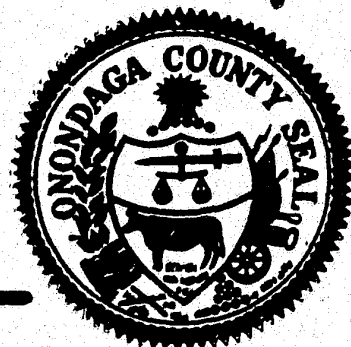


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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Honorable John H. Mulroy
County Executive
County of Onondaga
421 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, New York

Dear Mr. Mulroy:

Submitted herewith is the 1978 Annual Report of the Onondaga County Probation Department. It is my first report since being named in April of 1978 to replace outgoing Commissioner Norman V. McIntyre, who retired in February of 1978.

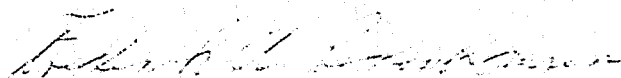
The report focuses mainly on the activities of the Family and Criminal Divisions in providing intake, investigation and supervision services to juveniles and adults during 1978. Included are the relevant statistical data and accompanying analysis.

There were several major changes in 1978. Responsibility for two major functions - operation of the Hillbrook Detention Center and the Non-Support Collection Unit - were transferred to the Department of Social Services. The Probation Outreach Program became an ongoing part of the department after several years as a federal grant project. The groundwork was laid for the state-funded Intensive Supervision Program, which will provide additional staff resources to the department to supervise high-risk probationers on an intensive basis.

In addition to these developments and the ongoing provision of probation services, 1978 was also the year that we undertook - with the assistance of the State Division of Probation - a comprehensive management study of the department. This study led to the formulation of a plan for the reorganization of the department, effective January 1 of 1979. (See "Plans and Programs for 1979")

I wish to extend my appreciation to our staff for their contribution, cooperation and support in our efforts to provide this community with quality probation services. We look forward eagerly to 1979.

Sincerely,



FREDERICK A. BOBENHAUSEN
Commissioner of Probation

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Probation Department lost a good friend in 1978, with the passing of Mr. Leo Teeter. Mr. Teeter was a Probation Consultant with the State Division of Probation, and was assigned primarily to work with our department. In that capacity, he conducted the management study which we subsequently used to develop our plan for the reorganization of the department in 1979. Mr. Teeter was helpful to us in many other ways and was working closely with us right up until his untimely death in July of 1978.

He gave unselfishly of himself and had a sincere commitment to probation and to the communities it serves. He shall be missed.

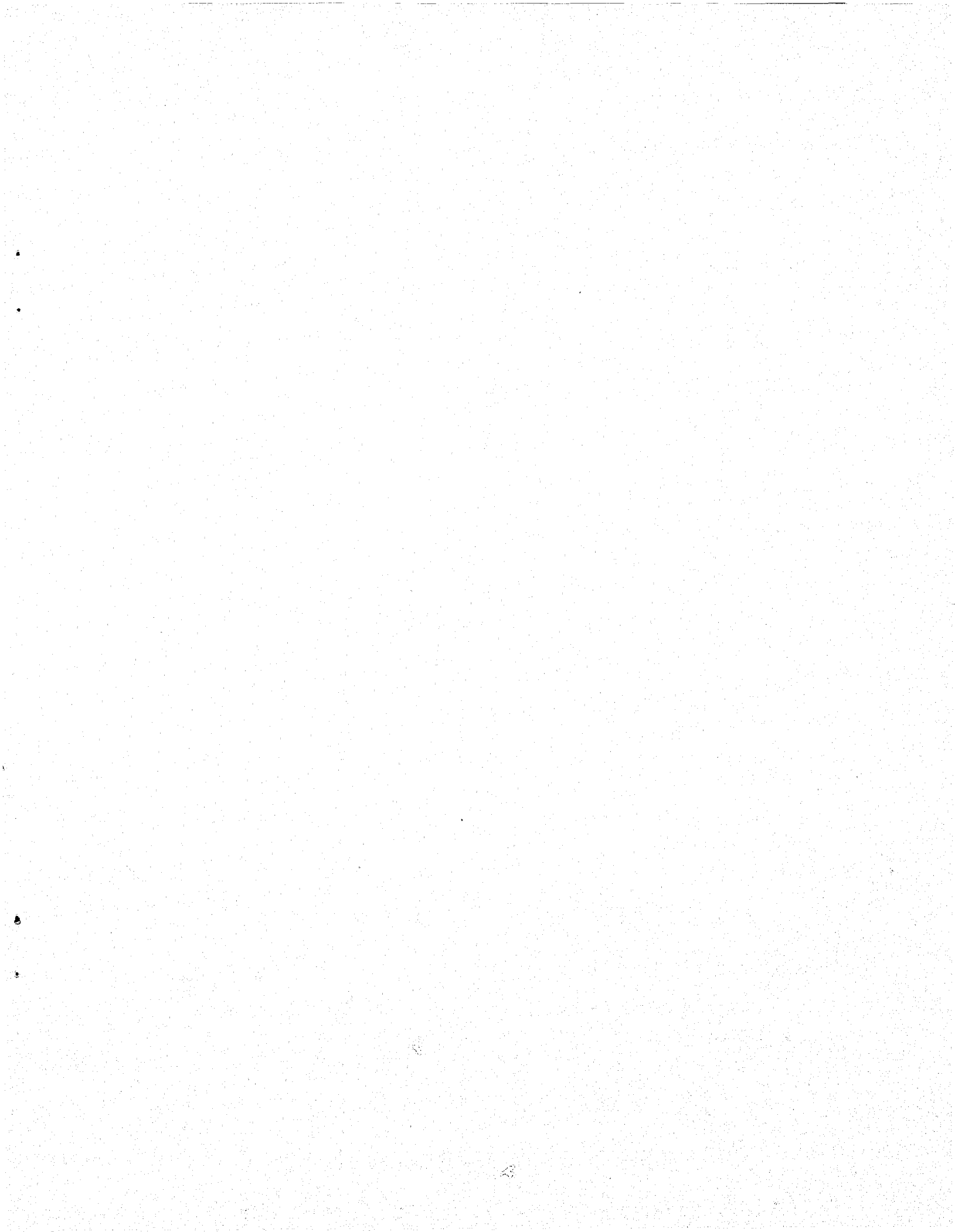
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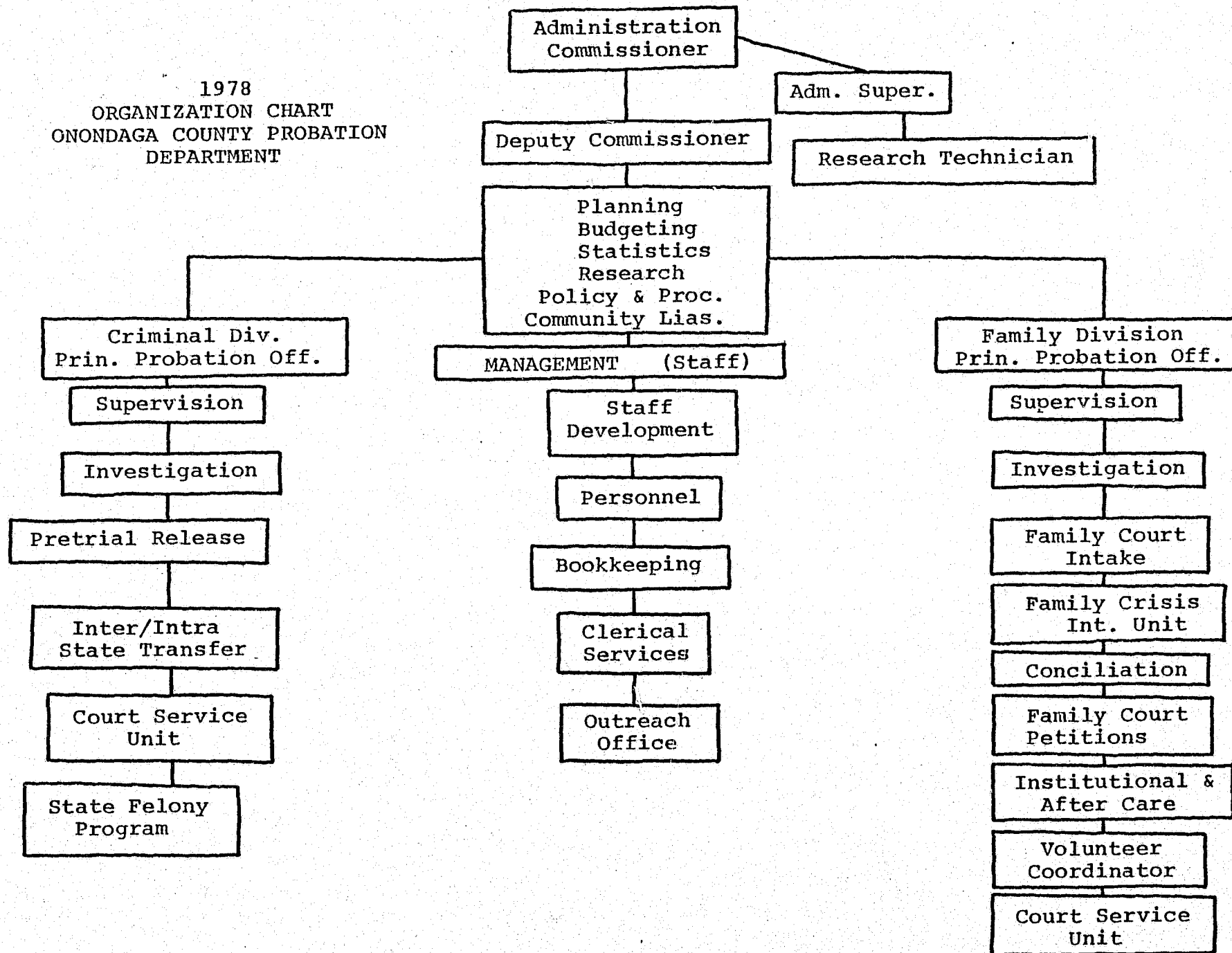
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SECTION I
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



1978
 ORGANIZATION CHART
 ONONDAGA COUNTY PROBATION
 DEPARTMENT



1978 PROBATION DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONER

FREDERICK A. BOBENHAUSEN

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

EDMUND J. GENDZIELEWSKI

TRAINING SUPERVISOR

T. RICHARD KANE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR

STEPHEN J. DAVIS

RESEARCH TECHNICIAN

KRISTEN GURNEY

ADULT DIVISION

PRINCIPAL PROBATION OFFICER

CAROL F. SMITH

PROBATION SUPERVISORS

ALPHONSE R. GIACCHI
EDWARD T. MONTAGUE
JOHN F. GRIFFIN

SENIOR PROBATION OFFICERS

JOSEPH CAPUTO
WILLIAM M. WAIT
EUGENE R. CZAPLICKI

PROBATION OFFICERS

DONALD ANGUISH
FRED BAUR, JR.
MARCIA CARLTON
JOAN CARTER

FAMILY DIVISION

PRINCIPAL PROBATION OFFICER

MYLA E. GREENE

PROBATION SUPERVISORS

ROBERT C. KOSTY
EDWARD F. COYLE
JOHN J. YOUNG
JAMES F. STEELE
JANET WRIGHT

SENIOR PROBATION OFFICERS

MEREDITH MILLER

PROBATION OFFICERS

BARBARA AHERN
MARY BEARDSLEY
ROBERT BUCK
LINDA CONKLIN

ADULT DIVISION (cont'd)

JAMES CRAVER
MARILYN DALEY
WINIFRED FERRIS
NEIL GOODMAN
MARYLOU GOUDY
PAUL A. HENRY
RICHARD JOHN
OLIVIA M. JONES
ALAN KOLDIN
FRANK J. KROLL
RICHARD MACCHIONE
VICTORIA MATISZ
CHRISTINE MATYJASIK
JANE S. MC ARTHUR
HARLEY W. MOEN, JR.
MARY MUELLER
ROBERT OBRIST
RICHARD OLANOFF
CLARENCE POTVIN, JR.
SUSAN QUANT
KATHERINE SCHOLL

PROBATION OFFICER AIDE II

JAMES BASS
MICHAEL MORAN

PROBATION OFFICER AIDE I

ERNEST GOZZI, JR.
WOLFGANG HOENE
ROBERT MURPHY
VALERIE J. SIMMONS

OUTREACH OFFICE

PROBATION SUPERVISOR

MARY MC GRAW

PROBATION OFFICERS

DAVID ATLAS
BRYAN ENNIS
BERNARD MAROSEK

FAMILY DIVISION (cont'd)

TODD DUNCAN
RONALD EZICK
SAM GRILLO
GEORGINA HEGNEY
EDWARD KERNAN
KATHRYN LEINTHALL
COLLEEN LOCHNER
PAUL MELLO
RUTH MILLER
JOSEPH O'HARA
MARK PFEFFER
EILEEN B. PHILLIPS
JEAN STANLEY
RETA E. STANLEY
JAMES TAROLLI

PROBATION OFFICER AIDE I

FUMIYO ARCHER
DENNIS ASHBY
RICHARD BROOKS
TERRY NEAL
ERNESTINE PATTERSON
HENRY THORNTON

BOOKKEEPING UNIT

SUPERVISING ACCOUNT CLERK III

ROSE ANN LA VALLE

BOOKKEEPING UNIT (cont'd)

ACCOUNT CLERK II

HELEN TATUSKO

ACCOUNT CLERK I

MARIAN BARRETT
CONCETTA N. CLARK

PERSONNEL UNIT

PERSONNEL AIDE

DOROTHY E. CHUNKO

CLERICAL STAFF

SUPERVISING STENOGRAPHER

RUTH M. DRUMM

STENOGRAPHER II

SHIRLEY C. LITZ
JEAN M. STRACK

TYPIST II

JOYCE GASIOROWSKI

STENOGRAPHER I, WORD PROCESSING MACHINE OPERATOR, AND TYPIST I

SHIRLEY BARNELL
SHIRLEY BLAIS
MADDALENA CALTABIANO
FLORENCE CARLONE
SHELLEY CASLER
CONSTANCE CUTLER
EVELYN GALSTER
VIRGINIA GALUSHA
B. JEAN LINCOLN
MARY ANN MACKEY
HENRYKA B. MATTIACCIO

JO ANN C. MERRICK
BARBARA A. MULLER
JUDITH MUSCHEL
ROCHELLE PYLMAN
SHARON SELLERS
GERTRUDE SINGER
ANNA M. SPICER
BERYL STIBBS
GEORGANNA THURNER
MARY WILLIAMS

PROBATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET - 1978

<u>CODE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>1977 ADOPTED BUDGET</u>	<u>1978 ADOPTED BUDGET*</u>
101	Regular Employees Salaries and Wages	\$1,254,031	\$1,065,058
103	Seasonal and Temporary Employees Wages	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
PERSONAL SERVICES - TOTAL		\$1,257,031	\$1,068,058
828	State Employees Retirement		\$ 252,838
833	Payments to State for Social Security		\$ 72,322
836	Hospital, Medical, and Surgical Insurance		<u>\$ 58,012</u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - TOTAL			\$ 383,172
TOTAL PERSONNEL		\$1,257,031	\$1,451,230
203	Furniture, Furnishings, and Office Machines	\$ 1,443	\$ 4,704
205	Automotive Equipment		
210	All Other Equipment		
EQUIPMENT - TOTAL		\$ 1,443	\$ 4,704
303	Books, Office Supplies and Materials	\$ 18,800	\$ 9,750
312	Automotive Supplies and Materials	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS - TOTAL		\$ 19,300	\$ 10,250
401	Travel	\$ 22,215	\$ 19,650
403	Maintenance and Repairs	4,700	92,496
405	Utilities	35,000	30,700
407	Rents	10,375	19,050
408	Fees for Services, Non-employees	1,500	2,000

PROBATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET - 1978 (cont'd)

<u>CODE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>1977 ADOPTED BUDGET</u>	<u>1978 ADOPTED BUDGET*</u>
408.30	Data Processing Expense	45,000	
408.35	Records Disposition and Microfilming	<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
CONTRACTUAL AND OTHER EXPENSES		\$ 126,290	\$ 168,896
606	Juvenile Delinquent Care	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL		\$ 153,033	\$ 187,850
TOTAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET		\$1,410,064	\$1,639,080

*Adjusted to reflect transfer of the Non-Support Collection Unit to D.S.S., effective 1/78.

FINANCIAL REPORT - PROBATION DEPARTMENT - 1978

(RESTITUTION)

BANK BALANCE:

January 1, 1978 \$ 567.62

RECEIPTS:

January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978
Restitution Account - Adult \$38,977.26
Restitution Account - Juvenile 3,267.55
\$42,244.81

DISBURSEMENTS:

January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978
Restitution Account - Adult \$37,764.60
Restitution Account - Juvenile 3,205.55
\$40,970.15

Receipts 1978 \$42,244.81
Disbursements 1978 40,970.15
Amount Withheld in 1978 \$ 1,274.66 1,274.66

BANK BALANCE:

January 1, 1979 \$1,842.28

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Despite budget restrictions, the Probation Department staff made great use in 1978 of the courses and seminars offered by the Correctional Services Training Academy in Albany, New York. Thirty-four Probation Officers enhanced their professional knowledge by attending 11 different courses for a total of 1723 training hours at the academy.

The courses/seminars and participants are listed below:

THE LAW, DISCRETION AND THE PROBATION OFFICER

1 Probation Officer
5 Probation Officer Trainees

CRITICAL ISSUES AND FUNDAMENTALS OF PROBATION PRACTICE

13 Probation Officers
4 Probation Officer Trainees

SUPERVISION WORKSHOP IN PLANNING AND GOAL SETTING

2 Probation Officer Trainees

CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT I

1 Probation Officer Trainee

WORKSHOP IN MOTIVATION AND PRODUCTIVITY

1 Probation Officer

MEDIA WORKSHOP

1 Probation Supervisor
2 Probation Officers

FAMILY COURT INTAKE WORKSHOP

1 Probation Officer
2 Probation Officer Trainees

SUPERVISING JUVENILES

1 Probation Officer Trainee

SUPERVISION AND PROGRAM PLANNING

3 Probation Officers

CRISIS INTERVENTION

1 Probation Officer

CRITICAL ISSUES, TASK AND ACTIVITIES IN UNIT MANAGEMENT

2 Probation Supervisors

In addition to the Training Academy courses, many staff attended a wide variety of conferences, panels, seminars, and college courses. Staff members acted as "Field Instructors" to selected students from Syracuse University on a semester basis. The credits earned by "Field Instructors" accrue to our department with preference given to those "Field Instructors." Thus, these "Remitted Tuition" credits were made available to staff persons who took varying college courses.

To greatly improve the development of staff within the department, a Supervisor of Staff Training and Development was appointed in late 1978. The Supervisor will be developing individual training plans for each staff member so that every individual can continue to grow and to develop their professional capabilities.

SECTION II
FAMILY DIVISION

SERVICES TO FAMILY COURT

The Family Division of the Onondaga County Probation Department is comprised of units focusing on direct services to people who come under the jurisdiction of Family Court. The services are: Intake, Investigation and Supervision, Institutional Aftercare, Volunteers In Probation and Family Crisis Intervention Unit.

REPORT OF INTAKE UNIT

Under the Family Court Act, rules of the Court allow the probation services to attempt adjustment of suitable cases before the filing of a petition. This preliminary procedure is called Intake and is applicable to proceedings relative to Neglect, Support, Juvenile Delinquency, Persons In Need of Supervision, Family Offense and Conciliation.

Intake is defined as a sifting process directed at ascertaining which cases need Court action, which cases can be properly adjusted, and which cases should be referred to other agencies for service (diversion) without Court action. This is a voluntary service and anyone who desires a Family Court Hearing may reject Intake service.

The Onondaga County Probation Department's Intake Unit is staffed by one Supervisor, six Probation Officers, and two Petition Clerks responsible for filing Family Court petitions. The Intake service is located at the Onondaga County Office Building, 600 South State Street, Syracuse, New York.

Since June, 1977 the Family Crisis Intervention Unit has provided Intake services to Persons In Need of Supervision, residing in the Townships of Clay, Salina, Cicero, and the Villages of Liverpool and North Syracuse. See detailed program description later in this report.

The Intake staff screens all complaints to determine appropriate disposition. The worker, where practicable, will attempt to adjust the complaint at the Intake level through intensive counseling or referral to a community social agency.

If a Family Court petition is requested, the Intake Worker will draw up the legal allegation acceptable to the particular statute of the Family Court Act and refer the petitioner to a Petition Clerk for the completion and filing of the legal document.

Complete Intake Unit statistical information follows:

SOURCES OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY INTAKE UNIT

	<u>JUVENILES</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>
ATTORNEY	39	674
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	15	1205
FAMILY COURT	0	216
FAMILY COURT JUDGE	0	80
NEIGHBOR - FRIEND	0	31
RELATIVE - PARENT	442	60
SELF	0	1111
SCHOOL	134	10
LEGAL AID	0	163
SOCIAL AGENCY	10	163
POLICE:		
CITY	888	197
COUNTY	154	44
RAILROAD	10	0
STATE	121	21
VILLAGE	287	0
OTHER	0	3
ENFORCEMENT UNIT	0	60
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	0	37
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TOTAL	2100	4075

LEGAL CATEGORY OF COMPLAINTS REGARDING JUVENILES

PERSON IN NEED OF SUPERVISION

Truancy	133
Ungovernable	499

TOTAL	632
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DELINQUENCY

Aggravated Harassment	4
Arson	9
Assault	86
Attempt to Commit a Crime	43
Burglary	360
Criminal Mischief	152
Criminal Possession Stolen Property	120
Criminal Trespass	107
Dangerous Drugs (Controlled Substance)	41
Disorderly Conduct	5
Falsely Reporting Incident	6
Forgery	8
Grand Larceny	30
Harassment	8
Loitering	6
Menacing	8
Obstructing Governmental Administration	5
Other	21
Petit Larceny	246
Possession Dangerous Weapons	142
Rape	2
Reckless Endangerment	19
Resisting Arrest	3
Robbery	28
Sexual Abuse	21
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	106
Theft of Services	5

TOTAL	1463
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MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

5

TOTAL	5
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TOTAL COMPLAINTS REGARDING JUVENILES	2100
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LEGAL CATEGORY OF COMPLAINTS FOR ADULTS

Conciliation	16
Support	780
Family Offense	1102
Wayward Minor	18
Modification of Court Order	1225
Enforcement of Court Order	118
Violation of Court Order*	215
Restoration	2
Visitation	81
Custody	298
Paternity	<u>220</u>
TOTAL	4075

* Does not include Violation of Support Order handled by Enforcement Unit.

COMPLAINTS PROCESSED AT INTAKE DURING 1978

	<u>JUVENILES</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Number of complaints provided with information	185	752	937
Number of cases opened for Intake counseling	2008	3080	5088
Direct referrals to Intake		948	948
TOTAL	<u>2193</u>	<u>4780</u>	<u>6973</u>
TOTAL INTAKE INTERVIEWS			7350

PETITIONS PREPARED BY INTAKE UNIT FOR FAMILY COURT - 1978

<u>JUVENILE PETITIONS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Delinquency	611
P.I.N.S. (Ungovernable)	311
P.I.N.S. (Truancy)	108
Neglect	0
Consent To Marry	6
Termination of Placement	19
Notice of Motion	38
Other	10
Violation of Order of Disposition	181
Restoration	<u>34</u>
TOTAL JUVENILE PETITIONS	1318

ADULT PETITIONS

Non-Support	985
Conciliation	0
Family Offense	832
Modification of Court Order	1289
Enforcement of Court Order	86
Violation of Court Order	176
Visitation	40
Custody	217
Paternity	<u>234</u>
TOTAL ADULT PETITIONS	3859*

*372 were double petitions; that is, two or more petitions requested by same petitioner.

The Probation Department is authorized by law to confer with any person seeking to file a petition in Family Court. It attempts to adjust cases whenever possible instead of accepting petitions. However, any person who does not wish to use the Intake counseling service, may have immediate access to the Court. Petitions filed without Intake counseling service are referred to as "Direct Petitions".

MOVEMENT OF INTAKE COUNSELING CASES

<u>NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS PROVIDED WITH INTAKE COUNSELING</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>JUVENILES</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CASES OPENED DURING	1977	94	19	113
CASES REMAINING END OF	1978	2008	3080	5088
CASES INVOLVED IN COUNSELING DURING	1978	2102	3099	5201
CASES CLOSED DURING	1978	2003	3087	5090

TYPES OF CASES TERMINATED

CHILD MARRIAGE				
CONCILIATION			16	16
CUSTODY			235	235
DELINQUENCY		1371		1371
ENFORCEMENT OF COURT ORDER			88	88
FAMILY OFFENSE			1086	1086
INFORMATION			4	4
MODIFICATION OF COURT ORDER			837	837
NEGLECT				
PATERNITY			224	224
PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION		632		632
SUPPORT			342	342
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER			198	198
VISITATION			49	49
WAYWARD MINOR			8	8
	TOTAL			
		2003	3087	5090

THE WAY CASES WERE TERMINATED

ADJUSTED	826	356	1182
REFERRED TO COMMUNITY AGENCY	150	113	263
PETITIONS REFERRED TO FAMILY COURT	1027	2618	3645
CASES REMAINING END OF 1978 FOR CONTINUED COUNSELING	99	12	111

FAMILY CRISIS INTERVENTION UNIT

The Family Crisis Intervention Unit has been operational since June of 1977. The staffing pattern has consisted generally of a Supervisor, three Probation Officers and a clerical worker.

The Crisis Intervention Unit continues to provide an active and aggressive Intake Diversion Program for all Persons-In-Need-of-Supervision who reside in the Northern part of the County, specifically the Townships of Clay, Salina, and Cicero and the Villages of Liverpool and North Syracuse. The unit has worked closely with schools, police, and community agencies within that geographic area.

The Unit operates on a 24 hour basis including weekends and holidays and responds to referrals within a day of receipt. Referrals come from the schools, the local police agencies, community groups, and individuals and families within the catchment area. The majority of all contacts are made in the field, many during non-traditional working hours.

The Unit has continued the Monitored Release Program. This program has been well received by the Family Court and area schools. A more detailed description of this program is included.

In August the Unit took on the additional responsibility of conducting social investigations ordered by Family Court for P.I.N.S., Family Offenses, Custody, Visitation, and Support on all referrals coming from the northern catchment area. A small number of supervision cases were also assigned to the Unit.

The projected plans for 1979 are to incorporate the Family Crisis Intervention with the main Intake Division with the anticipated result of providing a comprehensive Intake Diversion Program for all residents of the County. The two units already have developed a uniform record keeping format.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Number of Intake cases carried over from 1977

<u>P.I.N.S.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>
Ungovernable	8	2	10
Truant	2	1	3
Total	10	3	13

Termination of Intake Cases

Adjusted, Unadjusted 11 - 7 (adjusted) 4 (unadjusted)

Petitions Referred to
Family Court 2

Intake Diversion

Referrals to Family Crisis Intervention Unit 1/1/78 - 12/31/78

<u>P.I.N.S.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>
Ungovernable	56	41	96
Truant	17	11	28
Total	72	52	124

Number of cases provided with information only - 33

Termination of Intake Cases

Adjusted, Unadjusted 54 - 39 (adjusted) 15 (unadjusted)

Referred to Community Agency 11

Petitions Referred to Family Court 52

Cases Remaining at the End of 1978 for Continued Counseling 7

Numbers of Interviews -

Office Visits 113
Field Visits 654

MONITORED RELEASE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Onondaga County Probation Department provides a Monitored Release Program for children between the ages of 7 and 16 who are alleged to be Persons-In-Need-of-Supervision either by virtue of ungovernability or truancy. This program services any P.I.N.S. child residing in the City of Syracuse or the County of Onondaga that is referred to the Unit by a Family Court Judge after an initial Court appearance. At the initial Court appearance the Family Court Judge has the option of detaining a child, releasing a child, or releasing a child under the supervision of the Monitored Release Program. When a child is released under the supervision of the Monitored Release Program it is under specific conditions signed by the Family Court Judge. The Monitored Release Program is involved until a finding is made and/or a Social Investigation is ordered, or the child is returned to Court for a violation of the conditions under which (s)he was released.

The Monitored Release Program is not a treatment program but a compliance program. The family is contacted within 24 hours of the receipt of the request from Family Court to clarify, explain, and answer any questions regarding the

MONITORED RELEASE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (cont'd)

Monitored Release Program. The Law Guardian (retained counsel, if any) is contacted.

During the times that school is in session the school is contacted each day to check attendance. The family is usually contacted at least weekly. There is a minimum of one personal (home) contact. Further personal contact is on an as needed basis.

In the event of a violation of the conditions of Monitored Release the Court is notified in written form. It is at the discretion of the Court whether or not a case is scheduled for an earlier appearance.

A report of compliance with the conditions of Monitored Release is submitted to the Court prior to the Court appearance.

Total Number of P.I.N.S. Referred to Monitored Release
January 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978

Total	76
Males	45
Females	31

Number of Violations of Monitored Release Filed

Total	24
Males	16
Females	8

Number of Interviews -

Office Visits	26
Field Visits	108

DELINQUENCY PETITIONS FILED DURING 1978

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Arson	4	1
Assault	34	10
Attempting To Commit Crime	15	
Burglary	151	5
Conspiracy	1	
Criminal Mischief	44	4
Criminal Possession Controlled Substance	1	
Criminal Possession of Dangerous Weapon	6	2
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property	51	12
Criminal Trespass	18	2
False Report	1	2
Forgery	1	5
Grand Larceny	6	3
Menacing	5	
Petit Larceny	43	27
Prostitution		2
Rape	1	
Reckless Driving	1	
Reckless Endangerment	10	
Resisting Arrest	2	1
Robbery	22	2
Sexual Abuse	13	2
Unlawful Imprisonment	2	
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	60	2
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Total	492	82

PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PETITIONS FILED DURING 1978

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Truant	62	48	110
Ungovernable	168	146	314
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Total	230	194	424

FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS ON JUVENILE DELINQUENT PETITIONS
FOR 1978

	<u>WITHOUT SOCIAL</u>			<u>WITH SOCIAL</u>		
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>
Dismissed	73	9	82	0	1	1
General Docket	11	4	15	1	0	1
749A)	36	4	40	0	0	0
Suspended Judgement	4	0	4	4	1	5
Withdrawn	25	2	27	0	0	0
Pending	154	34	188	40	5	45
General Docket	3	2	5	1	0	1
749A)	60	10	70	11	3	14
Probation	0	0	0	37	7	44
Transferred To						
Other Jurisdiction	1	0	1	1	0	1
Placed	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>29</u>
Total	368	65	433	122	19	141

FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS ON PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PETITIONS

	<u>TRUANCY</u>						<u>UNGOVERNABLE</u>					
	<u>WITHOUT SOCIAL</u>			<u>WITH SOCIAL</u>			<u>WITHOUT SOCIAL</u>			<u>WITH SOCIAL</u>		
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>
Dismissed	7	2	9	0	0	0	18	20	38	2	3	5
General Docket	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	6	7	1	1	2
749A)	8	4	12	3	0	3	2	9	11	3	1	4
Susp. Jud.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	4
Withdrawn	2	1	3	0	1	1	15	17	32	2	1	3
Pending	16	13	29	7	9	16	20	21	41	18	15	33
General Docket	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0
749A)	1	6	7	2	1	3	10	9	19	2	4	6
Probation	0	0	0	11	5	16	0	0	0	31	18	49
Trans. to Oth. Jur.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Placed	0	0	0	3	4	7	0	0	0	36	18	54
TOTAL	36	28	64	26	20	46	70	83	153	98	63	161
			110						314			

INVESTIGATION AND SUPERVISION UNIT

INVESTIGATION:

The investigation is ordered by the Family Court Judge and involves collecting information from social and legal sources. It is a summation of the person's early years as well as an assessment of current functioning.

The Family Division handles not only investigations as juveniles but adult investigations which are not of a criminal nature. This category includes support, custody, visitation, family offenses, petitions for consent to marry. Juvenile investigations include persons in need of supervision (truancy and ungovernable) and delinquent matters. The summary information leads in the direction of where the client is at the time of the investigation, frequently utilizing outside professional consultants such as psychologists, medical consultants, outside psychiatrists to help assess the needs of the client. With this additional information, the investigator then helps to establish a plan of treatment. All persons involved, including the client, make a significant contribution to the plan of treatment and from this plan, a recommendation is made to the Family Court Judge regarding an appropriate disposition for the case.

Appropriate recommendations are not only contingent upon accurate assessment of needs of the client, but also upon the existence of appropriate services available to the Probation Department and the Family Court. It is the Family Court Judge alone who has the final responsibility of making a decision on each case.

An inordinate amount of time is spent by the Probation Officer in seeking these services in order to make appropriate and realistic recommendations to Family Court, thus distracting from time which might more profitably be spent in a supervision capacity.

SUPERVISION:

Should this disposition in the probation investigation be one of probation itself, the investigation will help the Supervising Probation Officer toward establishing a realistic goal for his client.

Coordinating of services and supervision of a young person is a tremendous responsibility. Obviously, one person cannot meet all of these needs. Therefore, frequently these young people are also referred to, and are being seen by, other social agencies within the community. Many youngsters are also referred for volunteer services to help them make full and profitable use of their leisure time. In recent years, the Probation Officer has become a case manager to a much greater extent than in the past. The Probation Officer maintains regular contact with the client through office visits and helping implement the plan of treatment with other agencies.

INVESTIGATIONS REQUESTED - 1978

Custody	104
Family Offense	18
Home Studies	1
Juvenile Delinquents	163
Marriage Applications	4
Neglect	18
PINS (Truancy)	61
PINS (Ungovernable)	189
Support	1
Violation of Orders of Disposition	50
Visitation	24
Other Jurisdictions	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	649

SUPERVISION CASE LOAD - POST-ADJUDICATORY

On Probation at Beginning of Year	169
Probationers Received During Year	<u>171</u>
TOTAL	340

Passed From Probation:

A. Probation Completed	95
B. Transferred Out	44
C. Probation Revoked	50
Total Passed From Probation	<u>-189</u>
TOTAL ON PROBATION AT END OF YEAR	151

DISPOSITIONS OF VIOLATIONS FILED DURING 1978

	<u>JD</u>	<u>PINS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pending	17	44	61
Withdrawn	15	24	39
Placement D.S.S.	4	17	21
Placement D.F.Y.	1	4	5
Probation	2	3	5
Extended One Year		3	3
Suspended Judgement (Previous Order Continued)	5	11	16
Dismissed	6	16	22
Placement Terminated		3	3
Discharged	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	51	128	179

JUVENILE PLACEMENTS MADE DURING 1978

<u>D.S.S. PLACEMENTS AT PRIVATE FACILITIES</u>	<u>J.D.</u>		<u>PINS</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
D.S.S.			1	
Berkshire	3		14	
Camelot			1	
Catholic Social Services	2		6	2
Cayuga Home			2	2
Charlton				3
Childrens Home (Schenectady)			2	
Children's Home of Wyoming Conf.				1
Elmcrest	2		3	
Foster Care	1		7	6
Gateway			2	1
George Jr. Republic	2		3	1
Gra-Mar			1	
Greer Woodycrest			1	
Gustavus Adolphus	1	1	2	1
Hillside				1
Hopevale		1		4
House of Good Shepherd			2	1
Hutchings			2	
LaSalle	4		8	
Lincoln Hall	7		7	
Rhinebeck			2	
St. Annes		1		17
Salvation Army				7
Susquehanna			2	
Vanderhayden Hall	1		1	1
	23	3	69	48

DFY PLACEMENTSJ.D.PINS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
DFY	8	1	7	4
Annesville	4			
Baker Hall			1	
Childrens Home of Wyoming Conf.	1			
Foster Care	1			
George Jr. Republic		1	1	
Group Home	2		2	5
Hopevale				1
House Of Good Shepherd	1			
Industry	3			
Lincoln Hall	1		1	
St. Cabrini			1	1
South Kortwright	1			
South Lansing	1	1		
Tryon	1			
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	24	3	13	11

INSTITUTIONAL LIAISON AND AFTERCARE

Every one of the institutional placements utilized by the Onondaga County Family Court for children whose needs require placement in an institutional setting are located outside of the borders of Onondaga County. If a boy or girl is able to function within a group home, boarding home or foster home, there are several agencies within the community that can provide this service, and this service is given preference.

Traditionally, two probation staff persons have followed through on the children's cases in order to insure that the children are receiving appropriate services and that the family is being prepared for his or her return home.

This service begins with consultation with probation staff when placement seems indicated and proceeds to meeting with child and parent before placement is made by the Family Court Judge. Routine visits at the institution with the child and the Social Work staff follow. Whenever possible, the Probation Officer attends and participates in a progress conference at the institutional setting. Periodic contacts with the parents by the Probation Officer are vital as this information is shared with the institutional staff in developing home visits and discharge plans.

Records of placement progress are maintained in the probation files. When situations arise or change in placement planning is deemed appropriate or necessary, the Probation Officer acts as a Liaison and a Facilitator between the institution and the Family Court. The Probation Officer is also responsible for doing updated Social Investigations and making recommendations when ordered by the Court.

Following discharge, the aftercare worker provides supervision and makes referrals for the child and family to appropriate community agencies in order to continue the treatment plan. Unfortunately, community based educational programs or alternative living arrangements to the home which the child left are not always available.

At the close of the calendar year 1978, 108 children were in private placement in institutions. This represented a dramatic increase over the previous year.

FAMILY COURT LIAISON

The primary function of the Family Court Liaison is that of gathering and dispensing information. The Liaison must keep abreast of all probation referral cases in Family Court and be able to represent any given Probation Officer in court on any given court date. In so doing, the Court, as well as the Law Guardian designated to the case, has current information as to the progress of the case.

The Liaison works most closely with the Assistant County Attorney who prosecutes all juvenile matters for the county. The Liaison must also communicate with the Juvenile Intake Division as well as the Police Department to get background information on current petitions in order to ascertain whether or not secure detention is advisable for any given child. In other instances, where home release (or monitored home release in PINS matters) is not feasible, it may be necessary to contact non-secure detention and give that agency what information there is available on a given youngster. Occasionally, a DSS foster home must be located for a youngster.

The Liaison must also keep a running record of all Social Investigations ordered by Family Court Judges and see that they are processed by the court clerical staff. The Liaison also delivers the requests for Social Investigations to the Probation Department as well as taking the completed socials to court. In designated Felony matters, the Liaison sets up psychological and psychiatric exams for the individuals. These evaluations are required by new portions of the Family Court Law. All Monitored Release referrals are immediately communicated to that unit.

We have been very fortunate in that we have obtained from the community volunteers who perform certain functions to assist the Family Court Liaison in Family Court. When the court moved to having four judges operating simultaneously, it became necessary to obtain and train five to eight volunteers from the community who are able to enlighten clients as to court procedures. The volunteers also obtain signatures from clients, families or medical attention while in detention and signatures for permission to conduct interviews with collateral contacts in the course of the subsequent probation investigation. The present training course for volunteers consists of several informal lectures and a tour of Hillbrook and the non-secure detention facility. After the volunteers commence their work, the Liaison supervises their efforts and calls at least one monthly meeting for follow-up and discussion. We are deeply indebted to Carol Levine, Paula Ennis, Doris Ianuzi, Anna Mae VanDoren, Rhoda Galligher and Maggie Matthewson for their efforts, concern and devotion as Family Court Volunteers.

It is important that the Liaison be knowledgeable in the several areas which comprise the Criminal Justice System so that efforts of the police, the Probation Department, the numerous community agencies, and Family Court can best be utilized to secure service for the troubled youth that come to our attention.

VOLUNTEERS IN PROBATION - 1978

The Volunteers In Probation Program (V.I.P.) has just completed its fifth year of operation and continues to provide a vital ancillary service for the Probation Department. The main ingredient of the program is the "one-to-one" relationship based on empathy and trust which is established between the volunteer and probationer. The preponderance of our volunteers function in this "big brother-big sister" capacity, however, there are alternative roles for those volunteers who wish to participate in a particular area of expertise, such as budget counselors, employment counselors, etc.

The criteria for acceptance into the program as a volunteer are simply that the applicant be at least 18 years of age, of good character and willing to contribute approximately three hours of service weekly over a six month period.

During the past year, June 9 was proclaimed by County Executive Mulroy and Mayor Alexander to be Volunteers In Probation Day throughout the county and city. There was also a Volunteers In Probation Night at MacArthur Stadium hosted by the Syracuse Chiefs which was quite successful and provided an opportunity for over 200 volunteers, probationers, probation officers, family members and friends to attend the ball game and interact socially.

The V.I.P. Program is always in need of conscientious and compassionate individuals who are interested in becoming companions and friends to probationers. To meet this need, an ongoing recruitment program is maintained which strives to educate the citizenry to the objectives of this program through the dissemination of news releases to the media and public presentations before community groups. There is also a monthly orientation program which is held during the evening hours on the third Wednesday of each month to insure that the prospective volunteers have a knowledge and understanding of the program and their role.

During 1979, one of the major goals of the program will be to organize more group activities for the probationers and volunteers. To accomplish this, however, it will be necessary for monies to be raised to subsidize the cost of some of these events (a field trip, picnic, hayride, Christmas party and appreciation banquet for the volunteers and probationers are tentative activities). Although there was a request for funding for the program through the Probation Department budget, this request was not approved for the 1979 fiscal year. Therefore, it is hoped that a "Tag Day" will be scheduled and held during the latter part of the spring, if such a fund raising activity is permissible under the county charter.

In any event, we in the Volunteers In Probation Program feel that the probationers and volunteers derive immeasurable benefit from the relationships that are established as a result of their participation in the program and we also feel that the conscientious volunteers assist the Probation Department in meeting the needs of our community's youth.

PROBATION EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The primary objective of the Probation Employment Program (P.E.P.) is to link up existing probation services with paid employment opportunities (jobs) for youths 14 through 17 years of age who are either under probation supervision or involved in a Family Court matter and interested in obtaining employment.

Since the program began on July 10, 1978, there have been 125 Probationers' applications processed. Subsequent to these applications being processed, 100 of the probationers attended an orientation session, of which there are two conducted weekly, on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

72 or 57% of the 125 Probationers whose applications were processed have been successful in obtaining employment through the program. If the 25 Probationers who did not attend an orientation session were deleted from these statistics, the total number of actual applications processed is reduced to 100 and using that figure, we find that 72% of the Probationers were hired. The following categories show the present status of the 72 Probationers who either were or are employed:

- I. Total number attending orientation - 100
- II. Total number interviewed - 74
- III. Total number employed - 72
- IV. Number not hired after interview - 2
- V. Laid off - 7
- VI. Quit - 23
- VII. Fired - 11
- VIII. Probationers presently employed - 31
- IX. Probationers currently awaiting employment interviews - 11
- X. Probationers who haven't attended orientation, but are active - 16
- XI. Total number of Probationers employed (Items V - VIII) - 72

PROBATION EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (cont'd)

In analyzing the reasons why the 23 Probationers quit their respective jobs, one finds the most common reasons given being that the Probationers had a change in their living situation or returned to school. An analysis of why 11 Probationers were fired from their jobs reveals that most were excessively absent from the job or recalcitrant toward their employer. Two of the 11, however, were fired because of alleged criminal involvement.

One of the strengths of the Probation Employment Program has been that it has exposed 72 Probationers to an employment experience. The program has also been successful in exposing 100 Probationers to an employment orientation program, at which they were instructed in how to prepare for an employment interview and how to comport themselves while at work.

The greatest benefit derived from this program, however, is that those Probationers who have actively participated have, as a result of being employed, learned a valuable fact of life which is that one is held accountable for his or her actions. The best example of that would be that the youngsters who have performed satisfactorily on the job have been rewarded in a straightforward way by receiving a paycheck and those who have not performed adequately, have suffered the consequence of being terminated.

The Probation Employment Program is funded through June, 1979 and it is the hope of the probation administration that this program will be refunded. Toward that end, a refunding proposal is currently being prepared for submission to the City County Youth Board and Division For Youth.

SECTION III
ADULT DIVISION

ADULT DIVISION - SERVICES TO THE CRIMINAL COURTS

The Adult Division of the Probation Department provides pre and post adjudicatory services to the criminal courts of Onondaga County.

The pre-adjudicatory services of the department allow the judges of the criminal courts to release selected offenders who meet program criteria in lieu of posting bail. This provides for offenders who are considered safe risks to return to the community, thus reducing the jail population and allowing the offender to resume his normal activities while awaiting disposition of the charges pending.

The Probation Department conducts presentence investigations for the courts and is required to provide recommendations on dispositions for offenders who are convicted of a crime for which they could be incarcerated for a period in excess of ninety days or receive a sentence of probation.

The department then supervises those offenders who are sentenced to probation. Supervision is the monitoring of the probationer's compliance with the conditions of probation and providing services to promote lawful behavior.

In 1978, 1783 investigations were submitted to the courts by the department, an increase of 60 over 1977. We have continued to stress appropriate minimal penetration into the Criminal Justice System. The use of the conditional discharge has been frequently recommended, primarily in cases where we have been able to successfully make referrals to other agencies, and manipulate pertinent environmental circumstances during the investigation process.

Of dispositions available, 636, or 48%, of the sentences were probation. Those under supervision presently are on probation from charges ranging from Vehicle and Traffic misdemeanors up to and including Attempted Robbery and Assault. We have 1149 offenders under supervision as of December 31, 1978.

This supervision includes the necessity of office reporting, home visits by the Probation Officer, employment and school visits, liaison with the law enforcement and community agency resources, and such other contacts as are appropriate or necessary. The majority of our probationers are male and under 25 years of age. Most probationers are either employed, in school, or in some type of training program. We consider this vital to successful supervision. Our total of 1149 probationers includes those transferred for supervision from other jurisdictions.

INVESTIGATION STATISTICS - 1978

The following statistics have been accumulated for the period January through December, 1978.

Total Adult and Youthful Offender Investigations by Court:

County Court	515
Supreme Court	147
City Court	472
Town Justice Court	497
Other Jurisdictions	<u>152</u>
Total	1783

Investigations by Residences:

City	974
County	655
Other Jurisdictions	<u>154</u>
Total	1783

Investigations by Race:

White	1300
Black	438
American Indian	37
Other	<u>8</u>
Total	1783

YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ADJUDICATIONS FOR 1978

Although by State Law an individual is considered subject to adult courts at the age of 16, those who are between the ages of 16 and 19 at the time the crime was committed may be investigated to determine their eligibility for Youthful Offender status. If the defendant has not previously been convicted of a felony, he is "eligible" for Y.O. status. However, certain crimes preclude an individual from Y.O. adjudication. Additionally, in some cases, an individual is "required" to be treated as a Y.O. When the courts handle a person as a Y.O., the criminal conviction is vacated, and the Youthful Offender adjudication is substituted. In such

YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ADJUDICATIONS FOR 1978 (cont'd)

cases, the proceedings and records are kept private. The most important aspect of the Youthful Offender adjudication is that it removes the stigma of a criminal conviction.

In 1978, there were 344 adjudications as Youthful Offender as a result of our investigations, and 314 of these were placed under probation supervision.

DISPOSITIONS ON INVESTIGATION REPORTS 1978

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Placed on Probation (does not include transfers from other jurisdictions)	636	48%
State Correctional Facility	171	13%
Onondaga County Correctional Facility	231	17%
Conditional Discharge	247	18%
All Other Dispositions	<u>59</u>	<u>4%</u>
Total	1344	100%

Of the 636 placed on probation during 1978, 58 spent the initial period of probation at the Onondaga County Correctional Facility.

SENTENCES VS. RECOMMENDATIONS

In nearly all cases where a Pre-Sentence Investigation is requested by the court, the report includes a recommendation for sentence. Below are shown the percentages of deviation from recommendation in actual sentences given by various courts. Sentences were graded in severity from less to more severe: Unconditional Discharge, Conditional Discharge, Fined, Probation, Incarceration.

It must be noted that the Probation Department does not recommend a specific sentence in the area of incarceration. We only state that the offender is a good/poor candidate for Conditional Discharge, a fine, probation, or incarceration and why.

It will be noted that the judges go along with the recommendations in approximately nine out of ten cases.

	<u>Same as Recommendation</u>	<u>Less Severe</u>	<u>More Severe</u>
Supreme Court	88%	10%	2%
County Courts	90%	7%	3%
City Courts	85%	9%	6%
Justice Courts	88%	8%	4%

CRIMES OF CONVICTION FOR OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO PROBATION IN 1978

(Not necessarily the original arrest or indictment charge)
 (List includes inter and intra-state transfers)

Aggravated Harassment	4
Arson (Attempted Arson) 2	4
Assault (Attempted Assault) 3	22
Attempted Burglary	37
Attempted Grand Larceny	12
Burglary	76
Criminal Trespass (Att. Crim. Tresp.) 1	49
Criminal Mischief	25
Criminal Impersonation	1
Conspiracy	2
Driving While Intoxicated	116
Endangering Welfare of a Child	1
Escape	1
Falsely Reporting an Accident (Making False Statement) 1	0
Forgery (Att. Forgery) 3	3
Grand Larceny	31
Issuing Bad Check	7
Labor Law	1
Menacing	2
Obstructing Governmental Administration	1
Petit Larceny (Att. Petit Larceny) 4	52
Possession Burglar Tools	1
Possession of Forged Instrument (Att. Forg. Inst.) 3	14
Possession of Controlled Substance (Att. Poss. Cont. Sub.) 3	10
Possession of Stolen Property (Att. Poss. Stolen Property) 1	48
Possession of a Weapon (Att. Poss. of a Weapon) 4	13
Public Lewdness	2
Prostitution	6
Reckless Endangerment	3
Resisting Arrest	5
Rape	1
Robbery (Att. Robbery) 2	15
Sale of a Controlled Substance (Att. Sale of Cont. Substance) 1	5
Sexual Abuse (Att. Sexual Abuse) 2	15
Sodomy	4
Social Service Law	4
Theft of Services	1
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle (Att. Un. Use) 2	22
Unlawful Imprisonment	2
Vehicle and Traffic Law, Except D.W.I.	7
Theft	1
Possession of Marijuana	5
Non-Support	6
Failing to File as Security Salesman	1
General Business Law	1
Promoting Prison Contraband	1

CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES

Another area of investigations conducted by the Adult Probation Department is the investigation for a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities. After an individual has been convicted of a crime by plea or trial, he may apply for this certificate, which may restore certain of the rights and privileges lost by the conviction. Once the application has been made, a legal and social investigation is conducted to assist the courts in deciding to grant or deny the Certificate of Relief from Disabilities. During 1978, 23 Certificates of Relief were investigated by the Probation Department.

SUMMARY OF CASE MOVEMENT - 1978

On Probation - January 1, 1978	1032
On Probation - December 31, 1978	1149
Increase	117
Per Cent of Increase	11%

OPERATIONS INVOLVED IN CASE MOVEMENT - 1978

On Probation - January 1, 1978	1032
New Sentences of Probation	640
Supervision Transfers Received	<u>110</u>
Subtotal	1782
Supervisions Completed	519
Inter/Intrastate Transfers (Out)	<u>114</u>
Subtotal	633
Total on Probation - December 31, 1978	1149

PROBATIONERS' SEX AND AGE - END OF 1978

	<u>PER CENT</u>
Males (16-18)	34%
Females (16-18)	3%
Males (19-21)	15%
Females (19-21)	3%
Males (22-24)	12%
Females (22-24)	2%
Males (25 and Over)	25%
Females (25 and Over)	<u>6%</u>
Total	100%

PROBATIONERS' EMPLOYMENT STATUS - END OF 1978

	<u>PER CENT</u>
Employed	55%
School	7%
Training	3%
Any Combination of Above	7%
Custody	3%
Job Seeking	11%
Unemployed	10%
Unemployable	4%
Total	100%

CRIME CATEGORY AND COURT OF JURISDICTION OF PROBATIONERS
RECEIVED FROM LOCAL JURISDICTION DURING 1978

	<u>PER CENT</u>
Felony	38%
Misdemeanor	62%
Total	100%
Supreme Court	10%
County Court	33%
City Court	28%
Justice Court	29%
Total	100%

LENGTH OF PROBATION SUPERVISION CLOSINGS - 1978

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PER CENT</u>
Less Than One Year	40	8%
1-2 Years	229	44%
2-3 Years	216	42%
3 Years and Over	34	6%
Total	519	100%

A Probationer may be returned to the court which sentenced him/her if the Probation Officer alleges that a condition of probation has been violated. Any such allegation must be tied to a specific condition of probation - e.g. failure to make restitution, failure to obtain suitable employment, etc. The following table reflects statistics relating to allegations of violation of probation.

VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION - 1978

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Violations Lodged	206	
Violations Disposed Of:		
Probation Revoked	64	31%
Restored to Probation	53	26%
Withdrawn/Dismissed*	52	25%
Other (e.g. Probation discontinued, sentenced on new charge)	28	13%
Dismissed by Court	<u>10</u>	<u>5%</u>
Subtotal	207	100%
Violations Pending	<u>57</u>	
Total	264	

*Includes absconders and cases dismissed because of a guilty plea on other charges.

Total lodged and total closed do not add up because of carryover cases from year to year.

NEW ARRESTS OTHER THAN FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION - 1978

During the calendar year 1978, there were 369 arrests of Probationers other than for Violation of Probation. This is significantly greater than the 1977 figure of 183.

TRANSFER CASES - 1978

Number Transferred In	110
Number Transferred Out	114

EMERGENCY DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED PROGRAM

The Emergency Driving While Intoxicated Program began in May, 1976 and continued through the year 1978 through a grant obtained by the District Attorney's Office, funded by the New York State Department of Traffic Safety. The ultimate goal of this program is to provide assurance that the driver who is an alcohol abuser and therefore a threat to the community and subsequently becomes involved in the Criminal Justice System is treated under a structured program that will provide protection of the community and provide services that will address his alcohol abuse problem. Two Probation Officer positions have been funded by this grant. The services of these Probation Officers have supplemented the work being done by the department. It should be pointed out that the problem of alcohol abuse and driving while intoxicated presents a problem much greater than that addressed by the two Probation Officers assigned to the program.

During 1978 the Probation Department conducted 198 presentence investigations involving driving while intoxicated convictions. 49 of these investigations were completed by the two probation officers assigned to the program. Data, as of December 31, 1978, indicate that there were 228 individuals on probation for Driving While Intoxicated, 110 of these individuals were being supervised by the two Probation Officers assigned to the program.

Also during 1978, the department continued to conduct pre-plea screening evaluations to determine if an individual charged with Driving While Intoxicated does have an alcohol problem and whether a presentence investigation should be conducted.

It can readily be seen from the above data, that Driving While Intoxicated problems present a significant portion of the work conducted by this department and that the special funded program for Driving While Intoxicated addresses only a portion of this problem. The current funding for the Driving While Intoxicated Program is to expire on 4/30/79.

ONONDAGA COUNTY PRE-TRIAL RELEASE
AND ASSESSMENT AND SUPERVISED
RELEASE PROJECT

During 1978, the department continued to provide pre-trial release services to the court under a grant provided by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The project continued to operate in two components, the release unit, and supervision unit. The release unit conducted the initial investigation to aid the court in reaching a decision relative to release of a detainee, and the supervision unit maintained the monitoring of those individuals released to the project.

2151 individuals were investigated by the Pre-trial Release staff. 614 recommendations for release were made to the courts. 528 individuals were conditionally released. These data give some indication of the credibility that the courts have placed in the program.

During 1978, 6899 contacts, representing contacts with those released into the program and with other interested agencies, were made. 195 referrals were made.

The mandates of the grant were followed and significant progress was made in addressing the problem of overcrowding in the Public Safety Building. Every effort was made to interview and release prospective candidates within 24 hours of arrest. The charges against the releasees ranged from felony crimes to misdemeanors and violations.

The funding for this program will expire on 3/1/79. The department has been successful in institutionalizing a portion of this program and will be in a position to continue to provide pre-trial release services to the courts in this community.

SECTION IV

PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR 1979

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1979 promises to be a particularly exciting and challenging year for the Probation Department. Beginning on January 2, the department will undergo a complete reorganization, both in terms of structure and in the way that services are delivered.

The emphasis in 1979 will be on community-based probation services. In the past, probation used primarily an office-based approach, with most of its staff located in the Civic Center, and most of its services delivered there. Staff were assigned to either the Family Division or Criminal Division, and were given specialized assignments - e.g. preparing juvenile investigations, supervising adults on probation, etc. - within those Divisions. Each phase of probation work, sometimes involving the same individual or family, was performed by a different group of people. There was little continuity from one phase to the next.

Workload was assigned randomly, with the result that a Probation Officer's cases were scattered throughout the city and county - e.g. four cases in Baldwinsville, five in LaFayette, three in Fayetteville, ten on the North side of the city, etc. Because of the extensive travel time involved, staff was not able to make many of their contacts out in the various communities, or to become familiar with the people and the resources in those areas. With the exception of the Probation Outreach Program, the department was mainly office-based, and the visibility and involvement of probation staff in the community was low.

The plans for 1979 involve the restructuring of the department in order to make it more responsive to community needs. The previous distinction between the Family and Criminal Divisions (or juvenile and adult services, as they were sometimes known) will no longer be maintained. In its place will be substituted a geographical breakdown of the workload. Six new "districts" - North, East, West, Uptown, Downtown, and South - will be created, and each geographical area will be the responsibility of a "full-service team" of probation staff, who will ultimately provide the full range of probation services to the residents of that area. (In the beginning, only two of the three main probation functions - investigations and supervision - will be done by the teams. The third - Family Court intake and diversion services - will continue to be provided by a separate Intake Unit for the time being, but will be merged into the full-service teams later in the year.)

The two Principal Probation Officers, who formerly directed the Family and Criminal Divisions, will now be responsible for one of two "service units," which will consist of several full-service teams plus one or more ancillary services, such as pre-trial release. Each full-service team will be headed by a Probation Supervisor, and will contain varying numbers of Senior Probation Officers, Probation Officers, Probation Trainees, and Probation Assistants, based on the amount of workload in that district.

Initially all the teams, except for the Downtown team (formerly Outreach) will continue to be housed in the Civic Center. However, as the reorganization progresses, and as the teams get to know their assigned areas, they will move out and set up office space in the community. Only those functions which lend themselves to centralization - like administration, pre-trial release, court services, bookkeeping, clerical services, central records room, and special temporary projects such as the new Intensive Supervision Program - will continue to be located in the main office.

These are sweeping changes in the structure and functioning of the department. We are hopeful, however, that these changes will help to:

- (1) Decrease the emphasis on office reporting;
- (2) Increase the visibility and involvement of probation staff in the community;
- (3) Allow for greater utilization of community resources;
- (4) Improve the continuity of services by having an individual or family serviced by the same team throughout their involvement with the department; and
- (5) Take better advantage of the resources within our staff by using the full-service team approach, and by increasing the involvement of staff in a wide range of issues affecting the department.

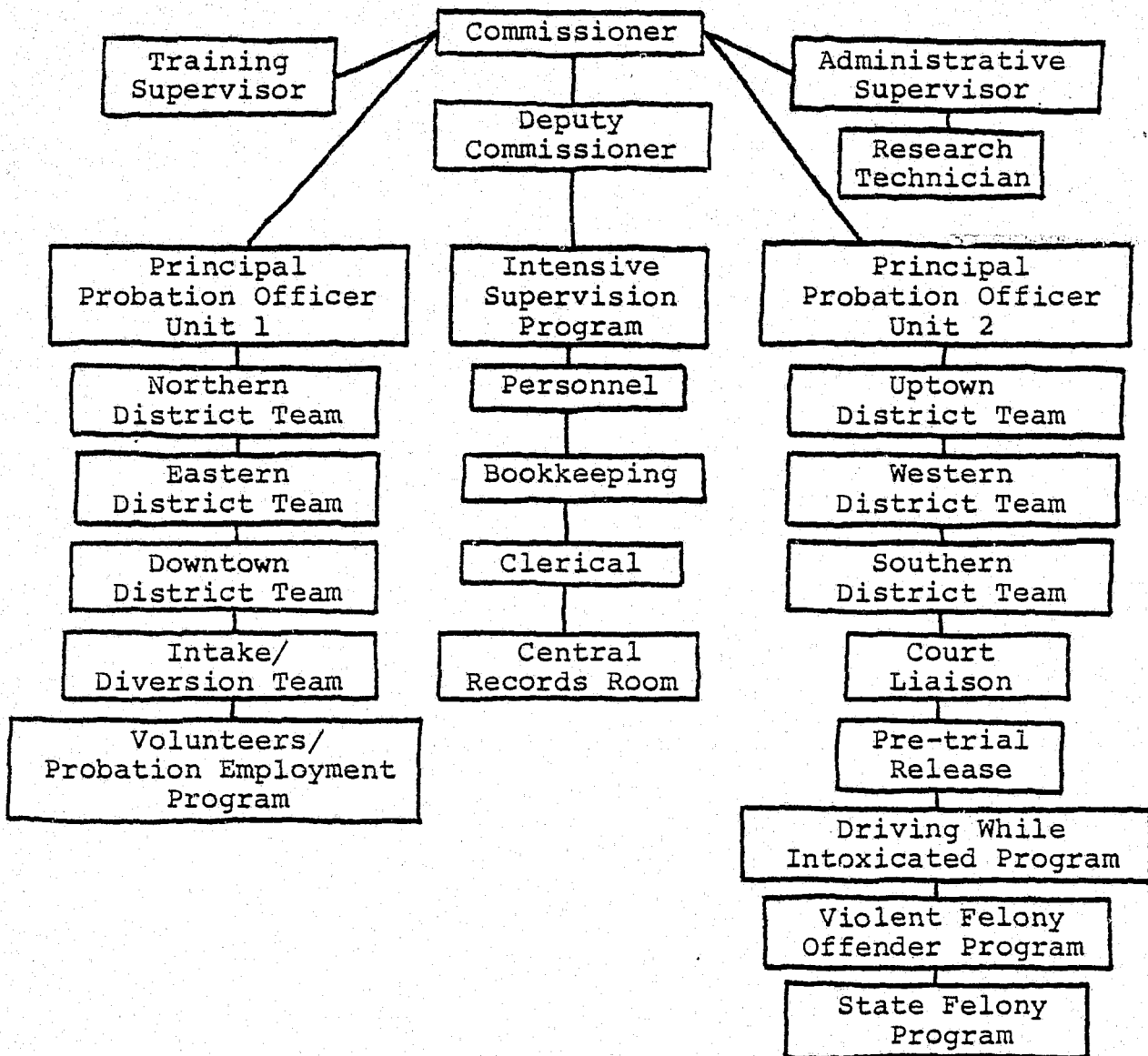
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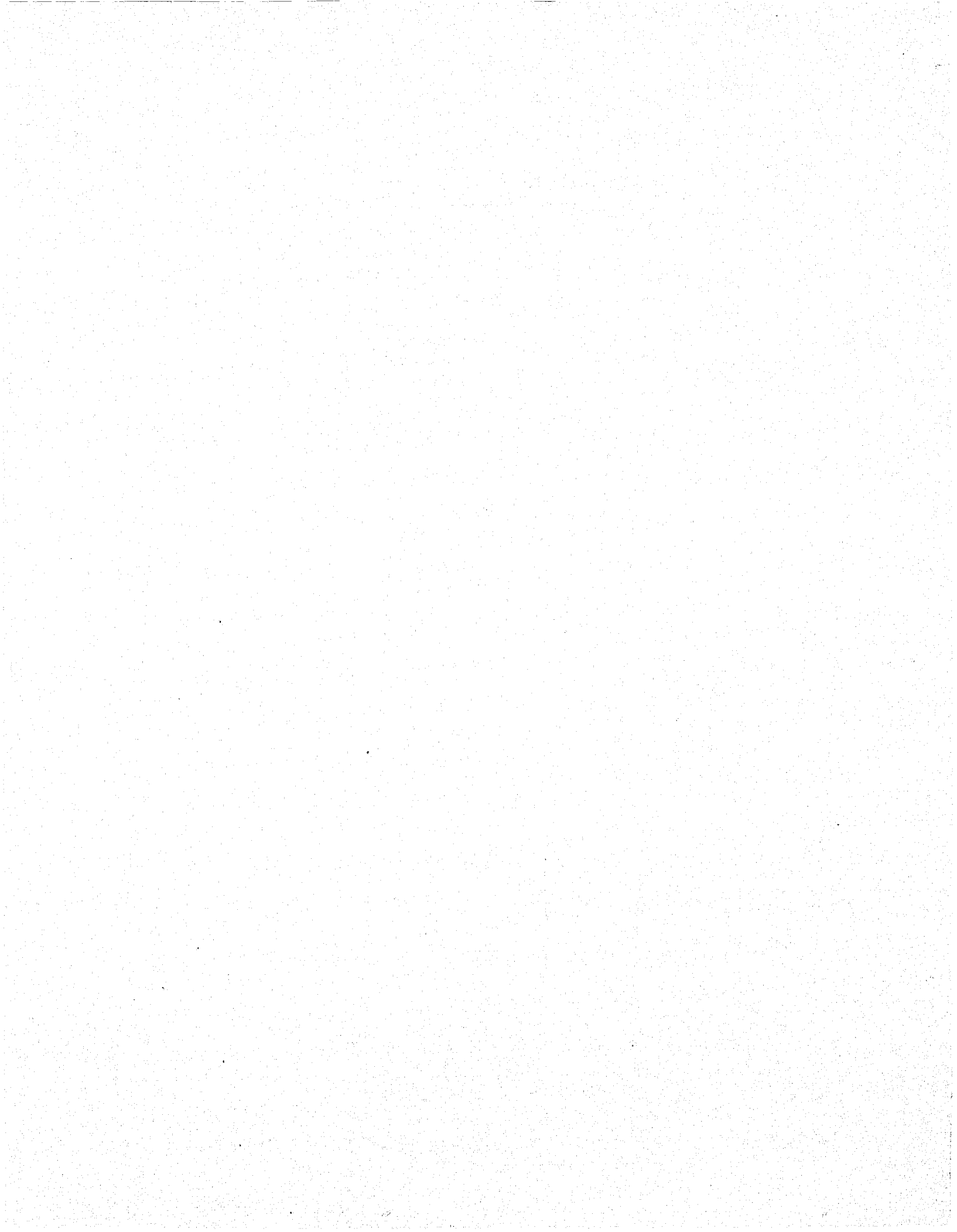
- (1) Completion of a departmental manual of policy and procedure;
- (2) Redesign of our management information system, including greater use of computers;
- (3) Creation of a central records room to replace the numerous record-keeping systems which now exist, and to serve as the "nerve center" for the improved information system;

- (4) Specification of the job duties and responsibilities at each level of the department;
- (5) Development of a system of communication and accountability, including a schedule of regular meetings to be held among various levels of staff and a series of reports which regularly flow between those levels;
- (6) An improved system for the periodic evaluation of staff;
- (7) An improved training component, under a full-time Supervisor of Training and Staff Development;
- (8) Merger of the Family Crisis Intervention Unit with the regular Intake Unit. Improvement of intake/diversion services to include more community involvement, greater use of community resources, and a lower rate of cases being petitioned to Family Court;
- (9) Continuation of the Pre-trial Assessment and Supervised Release Program, Volunteer Program, Probation Employment Program, D.W.I. Program, State Felony Program, and Violent Felony Offender Program. Start-up of the Intensive Supervision Program. Exploration of possible grants for projects dealing with community service restitution and decentralized intake services;
- (10) Discontinuation of the preparation of Family Court petitions, and shift of the primary responsibility for juvenile placements to the Department of Social Services.

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