

Division: Family Justice & Community Impact Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Juvenile Unit promotes community safety through a fair and developmentally appropriate response to crimes committed by youth under the age of 18. The unit handles cases ranging from low-level misdemeanors to serious felonies and homicides, with an emphasis on accountability that supports positive behavioral change and long-term public safety.

The unit works closely with the Department of Community Justice and other partners to resolve cases in ways that protect the community, hold youth accountable, and reduce the likelihood of future system involvement. A core goal of the Juvenile Unit is to limit unnecessary entry into the adult criminal justice system through early, proportional responses.

All referred cases are reviewed by Deputy District Attorneys to ensure legal sufficiency and appropriate use of formal charges. When appropriate, the unit supports diversion, informal handling, and restorative justice options that address harm while avoiding the lasting consequences of prosecution.

Through initiatives such as Transforming Juvenile Probation, the Juvenile Unit expands access to supervision and services without formal charges, allowing youth to receive accountability and support without a criminal record.

Equity Statement

The Juvenile Unit supports equitable treatment of youth through consistent legal screening, diversion, and restorative justice practices. By prioritizing developmentally appropriate responses and alternatives to prosecution, the unit works to reduce disparities and prevent long-term harm to youth and families.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,492,940	\$0	\$1,679,186	\$0
Contractual Services	\$9,702	\$0	\$21,500	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$21,432	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$20,725	\$0	\$14,669	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,544,799	\$0	\$1,725,355	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$1,544,799		\$1,725,355	
Program FTE	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of cases reviewed	728	750	750
Number of cases diverted from formal system involvement	92	150	150