



2006 CFCC Survey of Juvenile Court Judges, Commissioners, and Referees

I. BACKGROUND

1. Are you a:

- Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
- Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
- Judge
- Commissioner
- Referee

2. In which county is your court? _____

3. Which of the following cases do you hear? Please check all that apply.

- Juvenile Dependency
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Juvenile Traffic
- Child Support
- Family
- Probate
- Adult Criminal
- Adult Traffic
- Civil
- Other _____

If you do not hear dependency or delinquency cases, please complete this page only and return it in the enclosed envelope or fax to the AOC at 415-865-7217 so that we can correct our records. You do not need to complete the remainder of this survey. Thank you for your time.

Please call Iona Mara-Drita at 415-865-7563 with any questions.

4. Please skip to **Q. 7** if you do not hear dependency cases.

When did you begin this dependency assignment? _____ (month) _____(year)

5. When do you think it will conclude? _____ (month) _____(year)

- Indefinite, or at retirement
- Do not know

6. Would you choose to continue past the probable end date if you could?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

7. Please skip to **Q.10** if you do not hear delinquency cases.

When did you begin this delinquency assignment? _____(month) _____(year)

8. When do you think it will conclude? _____(month) _____(year)

- Indefinite, or at retirement
- Do not know

9. Would you choose to continue past the probable end date if you could?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

10. What is the total amount of time that you have been in:

Dependency assignments: _____ Years _____ Months

Delinquency assignments: _____ Years _____ Months

11. In total, how many years have you been in the following positions, regardless of case type (please enter 0 for titles that you have not held):

Judge _____ Years _____ Months

Commissioner _____ Years _____ Months

Referee _____ Years _____ Months

12. Apart from judge, commissioner, and referee, what professional roles have you had in juvenile court matters? Please check all that apply.

- None
- Child's attorney in dependency
- Child's attorney in delinquency
- Parent's attorney in dependency
- County counsel or city attorney in dependency
- Prosecutor in delinquency
- Probation Officer
- Social Worker
- GAL, in dependency
- Pro-tem
- CASA volunteer
- Other _____

13. How much of your time do you spend on delinquency and dependency matters? If it varies significantly, please estimate based on last month.

Dependency

- None
- Full time
- More than 1/2 time, less than full time
- About 1/2 time
- More than 1/4 time, less than 1/2 time
- About 1/4 time
- Less than 1/4 time

Delinquency

- None
- Full time
- More than 1/2 time, less than full time
- About 1/2 time
- More than 1/4 time, less than 1/2 time
- About 1/4 time
- Less than 1/4 time

14. What types of juvenile court calendars do you regularly hear? Check all that apply.

Dependency

- None
- General
- Detention or Initial
- Drug Court (for youth)
- Drug Court (for adults)
- Mental Health Court
- Other _____

Delinquency

- None
- General
- Detention or Initial
- Deferred Entry of Judgment
- Traffic
- Drug Court
- Mental Health Court
- Domestic Violence
- Youth/Peer Court
- Other _____

II. CROSSOVER PROCESSES IN YOUR COURTROOM

15. Please rate your satisfaction with how your court handles cases involving children who are moving from one part of the juvenile court to the other by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

The frequency with which probation and child welfare reach agreements	5	4	3	2	1
Information sharing between the two agencies	5	4	3	2	1
Information presented to you when agencies' viewpoints diverge	5	4	3	2	1
The appropriateness of the recommendations, given youth's offense, strengths, and challenges	5	4	3	2	1

16. In addition to public safety and child's best interest concerns, which of the following are considerations when deciding on moving youth from one part of the juvenile court to the other? Please check all that apply.

- There is an interruption in services for dependent youth who enter the delinquency system
- Services for youth in the delinquency system are not as extensive as services in the dependency system
- Delinquent youth who cannot be sent home are kept on probation longer than delinquent youth who can be sent home
- Dependent youth with delinquency referrals can lose their ability to return to their prior placement
- None of the above
- Other _____

17. When a dependent youth in your court has a delinquency filing, as a rule, are you assigned to that case as well?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

18. When a delinquent youth in your court has a dependency filing, as a rule, are you assigned to that case as well?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

III. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

19. Did you receive specialized training early in your first **dependency** assignment? Please check all that apply.

- Yes, before I started the assignment
- Yes, within one year of starting the assignment
- No
- Not applicable
- Do not recall

20. Did you receive specialized training early in your first **delinquency** assignment? Please check all that apply.

- Yes, before I started the assignment
- Yes, within one year of starting the assignment
- No
- Not applicable
- Do not recall

21. In the last year, about how many hours of specialized training related to juvenile dependency, juvenile delinquency, or related subjects did you participate in as a learner? (Note: please exclude hours spent as an instructor.)

_____ hours

- Do not know

22. Which, if any, are significant work-related barriers to your attending more trainings? Check all that apply.

- I have no significant work-related barriers to attending trainings
- Few juvenile trainings are available in my area
- Travel is difficult from my court's geographical location
- Court has trouble covering my time away
- Available trainings do not meet my needs
- Court budget constraints
- Other work-related reasons

If you hear delinquency cases, please continue with the survey.

If you hear dependency, but not delinquency cases, please stop here. You are done with the survey.

Thank you for the time you have taken to fill out this important survey. Please return this survey in the enclosed envelope by June 30, 2006. Please call Iona Mara-Drita at 415-865-7563 with any questions.

For the remainder of this survey, please consider only your delinquency cases.

IV. HEARING MANAGEMENT

23. Please check the description that best suits your courtroom regarding continuances and other hearing delays. They are:

- Not a problem
- A minor problem
- A moderate problem
- A major problem

24. How often do you have enough time to complete your calendar and hear each case to your satisfaction?

- Always or nearly always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Occasionally
- Never or rarely
- Not applicable

25. What are the top causes of hearing delays in uncontested matters? **Please check the top 3.**

- Hearings need more than allocated time
- Lack of or improper notice
- Youth not present
- Parent not present
- Attorney not present
- Attorney not ready
- Probation not present
- Probation report not available or filed on time
- Evaluation reports not available or filed on time
- Other reports, persons, or information not available

26. What are the top causes of hearing continuances in contested matters, or trials? **Please check the top 3.**

- Hearing needs more than allocated time
- Lack of or improper notice
- Youth not present
- Parent not present
- Attorney not present
- Attorney not ready
- Probation not present
- Probation report not available or filed on time
- Evaluation reports not available or filed on time
- Evidentiary information or witness not available
- Other reports, persons, or information not available

27. Which factors must be met before you will terminate wardship? Check all that apply.

- None. There are no pre-determined standards for dismissal
- No recent re-offenses
- No recent violations of probation
- Community service fulfilled
- Restitution fulfilled
- Other court-ordered terms fulfilled
- Youth able to return home
- Other. Please specify _____

V. QUALITY OF INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY

28. Please check the box that best describes your belief about pre-petition diversion (WIC 654, informal probation).

- I believe that diversion is over-utilized. Too many matters that should have judicial oversight do not come to court.
- I believe that diversion is underutilized. I dismiss or order informal supervision for a high number of cases that should not have come to court.
- I believe that diversion is utilized appropriately.

29. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in **detention/initial hearing probation reports** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Prior delinquency record	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Home life	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Parent's feeling about detaining the youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Risk assessments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Indian ancestry	5	4	3	2	1	X

30. Please rate your satisfaction with quality of information in **jurisdiction and disposition hearing probation reports** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Prior delinquency record	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Home life	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health assessments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Risk and needs assessments	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

31. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in probation review reports for **post-disposition probation youth who are at home** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Progress in community service, restitution, and fines	5	4	3	2	1	X
Progress in meeting other terms of probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
Provision of court-ordered services	5	4	3	2	1	X
Effectiveness of court-ordered services	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Home life	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

32. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in probation review reports for **youth placed in foster or group homes** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

I do not send youth to that type of facility at all (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Progress in community service, restitution, and fines	5	4	3	2	1	X
Progress in meeting other terms of probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
Suitability to be returned home	5	4	3	2	1	X
Safety of the youth at the placement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Provision of court-ordered services	5	4	3	2	1	X
Effectiveness of court-ordered services	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Connections with family	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Independent living services	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

33. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in probation review reports for youth placed in **camp and ranches** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

I do not send youth to that type of facility at all (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Suitability to be returned home	5	4	3	2	1	X
Safety of the youth at the facility	5	4	3	2	1	X
Whether court-ordered services are being provided	5	4	3	2	1	X
Whether services have been effective	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Connections with family	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Independent living services	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

34. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in status reports for youth placed at **CDCR, DJJ (formerly, CYA) facilities** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

I do not send youth to that type of facility at all (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Suitability to be returned home	5	4	3	2	1	X
Safety of the youth at the facility	5	4	3	2	1	X
Whether court-ordered services are being provided	5	4	3	2	1	X
Whether services have been effective	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Connections with family	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Independent living services	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

35. Thinking now about the range of activities that occur **post-dispositionally**, please rate your satisfaction with them by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

The frequency of post-disposition review hearings for non-placement youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Probation review reports	5	4	3	2	1	X
Probation visits with youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Child's attorney visits with youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Child's attorney requests to amend probation terms	5	4	3	2	1	X

36. How often do probation officers do the following when working with youth for whom Title IV-E money is drawn?

5: Always or nearly always, 4: Often, 3: Sometimes, 2: Occasionally, 1: Never or rarely
 X: Do not know

Involve youth in case plans	5	4	3	2	1	X
Try to locate relatives	5	4	3	2	1	X
Help youth make adult connections	5	4	3	2	1	X
Secure ILP services	5	4	3	2	1	X
Notice tribes when Indian status is in question	5	4	3	2	1	X

37. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of **prosecutors** in the following areas by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (Prosecutors do not do this at all)

Pre-disposition advocacy	5	4	3	2	1	X
Post-disposition advocacy	5	4	3	2	1	X
Appearing for scheduled hearings	5	4	3	2	1	X
Making sound legal arguments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about the facts of the case	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about the law	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about community resources	5	4	3	2	1	X
Providing timely discovery	5	4	3	2	1	X
Calling witnesses	5	4	3	2	1	X
Direct examination	5	4	3	2	1	X
Cross examination	5	4	3	2	1	X
Motion practices	5	4	3	2	1	X
Trial briefs	5	4	3	2	1	X

38. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of **defense attorneys** in the following areas by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (Defense attorneys do not do this at all)

Pre-disposition advocacy	5	4	3	2	1	X
Post-disposition advocacy	5	4	3	2	1	X
Conferring with child clients	5	4	3	2	1	X
Visiting child clients	5	4	3	2	1	X
Appearing for scheduled hearings	5	4	3	2	1	X
Making sound legal arguments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about the facts of the case	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about the law	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about community resources	5	4	3	2	1	X
Providing timely discovery	5	4	3	2	1	X
Calling witnesses	5	4	3	2	1	X
Direct examination	5	4	3	2	1	X
Cross examination	5	4	3	2	1	X
Motion practices	5	4	3	2	1	X
Trial briefs	5	4	3	2	1	X

VI. SANCTIONS AND SERVICES

39. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the range of options available to you for sanctions and services for the following populations by circling the number that best corresponds to your level of satisfaction.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not have options for these youth at all)

Sanctions for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Sanctions for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Sanctions for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Services for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Services for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Services for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X

40. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **court-ordered informal probation or DEJ** on the following outcomes:

I do not order these dispositions (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

41. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **probation with wardship** on the following outcomes:

I do not order this disposition (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

42. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **intensive supervision or electronic monitoring** on the following outcomes:

I do not order these dispositions (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

43. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **camp, ranch, or private placement** on the following outcomes. **Note: please consider only those placements that are located in California.**

I do not order this disposition (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

44. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **CDRC-DJJ (formerly CYA)** on the following outcomes:

- I do not order this disposition (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

45. Please rate your satisfaction with the following supervision programs.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
 X: Not applicable (We do not have this program at all)

Restorative justice – focused programs	5	4	3	2	1	X
Intensive supervision	5	4	3	2	1	X
Day Reporting Centers	5	4	3	2	1	X
Day Treatment Centers	5	4	3	2	1	X
House Arrest	5	4	3	2	1	X
Short stay in juvenile hall	5	4	3	2	1	X
Foster homes	5	4	3	2	1	X
Group homes	5	4	3	2	1	X
Residential treatment facilities	5	4	3	2	1	X
Camps	5	4	3	2	1	X
Ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X
CDCR, DJJ (formerly CYA) facilities	5	4	3	2	1	X

46. Some youth are particularly difficult to match with appropriate supervision, treatment, and placements. Which are the most difficult to match in your court? **Please check all that apply.**

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Low risk youthful offenders | <input type="checkbox"/> Gang youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very young children | <input type="checkbox"/> Runaways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth with troubled home lives | <input type="checkbox"/> Beyond control youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developmentally delayed youth | <input type="checkbox"/> High risk/low need youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth with mental health issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth with violent backgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant girls | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth with arson backgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth with sex crime backgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant youth | |

VII. ASSESSING NEEDS

47. Regarding collaboration, please indicate which activities you would like to see improve by circling the number that best describes your belief:

- 3: This activity should happen more often or its quality should be improved
- 2: We are doing well regarding this activity and it should stay as it is
- 1: We should engage in this activity less

Meetings of stakeholders in which the courts participate	3	2	1
Meetings of stakeholders without the courts	3	2	1
Court collaborating with the community (e.g., public relations, programs for youth and victims)	3	2	1
Other agencies collaborating with the community	3	2	1
Court-probation cross-training/briefings on procedures and policies	3	2	1
Training/briefing the court on treatment options	3	2	1
Training/briefing the court on placement options	3	2	1

48. Please describe the current level of court-stakeholder meetings (with probation, child welfare, etc.) that you yourself are involved in. Check all that apply.

- I meet regularly with other stakeholders
- I meet with them on an as-needed basis
- I never or rarely meet with them

49. If you meet, what topics do you confer on? Please check all that apply.

- Procedure and policy
- Supervision, treatment and placement issues (not case specific)
- Other, please specify _____

50. Please rate the court’s working relationship with the following stakeholders by circling the number that best corresponds to the quality of the working relationship.

5: Very good, 4: Good, 3: Fair, 2: Poor, 1: Very poor

X: Not applicable (the court does not have a working relationship with this group at all)

Probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
Public Defender’s Office	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alternative Public Defender’s Office	5	4	3	2	1	X
District Attorney’s Office	5	4	3	2	1	X
County Mental Health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Child Welfare	5	4	3	2	1	X
Juvenile Hall management	5	4	3	2	1	X
Camps and Ranches management	5	4	3	2	1	X

51. Please rate the court's working relationship with the following stakeholders by circling the number that best corresponds to the quality of the working relationship.

5: Very good, 4: Good, 3: Fair, 2: Poor, 1: Very poor

X: Not applicable (the court does not have a working relationship with this group at all)

Y: Varies too much to say (e.g., depends on the specific unit, district, etc.)

Law enforcement	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
School districts	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Substance Abuse service providers	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Domestic violence service providers	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

52. How strongly do you agree that your court needs these system improvements?

5: Agree strongly, 4: Agree, 3: Neither agree not disagree 2: Disagree, 1: Strongly disagree

More time for hearings	5	4	3	2	1
More time for pre-hearing preparation	5	4	3	2	1
More judicial positions	5	4	3	2	1
More research attorneys	5	4	3	2	1
More case managers	5	4	3	2	1
More probation officers	5	4	3	2	1
Improving quality of probation reports	5	4	3	2	1
Improving timeliness of probation reports	5	4	3	2	1
Improving attorney attendance or performance	5	4	3	2	1

Access/better access to victim-offender mediation	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to family group conferencing	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to court volunteers	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to juvenile drug court	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to juvenile mental health court	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to juvenile traffic court	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to truancy court	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to youth/peer court	5	4	3	2	1
Access to same- or next-day Spanish language interpreters	5	4	3	2	1
Access to same- or next-day interpreters for other languages	5	4	3	2	1

Improvements in juvenile custody options	5	4	3	2	1
Improvements in probation-supervised services	5	4	3	2	1
Availability of victim and restitution services	5	4	3	2	1

More time and opportunity to collaborate with probation and other stakeholders	5	4	3	2	1
More time and opportunity to meet with community members	5	4	3	2	1
More time and opportunity to visit placements	5	4	3	2	1

Improvements in post-disposition reports	5	4	3	2	1
Improvements in post-disposition review hearings	5	4	3	2	1

53. What, do you believe, are the top three strengths of your juvenile court?

54. What, do you believe, are the top three needs for improvement in your juvenile court?

Thank you for filling out the survey.

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Juvenile Delinquency Court Assessment Project

PART A: 2006 CFCC COURT OPERATIONS SURVEY

Who should complete this survey?

This survey collects data on a wide range of topics concerning the administration of a California delinquency court, such as technology, hearings, and staffing. The survey should be filled out by the person who directly oversees the administration of the delinquency court.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Amy Bacharach at CFCC (415-865-7913). Thank you for your participation.

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1. What is your position in the court?

- Chief Executive Officer
- Clerk of the Court
- Court Administrator/Manager
- Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
- Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
- Other: *Specify* _____

2. In what county are you located? _____

3. What is your court's usual case assignment procedure for delinquency court?
Check all that apply.

- Cases are assigned to judicial officers for the duration of the case prior to or at the time of the initial hearing
- Cases are assigned to judicial officers for the duration of the case after the initial hearing is complete
- Different judicial officers handle cases during different stages of the juvenile proceedings
- Other: *Specify* _____
- Do not know

4. Considering all courthouse locations, please check the top 3 delinquency courthouse features that need to be developed or improved.

- Holding cells for in-custody youth
- Secure path from holding cell to courtroom
- Waiting rooms for out-of-custody youth
- Supervised children’s waiting rooms
- Juvenile hall that is near or at the courthouse
- Attorney-youth interview room
- Separate waiting area for victims
- Separate waiting area for witnesses
- Separate waiting area for youths’ families
- Security at the front door
- Security inside each courtroom
- Video conferencing
- Cafeteria or vending machine area
- Other: *Specify* _____

5. Please indicate how satisfied you are with the following support for the delinquency court.

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	We do not have this at all
Number of courtroom clerks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of other clerk’s office staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of case managers in courthouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of research attorneys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of bailiffs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. For the following hearing types, please indicate how hearings are usually scheduled in your court.

	Full-day block	1/2-day block	Less than 1/2-day block	Time-certain scheduling	Varies too much to say	Not applicable
Detention	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Uncontested hearings	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Contested hearings	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Progress/Status reviews	<input type="checkbox"/>					

7. Which of the following court operations tasks are performed or can be performed using your delinquency case management system? *Check all that apply.*

	Our system is capable of performing this task	We regularly use the system to perform this task
Assigning cases to judicial officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduling hearings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flagging hearings that are out of compliance with timeliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Producing completed minute orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Producing blank minute orders to be filled in by hand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Producing DOJ 8716 forms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Producing completed restraining orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Producing case/daily calendars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tracking physical location of hard copy files	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: <i>Specify</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Which of the following court management statistics are generated or can be generated using your delinquency case management system? *Check all that apply.*

	Our system is capable of generating these statistics	We regularly use our system to generate these statistics
Judicial caseload	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judicial findings and orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timeliness of hearings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reasons for continuances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: <i>Specify</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Can judicial officers or their clerks access any of the following automated systems? *Check all that apply.*

- Juvenile delinquency court case management system
- Juvenile dependency court case management system
- Criminal court case management system
- Child welfare agency system (CWS/CMS)
- Local probation department system
- County mental health records
- Sheriff or other local law enforcement
- CLETS restraining order system
- Other: *Specify* _____

10. How are parents informed that they may be responsible for costs arising out of their children's delinquency case (e.g. fines, fees, cost of restitution)? *Check all that apply.*

- Generally they are not informed of these costs
- Printed on the petition
- The judge tells them
- It is in our informational brochures/videos
- Another agency (e.g. probation, defense, prosecution) informs them
- Other: *Specify* _____
- Do not know

11. What types of orders are available to parties before they leave the courtroom? *Check all that apply.*

	Youth	Victim
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minute orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restraining or stay away orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probation conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notice of future hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. How does your court work towards improving customer service for parties involved in the delinquency process and members of the public? *Check all that apply.*

- The courthouse has a suggestion box and the court routinely reads submissions
- We periodically survey the public about their perceptions
- We hold public hearings where the public may discuss their concerns
- We have a formal grievance procedure that court users can access
- We train our court employees on respectfully working with the public
- We train our judicial officers on respectfully working with the public
- Performance reviews of court staff include the question of customer service
- Other: *Specify* _____

13. When does your court primarily use each of the following restorative procedures for resolving issues in juvenile delinquency proceedings? *Please choose one timeframe for each procedure.*

	Not available	As diversion	Before jurisdiction	Before disposition	Post disposition	Do not Know
Neighborhood accountability boards	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Victim-offender mediation	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Family group conferencing	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Other: <i>Specify</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

14. Does your court use any of the following collaborative courts for resolving issues in juvenile delinquency proceedings? *Check all that apply.*

- Drug court
- Mental health court
- Peer court
- Truancy court
- Other: *Specify* _____

15. Does your court have an informal juvenile traffic court? If so, what kinds of cases does it handle? *Check all that apply.*

- No, we do not have an informal juvenile traffic court
- Traffic, except DUI & felonies
- Infractions
- Other select misdemeanors

16. In the last year, which of the following types of professionals have heard cases in informal juvenile traffic court? *Check all that apply.*

- Not applicable; we do not have an informal juvenile traffic court
- Judge
- Commissioner
- Referee
- Attorney (who does not have any of the above appointments)
- Probation officer
- Retired probation officer
- Other: *Specify* _____

17. When language interpreter services are needed, how often does your court provide them for the following people?

	Nearly Always or Always	Often	Sometimes	Occasionally	Never or Rarely	Don't know
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Parents/ Guardians	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Witnesses	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Victims	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Other: <i>Specify</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

18. Please list the top languages (up to 3) for which people coming into the delinquency courtroom need interpreters. For each language, how long does it take to find an interpreter when one is needed?

Not applicable; we do not provide interpreter services

Language	Same Day	1-3 work days	4-5 work days	More than a week	Varies too much to say
	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>				

19. Please list the top languages (up to 3) for which people coming into the delinquency courtroom need interpreters. For each language, how often are hearings postponed because an interpreter is not available?

Not applicable; we do not provide interpreter services

Language	Nearly Always or Always	Often	Sometimes	Occasionally	Never or Rarely	Don't Know
	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Crossover Processes

20. How well do you think your current process for handling cases that come within the jurisdiction of both the juvenile dependency and delinquency courts works to address the needs of children in your county?

Very well	Somewhat well	Not very well	Not well at all	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>				

21. Which of the following problems exist with your W & I 241.1(a) protocol? *Check all that apply.*

- None
- Returning children from probation to the dependency system
- Children are kept in delinquency placement longer than necessary
- Continuity of services for the child
- Continuity of services for the family
- Lack of consequences for the child
- Lack of probation oversight
- Appropriate services for children
- Lack of communication/coordination among child welfare, probation, and the court
- Lack of ongoing coordinated case assessment
- Net widening (more children entering the delinquency system)
- Lack of structured decision making
- Lack of consequences for the child
- Lack of services oversight
- Other: *Specify* _____

22. Has your county developed an AB 129 protocol (a written protocol under W & I 241.1(e) permitting a child who meets specified criteria to be designated as both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court)?

- Yes (Please stop here, you are finished with the survey)
- No (Continue to #23)

23. Has your county engaged in any discussions about implementing an AB 129 (W & I 241.1(e)) protocol?

- Yes (Continue to #24)
- No (Please stop here, you are finished with the survey)

24. What were the 3 most challenging issues or concerns that arose during those discussions? Please respond regardless of whether your county has actually developed a protocol.

- Allocation of responsibilities among the court and agencies
- General resources (e.g. services, staff)
- Allocation of IVE funds
- Information sharing
- How to identify or screen for appropriate cases
- ASFA issues
- Determining the most effective model
- Net widening (more children entering the delinquency system)
- Resistance from one of the parties required to sign off on the protocol
- Other: *Specify* _____

25. Has your county decided against implementing a protocol, or are discussions ongoing?

- Decided against implementing a protocol (Continue to #26)
- Discussions are ongoing (Please stop here, you are finished with the survey)
- Other: *Specify* _____

26. What is the primary reason your county has decided against implementing a protocol?
Please select one.

- Don't have enough cases to merit creating a protocol
- Could not gain buy in from all parties required to sign off on protocol
- Could not agree on specifics of how protocol would work
- Unsure how protocol would impact other state or federal requirements
- Other: *Specify* _____

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2007 CFCC Survey of Juvenile Probation Officers

This anonymous survey is part of a project with the Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC), that is examining how to improve the juvenile court process. The questions ask about a wide range of topics concerning juvenile probation officers' experiences with the juvenile court. Questions should be answered based on your own, current experience.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Amy Bacharach at the CFCC at 415-865-7913 or amy.bacharach@jud.ca.gov. Thank you for your participation.

A. What is your current role in your county's juvenile probation department? *Check all that apply.*

- Intake officer
- Investigation officer
- Placement officer
- Court officer
- Supervision/Field officer
- DPO at an institution or facility

- Manager/Supervisor (with no caseload) of people who work in juvenile probation
- Institutional or Facilities (Detention or Commitment) officer with no caseload
- Other (*Specify*): _____

- I do not work in juvenile

ATTENTION:

IF YOU CHECKED A CIRCLE ABOVE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF THIS SURVEY.

IF YOU CHECKED A SQUARE, YOU DO NOT NEED TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY.
PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE ONLY BY MAIL OR FAX TO 415-865-7217 TO THE ATTENTION OF
AMY BACHARACH SO THAT WE CAN CORRECT OUR RECORDS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

DEPARTMENT AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. In which county do you work? _____

2. What types of caseloads do you have? *Check all that apply.*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable; I do not supervise | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General caseload | <input type="checkbox"/> Family preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement | <input type="checkbox"/> Gangs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informal supervision | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex offenders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive supervision | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Specify</i>): _____ |

3. For how long have you been in probation in any capacity?

_____Years _____Months

4. For how long have you been in juvenile assignments?

Current assignment: _____Years _____Months

Total in your career: _____Years _____Months

5. Where would you like to be in 2 years?

- In the juvenile division
- Another division of the probation department
- Working outside of probation
- Out of the workforce
- Other (*Specify*): _____
- Do not know

6. Under what circumstances do you expect to leave the juvenile division? *Check only 1.*

- I expect to remain in the juvenile division
- I will request to leave the juvenile division
- I will be re-assigned
- I will leave probation (e.g., for another position or to leave the workforce)
- Do not know

7. Approximately how much time do you spend doing each of the following?

	Rarely/ Never 0%-5%	Occasionally 6%-35%	Sometimes 36%-65%	Often 66%-95%	Nearly Always/ Always 96%-100%
Preparing court reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparing review reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervising youth in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervising youth in camps/ranches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervising youth in placement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinating services or programs (e.g., education liaison, aftercare)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing victim services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. In the space below, please indicate the top 3 things you enjoy about your juvenile assignment.

9. In the space below, please indicate the top 3 things you would change about your juvenile assignment.

SANCTIONS AND SERVICES

10. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following options available to youth and victims.

5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied; X=Not available at all; Y=Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer

Restitution collection	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Victim-offender mediation	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Neighborhood/Youth Accountability Boards	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Family group conferencing	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

11. Please rate your satisfaction with the range of options available to you for sanctions and services for the following populations.

5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied; X=Not available at all; Y=Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer

Sanctions for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Sanctions for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Sanctions for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

Services for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Services for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Services for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

12. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following sanction options available to youth.

5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied; X=Not available at all; Y=Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer

Counsel & dismiss	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Informal supervision	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Community service	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Home on probation	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Electronic monitoring	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Placement	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Camps/Ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
CDCR, DJJ (formerly CYA)	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

13. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following services available to youth.

5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied; X=Not available at all; Y=Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer

Outpatient substance abuse programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Drug testing	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Mental health services	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Independent living programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Anger management programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
After school programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Parent education	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Wraparound	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Community or youth service centers	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

14. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following collaborative court options available to youth.

5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied; X=Not available at all; Y=Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer

Drug court for youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Mental Health court for youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Truancy court	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Peer, Teen, or Youth court (affiliated with the court)	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

15. Please rate your satisfaction with the following types of formal assessments (those that include a standardized instrument and scoring method, e.g., MAYSI).

5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied; X=Not available at all; Y=Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer

Assessments used to determine youth's risk to the community	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Assessments used to determine youth's risk to themselves	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Assessments used to determine youth's service needs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

16. What types of re-entry or aftercare services do you provide? *Check all that apply.*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable to my role | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health services referral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse referral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anger management referral | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring referral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family counseling referral | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent education referral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing referral | <input type="checkbox"/> Record sealing assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent living skills referral | <input type="checkbox"/> School enrollment assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job training referral | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Specify</i>): _____ |

CROSSOVER PROCESSES

17. In the delinquency system, do you see youth with any of the following characteristics? *Check all that apply.*

- Youth who lack a suitable home or family to which they can go home on probation or return upon completion of probation
- Dependent youth charged with offenses related to their placement (e.g. acting out in a group home)
- Youth who have parents with substance abuse problems
- Youth who have parents with mental health problems
- I have not encountered youth with these issues

18. If you see youth with any of the above characteristics, what difficulties, if any, do you face in serving these youth? *Check all that apply.*

- Not applicable; I have not encountered youth with any of the above characteristics
- Finding suitable placement
- Holding youth with these particular issues appropriately accountable
- Holding parents accountable for their children's behavior/getting parents to cooperate with case plans
- Finding a mechanism to return youth to the dependency system upon completion of probation (where appropriate)
- I don't face any particular difficulties serving these youth

COURT PROCESSES

19. Please indicate in what capacity you personally work with victims. *Check all that apply.*

- Not applicable; I do not work with victims
- I notice victims of hearings
- I explain the court process to victims
- I organize offender work repayment programs
- I recommend restitution and an amount to the court
- I explain the process of collecting restitution
- I refer victims to available services (e.g., victim-offender mediation)
- Other (*Specify*): _____

20. Please rate your working relationship with the following stakeholders.

*5=Very good; 4=Good; 3=Fair; 2=Poor; 1=Very poor; X=Stakeholder not available at all;
Y=Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer*

The court	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Probation–juvenile hall	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Probation–camps and ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Public Defender’s Office	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Alternative Public Defender’s Office	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Contract or panel attorneys	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
District Attorney’s Office	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
County Mental Health	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Child Welfare	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

21. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following.

*5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied;
X= Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer*

The amount of time you spend preparing court reports or social studies	5	4	3	2	1	X
The amount of time you spend preparing court-ordered parte reviews (e.g., DEJ, drug test results)	5	4	3	2	1	X
The amount of time you spend preparing legally mandated reviews (e.g., placement, IV-E)	5	4	3	2	1	X
The number of times you are generally required to attend court (if you are not a court officer)	5	4	3	2	1	X
How well you are trained to testify	5	4	3	2	1	X
The time it takes the DA’s office to file a petition or notify you of their decision not to file a petition	5	4	3	2	1	X
The number of hours you wait for court hearings in one day	5	4	3	2	1	X
The number of hearing continuances	5	4	3	2	1	X

22. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following when in court.

Not applicable; I do not go to court

*5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied;
X =Not applicable to my role, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer*

Weight given by the court to probation recommendations	5	4	3	2	1	X
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Prosecutors' handling of cases	5	4	3	2	1	X
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Defense attorneys' handling of cases	5	4	3	2	1	X
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How you are treated by the court	5	4	3	2	1	X
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How you are treated by the prosecutor	5	4	3	2	1	X
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How you are treated by defense attorneys	5	4	3	2	1	X
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23. In your opinion, how big of a problem are continuances and other hearing delays in your county's juvenile court?

- Not a problem
- A minor problem
- A moderate problem
- A major problem
- Do not know

24. What are the top causes of hearing delays in uncontested matters? *Check the top 3.*

- Hearings need more than allocated time
- Lack of or improper notice
- Youth not present
- Parent not present
- Prosecutor not present
- Prosecutor not ready
- Defense attorney not present
- Defense attorney not ready
- Probation not present
- Probation report not available or filed on time
- Evaluation reports not available or filed on time
- Other reports, persons, or information not available

25. What are work-related challenges to writing reports or reviews in the time allotted? *Check all that apply.*

- Not applicable; I do not write reports or reviews
- Report writing takes too much time away from other responsibilities
- Not notified by the court in time
- Cannot interview the youth in time
- Cannot interview parents/guardians
- Cannot obtain risk or needs assessment results
- Cannot obtain necessary information from school in time
- Cannot obtain necessary information from mental health in time
- Cannot obtain necessary information from placements in time
- Cannot obtain necessary court-ordered evaluations in time
- Other (*Specify*): _____

26. Youth are informed about court-related matters by probation, attorneys, and the court. What information do you think is conveyed well to youth? *Check all that apply.*

- The general court process
- What to expect at court hearings
- Possible outcomes
- Ramifications of a plea
- Financial obligations
- Process for paying restitution
- Youth's responsibilities while on probation
- Record sealing
- Other (*Specify*): _____

27. What information do you think is conveyed well to parents/guardians? *Check all that apply.*

- The general court process
- What to expect at court hearings
- Possible outcomes
- Ramifications of a plea
- Financial obligations
- Process for paying restitution
- Parents'/guardians' responsibilities while on probation
- Youth's responsibilities while on probation
- Record sealing
- Other (*Specify*): _____

28. In the space below, please list the top 3 strengths of the juvenile court.

29. In the space below, please list the juvenile court's top 3 needs for improvement.

30. In the space below, please list the top 3 ways the court could help probation be more effective.

Thank you for participating. CFCC truly appreciates the time and effort that you have spent taking this survey. We will make the results available to you in reports generated by the Juvenile Delinquency Court Assessment, in other CFCC publications, and in upcoming trainings.

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Juvenile Delinquency Court Assessment Project

2007 CFCC Survey of Juvenile Prosecutors

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If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Amy Bacharach at the CFCC at 415-865-7913 or amy.bacharach@jud.ca.gov. Thank you for your participation.

A. What is your current role in your county's district attorney's office? *Check all that apply.*

- Administrative/Supervisor and I handle juvenile cases
- I handle juvenile cases only
- Administrative/Supervisor only
- I do not work in juvenile

ATTENTION:

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

DEPARTMENT AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. In which county do you work? _____

2. What types of juvenile cases do you handle? *Check all that apply.*

- General
- Gangs
- Sex offenders
- Truancy
- Mental Health court
- Drug court
- Informal Juvenile and Traffic court
- Other (*Specify*): _____

3. In what year did you pass the bar? _____

4. In what year did you first become a prosecutor? _____

5. For how long have you been in juvenile assignments?

Current assignment: _____Years _____Months

Total in your career: _____Years _____Months

6. How much of your time do you spend in delinquency or doing delinquency-related work?

- Full time
- More than 1/2 time, less than full time
- About 1/2 time
- More than 1/4 time, less than 1/2 time
- About 1/4 time
- Less than 1/4 time

7. Apart from prosecutor, what professional roles have you had in juvenile court matters?
Check all that apply.

- None
- Defense attorney
- Child's attorney in dependency
- Parent's attorney in dependency
- County counsel or city attorney in dependency
- Probation officer
- Social Worker
- Pro-tem
- CASA volunteer
- Other (*Specify*): _____

8. Where would you like to be in 2 years? *Check only 1.*

- The juvenile division of the DA's office
- Another division of the DA's office
- Practicing in another public office
- Practicing in the private sector
- Working as a judicial officer
- Out of the workforce
- Other (*Specify*): _____
- Do not know

9. Under what circumstances do you expect to leave the juvenile division? *Check only 1.*

- I expect to remain in the juvenile division
- My predetermined rotation length will be complete
- I will request a different assignment
- I will be re-assigned; we do not have predetermined rotations
- I will leave the DA's office (e.g., for another position or to leave the workforce)
- Do not know

10. In the space below, please indicate the top 3 things you enjoy about your juvenile assignment.

11. In the space below, please indicate the top 3 things you would change about your juvenile assignment.

SANCTIONS AND SERVICES

12. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following outcomes for youth and victims.

*5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied;
X=Not available at all; Y=Not applicable, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer*

Restitution collection	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Victim-offender mediation	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Neighborhood/Youth Accountability Boards	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Family group conferencing	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

13. Please rate your satisfaction with the range of options available to you for sanctions and services for the following populations.

*5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied;
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Sanctions for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Sanctions for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Sanctions for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

Services for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Services for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Services for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

14. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following sanction options available to youth.

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Counsel & dismiss	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Informal supervision	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Community service	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Home on probation	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Electronic monitoring	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Placement	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Camps/Ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
CDCR, DJJ (formerly CYA)	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

15. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following services available to youth.

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Outpatient substance abuse programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Drug testing	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Mental health services	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Independent living programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Anger management programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
After school programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Parent education	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Wraparound	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Community or youth service centers	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

16. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following collaborative court options available to youth.

*5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied;
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Drug court for youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Mental Health court for youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Truancy court	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Peer, Teen, or Youth court (affiliated with the court)	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

17. Please rate your satisfaction with the following types of formal assessments (those that include a standardized instrument and scoring method, e.g., MAYSI).

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Assessments used to determine youth's risk to the community	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Assessments used to determine youth's risk to themselves	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Assessments used to determine youth's service needs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

CROSSOVER PROCESSES

18. In the delinquency system, do you see youth with any of the following characteristics?
Check all that apply.

- Youth who lack a suitable home or family to which they can go home on probation or return upon completion of probation
- Dependent youth charged with offenses related to their placement (e.g. acting out in a group home)
- Youth who have parents with substance abuse problems
- Youth who have parents with mental health problems
- I have not encountered youth with these issues

19. If you see youth with any of the above characteristics, what difficulties, if any, does the delinquency system face in serving these youth? *Check all that apply.*

- Not applicable; I have not encountered youth with any of the above characteristics
- Finding suitable placement
- Holding youth with these particular issues appropriately accountable
- Holding parents accountable for their children's behavior/getting parents to cooperate with case plans
- Finding a mechanism to return youth to the dependency system upon completion of probation (where appropriate)
- The delinquency system doesn't face any particular difficulties serving these youth

COURT PROCESSES

20. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following when in court.

*5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied;
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Weight given by the court to my arguments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Probation officers' handling of cases	5	4	3	2	1	X
Defense attorneys' handling of cases	5	4	3	2	1	X
How you are treated by the court	5	4	3	2	1	X
How you are treated by probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
How you are treated by defense attorneys	5	4	3	2	1	X

21. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following.

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The timeliness with which affidavits alleging delinquent acts are brought to you by probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
The amount of time available for preparing cases	5	4	3	2	1	X
The number of hours you wait for court hearings in one day	5	4	3	2	1	X
The number of hearing continuances	5	4	3	2	1	X

22. In your opinion, how big of a problem are continuances and other hearing delays in your county's juvenile court? *Check only 1.*

- Not a problem
- A minor problem
- A moderate problem
- A major problem
- Do not know

23. What are the top causes of hearing delays in uncontested matters? *Check the top 3.*

- Hearings need more than allocated time
- Lack of or improper notice
- Youth not present
- Parent not present
- Prosecutor not present
- Prosecutor not ready
- Defense attorney not present
- Defense attorney not ready
- Probation not present
- Probation report not available or filed on time
- Evaluation reports not available or filed on time
- Other reports, persons, or information not available

24. Please indicate in what capacity you personally work with victims. *Check all that apply.*

- I do not work with victims at all
- I notice victims of hearings
- I explain the court process to victims
- I explain the process of collecting restitution
- I take statements from victims
- I prepare victims for testifying
- I refer victims to available services (e.g., victim-offender mediation)
- Other (*Specify*): _____

25. Please rate your working relationship with the following stakeholders.

*5=Very good; 4=Good; 3=Fair; 2=Poor; 1=Very poor; X=Stakeholder not available at all;
Y=Not applicable, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer*

The court	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Probation–juvenile division	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Probation–juvenile hall	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Probation–camps and ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Public Defender’s Office	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Alternative Public Defender’s Office	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Contract or panel attorneys	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
District Attorney’s Office–other divisions	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
County Mental Health	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Child Welfare	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

26. In the space below, please list the top 3 strengths of the juvenile court.

27. In the space below, please list the juvenile court’s top 3 needs for improvement.

28. In the space below, please list the top 3 ways the court could help the DA's office be more effective.

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A. What is your current role in your county? *Check all that apply.*

- I handle juvenile cases in the county's public defender's office
- I contract with the county as the county's public defender
- I handle juvenile cases in the county's alternate public defender's office
- I handle conflict juvenile cases on a contract basis

- Administrative/Supervisor only; Do not handle cases at all
- I do not work in juvenile court at all

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DEPARTMENT AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. In which county do you work? _____

Note: If you work in more than 1 county, please answer this survey based on the county in which the majority of your cases are.

2. What types of juvenile cases do you handle? *Check all that apply.*

- General
- Gangs
- Sex offenders
- Truancy
- Mental Health court
- Drug court
- Informal Juvenile and Traffic court
- Other (*Specify*): _____

3. In what year did you pass the bar? _____

4. In what year did you first become a defense attorney? _____

5. For how long have you been handling juvenile cases?

Total in your career: _____Years _____Months

Current PD or APD assignment: _____Years _____Months

Current, as a contractor: _____Years _____Months

6. How much of your time do you spend in delinquency or doing delinquency-related work?

- Full time
- More than 1/2 time, less than full time
- About 1/2 time
- More than 1/4 time, less than 1/2 time
- About 1/4 time
- Less than 1/4 time

7. Apart from defense attorney, what professional roles have you had in juvenile court matters? *Check all that apply.*

- None
- Prosecutor
- Child's attorney in dependency
- Parent's attorney in dependency
- County counsel or city attorney in dependency
- Probation officer
- Social Worker
- Pro-tem
- CASA volunteer
- Other (*Specify*): _____

8. Where would you like to be in 2 years? *Check only 1.*

- The juvenile division of a public defense office (e.g., PD or APD)
- Handling juvenile cases in a private setting
- Other public sector work
- Other private sector work
- Working as a judicial officer
- Out of the workforce
- Other (*Specify*): _____
- Do not know

9. If you work in the public defender's or alternate public defender's office, under what circumstances do you expect to leave your current juvenile assignment? *Check only 1.*

- I do not work in the public defender's or alternate public defender's office
- I expect to remain in the juvenile division
- My predetermined rotation length will be complete
- I will request a different assignment
- I will be re-assigned; we do not have predetermined rotations
- I will leave the public defender's or alternate public defender's office (e.g., for another position or to leave the workforce)
- Do not know

10. In the space below, please indicate the top 3 things you enjoy about handling juvenile cases.

11. In the space below, please indicate the top 3 things you would change about handling juvenile cases.

SANCTIONS AND SERVICES

12. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following outcomes available to youth and victims.

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Restitution collection	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Victim-offender mediation	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Neighborhood/Youth Accountability Boards	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Family group conferencing	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

13. Please rate your satisfaction with the range of disposition options available for sanctions and services for the following populations.

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Sanctions for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Sanctions for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Sanctions for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

Services for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Services for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Services for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

14. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following sanction options available to youth.

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Counsel & dismiss	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Informal supervision	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Community service	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
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Electronic monitoring	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Placement	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Camps/Ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
CDCR, DJJ (formerly CYA)	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

15. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following services available to youth.

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Outpatient substance abuse programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Drug testing	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Mental health services	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Independent living programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Anger management programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
After school programs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Parent education	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Wraparound	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Community or youth service centers	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

16. Please rate your satisfaction with the effectiveness of the following collaborative court options available to youth.

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Drug court for youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Mental Health court for youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Domestic Violence court for youth	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Truancy court	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Peer, Teen, or Youth court (affiliated with the court)	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Other (<i>Specify</i>):	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

17. Please rate your satisfaction with the following types of formal assessments (those that include a standardized instrument and scoring method, e.g., MAYSI, RAI).

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Assessments used to determine youth's risk to the community	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Assessments used to determine youth's risk to themselves	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Assessments used to determine youth's service needs	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

CROSSOVER PROCESSES

18. In the delinquency system, do you see youth with any of the following characteristics?
Check all that apply.
- Youth who lack a suitable home or family to which they can go home on probation or return upon completion of probation
 - Dependent youth charged with offenses related to their placement (e.g., acting out in a group home)
 - Youth who have parents with substance abuse problems
 - Youth who have parents with mental health problems
 - I have not encountered youth with these issues
19. If you see youth with any of the above characteristics, what difficulties, if any, does the delinquency system face in serving these youth? *Check all that apply.*
- Not applicable; I have not encountered youth with any of the above characteristics
 - Finding suitable placement
 - Holding youth with these particular issues appropriately accountable
 - Holding parents accountable for their children's behavior/getting parents to cooperate with case plans
 - Finding a mechanism to return youth to the dependency system upon completion of probation (where appropriate)
 - The delinquency system doesn't face any particular difficulties serving these youth

COURT PROCESSES

20. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following when in court.

*5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied;
X=Not applicable, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer*

Weight given by the court to my arguments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Probation officers' handling of cases	5	4	3	2	1	X
Prosecutors' handling of cases	5	4	3	2	1	X
How you are treated by the court	5	4	3	2	1	X
How you are treated by probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
How you are treated by prosecutors	5	4	3	2	1	X

21. In your opinion, how big of a problem are continuances and other hearing delays in your county's juvenile court? *Check only 1.*

- Not a problem
- A minor problem
- A moderate problem
- A major problem
- Do not know

22. What are the top causes of hearing delays in uncontested matters? *Check the top 3.*

- Hearings need more than allocated time
- Lack of or improper notice
- Youth not present
- Parent not present
- Prosecutor not present
- Prosecutor not ready
- Defense attorney not present
- Defense attorney not ready
- Probation not present
- Probation report not available or filed on time
- Evaluation reports not available or filed on time
- Other reports, persons, or information not available

23. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following.

*5=Very satisfied; 4=Satisfied; 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; 2=Dissatisfied; 1=Very dissatisfied;
X=Not applicable, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer*

The timeliness with which you receive reports and reviews by probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
The amount of time available for preparing cases	5	4	3	2	1	X

The adequacy of time available for meeting with clients	5	4	3	2	1	X
The adequacy of the location available for meeting with clients	5	4	3	2	1	X

The number of hours you wait for court hearings in one day	5	4	3	2	1	X
The number of hearing continuances	5	4	3	2	1	X

The frequency of post-disposition review hearings for non-placement youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
The amount of time available to meet with clients postdispositionally	5	4	3	2	1	X

24. How often do you or a designee (e.g., social worker, paralegal) do each of the following after the disposition hearing?

	Rarely/ Never 0%-5%	Occasionally 6%-35%	Sometimes 36%-65%	Often 66%-95%	Nearly Always/ Always 96%-100%
Appear at review hearings (e.g., placement, restitution)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Represent client on violation of probation hearings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Represent client on new petitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide client with information to contact me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain contact with client via phone or e-mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain contact with client's probation officer via phone or e-mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visit client	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review probation conditions and treatment plan with client	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep track of implementation of plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calendar hearings to modify probation conditions or treatment plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inform client of record sealing process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assist clients or former clients with record sealing process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advocate for clients' interests beyond the scope of the juvenile proceedings (e.g., IEP, immigration)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. Has the implementation of Rule 1479 (now Rule 5.663) in 2004 changed the way you (you, your agency, or your firm) work for youth postdispositionally?

- I am not aware of Rule 1479
- Not applicable; I did not handle juvenile cases before 2004
- Yes, I do more postdispositional work now
- Yes, I do less postdispositional work now
- No, the level of postdispositional work has stayed the same

26. What are any obstacles to working with clients postdispositionally? *Check all that apply.*

- There are no obstacles
- I don't believe it is my responsibility
- My office does not believe it is my responsibility
- Lack of communication of my office's expectations
- Lack of communication of court's expectations
- Lack of funding allocated for postdisposition period
- Lack of time available to follow up
- Lack of other resources available to follow up
- Other (*Specify*): _____

27. Please rate your satisfaction with the information you are able to obtain about youth given the following dispositions.

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Home on probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
Placement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Camps/Ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X
Foster or Group homes	5	4	3	2	1	X
CDCR, DJJ (formerly CYA)	5	4	3	2	1	X

28. Please rate your working relationship with the following stakeholders.

5=Very good; 4=Good; 3=Fair; 2=Poor; 1=Very poor; X=Stakeholder not available at all; Y=Not applicable, do not know, or do not have enough experience to answer

The court	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Probation–juvenile division	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Probation–juvenile hall	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Probation–camps and ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Public Defender's Office (other divisions if you work in the public defender's office)	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Alternate Public Defender's Office (other divisions if you work in the alternate public defender's office)	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Contract or panel attorneys	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
District Attorney's Office	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
County Mental Health	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Child Welfare	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

29. Youth are informed about court-related matters by probation, attorneys, and the court. What information do you think is conveyed well to youth? *Check all that apply.*

- The general court process
- What to expect at court hearings
- Possible outcomes
- Ramifications of a plea
- Financial obligations
- Process for paying restitution
- Youth's responsibilities while on probation
- Record sealing
- Other (*Specify*): _____

30. What information do you think is conveyed well to parents/guardians? *Check all that apply.*

- The general court process
- What to expect at court hearings
- Possible outcomes
- Ramifications of a plea
- Financial obligations
- Process for paying restitution
- Parents'/guardians' responsibilities while on probation
- Youth's responsibilities while on probation
- Record sealing
- Other (*Specify*): _____

31. In the space below, please list the top 3 strengths of the juvenile court.

32. In the space below, please list the juvenile court's top 3 needs for improvement.

33. In the space below, please list the top 3 ways the court could help juvenile defense attorneys office be more effective.

Thank you for participating. CFCC truly appreciates the time and effort that you have spent taking this survey. We will make the results available to you in reports generated by the Juvenile Delinquency Court Assessment, in other CFCC publications, and in upcoming trainings.

Please return survey by May 22, 2007 to

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NAME OF TOURER

DATE OF TOUR

COUNTY

CITY

**ADDRESS OR NAME
OF FACILITY**

YEAR FACILITY BUILT

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COURTHOUSE ITEM	YES ✓	NO ✓	DNK ✓	COMMENTS <i>adequacy, special concerns, etc.</i>
Public Transportation available				
Parking available				
Building wheelchair accessible				
Security at front door				
Waiting room or lobby for out-of-custody youth and their families				
Supervised children's waiting rooms				
Separate waiting rooms for witnesses				
Separate waiting rooms for victims				
Public restrooms				
Separate entrance to courthouse for judges				
Separate entrance to courthouse for courthouse staff (including co-located people)				
Separate entrance to courthouse for personnel (not co-located)				
Separate entrance to courtroom for judges				
Separate entrance to courtroom for courthouse staff (including co-located people)				
Separate entrance to courtroom for personnel (not co-located)				

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COURTHOUSE ITEM	YES ✓	NO ✓	DNK ✓	COMMENTS <i>adequacy, special concerns, etc.</i>
Secure restrooms for personnel				
Security in courtroom				
Detention Center adjacent to Courthouse				
Secure holding cell for in-custody youth in Courthouse				
Direct, secure path from holding cell to courtroom				
Separate and secure holding cell for in-custody adults				
Witness stand wheelchair accessible				
Adequate physical space for interpreter on witness stand				
Enough space at table for attorney, youth, interpreter, and parent				
Adequate work space and computer for courtroom clerk				
Adequate workspace and computer for judge				
Adequate space and location for bailiff				
Adequate workspace and location for probation officer				
Adequate number of meeting/conference rooms				
Separate interview rooms for in-custody youth and attorneys or probation				
Separate interview rooms for out-of-custody youth and attorneys or probation				

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COURTHOUSE ITEM	YES ✓	NO ✓	DNK ✓	COMMENTS <i>adequacy, special concerns, etc.</i>
Other types of cases heard in same building as delinquency court				<i>(e.g. Dependency, Family, Criminal)</i>
Adequate number of courtrooms for courthouse/county				
Courtrooms adequate size				
Confidential way of calling cases, witnesses, etc.				
Juvenile Clerk's office easily accessible to public				<i>(Hours of operation?)</i>
Records storage area				
Cafeteria/Vending area				
Videoconferencing				

Office/Work space (including computer access) for the following people:

	YES		NO	DNK	COMMENTS
Probation Officers	Co-located	Drop in			
Defense attorneys	Co-located	Drop in			
Prosecutors	Co-located	Drop in			
Interpreters	Co-located	Drop in			
Bailiff	Co-located	Drop in			
Other (Specify)	Co-located	Drop in			