

JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

Court Services

Description

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court exercises original jurisdiction over cases involving persons less than 18 years of age and all members of their families regardless of age. This court also holds jurisdiction over other cases involving adults related by blood or marriage to persons under the age of 18, including spousal abuse, custody, visitation, and support. The Juvenile Court differs from other courts in their commitment to rehabilitate those who come before the court, in addition to protecting the public and holding juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior.

- To evaluate and implement innovative technology available for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.
- To continue to provide training opportunities to staff to improve services to the public.
- To ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the citizens of Henrico County.

The Judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court are elected by the General Assembly for a term of six years. The Judges, Clerk, and Deputy Clerks are paid directly by the Commonwealth. The County provides space, furniture, and support for the court. Currently, five full-time judges preside over the Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Budget Highlights

The FY2017-18 budget for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court is \$201,025. These funds support the operational needs of the five judges and their staff, whose salaries are funded by the State. This submission reflects no change from FY2016-17.

Objectives

- To continue making enhancements to the customer service area of the Clerk's office to provide more efficient service delivery to the public.

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY16 Actual	FY17 Original	FY18 Approved	Change 17 to 18
Personnel	\$ 18,078	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	95,457	197,275	197,275	0.0%
Capital	34,104	3,750	3,750	0.0%
Total	\$ 147,639	\$ 201,025	\$ 201,025	0.0%
Personnel Complement*	0	0	0	0

*Full-time personnel expenses are paid by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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	Performance Measures			Change
	FY16	FY17	FY18	17 to 18
Workload Measures				
Cases filed in Juvenile Court	18,562	18,442	18,105	(337)
Court Hearings	48,788	48,830	48,536	(294)
Efficiency Measures				
Caseload per Judge*	3,712	3,688	3,621	(67)

*Note: These estimates are prepared by State Supreme Court Personnel.
