


**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY**



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RE: Performance Report – Division of Psychological Services
C: Circuit Judges
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The attached report reflects the performance measures of the Judiciary's Division of Psychological Services. The report does provide a brief mission statement, program descriptions along with additional services provided to the court and individuals involved with the criminal justice system. The three charts outline three functional areas that we monitor annually. The information collected is critical to the Circuit Judges and our management team so that we may make adjustments with the various programs and services provided.

I encourage you to take some of your valuable time to review our results, and if you would like a formal presentation or staff available to address questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

DIVISION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Psychological Services Division is committed to making available the highest quality of diagnostic and treatment services to clients. These services may be provided by Psychological Services' staff, by community providers under contract with the court system or through other community providers. The philosophy supporting the provision of all services is one of community-based corrective action, which acknowledges that individuals are capable of change and that such change can be facilitated through the use of a number of human resources.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Psychological Services Division provides a wide array of services to the Lake County Courts, Adult Probation Services, and Juvenile Probation Services. These services include conducting psychological evaluations, providing counseling to probationers, consulting with probation staff, and coordinating referrals to and monitoring service contracts with community social service providers.

Psychological Services conducts a range of assessments, including fitness to stand trial evaluations for the Courts, not guilty by reason of insanity evaluations, psychological evaluations of individuals undergoing pre-sentence and pre-plea investigations, and mental health evaluations of individuals on probation, including individuals being considered for Therapeutic Intensive Monitoring (T.I.M.) Court.

In addition, the division provides numerous counseling services, including individual counseling to both adult and juvenile probationers, family counseling services to juvenile probationers and their families, and group counseling. The division conducts anger management groups for adult and juvenile probationers, parenting groups for adult probationers and for the families of juvenile probationers, and assists adult probation staff in conducting Cognitive Outreach Groups (COG) groups and COG aftercare groups.

Current staffing of Psychological Services consists of three doctoral level psychologists, a mental health evaluator, a family therapist, a group therapist, three resource officers, and a clerk. The division also works with psychology interns to assist with the psychological testing workload and social work interns to assist with group, individual, and family counseling.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES:

Psychological Services has three *Community Resource Liaisons*, two for Adult Probation Services and one for Juvenile Probation Services. These individuals maintain working relationships with community service providers and coordinate referrals for probationers in need of services. Psychological Services is responsible for overseeing a variety of contracts totaling just over \$1,000,000 to community providers for the evaluation and treatment of juvenile and adult probationers.

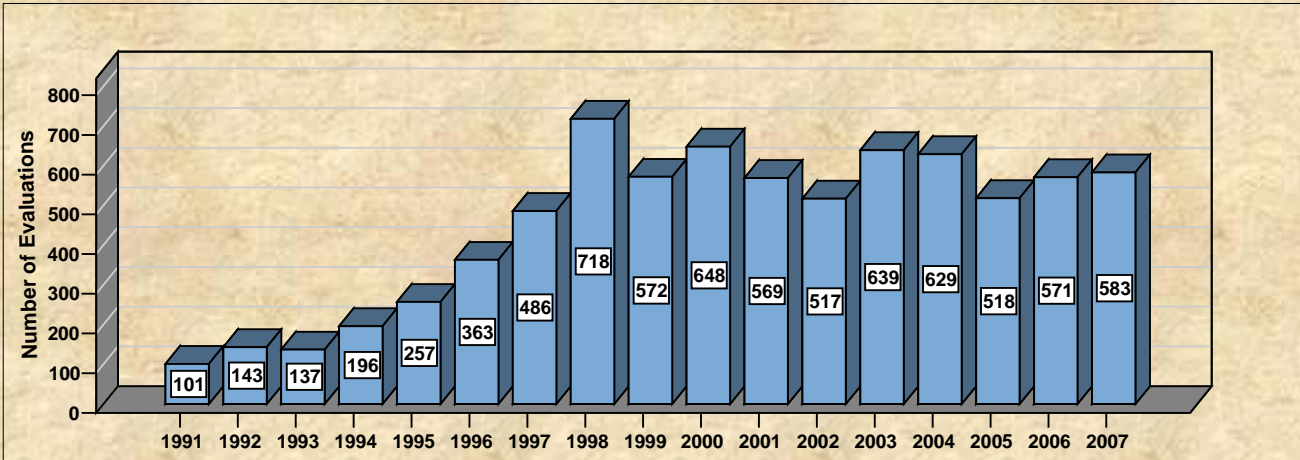
The staff of Psychological Services frequently provides *consultation* to probation staff about the mental health needs of probation clients. This includes assessment of suicide risk for probationers in crisis.

Psychological Services is in the process of implementing a new *Juror Stress Program*. Two Psychological Services' staff has undergone training in critical incident debriefing. These staff will be available to conduct one-time individual or group debriefings for jurors who have been traumatized by their jury duty experience. Jurors in need of additional intervention will be referred to community service providers.

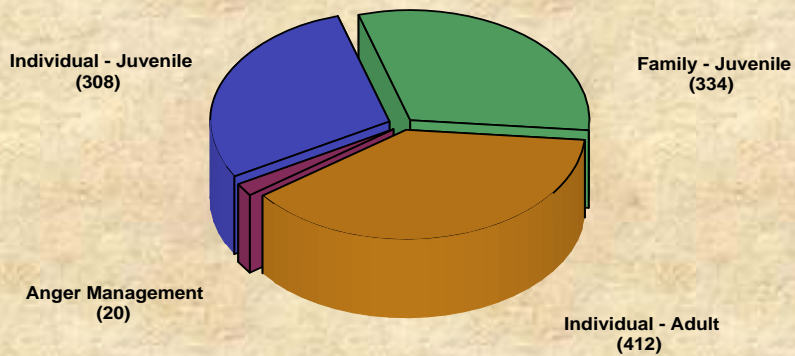
STATISTICS:

The Psychological Services division has averaged almost 600 evaluations a year over the last ten years. Last year, the division conducted 583 evaluations, 1,074 counseling sessions, and 101 counseling groups. Please refer to the charts on the backside of this program snapshot for more details.

**Division of Psychological Services
Annual Evaluations 1991 - 2007**



**Division of Psychological Services
Counseling Sessions Conducted in 2007**



**Division of Psychological Services
Counseling Groups Conducted in 2007**

