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**GALLATIN COUNTY
OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES**



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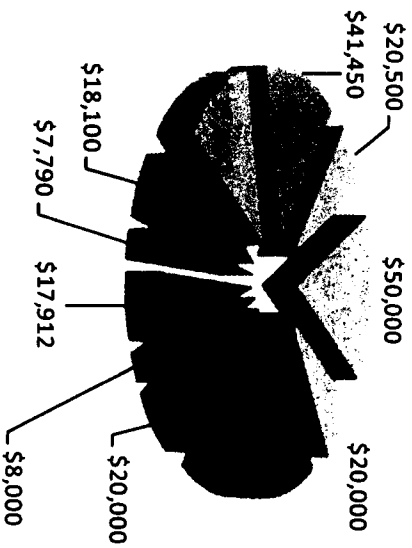
Judge Mark Guenther Memorial Center

Court Services wishes to express its gratitude to the Commissioners, the Courts, County and City Attorney's Offices, the State of Montana Public Defender's Office, Victim Service Office, the Friends of Treatment Court and the many concerned citizens who are instrumental in developing Court Service's alternatives to incarceration while identifying the value and savings to community based approaches to justice.

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Court Services Fees and Grant Funding

It is estimated that Court Services will generate \$294,752.00 in fees and grants in FY 2013.



- Tx Court State Contribution
- Federal Earmark Women in Treatment Court
- MRDTF Training Funding
- Community Corrections Processing Fees
- Community Corrections User Fees
- * Pretrial Fees
- Electronic Monitoring Grant
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- Misdemeanor Probation Fees
- DOJ/M/SPOA Mental Health Grant
- TTI Grant

Gallatin County Re-Entry Program

The Gallatin County Re-Entry Facility is a combination pre-release center and structured living facility for County offenders sentenced by the local courts. It operates pursuant to a cooperative agreement among Gallatin County, the Department of Corrections and Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services, Inc. (CCCS) which is a not-for-profit, 501-c (3) corporation headquartered in Butte, Montana. CCCS provides services for local, state, and federal agencies including correctional and other human service programs designed for adults and juveniles. Gallatin County's courts use the facility for qualified participants who require a structured and disciplined living experience. The resident occupancy is approximately six months.

Participants are required to engage in the therapeutic process, create a financial plan, pay restitution to victims, pay court fees, pay for a small portion of their rent and to be employed, be a student or receive disability. Prior to graduation, participants are required to obtain housing and to have sufficient funds in a savings account for rent and living expenses.

Daily Bed Usage July 1—Dec 31, 2012

Bed days used	861	4.7 beds per day
Bed days not used	243	1.3 beds per day

Development

Gallatin County offers an array of pretrial and post-adjudication programs that are developed using national standards and "Best Practices."

Consistent with Gallatin County Commissioners' goals, we are dedicated to providing the County and Courts with effective and efficient programs to reduce recidivism, non-compliance issues and victimization. Court Services streamlines the criminal justice process by providing alternatives to incarceration while increasing public safety.

Using the most advanced theoretical evidenced based practices to adjust behaviors, Court Services has established a proven track record with the Courts and other agencies to become a model for development in other communities.

Programs

Gallatin County Court Services provides the following programs:

Pretrial Services

- Case Management
- Project Coordination
- Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
- SCRAMx Electronic Alcohol Detection
- Mental Health Initiative
- GPS Monitoring
- Community Resource Referral
- Mentor for Butte Silver Bow, Lewis & Clark, and Flathead Counties
- Virgil Project

Community Corrections

- Community Service Program
- Court Compliance Monitoring
- Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
- SCRAMx Electronic Alcohol Detection
- House Arrest
- GPS Monitoring

Restorative Justice Program

- Justice Councils
- Money Management Training

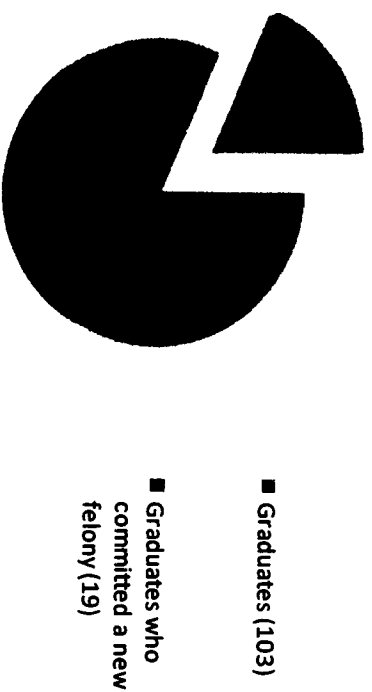
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Case Managers supervise and monitor participants in the program. Absistence is monitored by frequent testing and ongoing contact including unannounced home visits. Case Managers also help participants connect with local community-based rehabilitation services including employment, medical and counseling.

Current independent meta-analysis studies show that Drug Courts who subscribe to the ten key principles, such as Gallatin County's Treatment Court, saves the taxpayers two to fourteen dollars for every dollar invested in the program. These savings are the direct result of significant reductions in recidivism and the need for social services for the participants and their families.

On February 8, 2013, Gallatin County's 103rd graduate completed the program.

Graduate Statistical Data Since Inception



Gallatin County Treatment Court

The Gallatin County Treatment Court is a voluntary post-conviction adult treatment court for felony and misdemeanor defendants. The program provides an alternative to traditional, less effective programs in criminal cases where substance abuse is a motivating factor. The program offers participants the needed tools to manage their addictions and modify their behaviors so that they are able to lead productive, crime-free lives.

Treatment Court is managed by District Court Judge John Brown who appoints the Treatment Court Team. The Team that consists of a Coordinator, Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, Addictions Counselor, Therapist and Case Managers.

The duration of the Program is eighteen (18) months. Participants are identified early in their criminal proceedings. Screenings include an interview and a chemical dependency evaluation.

Addictions counseling is an integral part of the recovery process. An individual's participation in treatment is monitored through frequent Court appearances and the Case Managers' meetings. Participants are required to attend community support group meetings each week and work with a sponsor. Participants are also required to maintain full time employment, attend school, or receive and comply with disability requirements.

Frequent and random drug and alcohol testing is completed for the entirety of the program.

Programs, Cont'd.

Misdemeanor Probation Program

- Case Management
- Treatment Court Case Management
- Court Compliance Monitoring
- Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
- SCRAMx Electronic Alcohol Detection House Arrest
- GPS Monitoring
- Community Resource Referral

Gallatin County Treatment Court

- Coordinator
- Case Management
- Mental Health Therapy
- Women's Health Initiative
- Recovery House Placements
- Addictions Treatment
- Prosecutorial Representation
- Legal Representation

Gallatin County Re-Entry Program

- Coordinate County Bed Placements
- Contracting

Administrative/Financial Management

- Administrative Responsibilities
- Financial Management
- Grant Management

Pretrial Services

As an alternative to traditional bail release methods, Pretrial Services was established in 2002 to reduce jail overcrowding.

Nationwide studies have documented that Pretrial programs provide a universal screening tool for the Courts to:

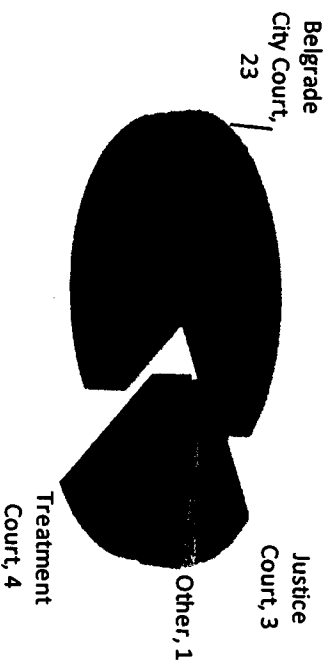
- 1) establish bail release conditions;
- 2) reduce defendants' no-show rates for scheduled Court appearances;
- 3) reduce defendant recidivism while on supervision; and
- 4) provide guidance and direction to defendants in need of community resources.

Pretrial Officers prepare risk assessments for the Courts to establish bail release conditions that account for a defendant's criminal history, employment, community and family stability. If ordered by a Court, the Officers monitor defendants during the supervision period with random alcohol, drug testing and other emerging technologies.

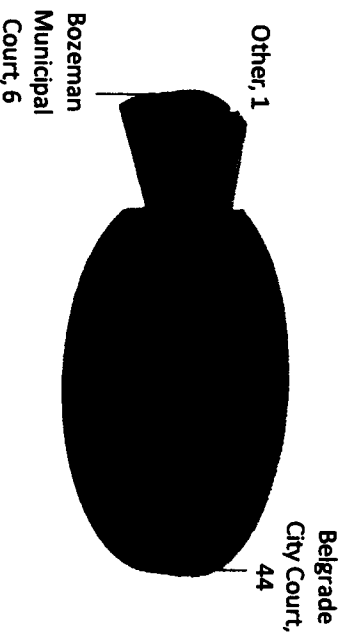
Pretrial Services offers the Courts a means to effectively and efficiently schedule defendants for initial and follow up appearances. Pretrial offers the defendants information about community resources, including treatment for addictions, mental health therapy, and employment and housing information.

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Money Management Feb 2012—Jan 2013



Justice Council Feb 2012—Jan 2013



Restorative Justice Programs

Gallatin County's Restorative Justice programs were established in 2001 with the public's support to create more sentencing alternatives. The Montana Legislature recognized the importance and cost effectiveness of this approach by creating legislation that directed the Attorney General to create restorative justice programs. In 2012, in response to the legislative directives, the Attorney General's Office approached Gallatin County and asked that our Program Administrator and the Executive Committee brief the Law and Justice Interim Committee on the value of our programs. Since the briefing, the State Attorney General's Coordinator for Restorative Justice has remained in close contact with Gallatin County and has promoted our efforts to the Law and Justice Interim Committee.

Money Management

The Project Coordinator offers money management training to defendants ordered through the Courts or other criminal justice agencies. The program's mission is to draw attention to clients' income sources, debts and spending habits, as well as assist clients in establishing a realistic budget. The detailed budget considers all sources of income, public assistance, living expenses, current consumer debt, and contributions to an emergency fund. Close attention is paid to each client's credit report to discern the relationship between spending and lifestyle choices. Program participants learn to control spending, become financially stable and to plan for a brighter future.

Justice Councils

The Justice Councils' purpose are to affect victim reparation. The Councils challenge offenders to understand the scope of damages resulting from their offense and his/her stake in those damages. They explore underlying problems that may have contributed to the criminal behavior. The offender is expected to accept responsibility for his/her actions, make amends, and be willing to explore positive life changes.

The Justice Councils are populated by 20 volunteers of diverse backgrounds. Each volunteer must attend restorative justice training, including motivational interviewing techniques, reflective listening skills, body language awareness, community resources and court jurisdictional issues. The Executive Committee and the Director of Court Services develop and approve a comprehensive policy and procedure manual outlining the expectations and responsibilities of the volunteers.

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From Feb 2012—Jan 2013 Pretrial Services completed the following interviews and intakes:

Total Pretrial Screening Interviews Feb 2012—Jan 2013

Felony	247
Misdemeanor	550
Traffic	<u>339</u>

Total Interviews 1187

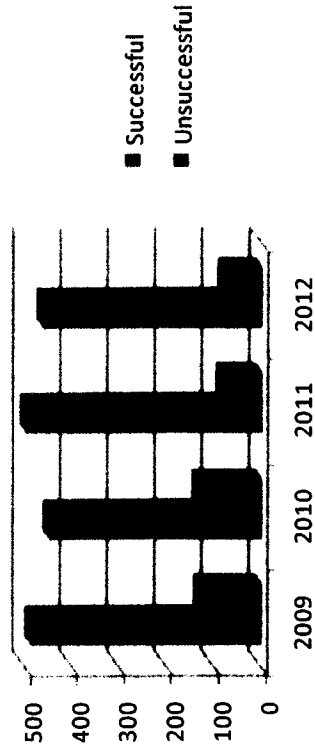
Defendants Ordered to Pretrial 826

Client contacts per month - April 2012 = 994 appointments

The daily average caseload for the Pretrial program is approximately 472 defendants. Our Pretrial Mental Health Case Manager supervises approximately 60 defendants of this overall population.

Pretrial Success Rate

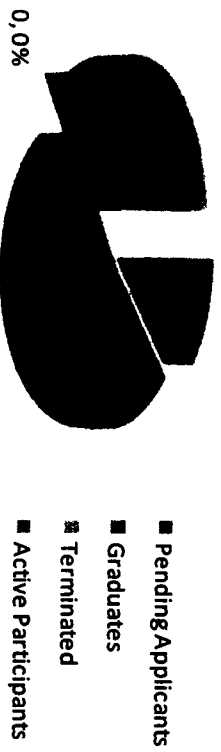
(Defined as not being cited for another offense while on supervision)



The Virgil Project

The Virgil Project is a collaborative effort between the Gallatin County Attorney's Office, the State of Montana Public Defender's Office, the City Prosecutor, Western Montana Mental Health Center, Court Services and the Courts System. The Project is modeled after Mental Health Specialty Courts that have been proven to be successful in working with clients with mental illnesses. Courts work with the Team to divert defendants with mental health illnesses into the Virgil Project. The clients are then afforded wrap-around services and compliance monitoring to increase effectiveness and reduce the risk to the community.

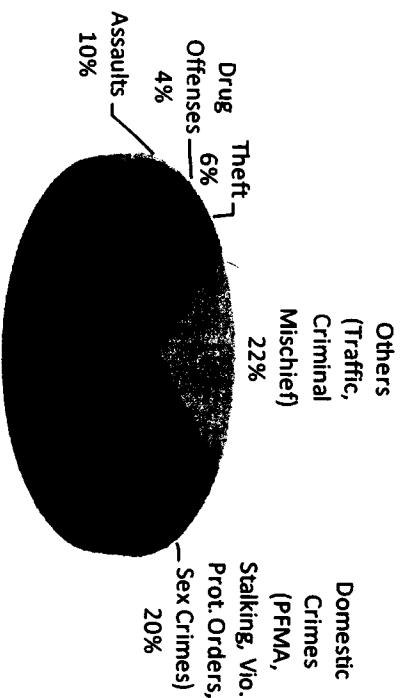
Statistical Data Since 2009



*The numbers (24, 52%) represent the number of participants followed by the overall percentage of the population.

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Misdemeanor Probation Caseload by Crime



*Defendants may have been placed on Misdemeanor Probation for more than one crime

Feb 2012—Feb 2013 Data

Intakes	67
Completions (Fines and Restitution paid)	50
Average Supervision Period (years)	2
Revocation resulting in jail for remainder of sentence	1
Offenders who committed a felony while on supervision	3
Absconders	8
Absconders apprehended	5
Average caseload	92

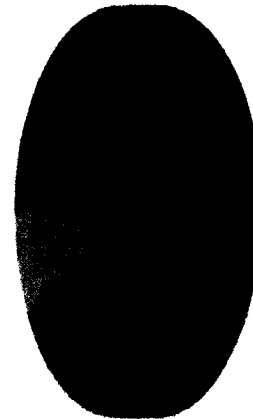
Misdemeanor Probation

Misdemeanor Probation was created through grants awarded by the Department of Justice. Its focus is on offenders who have committed offenses such as multiple or aggravated DUIs, assault, partner family member assault, have a lengthy criminal history and/or history of non-compliance.

The Misdemeanor Probation Officer works with offenders to elicit personal change, monitor compliance and promote a stable defendant/Officer relationship.

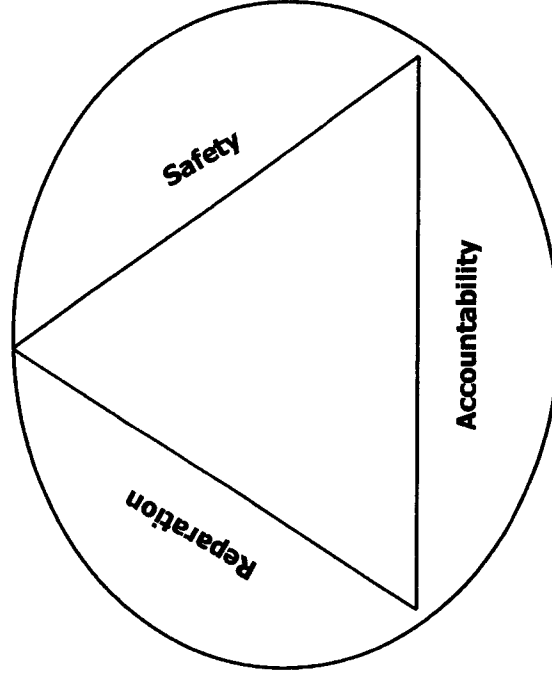
The Misdemeanor Probation average daily caseload is 92 defendants. All Courts in Gallatin County are currently supporting this program.

Misdemeanor Probation Caseload by Court



- Belgrade City Court
- Bozeman Municipal
- Justice Court
- District Court
- Out of State
- Out of County

Court Service's Post-Adjudication Programs



Community Corrections

Community Corrections manages the Community Service program and coordinates the Victim Impact panels with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

The Community Corrections Officer contracts with community work sites and schedules service hours for court-ordered defendants. All work sites sign a contract to ensure the defendants are provided worker's compensation insurance.

The contract also verifies the worksites maintain insurance to mitigate the liability to the cities and counties represented by the courts.

These acts of reparation by defendants are long time evidenced-based practice of the courts, correctional theory and restorative justice programs.

In FY 12, clients completed 10,726.5 hours. FY 12 community service hours equated to \$82,057.00 in community savings.

Community Service Hours Projected to be completed in FY 13

Hours projected to be completed	10,400
Minimum Wage	<u>\$7.80</u>
Community Savings	\$81,120.00

Victim Impact Panels

Courts order defendants to attend a Victim Impact Panel upon conviction of an alcohol-related offense. The panels are sponsored by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the DUI Task Force, the Sheriff's Office, Bozeman Police Department and Court Services. The Community Corrections Officer schedules the offender to the earliest available panel, collect the fees and notifies the Courts about compliance issues. On average, 110 offenders attend each of the quarterly panels.

Recently, the participant fee increased from \$25.00 to \$45.00. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of this fee is retained by Gallatin County.

Fees Collected

440 Offenders X \$25.00 ea.	\$11,000.00
Fees retained by Gallatin County	\$ 2,200.00
Fees generated for MADD	\$ 8,800.00

Prior to April 2013 the participant fee was \$25.00.