



## 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, 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.

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 104 parents and 123 children. 34 parents have graduated, and 44 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 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. In 2013, Superior Court took over the Pay or Appear program from District Court to continue collecting revenue.
4. In 2014, the court secured grants for continued funding of the Court Facilitator and continued reimbursement for child support enforcement, secured a contract for reimbursement of court appointed counsel for legally free children, and received \$500,000 reimbursement from the Office of Public Defense for State v. Stenson costs.
5. Provide 24 hour coverage for law enforcement search warrants.
6. Continue to reduce case backlog.

### 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

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	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	6/30/14 Actual
Cases Filed:			

Criminal	421	473	221
Civil	1,241	1,259	591
Domestic	487	540	234
Probate/Guardianship	410	421	194
Adoption/Paternity	116	76	34
Mental Illness	0	42	26
Juvenile Non-Offender	496	440	212
Juvenile Offender	260	211	84
Total Cases Filed	3,431	3,462	1,596
Non-Trial Proceedings:			
Civil/Juvenile	7,804	9,475	4,904
Criminal/Juvenile Offender	10,455	11,207	5,306
Total Non-Trial Proceedings	18,259	20,682	10,210
Trials:			
Civil Non-Jury Trial	31	28	15
Civil Jury Trials	4	3	0
Juvenile Offender	4	6	6
Criminal Jury	19	18	7
Criminal Non-Jury	16	16	2
Total Trials	74	71	30
Drug Court:			
Adult, Juvenile Court Participants	100	89	82
Adult, Juvenile Drug Court Graduates	26	16	5
LIFT Court:			
Adult clients served in LIFT Court	35	45	40
Children served in LIFT Court	48	61	57

## 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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	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	6/30/14 Actual	2015 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	62,739	46,475	37,880	70,405
Charges for Goods and Services	174,866	193,829	62,462	196,680
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,668	520	387	31,000
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	100,000	50,000	50,000	0
General Tax Support	988,402	1,570,175	458,005	1,027,962
Total	\$1,328,675	\$1,860,999	\$608,734	\$1,326,047

## Expenditures

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	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	6/30/14 Actual	2015 Budget
Salaries and Wages	745,278	694,281	353,954	715,294
Personnel Benefits	144,012	128,463	72,410	137,445
Supplies	8,875	10,619	4,308	15,150
Other Services and Charges	430,510	1,011,511	178,062	458,158
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	16,125	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	\$1,328,675	\$1,860,999	\$608,734	\$1,326,047

## Staffing

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	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2014 Budget	2015 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	10.76	9.75	8.63	8.63

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