



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, 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

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. Provide 24 hour coverage for law enforcement search warrants.
5. 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

	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	6/30/13 Actual
Cases Filed:			
Criminal	415	421	239
Civil	1,279	1,241	651
Domestic	564	487	300
Probate/Guardianship	340	410	250

Adoption/Paternity	40	116	43
Mental Illness	12	0	10
Juvenile Non-Offender	463	496	232
Juvenile Offender	267	260	119
Total Cases Filed	3,380	3,431	1,844
Non-Trial Proceedings:			
Civil/Juvenile	8,528	7,804	4,859
Criminal/Juvenile Offender	11,732	10,455	5,678
Total Non-Trial Proceedings	20,260	18,259	10,537
Trials:			
Civil Non-Jury Trial	38	31	15
Civil Jury Trials	8	4	1
Juvenile Offender	32	4	2
Criminal Jury	26	19	11
Criminal Non-Jury	25	16	11
Total Trials	129	74	40
Drug Court:			
Adult, Juvenile Court Participants	105	100	90
Adult, Juvenile Drug Court Graduates	20	26	11
LIFT Court:			
Adult clients served in LIFT Court		35	27
Children served in LIFT Court		48	40

Grant Funding Sources

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

Revenues

	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	6/30/13 Actual	2014 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	42,920	62,739	20,867	70,405
Charges for Goods and Services	29,047	174,866	47,435	183,697
Fines and Forfeits	906	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	149,081	2,668	160	1,000
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	80,000	100,000	0	50,000
General Tax Support	1,167,874	988,402	827,465	949,641
Total	\$1,469,828	\$1,328,675	\$895,927	\$1,254,743

Expenditures

	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	6/30/13 Actual	2014 Budget
Salaries and Wages	757,281	745,278	343,090	678,554

Personnel Benefits	152,750	144,012	61,403	134,178
Supplies	14,225	8,875	5,195	12,450
Other Services and Charges	544,348	430,510	483,623	429,561
Intergovernmental Services	1,224	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	2,616	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	\$1,469,828	\$1,328,675	\$895,927	\$1,254,743

Staffing

	2011 Budget	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2014 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	10.01	10.76	9.75	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.

Revenues - Drug Court History

	2010 Actual
Beginning Fund Balance	20,548
Taxes	0
Licenses and Permits	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	0
Charges for Goods and Services	25,011
Fines and Forfeits	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0
Other Financing Sources	0
Transfers In	0
Total	\$45,559

Expenditures - Drug Court History

	2010 Actual
Ending Fund Balance	0
Salaries and Wages	10,857
Personnel Benefits	1,138
Supplies	648
Other Services and Charges	6,532
Intergovernmental Services	0
Capital Outlays	0
Interfund Payments for Services	3,826
Transfers Out	22,858
Total	\$45,859

Petty Cash was closed; that is the \$300 difference between 2010 Revenue and Expenditure totals.

Staffing - Drug Court History

	2010 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	0.40