



## Superior Court 00100.861.

### Mission Statement

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#### Superior Court:

- Adjudicate all cases, both criminal and civil, in a just and timely manner
- Assure due process and equal protection under the law
- Promote access to justice to all persons

#### Drug Court:

Enhance community safety and security by holding substance abusing individuals accountable for their actions while providing them an opportunity for treatment to develop and change their life skills and habits so they can become responsible and productive members of their families and society.

#### LIFT Court (Living in Families Together) Family Therapeutic Court:

LIFT Court's mission is to achieve safe and timely permanent child placement by providing structure, discipline, accountability and encouragement to parents through judicially managed community based service.

### Function

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**Superior Court:** The Superior Court is a general jurisdiction court. It has the responsibility of adjudicating matters coming before it over which it has original or appellate jurisdiction, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Washington. This includes felony criminal, civil, juvenile, domestic relations, adoption, guardianship, paternity, probate, domestic violence, and mental illness cases. The court is charged with resolving cases in an accessible and expeditious fashion.

**Drug Court:** Clallam county operates two Drug Court Programs for those charged with crimes: Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Drug Court. The Drug Courts are a minimum one year voluntary treatment-based program for individuals in need of intensive treatment for addictive disease. Drug Court offers an alternative to criminal prosecution.

Since its inception, Drug Court has served 1270 participants with 398 graduates. Drug Court reduced recidivism, returned participants to work and school, reunited families and participants became active members of the community reducing need for community services. Clallam County has been able to provide more services and treatment opportunities to more participants than any county of comparable size.

LIFT Court (Living in Families Together) operates for high risk dependency cases that involve mental illness and/or alcoholism. Participants are referred by the court, social workers, attorneys, treatment providers or themselves. Participants are reviewed on a weekly basis for parenting, housing, legal, recovery/mental health issues and counseling compliance.

Since its inception in August 2008, LIFT Court has served 196 parents and 237 children. 65 parents have graduated, and 78 children have achieved permanency without the need for a trial. LIFT Court reduced recidivism, returned parent and children to school and/or work, reunited families, reduced the need for additional supervision, and created participants who are interested in their communities and want to be part of the greater good.

## Goals

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### Superior Court:

1. Provide continuous training and education for staff and judges to ensure a high level of competency and efficiency, including succession planning.
2. Continue to ensure safe and secure courtrooms for the processing of criminal and civil cases that protects litigants, witnesses, spectators, and court personnel while working diligently to stay up-to-date with replacing old emergency radios with newer, more effective emergency radios throughout the courtrooms and offices providing for quick responses when requested.
3. Continue to efficiently manage limited resources through programs such as the Special Report Calendar (a mental health court that helps to reduce jail costs, among other advantages), Friendship Diversion (pre-trial supervisions and probation), and establishing a "flat-fee" for criminal conflict appointments and for some mental health evaluations. The Superior Court is also examining its collections practices and plans to identify best-practices balancing efficient collection with adherence to due-process principles.
4. In 2015, the court negotiated an agreement with the Family Court Commissioner to absorb additional commissioner calendars eliminating a part-time commissioner position creating a budget reduction.
5. Provide 24-hour coverage for law enforcement search warrants and wire orders.
6. Continue to reduce case backload.
7. Continue to work on courtroom modernization projects by making audio/visual and other technological improvements to bring the courtrooms to current standards. The public is now able to view exhibits and videos on courtroom television monitors. We also now have the capability to provide video conferencing when witnesses are unable to appear in court.
8. Continue to move toward implementing a new State-wide case management called "Odyssey" and work toward a "paperless court" through technology as resources allow. In 2017 we plan to implement the Odyssey program which will provide a more effective and efficient management of cases and reporting. It will also provide the public with the ability to view and access cases online saving time and money.
9. Increase community connectivity and outreach by initiating court Facebook page and upgrading and improving existing court website.
10. Update the Superior Court law library bringing our court up to current standards.

11. The Court is working together with Olympic Medical Center to implement a direct video conferencing unit in order to comply with the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA). Our goal is to have this in place the beginning of 2018.
12. The Court is working with the Sheriff's office to integrate a direct line video conferencing connection between the courtroom and the Jail to provide more efficient handling of inmate court cases and first appearances. We plan to have this in place in 2018.

Drug Court:

1. Provide an alternative to traditional criminal procedures for defendants committing offenses due to drug addiction.
2. Provide team training to enhance the effectiveness of the Drug Court Team and individual team members.
3. Utilize existing financial resources effectively.
4. Explore alternatives to State funded inpatient treatment placements for participants needing more help than is available through intensive outpatient treatment.

### Workload Indicators

	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	6/30/17 Actual
Cases Filed:			
Criminal	476	583	246
Civil	1,041	984	578
Domestic	420	461	244
Probate/Guardianship	427	397	253
Adoption/Paternity	63	68	36
Mental Illness	89	150	61
Juvenile Non-Offender	395	378	222
Juvenile Offender	128	136	64
Total Cases Filed	3,039	3,157	1,704
Non-Trial Proceedings:			
Civil/Juvenile	7,453	4,561	2,366
Criminal/Juvenile Offender	9,686	9,471	4,452
Total Non-Trial Proceedings	17,139	14,032	6,818
Trials:			
Civil Non-Jury Trial	37	9	5
Civil Jury Trials	1	1	2
Criminal Jury	11	14	7
Criminal Non-Jury	18	9	1
Total Trials	67	33	15
Drug Court:			
Adult, Juvenile Court Participants	125	118	100
Adult, Juvenile Drug Court Graduates	25	20	9
LIFT Court:			
Adult clients served in LIFT Court	45	51	37
Children served in LIFT Court	59	79	39

## Grant Funding Sources

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1. Department of Health and Human Services (Federal)
2. Office Administrator for the Courts (State)

## Revenues

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	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	6/30/17 Actual	2018 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	63,451	48,114	30,804	51,515
Charges for Goods and Services	209,771	188,353	95,009	223,869
Fines and Forfeits	502	630	1,132	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	20	1,022	150	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	987,432	981,550	616,726	1,140,188
Total	\$1,261,176	\$1,219,669	\$743,821	\$1,415,572

## Expenditures

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	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	6/30/17 Actual	2018 Budget
Salaries and Wages	686,387	700,602	354,567	748,150
Personnel Benefits	131,938	136,280	70,911	163,567
Supplies	56,392	12,300	15,364	21,447
Other Services and Charges	386,459	348,312	267,440	462,408
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	22,175	35,539	20,000
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	\$1,261,176	\$1,219,669	\$743,821	\$1,415,572

## Staffing

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	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	8.63	8.75	8.75	8.75

\*The Drug Court Special Revenue Fund was closed on 12/31/10 and is now a division of the Superior Court General Fund.