

JUVENILE COURT

2015 BUDGET
PRESENTATION



VISION

The Juvenile Court's vision is to achieve excellence by providing quality services for the positive development of children, the safety of the community, and the preservation of the family unit.



MISSION

*The mission of the Juvenile Court of
Gwinnett County is:*

*To enhance the likelihood of rehabilitation
and behavior reform of delinquent children so
that they shall be restored, if possible, as
secure law-abiding members of society.*

*To provide the forum, personnel, and
facilities required for the fair, impartial and
efficient administration of justice.*



MISSION

To ensure that each child coming before the court shall receive the care, guidance, and control that is in the best interest of the child and the safety of the citizens of Gwinnett County and the State of Georgia.

To promote the healing and recovery of abused and neglected children and to promote permanency for those who have been removed from their home.



OVERVIEW

The Juvenile Court is a constitutional court. We are governed by State and Federal Statutory laws and rules. These laws and rules authorize the operation and jurisdiction of the court.



OVERVIEW

The Juvenile Court currently has 59 full-time employees, down from 61 employees in January of 2010

We have 7 divisions:

<i>Clerks Division</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>employees</i>
<i>Intake Division</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>employees</i>
<i>Probation Division</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>employees</i>
<i>Guardian ad litem</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>employees</i>
<i>Volunteer Resources</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>employees</i>
<i>Administration</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>employees</i>
<i>Judicial</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>employees</i>



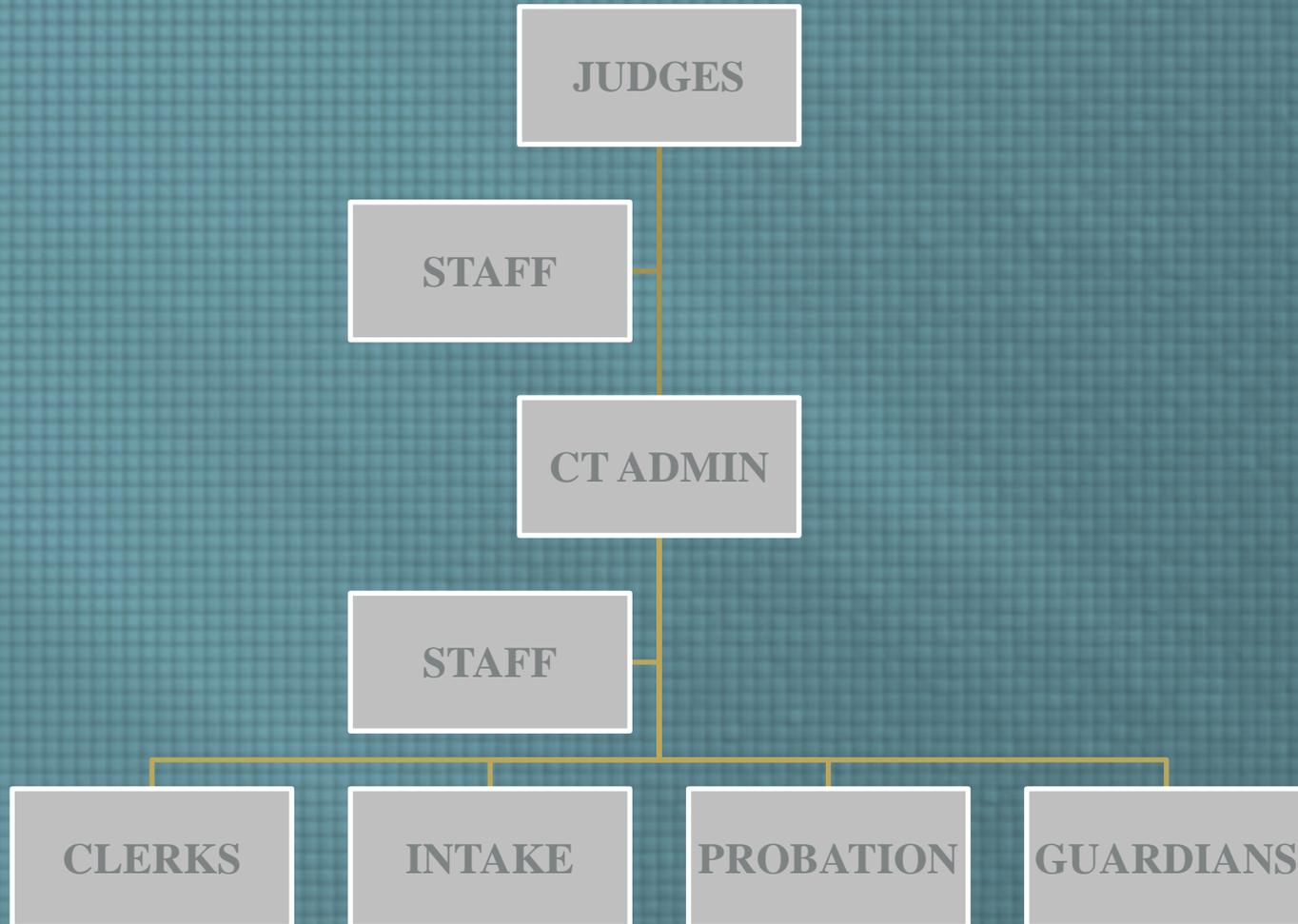
VOLUNTEERS

The Juvenile Court has over 100 volunteers who will provide case management and handle over 3,000 cases for our court.

We have just started an all Hispanic Youth Diversion Panel in the Norcross area and the reviews from their first meetings have been excellent. The parents of these youth are providing better input into the overall process due to their comfort level.



ORGANIZATION



DECISION PACKAGES

The Juvenile Court is not submitting decision packages for increases of staff or operating cost. Any increases to a specific account will be managed within our existing budget level



CLOSING OF OUR RYDC

The closing of our RYDC has our Officers and Transportation Unit traveling to Rockdale and Hall Counties when a child is detained.



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To help with these travel expenses we are in the process of setting up Video Detention Hearings at the RYDC. This will eliminate bringing the child to Court for their initial hearing.



CHINS

The new Juvenile Code left our court with no means to petition and prosecute these cases in court.

Our response has been to partner with View Point Health and create a panel of agency partners to staff these cases and make the best possible use of our existing resources.



CHINS

*Using the Panels and case management
from our Intake and Probation Staff
gives our citizens the best possible
outcome under the current laws.*



INDIGENT DEFENSE

A predicted result of our new Juvenile Code, our Indigent Defense numbers are increasing. The 1st half expenditures are up 19% over 2013 and the Deprivation / Dependency appointments are up 51% which will result in a larger increase in expenditures by years end.



NEW JUVENILE CODE

The New Juvenile Code went into effect July 1st 2013 and was revised in 2014 effective April 28th. We are continuing to update our processes and working with other agencies such as DFACS, View Point Health and our School System to make our Juvenile Justice System in Gwinnett as efficient as possible.



QUESTIONS

