

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Proposed FY 2018 Budget Highlights

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- Proposed budget totals \$6.8M
 - A 6% increase from FY 2017 due to:
 - The addition of 2.0 FTEs
 - Standard personnel increases
 - Non-personnel increases due to:
 - New funding for Sheltercare beds and Court Appointed Special Advocate services \$35,240
 - Changes to Intra-County Charges (-\$7,267)
- Total FTEs: 57.80
 - a net increase of 2.0 FTEs from FY 2017
 - A new probation officer to provide services to City of Falls Church Juvenile cases, offset by a payment to Arlington County
 - A new group home counselor at the Andre B. Ferrari Argus House in order to comply with staffing ratio requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and to provide weekend programming for new Transitional Living Services.

- **Manager initiatives** — Increasing use of evidence-based practices and performance measures for service delivery.
 - Increased opportunities for diversion at Intake
 - Tools and practices that are transforming juvenile justice in VA
- **Absorption of Falls Church Court Services Unit** — efficiencies that benefit both communities.
- **Alternatives to Incarceration** — Funding of beds at Sheltercare provides judges alternatives to secure detention for eligible youths.
- **Transitional Living Services** — Specialized services at group homes to allow Foster Care youth to remain in their communities as they prepare for independent living.

- **Safe spaces for child custody exchanges**
 - Collaboration with other agencies and community partners
 - Application for Safe Havens grant
- **Expansion of Young Achievers Program**
 - Seeking new or existing space to increase program from 8 to 12 clients
- **Implementation of state-wide practices for probation**
 - Evidence-based
 - Focus on minimizing juvenile contact with system
 - Keeping juveniles in the community