



PRINCE WILLIAM
— Criminal Justice Services



Criminal Justice Services

Annual Report FY2024

Vision Statement

CJS transforms lives by collaborating with stakeholders to reduce victimization and assisting in community restoration.

Mission Statement

Prince William County Criminal Justice Services promotes public safety by reducing recidivism. We serve the courts and community by providing efficient, effective, innovative assessment and supervision programs that empower clients to achieve success and improve individual growth.

Message from the Director

Prince William County Criminal Justice Services (CJS) serves the 31st Judicial District, including Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. CJS provides critical functions at the criminal justice system's pre- and post-adjudication stages. CJS is committed to improving the criminal justice system through the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative, a joint initiative between Prince William County and the independent Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. Through this initiative, the EBDM Policy Team has made great strides in streamlining processes that have contributed to managing the Adult Detention Center (ADC) population and increasing public safety. The Intensive Community Supervision Program (ICS) remains a key resource for local courts, supervising higher-risk clients and saving the County 18,857 jail bed days in FY24.

CJS has continued its efforts to implement research-driven strategies to reduce recidivism and to improve criminal justice outcomes. Strategies for change have included organizational development and staff-driven process action teams focusing on improving service delivery and targeting the risks and needs of individuals under supervision. Additionally, CJS Probation/Pretrial Officers are trained in evidence-based skills that subsequently contribute to reducing recidivism, such as motivational interviewing, Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), risk assessment completion, and case planning.

In 2022, CJS began collaborating with local stakeholders to implement the Public Safety Assessment (PSA), a new pretrial risk assessment tool. On April 1, 2024, Prince William County CJS, along with the two additional Virginia pilot sites, officially adopted the PSA to evaluate the likelihood of reoffending or failing to appear in court if released pretrial. Unlike its predecessor, the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI), the PSA eliminates the need for pretrial interviews, enabling universal screening and streamlining the process. While the PSA provides risk scores, judges retain full discretion over release and supervision decisions.

This collaboration has allowed a critical review of our pretrial system, identifying areas for improvement. In FY 2024, alongside implementing the PSA, the team introduced a sanctions and incentives grid and enhanced strategies for addressing domestic violence. Data suggests recalibrating approaches, including revisiting probation conditions, enhancing services for domestic violence cases, and exploring Community Service as a sanction. To strengthen responses, CJS is adopting the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) tool for probation, which assesses risk for individuals charged or convicted of domestic violence or intimate partner violence. ODARA evaluates the likelihood of escalation and reoffending, informs pretrial and probation interventions, and shapes future service trends.

In addition, since FY2023, CJS and its partners have expanded specialized justice initiatives. The Greater Prince William Veterans Treatment Docket addresses the unique needs of veterans, providing tailored support focused on rehabilitation, mental health, and reintegration while honoring their service and guiding them through the justice system. Similarly, the Adult Recovery Court, formerly the Drug Court, has been overseen by CJS since July 2023. This program emphasizes holistic treatment for individuals with drug-related offenses, advancing public safety through rehabilitative justice. Both initiatives reflect CJS's commitment to transformative and impactful criminal justice reforms.

If you would like further information about the agency's services, please contact me or any of our staff at (703) 792-6065.

Steve Austin, Director

Accomplishments

The CJS 2024 Annual Recidivism Study showed that 83% of Probation clients did not re-offend after their program supervision ended. In 2017, the agency transitioned from a two-year recidivism study to a three-year study to reflect national standards.



Probationers performed 2,292 hours of community service.



CJS staff participated in events like the Re-Entry Council's Re-Entry Connections and National Night Out, boosting the agency's visibility and fostering community collaboration.

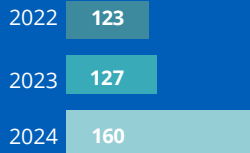


CJS partners with George Mason University and the Virginia Department of Health, referring individuals to the Empowered Communities Opioid Project (ECOP) and PWC Community Services' Peer Support Program to improve client access to services.



Intensive Community Supervision

Total Intensive Pretrial Supervision Clients



Intensive Community Supervision Jail Bed Days Saved

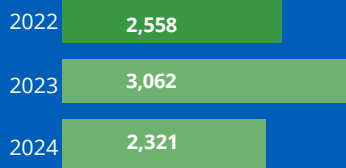


2022 - **20,490**
 2023 - **18,238**
 2024 - **18,857**

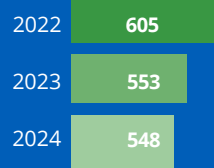


Pretrial Supervision

Pretrial Interviews Conducted



Average Pretrial Daily Active Caseload



Rate of Successful Pretrial Court Appearance	2022	2023	2024
	88%	86%	82%

Public Safety Rate*	2022	2023	2024
	93%	94%	90%

*The percentage of supervised defendants whose bail is not revoked for being charged with a new offense while under pretrial supervision.

Purpose: Protecting public safety is a goal of pretrial supervision and a concern for the criminal justice system. Understanding defendant risks and the re-offense rates of individuals under pretrial supervision helps an agency strengthen supervision practices and improve release decisions.

Compliance Rate**	2022	2023	2024
	86%	84%	78%

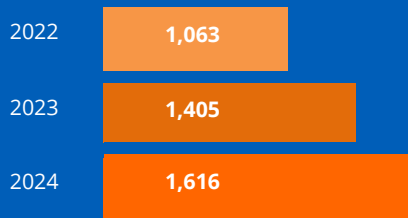
**The percentage of supervised defendants whose bail is not revoked for violating the conditions of bail or supervision.

Pretrial Jail Bed Days Saved	2022	2023	2024
	220,976	201,791	200,680



Local Offenders Probation

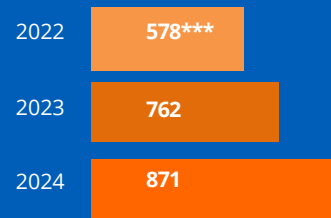
Referred for Treatment and Intervention Services



Successful Local Offenders Probation Case Closures

2022	2023	2024
80%	70%	78%

Local Offenders Placed on Probation

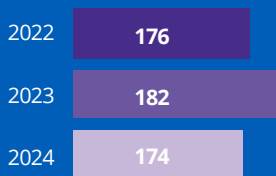


*** Probation placements declined due to the impact of COVID-19 on court hearings and legislation changes in Virginia.

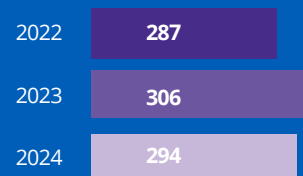


Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence Resource Information Provided to Victims



Protective Orders Monitored (number of cases)



CJS Management Staff

Steven R. Austin - *Director*

Tomaudrie B. Thomas - *Deputy Director*

Maureen N. Anderson - *Probation/Pretrial Manager (Woodbridge)*

Dennis O. Thompson - *Probation/Pretrial Manager (Manassas)*

Allison K. Intihar - *Probation/Pretrial Manager (Intensive Community Supervision)*

Amy J. Bass - *Domestic Violence Program Manager, Administrative Support Supervisor*

Community Criminal Justice Board

Criminal Justice Services serves as support staff to the Community Criminal Justice Board. It provides analytical and statistical support to the entire local criminal justice system. The office assists in writing grants, completing research and studies on various criminal justice topics, and implementing special projects to improve the local criminal justice system. Services provided include system planning, policy development, determining trends, and locating available resources. The Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB) for the 31st Judicial Circuit was established by a Joint resolution adopted by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors on November 28, 1995; by the Manassas Park City Council on December 19, 1995; and by the Manassas City Council on January 22, 1996. The establishment of a community advisory board was mandated by the July 1, 1995 passage of the Virginia Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for Local Responsible Offenders.

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