

Department of Probation

2025 Executive Proposed Budget

Core Programs & Functions

Criminal Court

- Community supervision of greatest, high, medium, and low-risk offenders
- Specialized supervision units for Sex Offenders, Domestic Violence, DWI, Mental Health, High Impact, DTATI (Drug Treatment)
- Dedicated Probation Officer for Veterans' Court and Felony Drug Court
- Victim's Assistance outreach to support victims through safety planning, impact statement preparation, and court appearances
- Restitution collection and disbursement to crime victims
- Preparation of pre-sentence investigations for all criminal courts in Westchester

Core Programs & Functions cont'd

In Family Court:

- Assist petitioners/victims with requests for Orders of Protection, Child Support, Custody and Visitation, Writs, and PINS Warrants
- Prepare pre-disposition investigations for all Family Courts
- Conduct Custody, Adoption, and Guardianship investigations
- Work with community partners to adjust cases to reduce placements of juveniles and adolescents, which produces better outcomes for children and families
- Supervise PINS, JDs and Raise the Age youth (16-17)
- Officer assigned to work in the adolescent court (Youth Part) to facilitate voluntary case assessment and planning services
- Restitution collection and disbursement

Budget Summary

ITEM	2024	2025
Operating Positions	198	198
Trust Positions	0	0
TOTAL POSITIONS	198	198
Personal Service	19,844,644	19,803,806
Equipment	134,125	114,830
Materials & Supplies	353,395	228,408
Contractual Expenses	24,598,955	20,880,509
Inter-Departmental Charges	5,089,563	5,220,217
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	50,020,682	46,247,770

Budget Summary

ITEM	2024	2025
Inter-Departmental Revenue	0	0
Departmental Revenue	427,000	697,314
State & Federal Aid	23,714,062	21,729,950
TOTAL REVENUE	24,141,062	22,427,264
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	25,879,620	23,820,506

New Initiatives & Highlights

- Individuals identified as gang-involved or who are known to have possessed firearms pose the greatest risk to residents. GIVE funding has historically allowed Probation to significantly increase the level of supervision expended over these individuals.
- Starting in 2023, the Department received a significant increase in GIVE funding from DCJS. Westchester now receives \$353, 700.
- With the additional GIVE funds, Probation has:
 - An Anti-Violence Coordinator (contract)
 - Expanded the use of electronic monitoring to include all gang and gun-related cases for the first six months of supervision
 - Enhanced Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI) for the gang and gun-involved cases to include residence checks
 - Focused on community outreach, by initiating immediate responses into affected neighborhoods within Yonkers or Mount Vernon, where gunshots have been fired.
 - Enhanced coordination and information sharing among the District Attorney's office, Yonkers and Mt. Vernon PD, County PD, and Probation also contributes to enhanced public safety.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- 2025 Probation candidates must now pass pre-employment physical fitness requirements to be hired as Probation Officer Trainees
- DWI Officers completed “Street Surveillance Techniques” training to allow for more effective surveillance of DWI offenders
- Utilized opioid funds to purchase a TruNarc™ handheld narcotics analyzer to field test unknown substances
- The Department has a new Electronic Detection K9 who is currently in training with the Connecticut State Police. The K9 and new K9 Probation Handler are expected to graduate mid November.
- Working with the NYS Dormitory Authority, Office of Children and Family Services and Commission of Corrections on the planning of a new therapeutically designed juvenile detention facility

New Initiatives and Highlights

- Lexington Center for Recovery is now providing onsite co-location services for juveniles in Yonkers, New Rochelle, and White Plains
- Probation has become a member of the County Threat Assessment Management Team (TAM)
- Collaboration with Bravehearts to help reduce disproportionate minority contact for youth in the congregate
- Certified two department SOGIE instructors, one master instructor, one implicit bias instructor, and three OPCA anchor trainers
- Hosted week-long National Crime Victims Week event, including a donation drive, and presentations by community partners and domestic violence victims
- Initiative with WCC and Westchester Southern BOCES to bring educational and vocational training to probationers