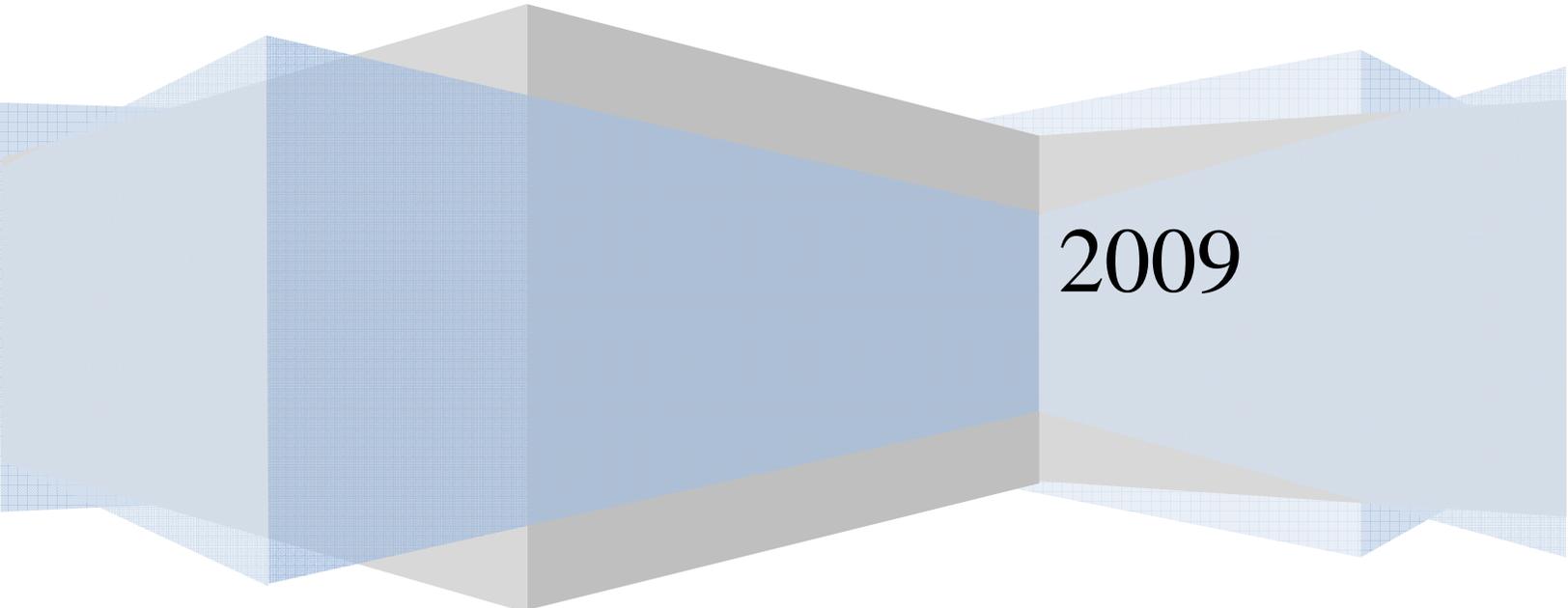


**Wright County
Court Services**

**Annual
Report**

Michael J. MacMillan, Director



2009

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Wright County

Wright County covers more than 714 square miles, with much of the area classified as agricultural (approximately 75%). The county government operates on a budget of \$97,418,953 (2009).

Tenth Judicial District

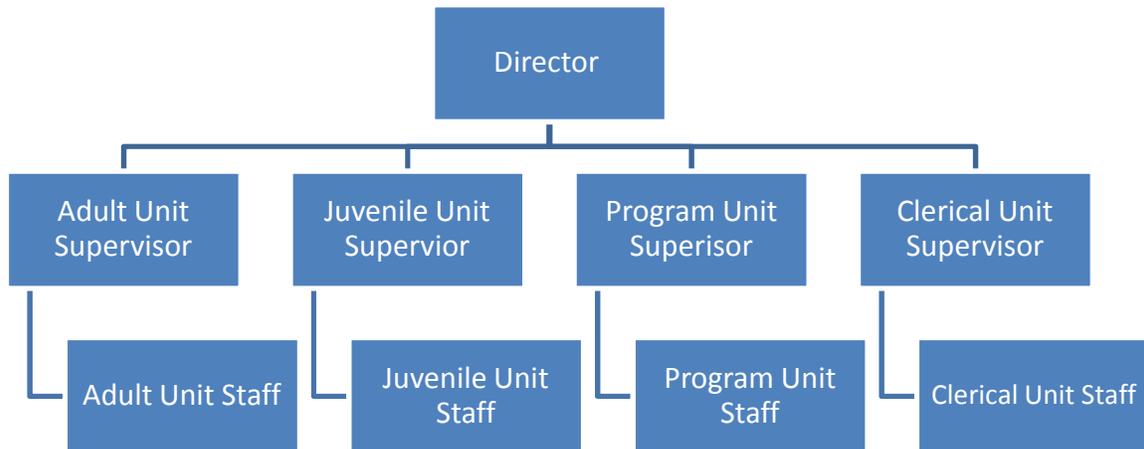
Wright County is in the Tenth Judicial District, along with Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, and Washington counties. There are forty-five judges in the district, making it the second largest in Minnesota. Wright County is the third largest bench in the district with the Honorable Judges Stephen M. Halsey, Jonathan N. Jasper, Kathleen A. Mottl, Dale E. Mossey, Michelle A. Davis, and Geoffrey Tenney, presiding.

Currently, the Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial District is the Honorable Timothy R. Bloomquist. The Tenth Judicial District Administrator is Mike Moriarity, assisted by Deputy Administrator Nancy McCabe.

Court Services' Budget 2005-2009

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Revenue					
Budget	\$1,044,730.00	\$1,046,170.00	\$1,157,280.00	\$1,234,549.00	\$1,330,849.00
Actual	1,130,352.65	1,175,348.08	1,318,244.98	1,300,649.64	1,309,002.06
Expenditures					
Budget	2,411,344.00	2,512,896.00	2,689,424.00	2,956,526.00	3,070,270.00
Actual	2,140,753.87	2,452,779.69	2,619,621.99	2,948,075.52	3,034,020.86
Net					
Budget	1,366,614.00	1,466,726.00	1,532,144.00	1,721,977.00	1,739,421.00
Actual	1,010,401.22	1,277,431.61	1,301,377.01	1,647,425.88	1,725,018.80
Savings	\$ 356,212.78	\$ 189,294.39	\$ 230,766.99	\$ 74,551.12	\$ 14,402.20

Organizational Structure



The Adult Unit - supervises adult offenders convicted of gross misdemeanor- and misdemeanor-level offenses, as well as felony-level DWIs, and felony-level charges that are reduced to gross misdemeanor or misdemeanors.

The Juvenile Unit - supervises juveniles, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated delinquent or received a stay of adjudication for any offense.

The Program Unit - supervises low-risk adult and juvenile offenders and all levels of pre-trial conditional release offenders, as well as providing educational and community service programs.

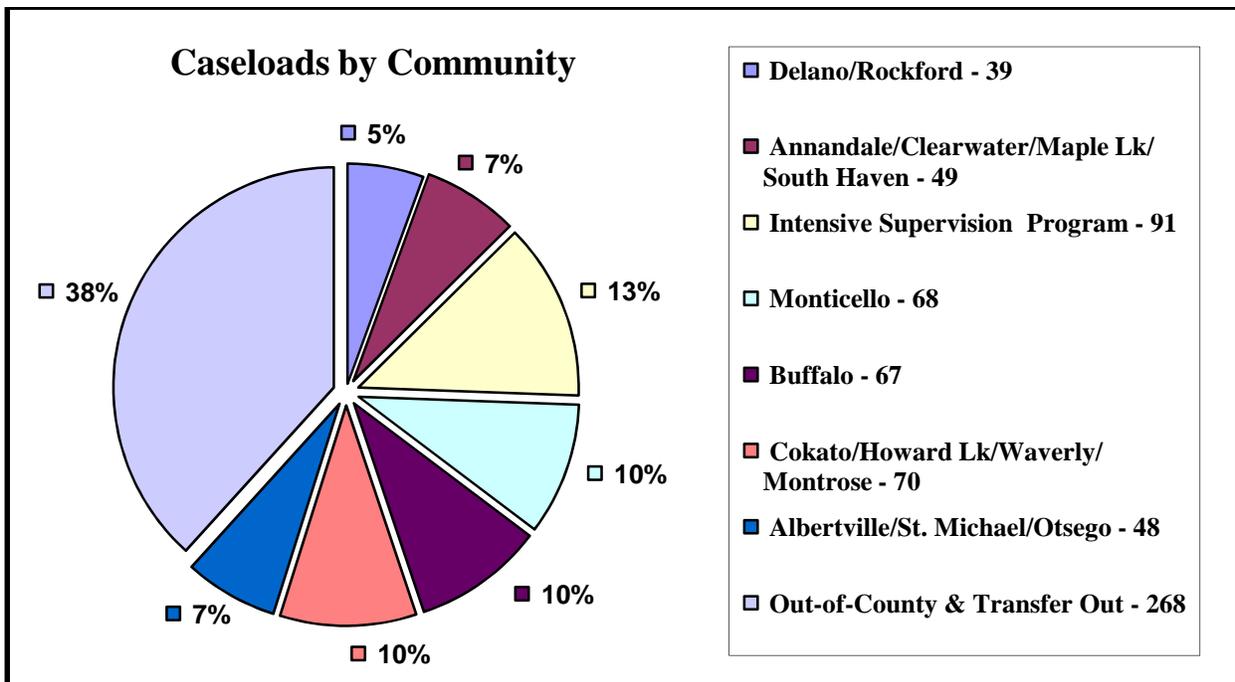
The Clerical Unit - provides support services to all units and the Director.

The mission statement reflects the following beliefs:

That society has a right to be protected from individuals who cause harm to others. When the public safety is not compromised, the interests of most offenders are best served through alternative, community-based sentences, and actually, the person should leave the criminal justice system in a positive manner, and as a more productive citizen than when she or he entered the criminal justice system.

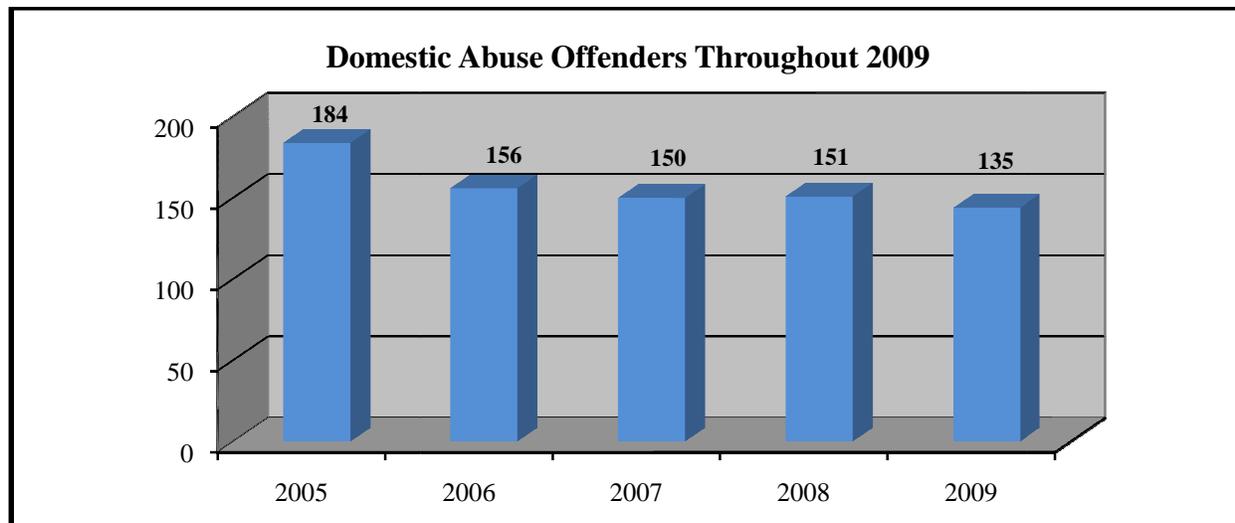
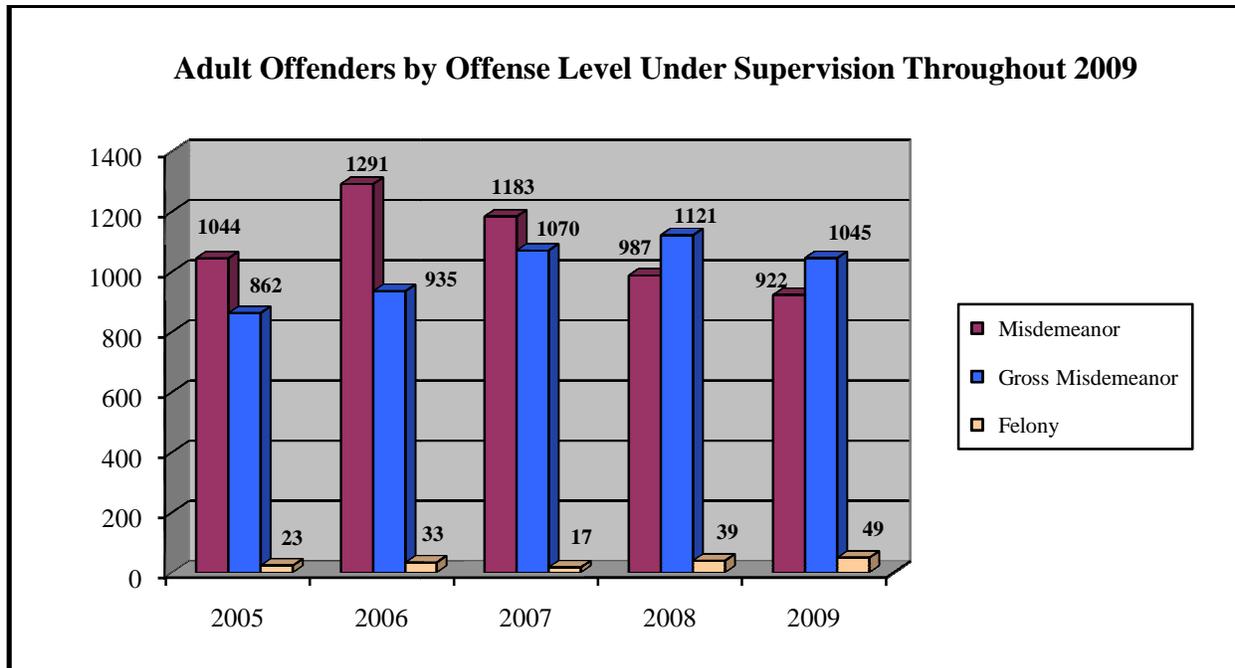
Adult Unit

Staff	Area of Responsibility
Tom Feddema - Supervisor	
Darnell Brethorst	Out-of-County, Out-of-State
Ben Ehlinger	Delano, Rockford, ISP
Ryan Busch	Buffalo
Chris Jahnke	Albertville, St. Michael and Otsego
Amy Hertzog	Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)
Janet Gholson	Monticello
Sherry Schliesing	Cokato, Howard Lake, Waverly and Montrose
Tammi Solarz	Annandale, Clearwater, Maple Lake & South Haven

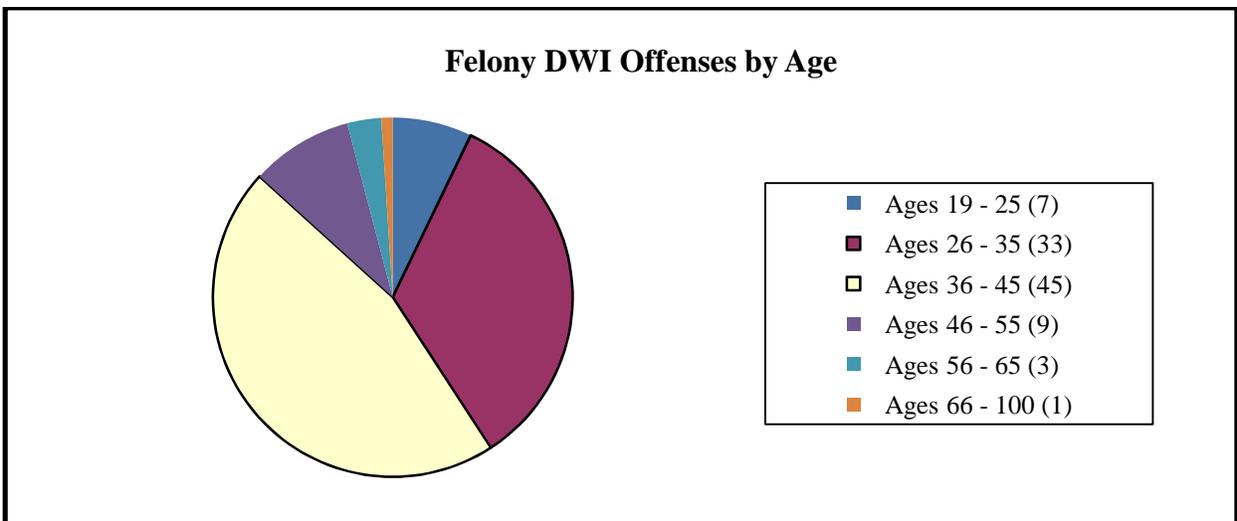
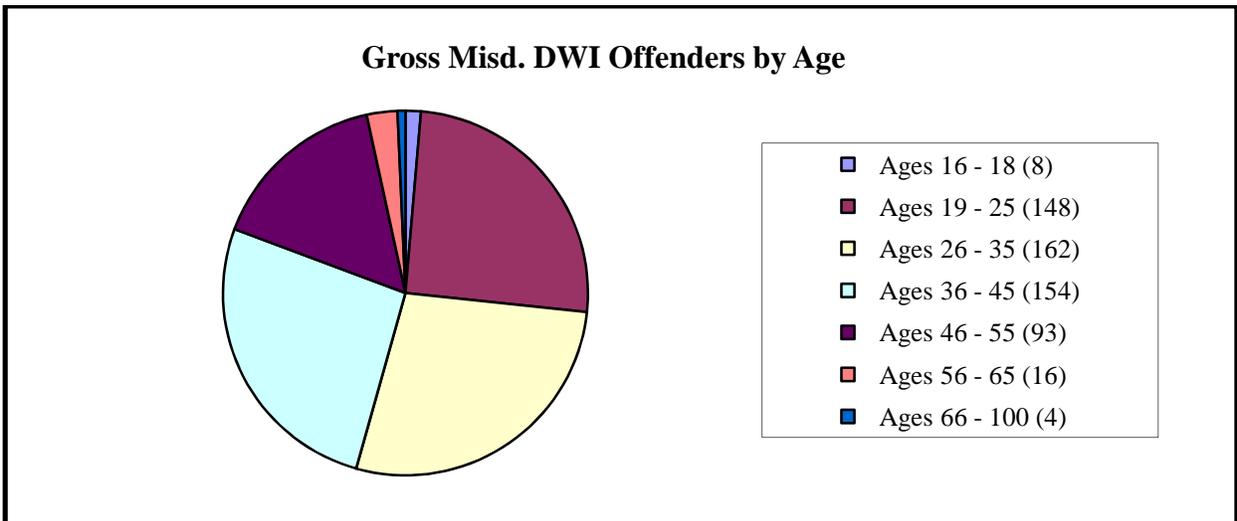
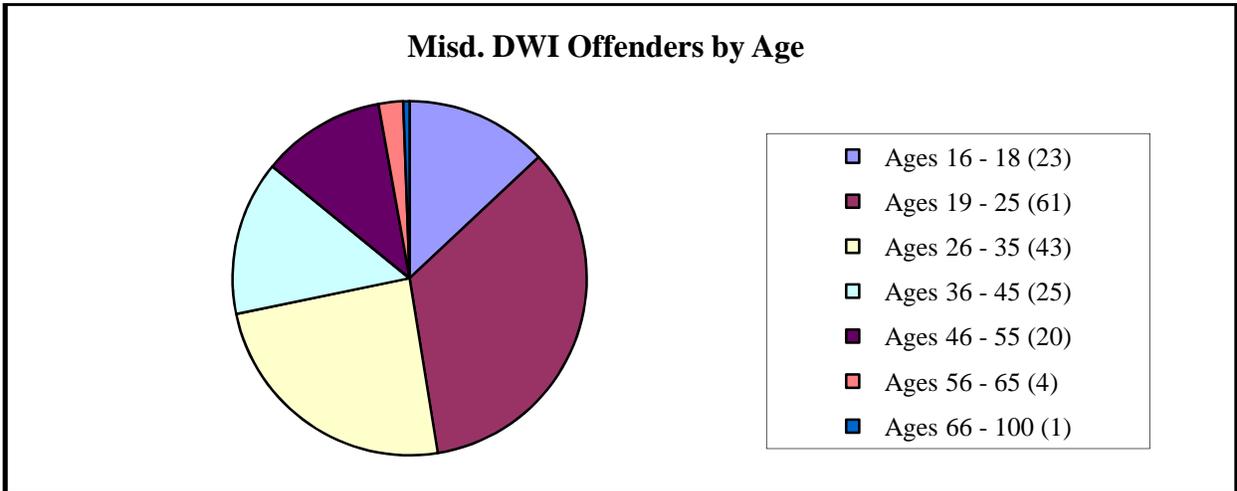


2009 Offender Information

- As of December 31, 2009, there were 715 adult offenders on traditional supervision;
- 750 pre-sentence investigations were conducted;
- 459 probation violations were filed;
- 656 new Misdemeanor clients;
- 366 new Gross Misdemeanor clients;
- 2,016 clients were supervised by the adult and program units throughout the year.



DWI Offenders by Offense Level and Age



Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)

2009 Program Evaluation Using The Recidivism Rate Tables

Cumulative Proportion Surviving at End of Period	Interval Start Time	Cumulative Proportion Re-offending by End of Period	Number of Persons in the Study for Number of Days in Column (1)	Aggregated Expected Failure Rate	Actual Number of Offenders Re-offending
(1)	(2)	(3)	(a)	(b)	(c)
n/a	n/a	n/a	184	<u>50.01</u>	<u>18</u>

Failures: Actual / Expected 18.0 vs. 50.00 = 36.0% **Reduction in recidivism = 64.0%**

ISP Statistics

- A total of **98 ISP offenders** were supervised in 2009, of which **45 offenders** were monitored through the **ISP monthly group** supervision.
- There were **13 ISP program offenders successfully discharged** from probation in 2009.
- The ISP program **added 18 new qualifying cases** (minimum of 4 DWIs within a lifetime). Of the 18 new ISP offenders added, a total of **6 were felony cases** and **12 were gross misdemeanor cases**. Out of the 18 new ISP offenders, **4 resided out of Wright County** and probation supervision was being provided by the county of their residence.
- The ISP program submitted **34 probation violations**, administered **14 Apprehension and Detention Orders**, and submitted **20 technical violations** through the Wright County District Court.
- There were 2 active or past ISP offenders who **received a new DWI conviction**.
- **25 days of Sentence to Service (STS)** and **120 hours of community service work** were completed by ISP offenders.
- **15 offenders successfully completed the 9-month extended aftercare program** through Wright County Court Services and Professional Counseling Center in Buffalo.

Since the Inception of the ISP in 2001

- The ISP program has **supervised 184 offenders**.
- 112 offenders tested with an average of .17 blood alcohol level. A total of 63 offenders refused testing and 4 tested positive for methamphetamine or other controlled substances.
- Of the 184 offenders supervised on ISP, 11% were female (21) and 89% were male (163).

Open Cases by Offense - 2009

The Adult Unit gave supervision to the District Court for the following Adult Misdemeanor and Gross Misdemeanor cases during 2009, excluding Driving Under the Influence charges:

Misdemeanor	Male	Female	Total
Assault	56	21	77
Assault, Domestic	88	15	103
Careless Driving	3	0	3
Contempt of Court	8	1	9
DAC/DAR/DAS	14	5	19
Disorderly with Domestic	17	9	26
Disorderly not Domestic	57	9	66
Drug-Related Offenses	5	1	6
Fleeing Police	6	0	6
Furnish Alcohol to Minor	1	0	1
Leaving Scene	2	1	3
Minor Consumption	28	11	39
Minor Consumption - Driver	7	4	11
Miscellaneous Offenses	5	2	7
No Insurance	12	4	16
Obscenity	2	0	2
Obstructing Legal Process	6	10	16
Peace/Privacy	8	2	10
Property Damage	15	1	16
Reckless Driving	1	1	2
Stolen Property	0	0	0
Theft	8	9	17
Vehicle Tampering	1	0	1
Violating OFP/Restraining Order	28	6	34
Weapons - Reckless Use	2	0	2
Crimes Against Government (CAG)	1	0	1
Total Misdemeanors	381	112	493



Open Cases by Offense - 2009

Gross Misdemeanor	Male		Female		Total
Assault	17		5		22
Assault, Domestic	43		3		46
Assault, Domestic w/Strangulation	0		0		0
Assault, Terroristic Threats	5		0		5
Burglary	1		2		3
Crimes Against Family	6		2		8
Criminal Sexual Conduct	11		0		11
Criminal Vehicular Injury	7		1		8
DAC/DAR/DAS	15		1		16
Fleeing Police	3		1		4
Forgery	5		2		7
Furnish Alcohol to Minor	5		1		6
Interfering w/911 Call	19		2		21
Leaving Scene	1		0		1
Miscellaneous Offenses	6		1		7
No Insurance	2		0		2
Obscenity	2		0		2
Obstructing Legal Process	13		6		19
Peace/Privacy	6		0		6
Property Damage	5		3		8
Stolen Property	4		1		5
Theft	12		3		15
Theft - Credit Card Fraud	5		1		6
Theft - Public Assistance	0		1		1
Violating OFP/Restraining Order	12		1		13
Weapons	2		1		3
Crimes Against Government (CAG)	3		0		3
Total Gross Misdemeanors	210		38		248

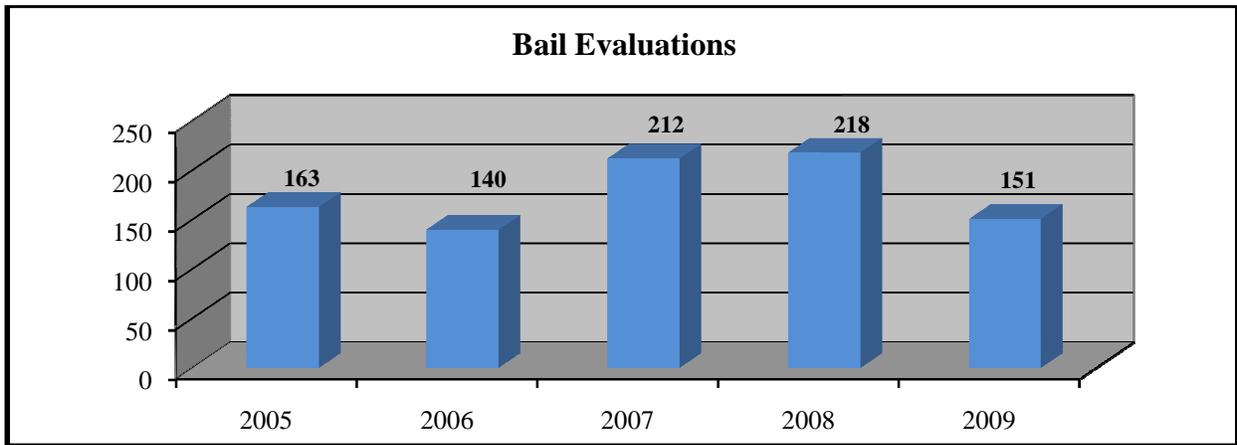


Program Unit

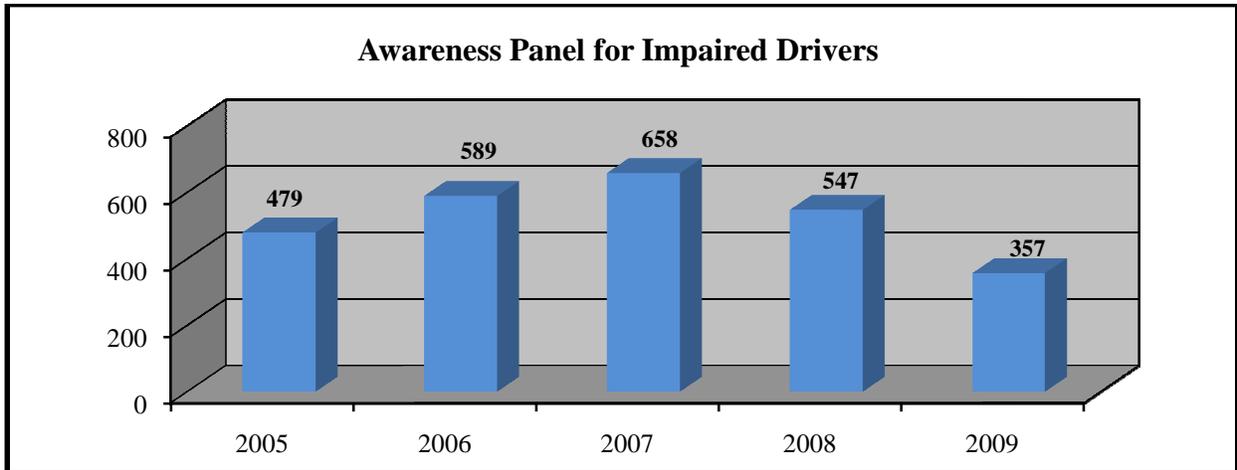
Staff	Area of Responsibility
Margaret Munson - Supervisor	
Karen Determan	Restorative Justice Agent - Community Conferencing/Victim Offender Mediation, Teen Court, and Driver's License Reinstatement.
Tessa MacDonald	Agent - Conditional Release Programs.
Melissa Holthaus Pat LaVine Justine Hancuch	Probation Information Center Agents - Adult and Juvenile Group/Administrative Probation, Community Service, Juvenile Diversions, Youth Shoplifting Class, Tobacco Education Class, Cognitive Reasoning, Adolescent Chemical Education, and Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers.
Jake Bohnsack	Case Aide - Conditional Release Electronic Monitoring and Home Detention.
Michelle Nelson	Case Aide - Adult and Juvenile Programs, Juvenile Work Crew, Bail Studies, and Records Management.

Program Unit Responsibilities

- Bail Evaluations
- Youth Shoplifting Class
- Adolescent Chemical Education
- Juvenile Group
- Juvenile Diversion
- Pre-Trial Drug/Alcohol Testing
- Teen Court
- Community Conferencing
- Domestic Abuse GPS Service
- Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers
- COG Program
- Adult Group and Monitored Probation
- Juvenile Payable Program
- Electronic Home Monitoring
- DL Reinstatement Program
- Juvenile Work Crew
- Victim Offender Mediation

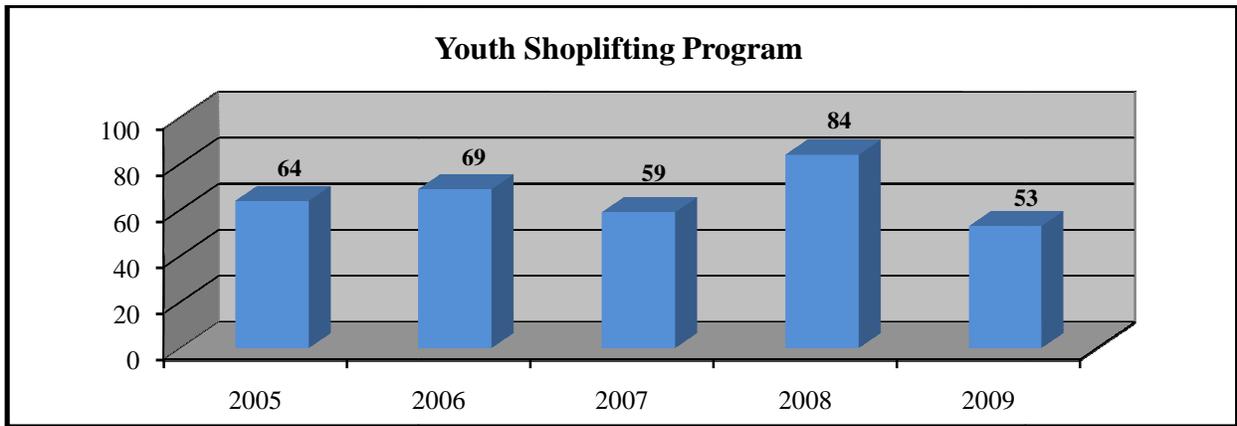


Bail evaluations are conducted on 5th Degree Domestic Assault, Violation of OFP, and Controlled Substance offenses.

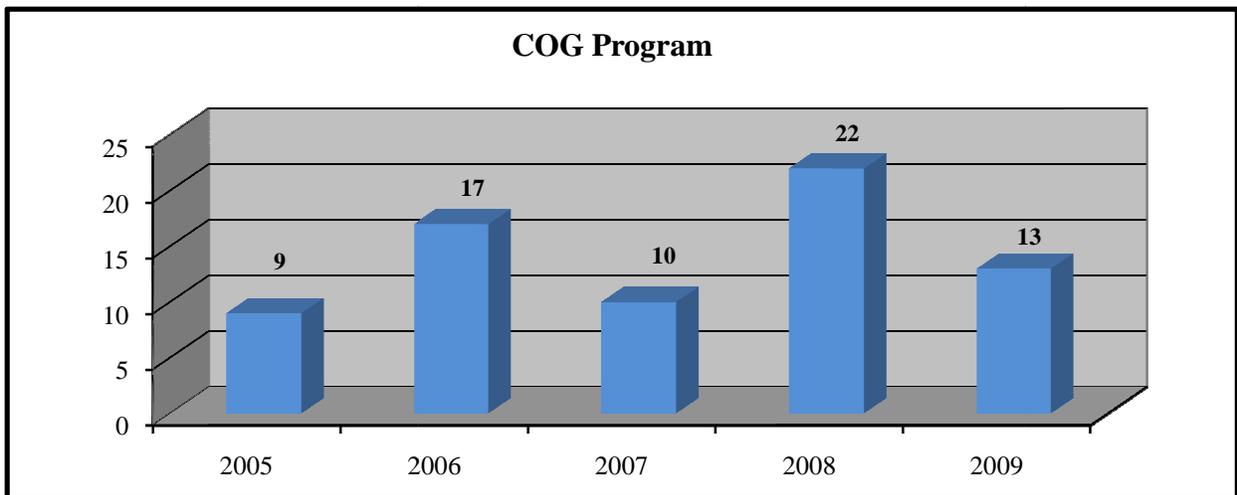


Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers (APID) is an educational opportunity to address adult offenders by having speakers share how alcohol has affected their lives. The sessions are held the first Monday of each month.

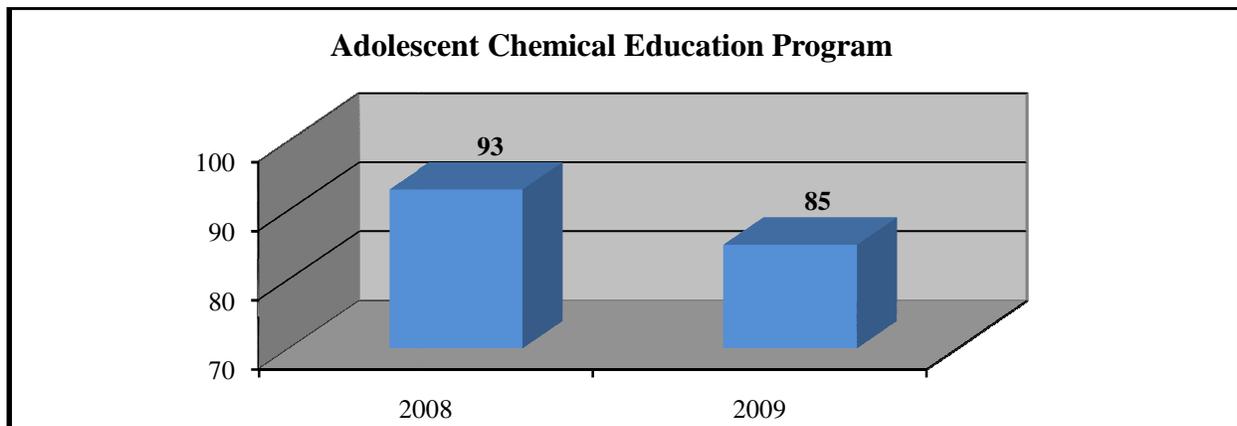




Youth Shoplifting Program is for juvenile offenders involved in theft from retail stores, referred through diversion programs, or ordered through juvenile court.

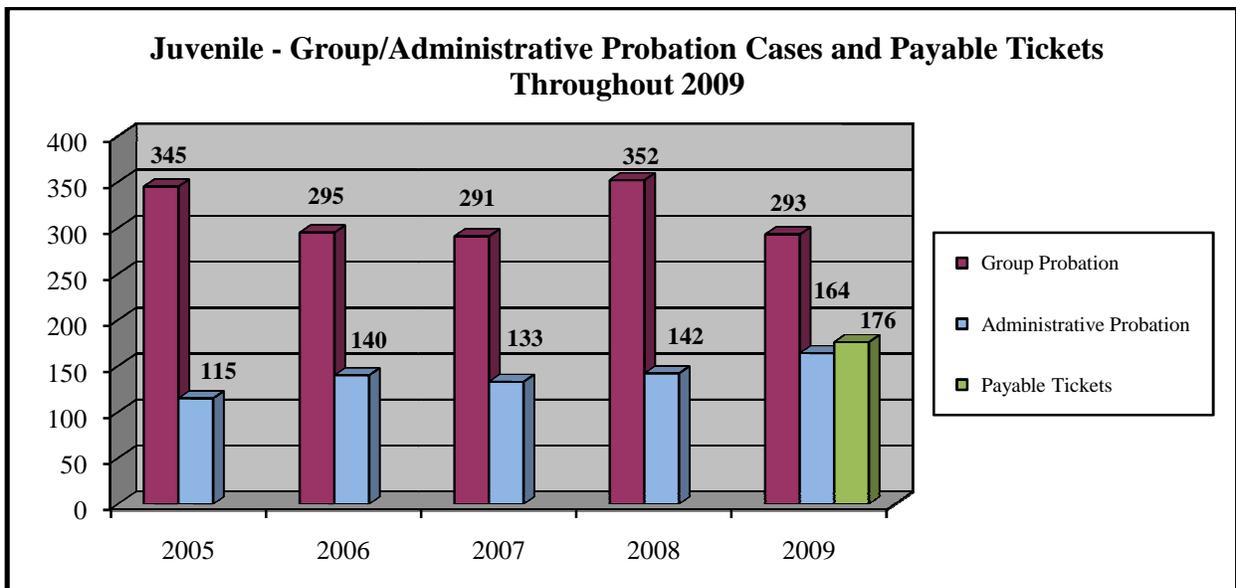
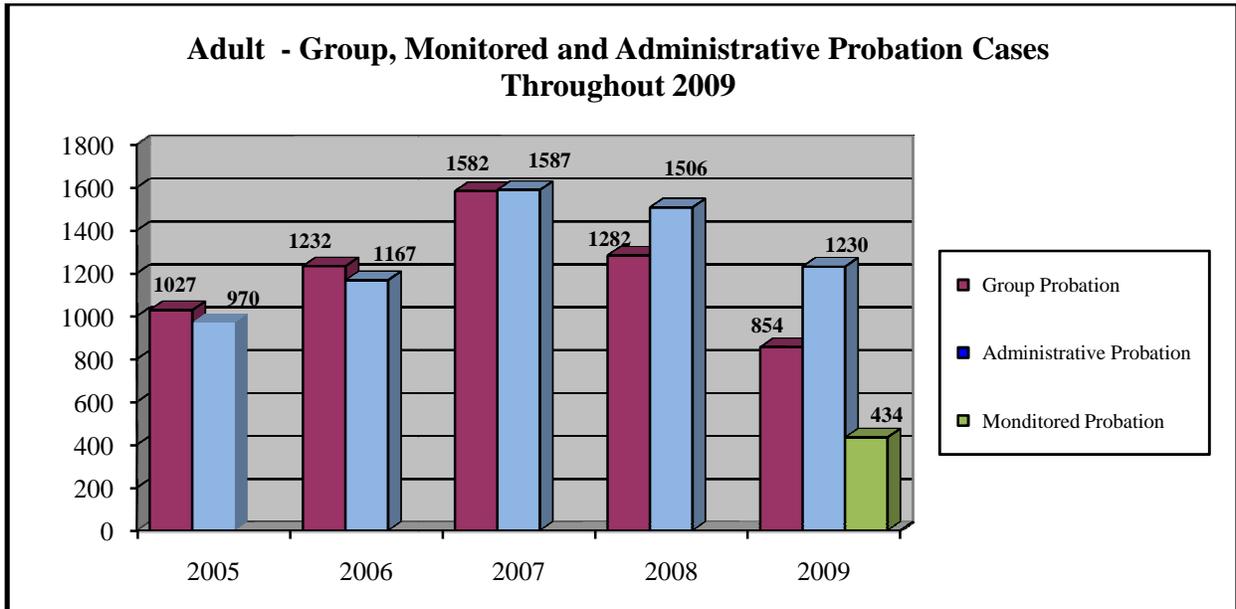


The Cognitive Behavior Program -“Thinking for a Change” is a 22-lesson curriculum that focuses on teaching juveniles the skills necessary to make the right decisions in everyday situations.



Adolescent Chemical Education Class offers early education and information for offenders and parents to help identify issues related to alcohol and drug abuse, and the available resources.

Low-risk offenders are supervised by the Program Unit agents through group, monitored, and administrative probation. In 2009, two changes were made in the supervision of adults and juveniles. A monitored-level probation was set up for certain low-risk adult offenders, and a juvenile payable program for certain juvenile petty offenses. Within this population of probationers, there were 36 technical violations and 541 probation violations filed.



Community Service Work (CSW)

The CSW may be ordered as a condition of probation or in lieu of fines. Adult offenders may perform CSW at non-profit organizations throughout Wright County, as approved by Court Services, or through the State Sentence to Serve program. Juveniles may also perform community service at non-profit sites or through the juvenile work crew led by a Court Services employee.

Juvenile Work Crew Statistics

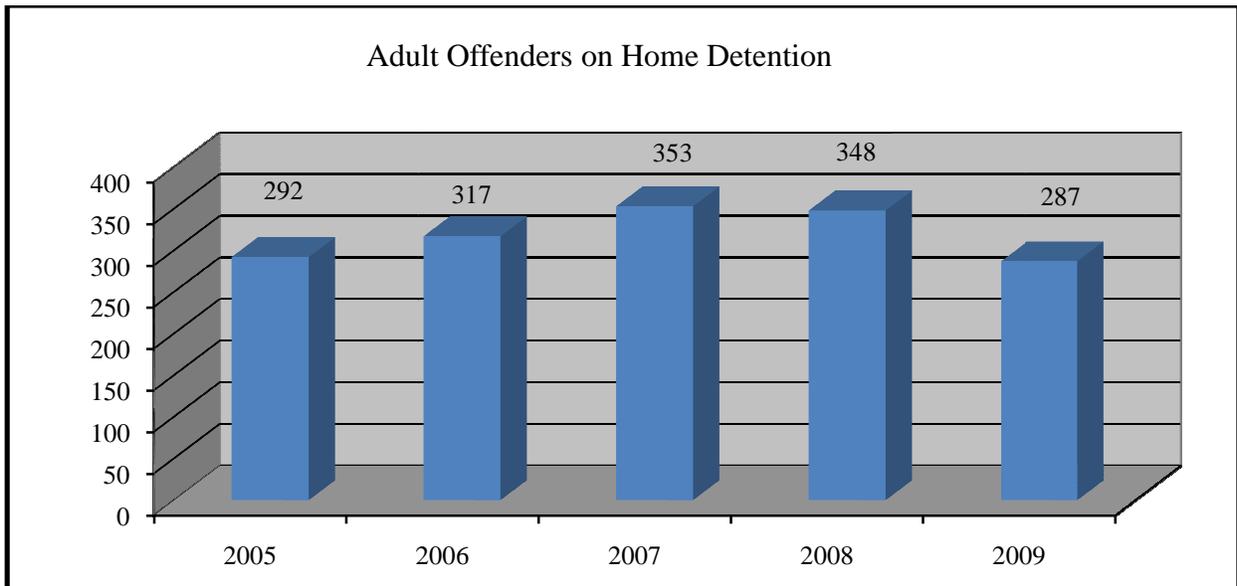
Community	# of hours in 2007	# of hours in 2008	# of hours in 2009	Value at \$10/hour in 2009	Sites
Annandale Maple Lake	624	538	564	\$ 5,640	Annandale Community Center, Friendship Ventures, Annandale Schools, Annandale Community Education, City of Annandale
Buffalo Montrose	1,758	1,462	1,059	\$10,590	Buffalo Civic Center, Wright County Court Services, FareShare, City of Buffalo, Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo, Buffalo Schools
Cokato	174	363	192	\$ 1,920	City of Cokato, Dassel-Cokato Schools
Delano Rockford	201	38	264	\$ 2,640	Delano Schools, Rockford Schools, Rockford Community Center
Howard Lake Waverly/Winsted	277	188	168	\$ 1,680	City of Howard Lake, HL-W-W High School
Monticello	675	615	547	\$ 5,470	City of Monticello, Monticello Community Center, Monticello Ice Arena, Monticello Rod & Gun Club, Monticello Schools
St. Michael Albertville	541	555	492	\$ 4,920	City of Albertville, STMA Schools
Total	4,250	3,759	3,286	\$32,860	

- **Value of all CSW** completed by adults and juveniles in 2009 was **\$149,680**
- **Adult offenders** completed **9,370** hours of CSW.
- **Juvenile offenders** completed **5,598 hours of CSW**, with **3,286** completed through the work crew and **2,313** completed at individual work sites in the community.

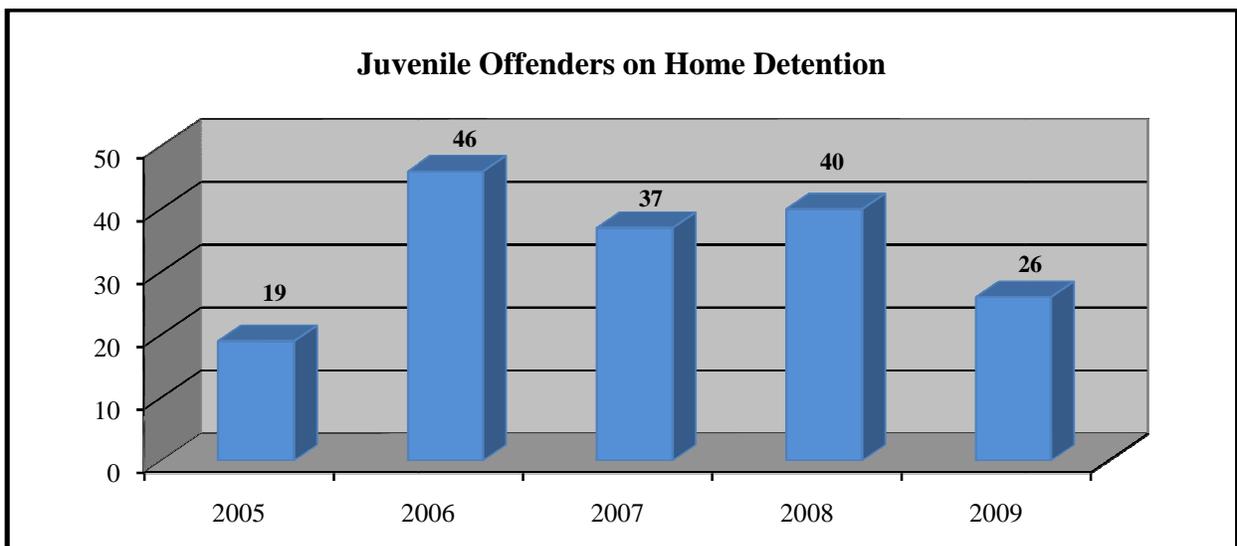
Home Detention Programs

Electronic Home Detention is used to monitor sentenced individuals.

- **287 adult** offenders were placed on electronic home detention.
- Adult offenders served **8,289 days** on electronic home detention.

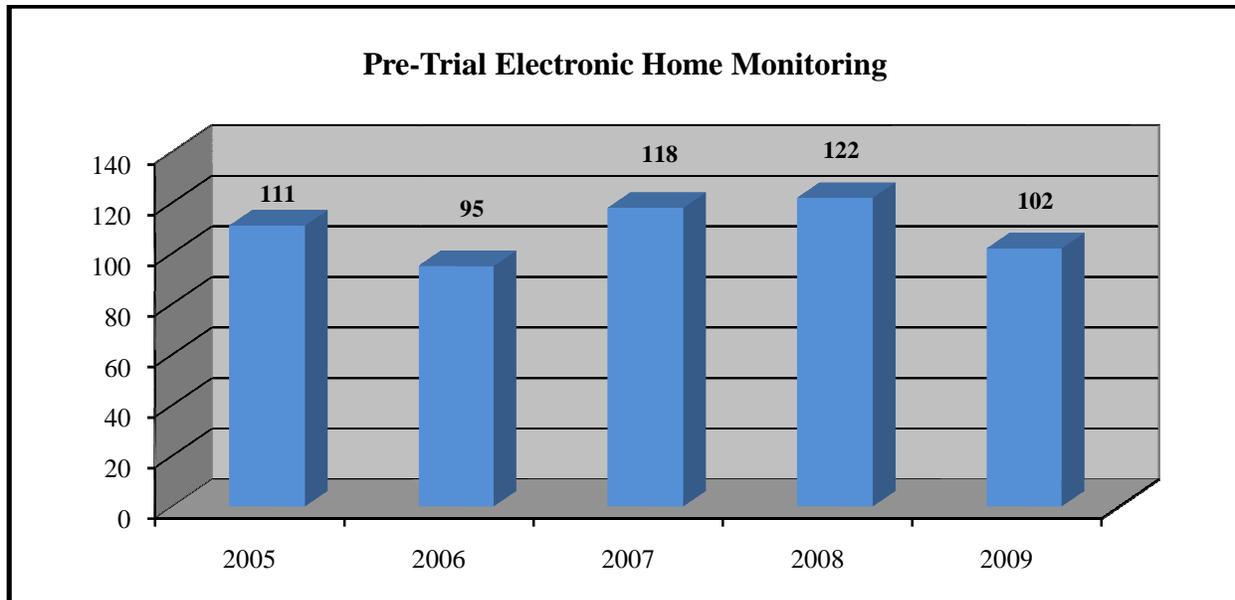


- **26 juvenile** offenders were placed on electronic home detention.
- Juvenile offenders served **739 days** on electronic home detention.



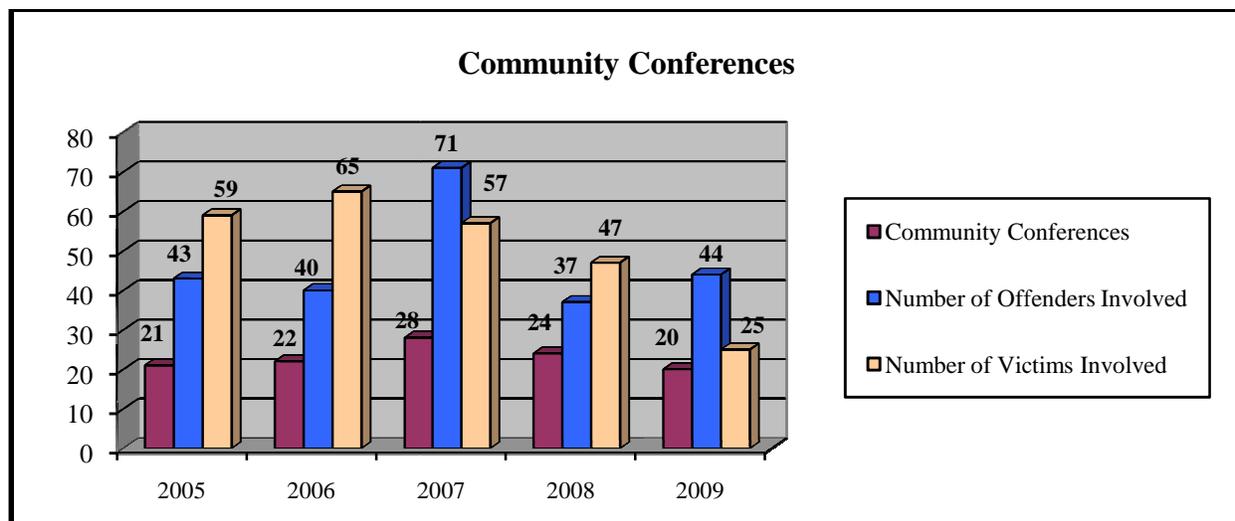
Pre-Trial Electronic home alcohol monitoring is used as conditions of release.

- There were **102** offenders placed on **pre-trial EHM**.
- Offenders served **6,376** days on **pre-trial EHM**.



Restorative Justice Programs

- Community and Family Group Conferences.
- Victim Offender Mediation.
- Community Service Work programs, for both adults and juveniles.
- Teen Court Diversion program.
- Restitution determination and collection.
- Victim impact statements and advocacy.



Diversion Programs

Diversion programs allow offenders the option to divert from Court, and upon successful completion of probation conditions, have their cases dismissed.

- **Juvenile Diversion** is an alternative for the first-time juvenile petty offenders to be held accountable without going through the Court process.
 - There were **110 diversions**.

- **Juvenile Payables** is an alternative for certain juvenile petty offenders to have the option to pay a fine in lieu of probation or going through the Court process.
 - There were **176 payable** cases.

- **Teen Court Juvenile Diversion** is an option for first-time juvenile petty offenders to have their cases heard before a jury of peers without going through the Court process.
 - **80** Teen Court cases were heard.
 - **93** parents participated in the Teen Court hearings.
 - **107** peer court jurors volunteered their time and served on Teen Court.

- **Adult Driver's License Reinstatement** is a program that offers adult offenders, charged with certain traffic offenses, a chance to divert a conviction if they become licensed drivers.
 - **58** adults participated in the program.

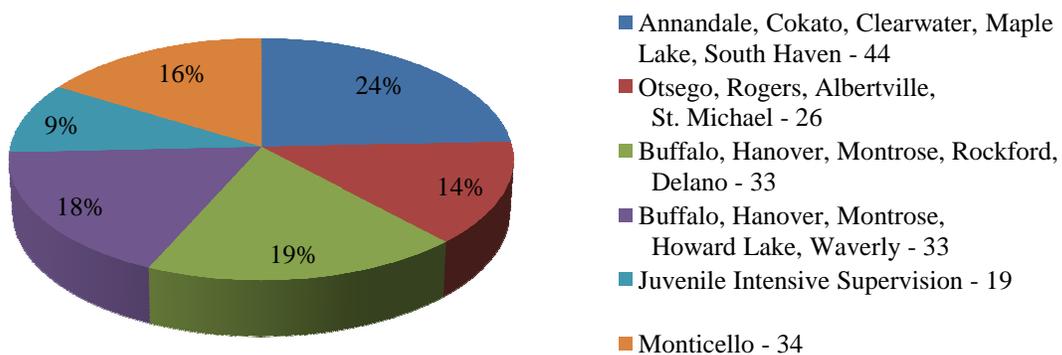


Juvenile Unit

The Juvenile Unit provides supervision for juvenile offenders placed on probation for all levels of delinquent offenses.

Staff	Area of Responsibility
B. Abe Abrahamson	Juvenile Unit Supervisor
Joe Backes	Annandale, Clearwater, Maple Lake, South Haven, Cokato
Carter Diers	Albertville, Otsego, Rogers, St. Michael
Nathan Miller	Monticello
Brian Stoll	Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose, Rockford, Delano
Neal Huemoeller	Intensive Aftercare Program (IAP)
Janelle Webb	Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose, Howard Lake

Average Juvenile Caseload by Community



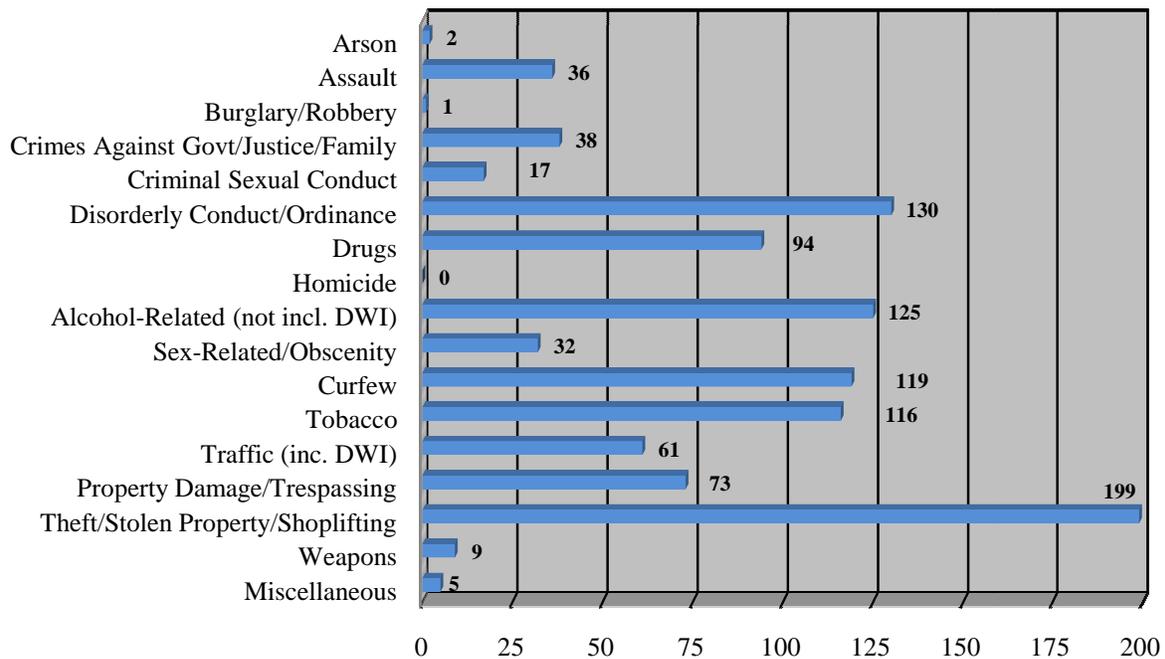
Offenses Committed in 2009 by Wright County Juveniles

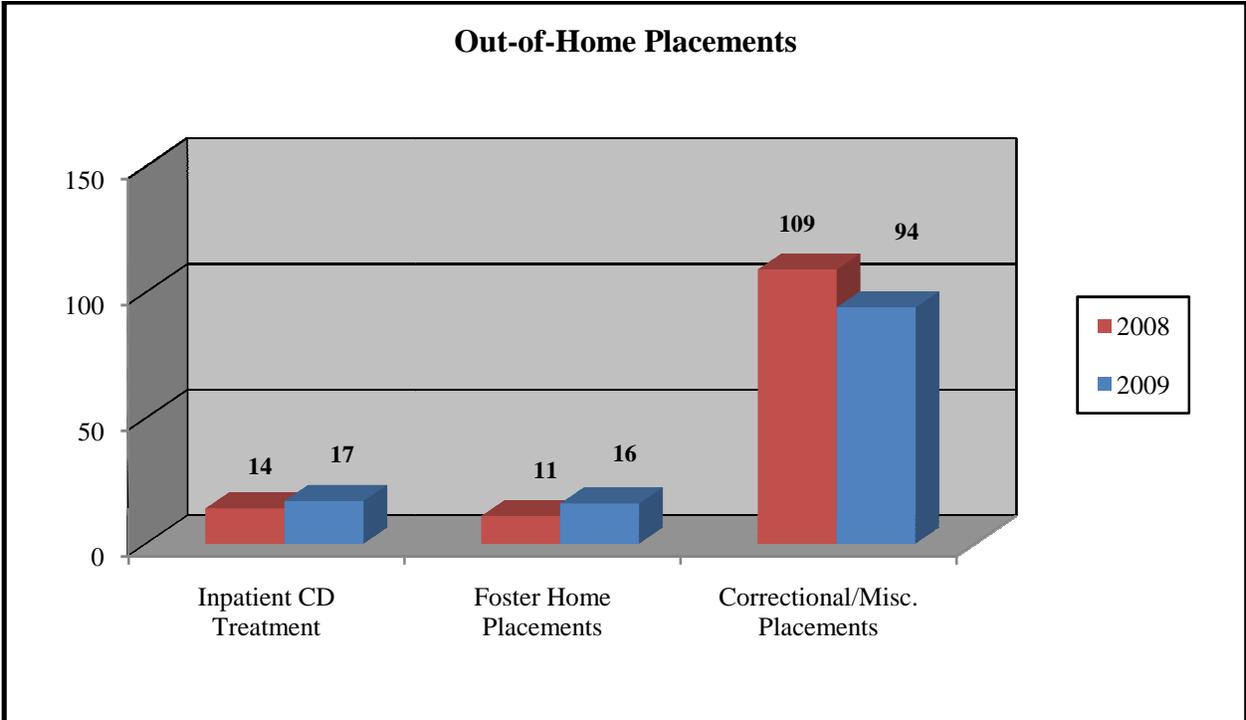
* Includes All Offenses (Juvenile Petty Offenses and Delinquencies).

* Miscellaneous Offenses Include Flee Police and Escape Custody.

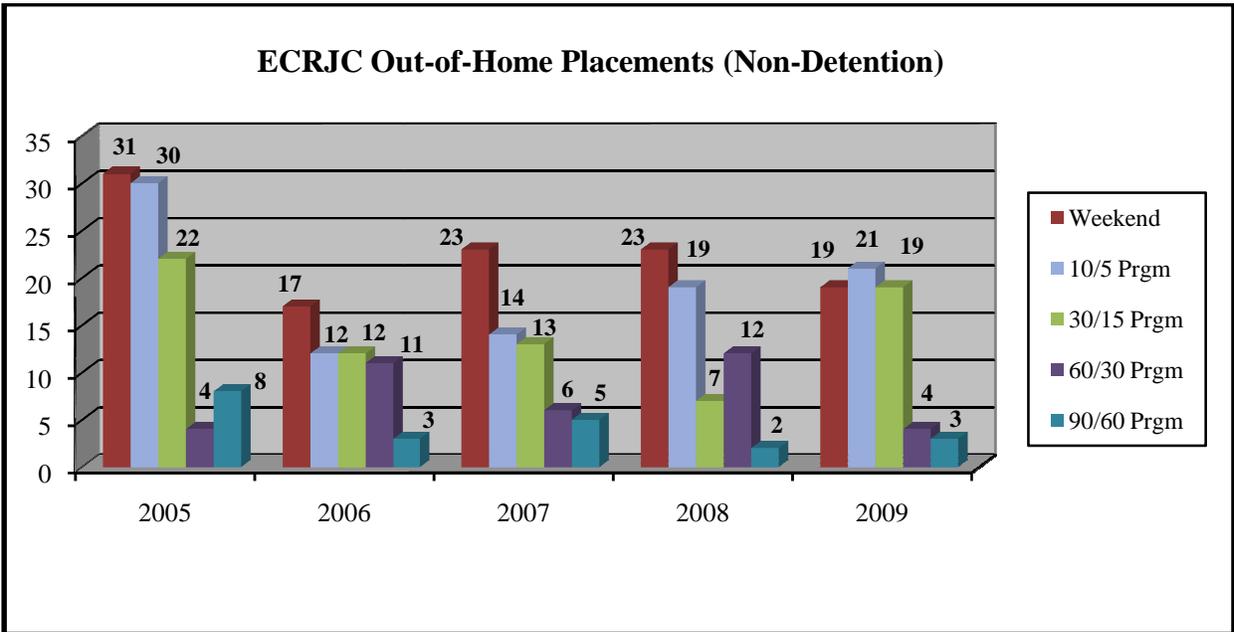
Offense	Male	Female	Total
Arson	2	0	2
Assault	20	16	36
Burglary/Robbery	1	0	1
Crimes Against Govt/Justice/Family	23	15	38
Criminal Sexual Conduct	14	3	17
Disorderly Conduct/Ordinance	99	31	130
Drugs	75	19	94
Homicide	0	0	0
Alcohol-Related (not incl. DWI)	74	51	125
Sex-Related/Obscenity	19	13	32
Curfew	81	38	119
Tobacco	81	35	116
Traffic (inc. DWI)	49	12	61
Property Damage/Trespassing	60	13	73
Theft/Stolen Property/Shoplifting	136	63	199
Weapons	6	3	9
Miscellaneous	5	0	5
TOTAL	745	312	1057

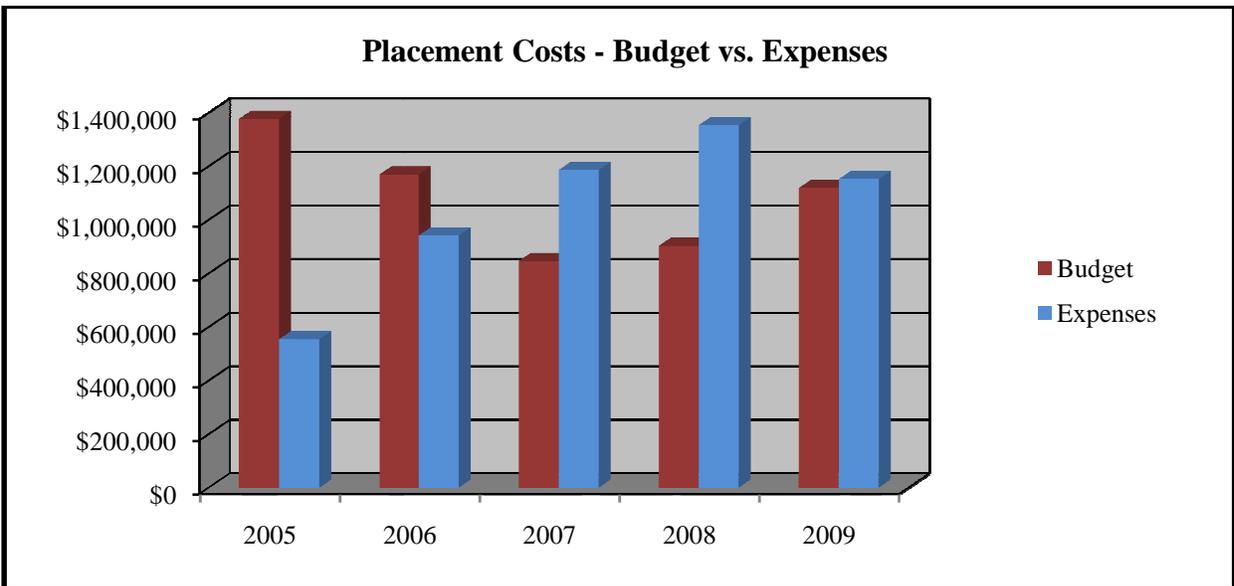
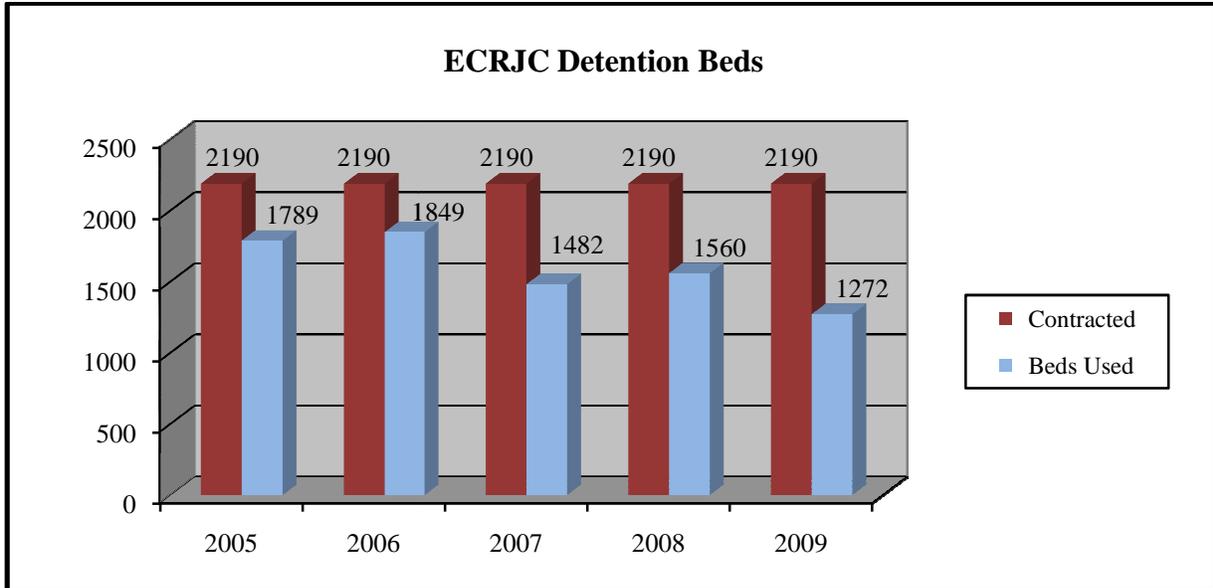
Offenses Committed in 2009





- ✓ In 2009, there were 127 out-of-home placements.
- ✓ Of the 127 out-of-home placements, 94 were placed in correctional programs, 52% were placed in programming with East Central Regional Juvenile Center.





Placement Costs - Budget vs. Expenses 2005 – 2009

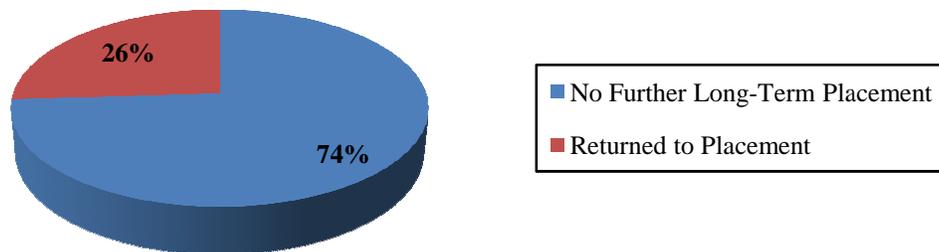
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Budget	\$1,377,200	\$1,170,000	\$ 846,500	\$ 903,000	\$1,119,000
Expenses	\$ 554,270	\$ 941,606	\$1,186,423	\$1,353,717	\$1,152,541

Juvenile Unit Intensive Aftercare Probation (IAP)

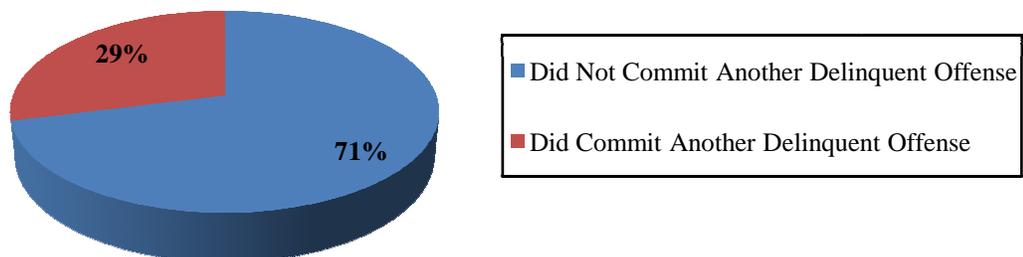
Started in 2001, the IAP Program was initiated to enhance a probationer's success transitioning from long-term programming to their home, schools, and community. Agent Huemoeller has a small caseload, by design, to provide enhanced supervision.

- The average caseload in 2009 was 19 juveniles, all classified as “high-risk” to re-offend.
- Through electronic home monitoring, non-traditional face-to-face contacts (nights and weekend visits), random drug screens, promotion of probationer's involvement in positive activities, and parental involvement, we have seen a reduction in this population requiring repeated long-term, out-of-home placements.
- Since 2001, Wright County Court Services has observed the following:
 - **74% successfully completed IAP**; no need for long-term, out-of-home placements.
 - **71% of the IAP juveniles did not commit** another Delinquent offense.
- In 2009, Agent Huemoeller:
 - Completed nine violation reports.
 - Successfully discharged eight IAP juveniles.
- Ten new probationers were added to the IAP program in 2009.

Completion of Juvenile IAP (Since 2003)



Percentage of Juveniles Who Committed Another Delinquent Offense After IAP (Since 2003)



Clerical Unit

The Clerical Unit provides clerical support to the probation units. Clerical staff are often the first contact defendants have with the department. Clerical staff: field phone calls; assign clients to agents; set up new cases; and record and analyze demographic, statistical, probation, and financial data. Administrative functions facilitated for the department include repairs, purchasing, billing, phones, computer systems, office design, supplies, budgeting, filing, and records management.

Staff	Title/Major Responsibility
Nancy Tallman - Supervisor	Clerical Supervisor/Confidential Administrative Secretary to Director
Carol Barnaal	Senior Clerk II, Program Unit Secretary and Financial
Barb Peterson	Senior Clerk II, Adult Unit Secretary
Sandi Kile	Senior Clerk II, Program Unit Secretary and Financial
Jessie Moe	Senior Clerk II, Juvenile Unit Secretary
Michelle (Condon) Pramann	Senior Clerk II, Receptionist and Juvenile Unit Secretary
Lisa Diederich	Senior Clerk II, Secretary, Receptionist, Financial
Sarah (Murphy) Denzer	Senior Clerk II, Adult Unit Secretary

2009 Clerical Unit Accomplishments/Happenings

- Compiled and submitted eight quarterly reports and three annual reports in an effort to maintain/obtain state grant money for the department.
- Forty random moment checks were done in connection with the Wright County Local Collaborative that provided grant funds to the county and department in 2009.
- Collected, recorded, and distributed \$472,806 in probation, program, and detention fees.
- Investigated twenty expungement requests.
- Performed 275 Human Service record checks (foster home, day care, etc).
- The unit became more familiar with and expanded the use of Ad Hoc reports in CSTS.
- The clerical unit changed some processes in preparation for going “paperless.” Treatment reports are being emailed and scanned into CSTS, as are electronic orders, and various other paperwork.
- We expanded the use of wireless, broadband cards, and Citrix, which makes working in the field easier for staff.
- Assisted in tracking juveniles who were court-ordered to Teen Drive Wright.
- Clerical set up S³ rights for use of the LSI and YLS, which the department started using in the spring of 2009.
- Assisted in tracking and collecting fees for the new Juvenile Payable program.

2009 Court Services' Highlights

- Continued to implement evidence based practices -
 - Implemented LSI-R risk needs assessment tool for adults.
 - YLSI risk needs assessment tool for juveniles.
 - Staff trained in Motivational Interview techniques.
 - Staff trained in Effective Case Management.
- Staff Development -
 - Enhanced safety training for agents.
 - Staff continued to volunteer in leadership roles with corrections professional associations.
 - Staff volunteered with youth organizations in the local communities.
- Collaborated with other agencies to implement domestic abuse initiative.
- Collaborated with jail programs and chemical dependency treatment facilities to implement a chemical dependency treatment program in the jail.
- Police Stop program implemented through collaboration with law enforcement. This new technology identifies offenders currently on probation, and advises agents of possible new charges.
- Provided the opportunity for juvenile male offenders to make positive changes through “Thinking for a Change,” a 22-lesson Cognitive Behavioral Program.

