Santa Barbara County
Strategic Scan
2003

Law and Justice / Public Safety

Probation Department
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Critical Issues

I. Increasing juvenile and adult offender populations in North County.

II. Proven and effective prevention and intervention programs for juveniles and adults are in serious jeopardy due to the loss of over $2.8 million annually in grants that have helped fund these programs over the past six years. Additionally, business costs increased by $250K in FY 2002-03 and $766K in FY 2003-04.

III. Maintaining a sufficient workforce to competently fulfill the Department’s Mission due to reduced resources and increasing workloads.
population of adults age 18-35 is expected to increase significantly after 2005, arrest and supervision caseload growth will follow that trend.
Probation Projected Juvenile Referrals

- **Juvenile pop age 10-17**
- **Annual juvenile referrals**

### Critical Issue I

- **Population**
- **Referrals**
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Critical Issue I

Juvenile Halls Admissions/Projections 2001 to 2004

new beds will be needed in 2004 to handle projected increases
1. Complete construction for the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall addition to meet July 2004 deadline.

2. Develop strategies to fund and staff the expanded Santa Maria Juvenile Hall.

3. Implement plans to reallocate staff and balance the increased adult and juvenile caseloads countywide in response to changes in demographic and caseload trends.

4. Develop a plan for food services at the expanded Santa Maria Juvenile Hall.
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Probation Foster/Group Home Placements

- PRC Started
- MISC Started
- Boot Camp opened
- OCAP Started
- Challenge I Started
- Challenge II Started
- Challenge I ended
- Challenge II ended
- JJCPA
- Youth Authority Fees Begin
- OCAP ended
- Juvenile Drug Court
- Juvenile Drug Court
- ROPP Started
- ROPP ended
- MISC reduced

Placements increasing since June 2002
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California Youth Authority (CYA)
Committment Rates

Rate per 100,000 youth age 12-17

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down 44% through 2001 but up 13% in 2002
Critical Issue II Strategies

1. Seek additional juvenile revenue sources such as:
   • Title II for Juvenile Supervision,
   • Targeted Case Management for Adult Supervision, and
   • Increased Medi-Cal reimbursement for both Adult and Juvenile Supervision.

2. Survey offender and victim service effectiveness and needs.

3. Optimize medical, alcohol, drug and mental health resources at the Juvenile Halls and Camps, including services for the growing emotionally disturbed population.
Critical Issue III

III. Maintaining a sufficient workforce to competently fulfill the Department’s Mission due to reduced resources and increasing workloads.
The population of adults age 18-35 is expected to increase significantly after 2005, arrest and supervision caseload growth will follow that trend.
Probation FTE Reduction for FY 02-03 & 03-04

TOTAL (45.5)

Institutions (11.4)  Adult (14.0)  Juvenile (17.2)  Admin (2.9)
Critical Issue III Strategies

1. Increase caseload size to compensate for the loss of 30 adult and juvenile Probation Supervision staff over the past two years resulting in decreased supervision levels for high-risk offenders residing in our neighborhoods.

2. Decrease juvenile supervision and intervention by reduction of:
   • treatment referral/monitoring,
   • support to parents and schools,
   • contacts with minors, and
   • enforcement of court orders.
3. Decrease adult supervision by reduction of:
   - contraband searches,
   - drug testing,
   - residence verifications,
   - sex offender, arson and narcotics offender registration compliance, and
   - fugitive apprehension activities.

4. Bring IMPACT Automated Case Management System into full production in Adult, Juvenile and Institutions Divisions to improve efficiency.
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