



Superior Court

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Mission Statement

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

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, including high risk DUI offenders and Juvenile Drug Court. All three 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 963 participants with 391 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.

Goals

Superior Court:

1. Provide continuous training and education to staff and judges to ensure a high level of

competency and efficiency.

2. Provide a secure courtroom for the processing of criminal and civil cases that protect litigants, witnesses, spectators, and court personnel.
3. Management of limited resources. Cost saving programs implemented by the court includes reducing jail costs through court supervision with Mental Health Court, using Friendship Division for pre-trial supervision and probation, establishing criminal flat fee contracts for criminal conflict cases and establishing flat fee mental health evaluations with a local provider. In 2012, the court renegotiated and lowered the costs of court appointed conflict attorney contracts, reduced travel expenses and imposed new scheduling to lower the costs of Pro Tem expenses.
4. Provide 24 hour coverage for law enforcement search warrants.
5. Continue to reduce case backload.

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

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	6/30/12 Actual
Cases Filed:			
Criminal	532	415	220
Civil	1,330	1,279	578
Domestic	569	564	264
Probate/Guardianship	358	340	222
Adoption/Paternity	120	40	57
Mental Illness	15	12	0
Juvenile Non-Offender	522	463	270
Juvenile Offender	282	267	131
Total Cases Filed	3,728	3,380	1,742
Non-Trial Proceedings:			
Civil/Juvenile	8,178	8,528	4,059
Criminal/Juvenile Offender	12,273	11,732	5,189
Total Non-Trial Proceedings	20,451	20,260	9,248
Trials:			
Civil Non-Jury Trial	33	38	11
Civil Jury Trials	2	8	3
Juvenile Offender	26	32	3
Criminal Jury	30	26	7
Criminal Non-Jury	27	25	7
Total Trials	118	129	31
Drug Court:			

Adult, Juvenile and DUI Drug Court Participants	64		
Adult, Juvenile and DUI Drug Court Graduates	29		
Return to Work/School	21		
LIFT Court:			
Participants Enrolled	35		
Children with Enrolled Children	39		
Cases with Achieved Permanency	21		

Grant Funding Sources

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

Revenues

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	6/30/11 Actual	2013 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	39,703	42,920	44,379	70,405
Charges for Goods and Services	14,918	29,047	13,209	183,697
Fines and Forfeits	0	906	457	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	84,481	149,081	66,138	1,000
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	50,000	80,000	50,000	50,000
General Tax Support	1,276,876	1,167,874	446,459	971,215
Total	\$1,465,978	\$1,469,828	\$620,642	\$1,276,317

Expenditures

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	6/30/12 Actual	2013 Budget
Salaries and Wages	722,333	757,281	375,106	715,561
Personnel Benefits	139,077	152,750	76,217	139,545
Supplies	9,406	14,225	3,655	12,450
Other Services and Charges	595,162	544,348	165,664	391,561
Intergovernmental Services	0	1,224	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	17,200
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	\$1,465,978	\$1,469,828	\$620,642	\$1,276,317

Staffing

	2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2012 Budget	2013 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	9.61	10.01	10.76	9.75

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

Revenues - Drug Court History

	2010 Actual
Beginning Fund Balance	20,548
Taxes	0
Licenses and Permits	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	0
Charges for Goods and Services	25,011
Fines and Forfeits	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0
Other Financing Sources	0
Transfers In	0
Total	\$45,559

Expenditures - Drug Court History

	2010 Actual
Ending Fund Balance	0
Salaries and Wages	10,857
Personnel Benefits	1,138
Supplies	648
Other Services and Charges	6,532
Intergovernmental Services	0
Capital Outlays	0
Interfund Payments for Services	3,826
Transfers Out	22,858
Total	\$45,859

Petty Cash was closed; that is the \$300 difference between 2010 Revenue and Expenditure totals.

Staffing - Drug Court History

	2010 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	0.40