to the survey. Overall, 88% reported they were satisfied with how the case was handled.

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.

Total Amount of Restitution Paid to Victims

<u>2007</u>	<u>\$11,895.17</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>\$17,064.23</u>

Platte County Juvenile Office “Restitution Repayment Program”

	Hours worked	\$’s earned
<u>2007</u>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>\$6,737</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>\$8,014</u>

Community Work Service in 2007

Worked:	<u>1,393</u>
\$ Value:	<u>\$9,054.50</u>

Victim Satisfaction

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

Excellent	<u>52.9%</u>
Good	<u>35.3%</u>
Fair	<u>5.9%</u>
Poor	<u>5.9%</u>

of Youth in 2007 paying into Crime Victims Compensation Fund

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DEVELOPING YOUTH COMPETENCY

RESISTANCE TO DRUG & ALCOHOL USE:

A test to determine illegal drug and alcohol use by adjudicated juvenile offenders found that 73.7% 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: 73.7%

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION: At case closure, we find that 96 percent 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: 96%

EMPLOYMENT: For those youth not involved in an educational or vocational program at case closure, 2 percent were employed.

Employment

Youth Employed at Case
Closure: 2%

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 Delinquency only	# Attending Programs in 2007
Supervision by a Juvenile Officer (includes juveniles that were warned and released)	266
Electronic Monitoring	4
Home Detention	6
Secure Detention	28
Residential Group Home Placement	2
Commitment to the Division of Youth Services	11
Diversion Accountability Program	20
Restitution Repayment Program	25
Community Service Program	91
In Patient Drug Treatment	3
Out Patient Drug Treatment	5
Drug Abuse Prevention Program	Youth 39 Parents 38
Drug Screens	94
Shoplifting Program	24
Conflict Resolution Program	Youth 56 Parents 59
Parents & Adolescents Mediation Program	3
Written Apology Letter to Victim or Report	41
Victim Offender Mediation	4
Home Study Courses	55

COMPETENCY

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JUVENILE OFFICE STATISTICS

Delinquency Cases Referred to Juvenile Offices

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2007	308
2006	292
2005	285
2004	299
2003	256

DELINQUENCY CASES

Five Most Frequent Offenses

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Offense</u>
#1	Assaults
#2	Stealing
#3	Drugs
#4	Property Damage
#5	Sexual Offenses

FREQUENT OFFENSES Associated with Referrals for 2007

Delinquency Referrals

<u>AGE</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
12 & under	31	33	19	29	37
13	37	26	35	38	40
14	47	58	50	54	69
15	54	84	71	76	73
16	86	94	109	93	87
17 & older	1	4	1	2	2

DELINQUENCY REFERRALS by Age of Juvenile at time of Referral

Gender

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
69%	31%

GENDER breakdown of juvenile's referred for delinquency offenses in 2007.

STATISTICS