

# Balanced and Restorative Justice Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Report Card

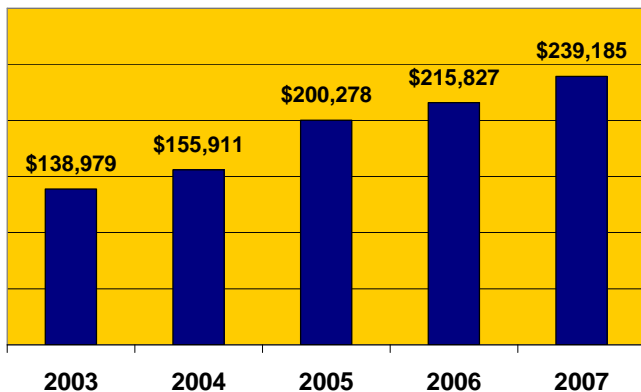
The year 2007 brought many positive changes to Allegheny County Juvenile Probation.

Allegheny County continued to maintain an active statewide role in advancing Pennsylvania's juvenile justice goals of community protection, offender accountability, and competency development. Working closely with The National Center for Juvenile Justice and others across the state, Juvenile Probation has significantly improved its ability to assess and address factors that put juveniles at risk to re-offend.

One of our main goals continues to be assisting young offenders to recognize the wrongfulness of their actions and to take initiative to repair the harm they have caused. The three-hour Victim Awareness Curriculum is utilized by Probation Officers and others in the Juvenile Justice System to assist young offenders in understanding the impact of crime on victims and communities.

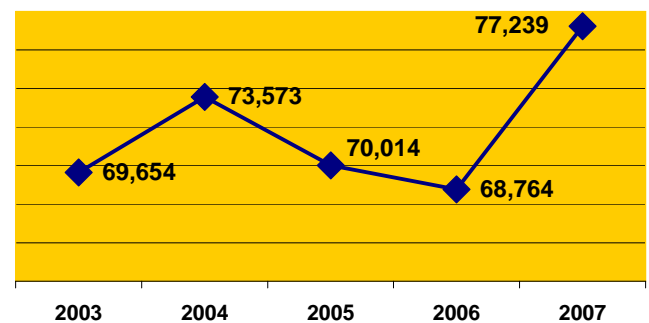
In addition, Probation Officers continue to make restitution a priority while supervising youth under the Court's jurisdiction. A total of \$239,185 was collected in restitution for cases that were closed in 2007!

## Restitution Collected



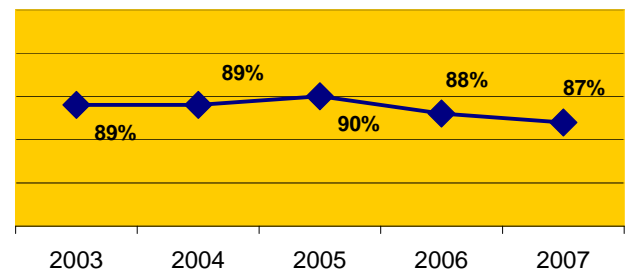
While under the supervision of Juvenile Probation, youth are held accountable to their communities through participation in community service projects. An astonishing 77,239 hours of community service was performed by youth whose cases were closed in 2007.

## Community Service Hours



In 2007, 87% of the youth under supervision were not adjudicated of a new delinquent act. Through the various innovative programs implemented by Allegheny County Juvenile Probation, juveniles are learning the consequences of their negative behavior and choosing to take the right path in life.

## Successfully Completed Supervision Without Re-Offending



This report card illustrates the diverse ways we are teaching juvenile offenders to take responsibility for their crimes, repair the harm they have caused, and to become crime-free, tax-paying citizens.

## Victim's Garden



Juvenile Probation, in collaboration with the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime, and Pittsburgh Action Against Rape sponsored a Victim's Garden. Probation staff and youth planted the garden in the Family Law Center's courtyard. The stone marker states, "May this garden's growth symbolize your journey through healing."

## Youth Testifies at Congress



A youth from the Allegheny County Probation – Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP) testified before Congress.

The purpose of the hearings and the testimony on July 12, 2007 was to allow members of Congress to learn more about current efforts that are being taken to effectively combat juvenile crime and to reduce recidivism.

## Adam's Story

Adam grew up in public housing. During his formative years he had no relationship with his biological father or an estranged sister that he never met. Moreover, his older brothers encouraged him to pursue a life of crime. Two of his brothers are serving terms in prison and a younger sibling has entered the justice system.

Adam first entered the system at the age of 15 for theft and burglary charges. He soon returned for a separate theft charge and was ordered to pay \$2000 in restitution to his victim.

Adam was able to make the bi-weekly scheduled payments and began to see the benefits of employment. He also took this opportunity to move his mother from their apartment to a neighborhood with less crime. Adam has graduated from a trade school with a Class A certificate to drive 18 wheel tractor-trailers. His long-term goal is to obtain his Hazmat Materials license.

*"If anyone grows up rough and says they can't change...look at me, they can"*  
Quote; Adam 2008

## Teens Help Veterans with Tank Project



A group of youth under the supervision of Juvenile Probation took part in the renovation of a McKeesport landmark. Along with war veteran Frank Tarli, the youth painted the World War II tank, which is located in Renziehausen Park.

Mr. Tarli was quoted as saying, "It's a real asset to the community, and these guys are making the community a better place by helping me."

The above stories are just a few of the many examples of how Allegheny County Juvenile Probation and the Juvenile Justice System are making a difference in our community.

To learn more about Juvenile Probation go to our website located at:

<http://www.alleghenycountycourts.us/family/juvenile/juvenile.asp>



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