

Department Mission



The Klamath County Juvenile Department strives to prevent delinquency and to protect the public by holding youth accountable for offending behavior and providing reformation opportunities.

Mandated Services



- Investigate and fully report on juveniles brought before the court
- Furnish information and assistance as required by the court
- Take charge of any youth as directed by the court
- Notify victims of their constitutional rights
- Meet standards and specifications for the detention facility

Department Overview



- Responsible for services to youth referred for law violations
- Department divided into intake/probation services and detention services
- Services provided include assessment, counseling, supervision, court, and detention

Successes and Challenges



- Referrals have decreased by 49% since 1996
- 93% of youth have not reoffended after participating in Youth Peer Court and 1st Time Offenders
- Reduction in staffing has lead to high case-loads for Intake/Probation
- Supervision levels of juveniles has diminished due to high caseloads
- Detention services have been reduced due to prior cuts

Budget Overview



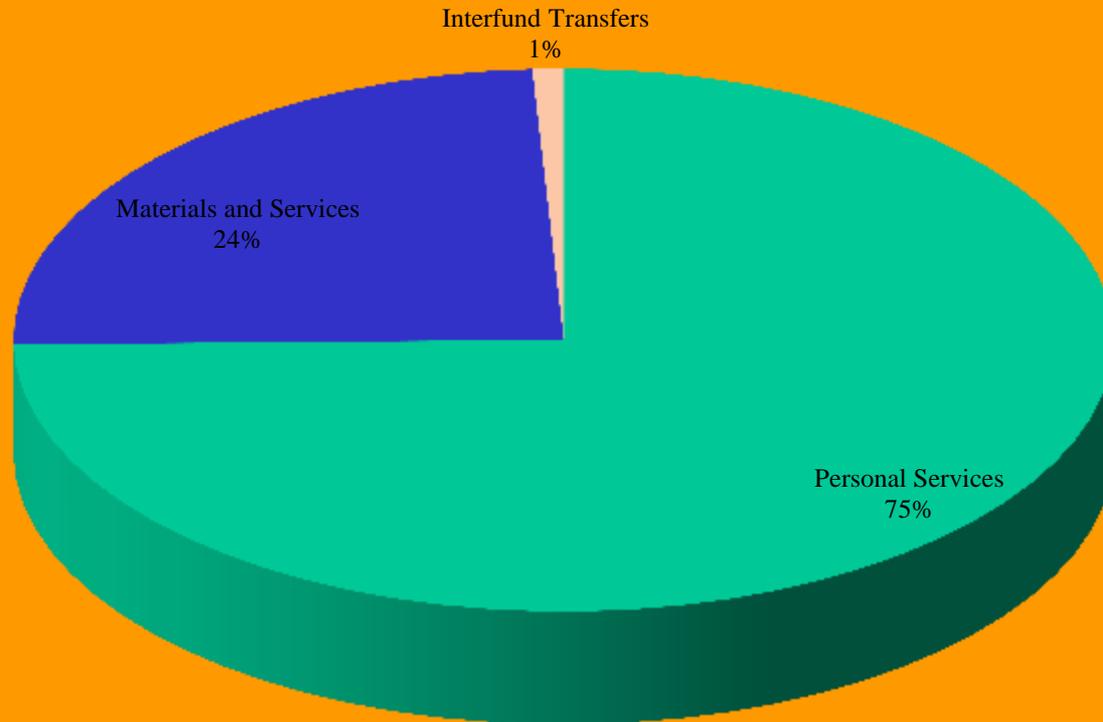
Revenues and expenditures ensure that we maintain a balance of services in the community and perform our mandated functions:

- Revenue sources are the Oregon Youth Authority, Lake County detention fees, Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant, and the Oregon Dept. of Education
- Major expenditures include personnel costs, contract services for nursing services, and food for youth in detention

Financial Presentation



2011-12 Budget
Requirements by Category



Significant Changes



- Reduction in revenue of \$55,931.00
- Requesting a \$3,268.00 increase in expenditures to cover rising costs in fuel and contract services
- Management, counselors, and clerical staff will be reduced to 37.5 hours per week

Key issues



- Reduction in detention capacity due to reduced staffing levels from budget cuts
- Reduction in probation staff due to budget and resulting in high caseloads
- Oregon Youth Authority budget reductions. Results: revenue reductions to the department, significant bed reductions at the youth correctional facilities, fewer resources available for delinquent youth