

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Annual Report
July 1, 2005—June 30, 2006



MISSION: *To strengthen the social and economic well-being of Prince William County by helping families and individuals meet their basic needs and move toward self-sufficiency through employment and overall family economic success; by protecting children and vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect; by developing community-based programs and facilities that support juveniles in becoming accountable for their behavior; and by developing adequate resources through partnerships with the community.*

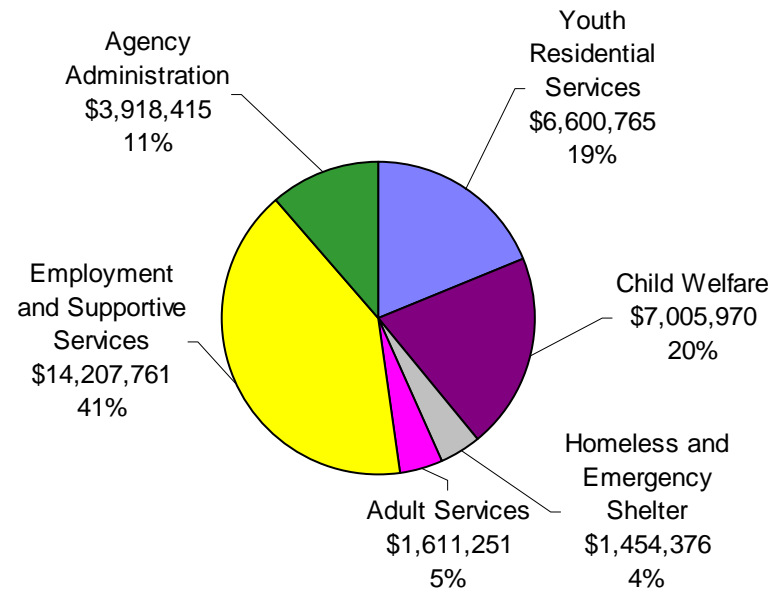


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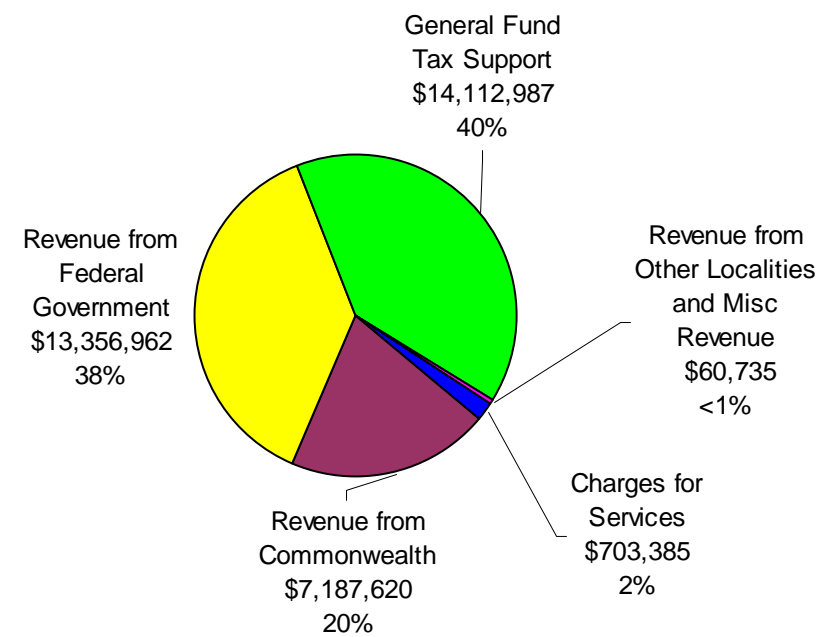
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Fiscal Year 2006 Expenditures by Program



Fiscal Year 2006 Revenues by Category



BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES' AND DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Succession planning became a primary focus at both the state and local levels this year. In the Commonwealth, the Prince William County DSS was instrumental in promoting an initiative to identify and train potential local directors. Within the local agency, a department operations group was created to provide management staff with experience chairing high-level groups, performing director and division chief level decision making, and working as a leadership team across division lines.

We were able to see the benefits of this planning when Wayne Maffett, Residential Services Director, retired after 34 years with the County. His retirement resulted in a ripple of promotions within that division that began with the selection of the new division director, Jack Ledden and continued with the promotions of Terri Stott to Group Home Manager and Bamford Jones to Molinari Juvenile Shelter Supervisor.

The Board of Social Services welcomed two new members, Ann Wheeler from the Gainesville District and Denise Renirie from the Occoquan District.

The information that follows in this report shows the many different ways in which the Department's dedicated staff serve the citizens of Prince William County. We are proud that the Department increased the overall score on its critical success measures from 3.4 to 4.2 on a 5-point scale.

We thank the Board of County Supervisors and all county taxpayers for the continuing assistance that they provide for the County's vulnerable children, families and adults.



A. Keith Sykes
Director



Barbara J. DeChene
Chairman

DEPARTMENT AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Kay Ackerman received a County Executive Award for implementing and marketing the PWC/NACo Prescription Discount Card which saved 3,691 users over \$100,000 in the cost of prescription drugs in FY 06.

A 2006 NACo Achievement Award was presented to the Prince William Area Family Economic Success Partnership for its Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program.

47 staff completed the joint American Red Cross/Social Services emergency shelter training and 19 of these staff completed one or more FEMA emergency management courses.

Judy Hill, Caleb Mata and Lena Threat represented the Department in the County's School of Continuous Quality Improvement.

Caleb Mata, Shirley McReynolds, Donna Patton, Thelda Fortenberry, Lucia Dentone, Judy Hill, Gail Carter, Susie vanRijn and Kathy Wade received the commitment to Continuous Quality Improvement certificate from the County Executive for their work on applying CQI methods to improve services at the front desks and the call center.

Andrea Jones was selected to represent the County as a participant in the Master of Public Administration Program at George Mason University.

On the County's 2006 organizational survey of employee satisfaction, the Department improved by a significant amount on 45 of the 121 items measured. It regressed on only 4 and 72 did not have a significant change.

ANNUAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES: Financial and medical assistance is provided to eligible County residents for benefits under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps (FS), Medicaid, Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare (VIEW), Child Care and Energy Assistance. The Department also provides employment and supportive services for job seekers and employers.



• TANF applications processed	2,011	• Medicaid applications processed	7,009	• Child Care cases served	1,907
• TANF cases under care avg. monthly	1,216	• Medicaid cases under care avg. monthly	17,809	• Child Care cases avg. monthly	619
• TANF benefits issued	\$4,726,467	• Medicaid benefits issued	\$97,656,652	• Children served avg. monthly	1,150
• FS applications processed	5,913	• VIEW total cases	1,085	• Child Care payments	\$6,653,338
• FS cases under care avg. monthly	4,871	• VIEW customers employed	812	• Families on waiting list as of 6/30/06	502
• FS benefits issued	\$12,233,565	• VIEW avg. monthly earnings	\$1,420	• One Stop Career Centers customers served annually	18,388
		• Energy Assistance applications processed	731		
		• Energy Assistance benefits issued	\$219,145		

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES: Families and Children and Adult Services include the program areas of Child Protective Services (CPS), Adult Protective Services (APS), Foster Care (FC), Adoption, Family Treatment, and FC Prevention.



• CPS referrals	3,486	• Children served in DSS Foster Care	170
• CPS Families in Need of Services	951	• Average monthly in foster care	125
• CPS investigations completed	598	• Finalized Adoptions	10
• CPS founded	208	• Foster Homes	85
• APS referrals	475	• Families served in Preventive Assessment	312
• APS investigations completed	190	• Families served in Family Treatment	195
• APS founded	109	• Custody Home Studies	382



YOUTH AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES: Services are provided to the homeless and to the youth involved with the juvenile court system.

• Juvenile Detention Center—total served	727	• Molinari Juvenile Shelter (MJS) — total served	309
• Juvenile Detention Center—avg. daily population	43.9	• MJS— did not re-offend while in program	99.1%
• Outreach to Detention—total served	256	• Group Home for Boys (GHB) — total served	27
• Outreach to Detention—did not re-offend while in program	83.9%	• Group Home for Girls (GHG) — total served	34
• Electronic Monitoring—total served	58	• Homeless Prevention Center—total served	348
• Electronic Monitoring—# re-offended while in program	9	• Winter Shelter—total adult men & women served	163
• Day Reporting Center—total served	49		