

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES  
Social Work Program Report Card  
2009**

**Quality of Life Result:**

To insure the fair, equal and constitutional administration of justice within the state's criminal court system.

**Contribution to Results:**

Assist adult and juvenile public defender clients with in-house social work services to resolve social problems leading to criminal involvement, referral to program alternatives to incarceration. Clients are interviewed, evaluated and diverted to community programs at earliest opportunity. Alternative incarceration plans which include treatment recommendation and community resources are presented at sentencing, saving the cost of a prison beds.

**Major Partners:**

The Judicial Branch: CSSD Reinterview Program; Adult and Juvenile Probation; The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; The Department of Corrections; UConn Health Center Correctional Managed Health, DOC Clinical Social Workers in the correctional facilities, DOC Discharge planners, DOC Counselors; Department of Social Services; Department of Developmental Services; Department of Veterans' Affairs; Department of Children and Families; Statewide Legal Aid Services; School Systems – Statewide; Reentry Councils – New Haven, Bridgeport; Community Providers and Non-profit Agencies

**Performance Measure 1:** Number of social work plans/ alternative incarceration plans that are accepted in part or in whole by the courts.



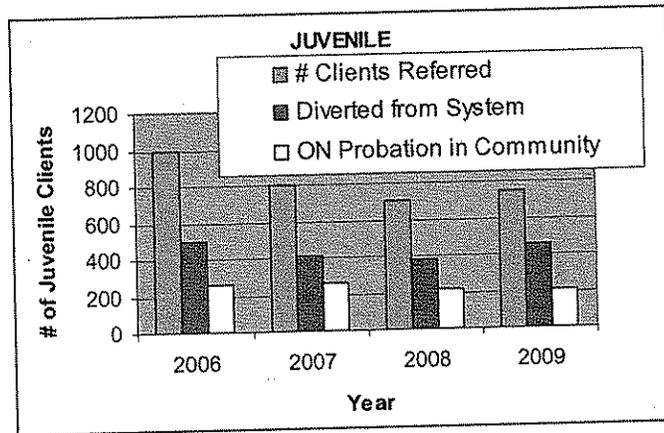
**Story behind baseline:**

2006 – 58% clients accepted; 2007 – 58% clients accepted;  
2008 – 52% clients accepted; 2009 – 60% clients accepted.

These are clients who did not receive a jail sentence or received a lesser amount to time because of the social work plan.

**Proposed actions to turn the curve:** Better data collection to show the amount of jail time saved would help justify more social work positions.

**Performance Measure 2:** Number of juvenile clients who are diverted from the delinquency docket or put on probation in the community.



**Story behind baseline:**

- 2006 – 50% diverted; 26% on probation
- 2007 – 52% diverted; 33% on probation
- 2008 – 54% diverted; 31% on probation
- 2009 – 60% diverted; 28% on probation