



Superior Court 00100.861.

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 and Juvenile Drug Court. The 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 1270 participants with 398 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 196 parents and 237 children. 65 parents have graduated, and 78 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

Superior Court:

1. Provide continuous training and education for staff and judges to ensure a high level of competency and efficiency, including succession planning and future goals.
2. Continue to ensure safe and secure courtrooms for the protection of litigants, witnesses, spectators, and court personnel while working diligently to stay up-to-date by participating in Active Shooter training and by replacing old emergency radios with newer, more effective emergency radios throughout the courtrooms and offices providing for quick responses when requested.
3. Continue to efficiently manage limited resources through programs such as the Special Report Calendar (a mental health court that helps to reduce jail costs, among other advantages), Friendship Diversion (pre-trial supervisions and probation), and establishing a "flat-fee" for criminal conflict appointments and for some mental health evaluations.
4. Continue to provide 24-hour coverage for law enforcement search warrants and wire orders.
5. Devoted to working on courtroom modernization projects by making audio/visual and other technological improvements to bring the courtrooms to current standards. The public is now able to view exhibits and videos on two courtroom television monitors providing for better viewing capabilities for jurors, witnesses and the public. We also now have the ability to provide video conferencing when witnesses are unable to appear in court, and a video cart with an Elmo and laptop for participants' use during court proceedings.
6. Continue to move toward the implementation of our new State-wide case management system called "Odyssey" while also working toward a "paperless court" through technology as resources allow. The Odyssey program provides for a more effective and efficient management of cases and reporting and provides the public with the ability to view and access cases online saving time and money.
7. Increase community connectivity and outreach by initiating a Superior Court Facebook page and working on upgrading improvements to our existing court website.
8. The court was chosen to participate in a program called "Parents for Parents" in March of 2018. This program provides education mentoring and increased engagement in the Dependency system to promote safe and timely reunification of children with their parents.

9. Maintain and update the Superior Court law library to keep the court up-to-date with current standards.
10. Developed a working relationship between Olympic Medical Center and the Court to provide direct video conferencing for court hearings to comply with the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA). Our goal is to continue to provide this option and improve the video capabilities as technology advances. Our first video ITA connection held in the spring of 2018.
11. The Court has been working with the Sheriff's office by integrating a direct-line video conferencing connection between the courtrooms and the jail providing a more efficient handling of in-custody court cases and first appearances. Our first courtroom/jail calendar was held in the spring of 2018.

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.
5. Establish a Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) steering committee that serves as a countywide forum charged with submitting an annual plan with the Salish Behavioral Health Organization for disposition of funds provided from the CJTA.
6. Develop a more cost effective practice for drug screen collection with associated providers.
7. Develop a Medication Assisted Therapy guideline in tune with the National Drug Court best practices.

Workload Indicators

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	6/30/18 Actual
Cases Filed:			
Criminal	583	499	264
Civil	984	1,045	525
Domestic	461	455	163
Probate/Guardianship	397	455	202
Adoption/Paternity	68	66	32
Mental Illness	150	99	68
Juvenile Non-Offender	378	357	218
Juvenile Offender	136	139	62
Total Cases Filed	3,157	3,115	1,534
Non-Trial Proceedings:			
Civil/Juvenile	4,561	4,249	2,217
Criminal/Juvenile Offender	9,471	9,116	3,432
Total Non-Trial Proceedings	14,032	13,365	5,649
Trials:			
Civil Non-Jury Trial	9	10	2

Civil Jury Trials	1	3	3
Criminal Jury	14	16	8
Criminal Non-Jury	9	1	1
Total Trials	33	30	14
Drug Court:			
Adult, Juvenile Court Participants	118	110	101
Adult, Juvenile Drug Court Graduates	20	25	11
LIFT Court:			
Adult clients served in LIFT Court	51	46	35
Children served in LIFT Court	79	43	42

Grant Funding Sources

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

Revenues

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	6/30/18 Actual	2019 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	48,114	52,196	28,836	55,273
Charges for Goods and Services	188,353	198,042	93,400	215,852
Fines and Forfeits	630	1,678	567	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,022	337	150	9,050
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	981,550	1,188,090	500,714	1,204,776
Total	\$1,219,669	\$1,440,344	\$623,667	\$1,484,951

Expenditures

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	6/30/18 Actual	2019 Budget
Salaries and Wages	700,602	706,845	350,711	782,211
Personnel Benefits	136,280	141,833	74,916	180,375
Supplies	12,300	20,847	16,165	22,157
Other Services and Charges	348,312	526,371	175,769	478,608
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	21,600
Capital Outlays	22,175	44,448	6,106	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0		0	0
Transfers Out	0		0	0
Total	\$1,219,669	\$1,440,344	\$623,667	\$1,484,951

Staffing

	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
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Full Time Equivalents	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
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*The Drug Court Special Revenue Fund was closed on 12/31/10 and is now a division of the Superior Court General Fund.