

## EXECUTIVE OFFICES 2021-22 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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I. SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA (\$ Amounts in Thousands)	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Available	2021-22 Budgeted
State Funds	\$21,988	\$21,925	\$21,925
Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (10596)	\$3,043	\$2,980	\$2,980
Juvenile Probation Services (11005)	\$18,945	\$18,945	\$18,945
Federal Funds			
JCMS Assessment Evaluation (80550)	\$161	\$200	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,149</b>	<b>\$22,125</b>	<b>\$21,925</b>

II. DETAIL BY MAJOR OBJECT (\$ Amounts in Thousands)	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Available	2021-22 Budgeted	Change Budgeted vs. Available	Percent Change
<b>PERSONNEL</b>					
State Funds					
Juvenile Court Judges' Comm (10596)	\$2,467	\$2,428	\$2,495	\$67	2.76%
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$2,467</b>	<b>\$2,428</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$67</b>	<b>2.76%</b>
<b>OPERATING</b>					
State Funds					
Juvenile Court Judges' Comm (10596)	\$255	\$552	\$485	(\$67)	-12.14%
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$255</b>	<b>\$552</b>	<b>\$485</b>	<b>(\$67)</b>	<b>-12.14%</b>
<b>GRANTS &amp; SUBSIDIES</b>					
State Funds					
Juvenile Probation Services (11005)	\$18,945	\$18,945	\$18,945	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds					
JCMS Assessment Evaluation (80550)	\$161	\$200	\$0	(\$200)	-100.00%
<b>Total Grants and Subsidies</b>	<b>\$19,106</b>	<b>\$19,145</b>	<b>\$18,945</b>	<b>(\$200)</b>	<b>-1.04%</b>
<b>BUDGETARY RESERVE</b>					
State Funds					
Juvenile Court Judges' Comm(10596)	\$321	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total Budgetary Reserve</b>	<b>\$321</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
State Funds	\$21,988	\$21,925	\$21,925	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds	\$161	\$200	\$0	(\$200)	-100.00%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$22,149</b>	<b>\$22,125</b>	<b>\$21,925</b>	<b>(\$200)</b>	<b>-0.90%</b>

III. HISTORY OF LAPSES (\$ Amounts in Thousands)	2018-19	2019-20	Estimated 2021-21
State Funds			
Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (10596)	\$193	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds			
PA JCMS Assesmnt Eval (80550)	\$161	\$0	\$0

IV. COMPLEMENT INFORMATION	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	2021-22 Budgeted
Benefit Factor	67.62%	67.90%	68.67%
State Funded			
- Authorized	22	22	22
- Filled	20	20	N/A

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**V. DERIVATION OF REQUEST/  
LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Derivation of Request

(A) Personnel

All personnel costs were prepared on the complement planning layouts in the BPC system using instructions and factors provided by the Office of the Budget.

(B) Operating Expenses

Operating funds will be used for continuing activities.

(C) Grants

Grants will be used to continue to provide funding to offset juvenile probation salary costs and the implementation of evidence-based probation practices pursuant to the purpose clause of the Juvenile Act 42 PA. C.S.&6301 (b).

Legislative Citations: Re-established by Act 33 of Special Session No. 1 of 1995.

Additional Information

(1) 2019-20 Obligations rolled forward to 2020-21  
(\$ Amounts in Thousands) \$0

(2) 2020-21 Supplemental appropriation needs  
(\$ Amounts in Thousands) \$0

Date current appropriation will be exhausted: N/A

(3) Prior FY appropriations waived pursuant to Act 146 of 1980, used to support the 2020-21 appropriation.  
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

Waiver is currently held in budgetary reserve and will be released for (personnel, unanticipated expenses, etc.)

Total \$321

**VI. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES**  
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

	State \$	Federal \$	Other \$	Total \$
<b>PERSONNEL</b>				
A. Increase in salaries/benefits.	\$67	\$0	\$0	\$67
Subtotal Personnel	\$67	\$0	\$0	\$67
<b>OPERATING</b>				
A. Operating budget is reduced due to increase in Personnel budget.	(\$67)	\$0	\$0	(\$67)
Subtotal Operating	(\$67)	\$0	\$0	(\$67)
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Subtotal Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>GRANTS &amp; SUBSIDIES</b>				
A. No new funding (80550) in FY21-22.	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)
Subtotal Grant & Subsidies	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)
<b>BUDGETARY RESERVE</b>				
A. Budgetary Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Budgetary Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)

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## GOALS AND KEY OBJECTIVES

The enactment of Act 33 of Special Session No. 1 of 1995 statutorily established Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) as the mission of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. BARJ provides the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) with a clear foundation upon which to execute its responsibilities: The mission of the JCJC is to provide leadership, advice, training, and support to enable Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mandates related to community protection, offender accountability, restoration of crime victims, and youth competency development.

Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, as set forth in The Juvenile Act (42 Pa.C.S. §6301 et seq.), is premised on the belief that victims of crime, communities, and juvenile offenders must all be regarded as clients and that each should receive balanced attention and gain tangible benefits from their interactions with the system. The JCJC devotes significant resources required to achieve balanced and restorative justice within the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system. In achieving its mission, the JCJC further supports and advances the Governor's goals of protecting the safety of the Commonwealth's citizens and delivering greater value and efficiency in government.

Consistent with JCJC's performance planning efforts several areas will receive priority consideration during fiscal year 2021/2022. These include but are not limited to the following:

- To provide leadership, advice, training, and support to juvenile court judges and juvenile probation departments. Specifically, the JCJC will continue to work with juvenile courts and juvenile probation departments to ensure the proper administration of the juvenile court system.
- To implement and sustain Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) to advance our mandated balanced and restorative justice mission. Specifically, the JCJC will continue to advance the use of evidence-based and best practices supported by research in all stages of the juvenile justice process.

Subsequent to these priority considerations, the JCJC's objectives are as follows:

- To increase the likelihood that those involved in the juvenile justice system will acquire the knowledge and skills they need to become productive, connected, and law-abiding members of their communities.
- To reduce the likelihood that those involved in the juvenile justice system will commit delinquent acts in the future.
- To increase the percentage of juvenile offenders who are held accountable for repairing the harm cause to the victims of their crimes and their communities.

## APPROPRIATION 10596: General Operating

### PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Juvenile Court Judge's Commission's (JCJC) enabling legislation (42 Pa.C.S. §6373 et seq.) provides that JCJC:

- Advise the juvenile court judges of the Commonwealth in all matters pertaining to the proper care and maintenance of delinquent and dependent children.
- Examine the administrative methods and judicial procedure used in juvenile courts throughout the Commonwealth, establish standards and make recommendations on the same to courts presiding over juvenile proceedings within this Commonwealth.
- Examine the personnel practices and employment standards used in probation offices in the Commonwealth, establish standards and make recommendations on the same to courts presiding over juvenile proceedings within this Commonwealth.
- Collect and analyze data to identify trends and to determine the effectiveness of programs and practices to ensure the reasonable and efficient administration of the juvenile court system, make recommendations concerning evidence-based programs and practices to judges, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and other appropriate entities and post related information on the Commission's publicly accessible Internet website.

Identified below are most, although not all, of the key activities and services provided by the JCJC.

### Legislation

The JCJC serves in a liaison capacity with the juvenile courts, the Governor's Office, and the General Assembly regarding legislative proposals affecting Pennsylvania's juvenile justice and child welfare systems. The JCJC works in close partnership with the Supreme Court's Office of Children and Families in the Courts (OCFC) and the Department of Human Service (DHS) to achieve goals relating to improving outcomes for children and families involved in Pennsylvania's child welfare system as defined by the JCJC's enabling legislation. The JCJC provides juvenile courts, probation departments, and the legislature with information regarding the status, provisions, and anticipated impact of relevant pending and recently enacted legislation.

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### Juvenile Court Standards

The JCJC is responsible for developing standards governing the administrative practices and judicial procedures of juvenile courts and juvenile probation departments. JCJC staff work collaboratively with the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers in the ongoing review and refinement of all standards.

### Consultant Services

The JCJC staff advise juvenile court judges of the Commonwealth through quarterly meetings with Commission Members appointed by the Governor to serve on the JCJC, bi-annual participation by the JCJC at meetings of the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, and regular provision of legislative updates to all juvenile court judges and chief juvenile probation officers.

On an annual basis, the JCJC staff provide on-site consultant and technical assistance services to juvenile court judges and chief juvenile probation officers in all 67 counties in the Commonwealth. This provides the JCJC an opportunity to observe juvenile court proceedings, monitor the application of the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure, and appraise best practices related to these proceedings. This comprehensive assessment also provides an opportunity to review policies and practices utilized by juvenile probation departments and monitor county activities related to the Juvenile Probation Services Grant Program. This technical assistance and support enable counties to achieve the goals set forth in the Juvenile Act.

### Information and Technology

As statutorily mandated the JCJC collects, analyzes, and publishes juvenile court data for the Commonwealth. These data are used to analyze juvenile court trends, develop plans to improve court operations, and support ongoing research.

- **Collects** - The JCJC develops and maintains the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS), a robust case management and data collection system that interfaces with the other critical databases within the Commonwealth. The PaJCMS is actively utilized in all 67 counties to maintain electronic records of juvenile offenders, process allegations of delinquency, monitor compliance with conditions of supervision, and maintain juvenile-specific information. Various reports, dashboards, and other quality assurance measures are also contained within the PaJCMS. This PaJCMS provides a critically important means to measure the effectiveness of the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system for virtually all juvenile justice related research.
- **Analyzes** - The JCJC is responsible for the important task of interpreting the meaning of the data collected by juvenile probation departments through the PaJCMS. This analysis includes ensuring data integrity and fidelity through multiple quality assurance and statistical evaluation processes. The JCJC also validates and verifies individual juvenile delinquency records and shares this information with AOPC. Additionally, the JCJC utilizes the Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET) to match Pennsylvania State Police arrest information with confidential juvenile court disposition information submitted by county juvenile probation departments.
- **Publishes** - The JCJC develops and publishes information on current trends and issues from both the state and national perspectives. Current legislative information and a wide variety of materials related to the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) and the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) have also been made available. Monthly, the JCJC publishes its newsletter, *Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice*. These materials can be accessed on the JCJC website.

### Research

The JCJC partners with various entities to conduct research on a wide range of juvenile justice matters, including but not limited to major research in risk reduction among juvenile offenders, the disproportionate involvement of minority youth in the system, and recidivism among Pennsylvania's delinquent youth. Additionally, the JCJC publishes an Annual Report containing county-specific and statewide aggregate juvenile justice data and an annual Outcome Measures Report.

The JCJC's recidivism report highlights how juvenile offender characteristics and juvenile recidivism trends, in Pennsylvania, have changed since 2007. The development of statewide and county-specific baseline recidivism rates is a particularly noteworthy accomplishment of the JJSES and Pennsylvania is one of the few states with the capacity to develop information of this type.

### Professional Development

The JCJC annually sponsors professional development opportunities, a statewide conference, and, in conjunction with Shippensburg University, a graduate education program providing juvenile probation officers an opportunity to earn graduate degrees.

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- Judicial Mentorship & Training - The JCJC coordinates the training of juvenile court judges and juvenile court hearing officers through the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges and provides ongoing JCJC-developed and delivered training through which judges and attorneys may receive Continuing Judicial Education (CJE) and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits. Judges serving on the JCJC provide support and advice to juvenile court judges as requested through their Judicial Mentorship Program. In addition, a Juvenile Justice Academy, supported by the AOPC, is held on a regular basis. The Academy provides juvenile court judges with details regarding current juvenile justice trends and best-practices, as well as recent legislative changes impacting the juvenile justice system.
- Juvenile Justice Training Events - The JCJC coordinates and presents training seminars each year to juvenile probation officers, other juvenile justice professionals, and stakeholders. Programs are designed to enhance the skills, knowledge, and abilities of juvenile justice practitioners throughout the Commonwealth.
- James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice – Hosted annually by the JCJC, the conference includes innovative plenary sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities for juvenile justice professionals and stakeholders. This conference is recognized as one of the premier juvenile justice related events in the nation.
- Graduate Education Program – In conjunction with Shippensburg University, the JCJC provides the opportunity for juvenile probation officers to earn a Master of Science degree in Administration of Juvenile Justice. This program is designed to provide juvenile probation officers with the specialized skills and education essential for personal and professional growth.

The Commission has been recognized as a national leader in providing quality training programs and a graduate education program to juvenile probation officers.

### Detention Monitoring

The JCJC monitors compliance with federal and state requirements governing secure holding practices. This is accomplished by conducting annual audits of secure holding facilities, reviewing documentation related to admission to secure detention, and providing technical assistance to juvenile courts and juvenile detention center staff.

### APPROPRIATION 11005: Juvenile Probation Services

#### PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Juvenile Court Judge's Commission's (JCJC) enabling legislation (42 Pa.C.S. §6374 et seq.) provides that:

- The Commission shall have the power, and its duty shall be to make annual grants to political subdivisions for the development and improvement of probation services for juveniles.

#### Grant Administration

The most critical services within the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system are those provided by county juvenile probation departments; the operations of these departments remain the focal point of the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system. The Commission's enabling legislation provides for the JCJC to offer direct financial support to counties to offset juvenile probation salary costs as well as impact grants designed to advance juvenile probation services statewide.

Funding eligibility is conditioned on each county's compliance with specific standards and conditions developed by the JCJC. Annual grants are awarded upon assurance the county will comply with the JCJC Standards; participation in the JCJC's Statewide Juvenile Court Statistical Program, Outcome Measures Reporting Program, and Detention Monitoring Program; and to show progression in the implementation and sustainability of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES).

Through the JJSES comprehensive reform effort, the JCJC works in partnership with system stakeholders to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by employing evidence-based practices, collecting and analyzing data, and striving to continuously improve the quality of decisions, services, and programs. The goal of the JJSES is to enhance public safety by improving juvenile justice system outcomes for, and recidivism by, delinquent children, thereby reducing costs in both the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Pennsylvania's JJSES is one of the most comprehensive juvenile justice reform efforts in the nation; each annual county grant allocation is focused to support the continued implementation and sustainability of this reform.