

Wells County Probation

2021 Annual Report

Introduction

The following annual report of 2021 was submitted to Judges of the Wells Circuit and Superior Courts May 2022.

2021 was a period after the COVID 19 protocols of 2020. Everything from overall census, supervision practices, drug tests, continuing education, and budget expenditures were affected by COVID. 2021 began to see service resuming toward pre-COVID activity.

Staff and Office Hours

- We continue to offer office hours for 44.5 hours per week utilizing flexible scheduling among probation officers.
 - 8 – 4:30 Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri
 - 8 – 6:30 Tue (* weeks with holiday closure or mandatory training we close at 4:30)
- Field contacts pursuant to case plans
- Placement and school visits as required

Staff

Staff at the end of 2021:

Scott Ailor – probation officer

Vicki Cale – probation officer

Stephanie Eddy – probation officer

Jessica Nix – probation officer consultant

Greg Steele– field officer

Katrina Okey – secretary

Stephen Pastore – probation officer

Allison Perry – probation officer

Valerie Runyon – probation officer

Jan Stronczek – secretary

Gregory Werich – chief probation officer

In 2021 we worked with no high school or college student interns.

WORKLOAD Adult 2021

<u>ADULT REPORT SUMMARY</u>						
<u>(end of 4th Quarter)</u>						
	2021		2021		2021	
(comparison data in small font)	Felons	(2020)	Misdemeanants	(2020)	Total	(2020)
Supervisions pending (end of 4th quarter)	263	244	198	225	461	469
Presentence Investigation Reports (annual)	81					95
New Substance abuse cases (annual)	83	90	114	136	197	226
New Sex offender Cases (annual)	5	10	0	0	5	10
				2020		
Supervision Risk Levels (end of 4th quarter)	High	21	} 26%	23	} 24%	
	Medium	100		98		
	Low	121	26%	208	42%	
	Admin	192	42%	157	32%	
	Unknown	27		9		

WORKLOAD Juvenile 2021

JUVENILE REPORT SUMMARY (4th Quarter)	2021				2020
	Non-Status	Status	Other	Total	
Referrals Disposed (annual)	106	33	0	139	85
Supervisions (end of period)	20	7	0	27	26
New Substance abuse cases				7	4
New Sex offender Cases				4	5
				2020	
Supervision Risk Levels (end of 4th quarter)	High	0	33%	1	48%
	Medium	9		11	
	Low	15	55%	13	52%
	Admin	0		0	
	Total	24		25	
	No Entry	3		2	

WORKLOAD Juvenile Placements 2021

<u>JUVENILE PLACEMENTS (Annual)</u>				
	2021		<u>2020</u>	
	Days	Children	Days	Children
Probation Supervision		60	-	79
Foster Placements (DCS Paid)	1356	8	444	7
Detentions	343	12	335	11
DOC	351	2	687	5
Home Detention	194	5	203	7
Total Removal Days	2254		1818	
Total Children		21		30

WORKLOAD Drug Tests

<u>Drug Tests Data</u>				
2021	Total Tests	Total People	Positive Tests	Percentage
Total Tests Collected by probation	1225	260	640	44%
Total Tests Recorded (includes other agencies)	1235			
2020 Total	633	180	332	52%
<u>Drugs Found in Tests</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>%</u>
Marijuana	246	32%	126	38%
Opiate	36	5%	14	4%
Ethyl Glucuronide	55	7%	22	7%
Fentanyl	30	4%	13	4%
Amphetamine	119	16%	123	37%
Methadone	60	8%	13	4%
Methamphetamine	10	1%	18	5%
Benzodiazepine	5	1%	4	1%
Morphine/Opiate	0	0%	0	0%
Oxycodone	7	1%	5	2%
Cocaine	18	2%	8	2%
Buprenorphine	138	18%	68	20%
Dilute Validity	43	6%	29	9%

WORKLOAD Drug Test Table

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Drug Test Table

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
	DAILY CALL IN	1 test per 30 days minimum	1 test per 60 days minimum	Incidents of Attention †
ISP Phase I	All			
ISP Phase II	All			
Re-Entry ~	Until completion of assessment and/or treatment stabilization			
Disruption Noted Cases *	High IRAS Screening finding and Completion of assessment process	H/M Overall Risk and High S/A Need	H/M Overall Risk and Moderate S/A Need	All risk levels
All other cases				All risk levels

All persons under probation supervision are subject to testing upon suspicion of use. Probationer may be placed on more intensive testing schedule as part of case plan intervention, sanction, or for evaluation before supervision adjustment.

~ Re-Entry - Release from incarceration after 182 actual days.

* Disruption Noted Case— any of the substance abuse offenses denoted by the Indiana Office of Court Services (IC 7.1; IC 9-30-5; IC 16-42; or IC 35-48) or where there is indication that substance abuse is an element of the offense (i.e., under the influence at time of offense).

† Incident of Attention—e.g., police contact, anonymous call, uncharacteristic or non compliant behavior, other agency drug test findings

BEHAVIOR RESPONSES

Probation as a community supervision is transforming into a system of responding to behaviors which most affect recidivism.

- Individuals who are willing to change targeted behavior, or at least contemplate changing targeted behavior, will be reinforced for:
 - positive / prosocial behaviors with incentives
 - negative / undesired behaviors with sanctions
- Individuals who violate their terms of probation and reflect no desire to change their behavior will be returned to court with a violation petition.

BEHAVIOR RESPONSES Overview

- Positive and prosocial behavior are celebrated and rewarded as a success under community supervision strategies.
- Negative and undesired behaviors, conversely, are challenged and sanctioned to decelerate activities which may likely lead to recidivism.
- Recidivism or absconding from supervision results in petitions to revoke probation.
- Based on cognitive-behavioral models, the probation department uses tools of the Indiana Risk Assessment System (IRAS) and Indiana Youth Assessment System (IYAS), as well as other recognized assessment tools to ascertain individuals' willingness and ability to change behavior.

BEHAVIOR RESPONSES Overview Data

Of all 894 people we supervised in 2021

- 77% (690) were supervised without a violation petition filed
- 23% (204) had at least one violation petition filed

Of all 991 people we supervised in 2020

- 75% (744) were supervised without a violation petition filed
- 25% (247) had at least one violation petition filed

BEHAVIOR RESPONSES Overview Data

464 people were terminated from probation in 2021

- 78% (362) were terminated from probation
- 22% (102) were revoked or absconded
 - 46 revoked for new offense
 - 41 revoked for technical violations
 - 15 were closed as absconded

• 552 people were terminated from probation in 2020

- 75% (416) were terminated from probation
- 24% (135) were revoked or absconded
 - 79 revoked for new offense
 - 38 revoked for technical violations
 - 19 were closed as absconded

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BEHAVIOR RESPONSES Overview Data

Based on information available in the Supervised Release System (SRS) of INCite, the following information was gleaned from records in 2021 from both juvenile and adult jurisdictions. (All first filings table).

- Total of 894 people were supervised in 2021
- 23% (204) individuals had a violation filed
- 33% (71) were filed in the first 120 days of supervision
- 40% (85) were for new law violations
- 52% (111) were high or moderate risk
- 20% (43) of the technical violations were for drug use while on probation
- Overall, 346 violation petitions were filed on the 204 people.

Comparison data from 2020 is provided below.

- Total of 991 people were supervised in 2020
- 25% (247) individuals had a violation filed
- 32% (87) were filed in the first 120 days of supervision
- 39% (104) were for new law violations
- 45% (114) were high or moderate risk
- 35% (58) of the technical violations were for drug use while on probation
- Overall, 384 violation petitions were filed for the 247 people.

BEHAVIOR RESPONSES

Incentives and Sanctions

- The goal for use of incentives and sanctions is for quick response to targeted behavior for best chance at change.
- We hope to increase incentive and sanction use in lieu of probation violation petitions over time.
- Such reductions will consume less resources such as court time and jail bed space.
- Using probation violation data from past we anticipate a reduction in future technical violations by using incentives and sanctions.

BEHAVIOR RESPONSES

Incentives and Sanctions Definitions & Data

- Sanctions are responses to undesired behaviors in which probation believes the individual is still willing/able to change but reinforcement is needed to curb the behavior.
- Incentives are responses to recognize and reinforce desired behavior.
- Interventions are tools we use to help modify behavior from undesired to desired.

Sanctions		
Name	Number	Percentage
Verbal Warning	15	18%
Placed on Drug Testing Call-in Program	27	32%
Increased Supervision or Services	10	12%
Home Detention	1	1%
Petition to revoke probation	13	15%
Extension of Probation	16	19%
Community Control	2	2%
Community Service	1	1%
Total	85	100%

Sanction Behaviors		
Behavior	Number	Percentage
Violation of Probation Condition (list in comments)	2	2%
Failure to comply with counseling requirements	8	9%
Use of Drugs or Alcohol	48	56%
New Offense- Greater or equal to current offense	4	5%
Failure to Report	6	7%
Failure to Pay	2	2%
Failed drug screen	6	7%
truant	2	2%
curfew violation	2	2%
incorrigible behavior	4	5%
missing assignments	1	1%
Total	85	100%

Incentive Behaviors		
Behavior	Number	Percentage
Engaged in pro-social activities	1	1%
Compliance with counseling referral	5	3%
Completed a counseling program	5	3%
Compliant overall with supervision requirements	60	34%
Prepared for probation meetings (homework, samples, prescriptions, etc)	2	1%
Demonstrated a skill	2	1%
Completed Call in Program (case plan)	13	7%
Substance free	3	2%
Satisfy financial obligations on schedule	1	1%
Overall compliance	84	47%
Appropriate communication	1	1%
Total	177	100%

Incentives		
Name	Number	Percentage
Verbal Praise	21	12%
Incentive Card	54	31%
Hotline Completion Letter	14	8%
Stephanie's Stars	82	46%
Early Release	1	1%
Curfew Extension	1	1%
Reduced Reporting	4	2%
Total	177	100%

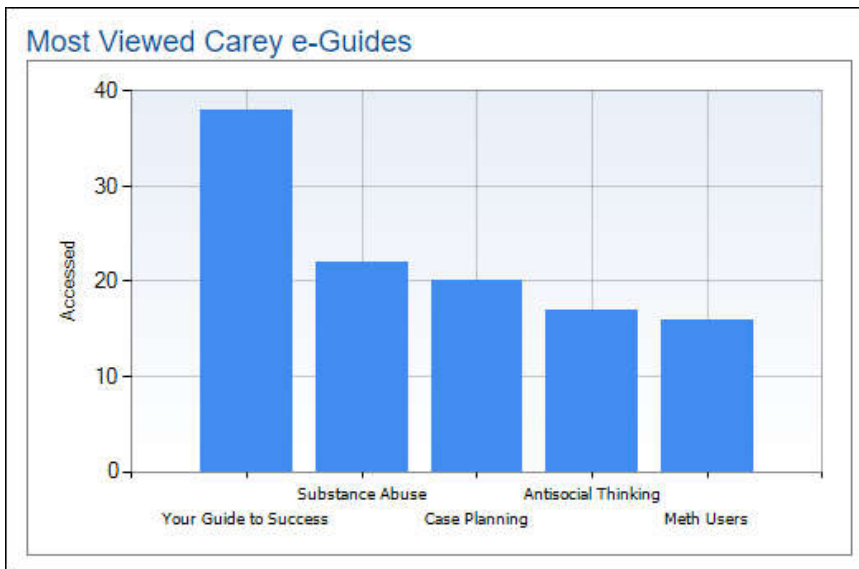
Interventions

Name	Number	Percentage
Carey Guide or EPICS	8	19%
Counseling	25	60%
Increased Reporting	3	7%
Placed on a call on program	5	12%
Removed or added Probation Condition	1	2%
Total	42	100%

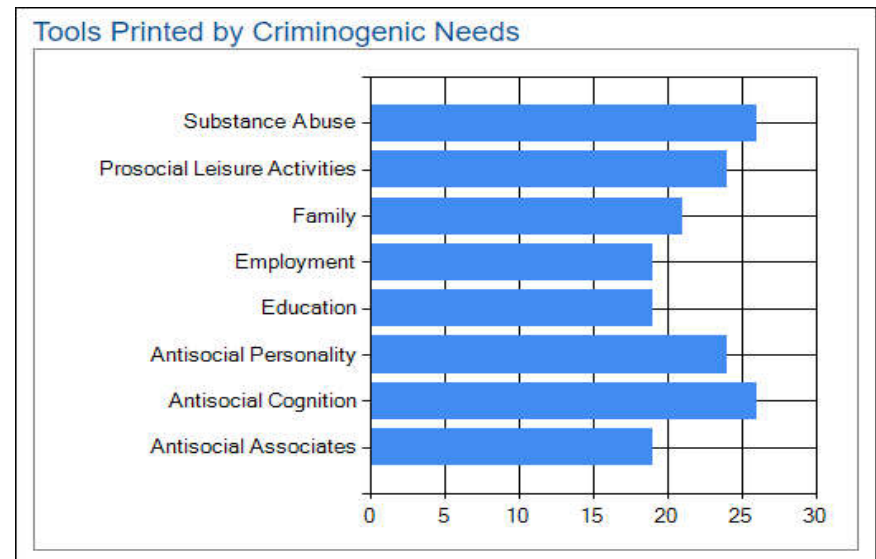
Intervention Behaviors

Behavior	Number	Percentage
Poor Decision Making	3	7%
Alcohol Use	6	14%
Drug Use	33	79%
Total	42	100%

Carey Guides tools (web-based)



Carey Guides Toos (printer versions)



BEHAVIOR RESPONSE Interpretation

- We note that we filed fewer petitions for failed drug tests in 2021 than in 2020 while the percentage of petitions filed for new law violations remained about the same (page 13). We believe this data suggests that our use of administrative sanctions does not result in increases in new law violations.

FINANCIAL

- Beginning in 2021 the probation department budget was incorporated into the Wells Circuit Court budget.
 - Total Probation Operations Budget: \$521,586.
 - Personnel: \$488,780
 - Percent of budget from Users Fees: 20.57%
- Fund Balances as of December 31, 2021
 - Adult User Fees \$297,364
 - Juvenile User Fees \$35,002
 - Drug Test Funds \$14,518
 - County Offender Transportation Fund \$4,722
 - Substance/Indigent Fund \$ 3,260

FINANCIAL Restitution Collection

- Probation assisted in the collection of \$62,988 in restitution in 2021.
- For comparison we assisted in the collection of \$50,136 in restitution in 2020.

FINANCIAL User Fee Collections

Year								
	<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Superior</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Admin.</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>UT Fees</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021					(full amount recorded)			
Jan	\$ 3,138.44	\$ 6,998.55	\$ 38.80	\$ 1,993.34		\$ 325.00	\$ 75.90	\$ 12,570.03
Feb	\$ 2,544.00	\$ 4,625.73	\$ 276.45	\$ 1,408.35		\$ 520.00	\$ 75.75	\$ 9,450.28
Mar	\$ 1,145.04	\$ 11,742.15	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 3,721.83		\$ 913.75	\$ 97.98	\$ 18,726.55
Apr	\$ 1,377.82	\$ 7,392.89	\$ 344.35	\$ 2,332.89		\$ 845.00	\$ 93.75	\$ 12,386.70
May	\$ 1,173.70	\$ 5,370.98	\$ 38.80	\$ 1,274.16	\$ 125.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 102.22	\$ 8,434.86
Jun	\$ 274.51	\$ 6,902.04	\$ 465.60	\$ 949.50	\$ 125.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 72.41	\$ 9,129.06
Jul	\$ 485.00	\$ 2,598.15	\$ 19.40	\$ 999.34	\$ 125.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 66.89	\$ 4,698.78
Aug	\$ 2,800.71	\$ 4,236.77	\$ 275.48	\$ 1,748.77	\$ 125.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 91.55	\$ 9,858.28
Sep	\$ 247.35	\$ 3,658.36	\$ 518.95	\$ 1,539.13	\$ -	\$ 355.00	\$ 127.65	\$ 6,446.44
Oct	\$ 1,441.97	\$ 3,176.81	\$ 208.55	\$ 1,384.93	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 107.88	\$ 6,695.14
Nov	\$ 1,985.10	\$ 3,007.00	\$ 490.82	\$ 1,564.48	\$ 125.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 165.60	\$ 7,883.00
Dec	\$ 1,185.95	\$ 3,210.70	\$ 688.70	\$ 1,420.29	\$ 250.00	\$ 361.67	\$ 123.68	\$ 7,240.99
Total	\$17,799.59	\$ 62,920.13	\$ 4,471.70	\$ 20,337.01	\$ 875.00	\$ 5,915.42	\$ 1,201.26	\$ 113,520.11

FINANCIAL Users Fee collections forecast

	<u>Admin Collected</u>	
Jan - Dec 2021	12 month ave/mo	\$ 1,694.75
Jan 2019 - Dec 2021	36 month ave/mo	\$ 1,707.64
	<u>Adult PUF</u>	
	12 month ave/mo	\$ 6,726.64
	36 month ave/mo	\$ 6,447.54
	<u>Juvenile PUF</u>	
	12 month ave/mo	\$ 372.64
	36 month ave/mo	\$ 492.54
	<u>Drug Test Fees</u>	
	12 month ave/mo	\$ 492.95
	36 month ave/mo	\$ 516.71

FINANCIAL

Forecast of Adult Probation Fees

- Current trend with 18 month in 2022

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2022 Update									
		Beginning Asset Balance	Assumed Annual Collections (18 Mo Average)	Annual Expenditures (PO FT)	Annual Expenditures (PO PT)	Annual Expenditures (Equip/Services)	Annual Expenditures Field Officer	Annual Expenditures (PSR)	Total Expenditures
	2021	\$ 340,663.09	\$ 72,588.00	\$ 27,461.00	\$ 35,861.00	\$ 24,902.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 126,024.00
	2022	\$ 297,363.76	\$ 77,376.00	\$ 29,728.00	\$ 36,936.83	\$ 24,902.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 129,366.83
	2023	\$ 245,372.93	\$ 77,376.00	\$ 30,619.84	\$ 38,044.93	\$ 24,902.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 131,366.77
	2024	\$ 191,382.16	\$ 77,376.00	\$ 31,538.44	\$ 39,186.28	\$ 24,902.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 133,426.72
	2025	\$ 135,331.44	\$ 77,376.00	\$ 32,484.59	\$ 40,361.87	\$ 24,902.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 135,548.46
	2026	\$ 77,158.98	\$ 72,588.00	\$ 36,959.13		\$ 24,902.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 99,661.13
	2027	\$ 50,085.85	\$ 72,588.00	\$ 38,067.90	\$ -	\$ 24,902.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 100,769.90

FINANCIAL Drug Test Costs/Revenue

- In 2019 we opted to impose a fixed fee for each probationer case for drug tests during the course of supervision. In July 2021 we increased the fee from \$20 to \$25. The following chart reveals the costs, revenue and impact during this period.

Drug Test Cost/Revenue								
	Tests	Cost	Expenditures	Collections	People on Probation	Cost Analysis		
2018	1096	\$15/test	\$ 7,287.28	\$ 4,740.00	976	\$ (2,547.28)	29%	based on tests
2019	1486	\$20/case	\$ 10,301.48	\$ 7,292.00	1041	\$ (3,009.48)	35%	based on population
2020	633	\$20/case	\$ 7,781.21	\$ 5,390.00	991	\$ (2,391.21)	27%	based on population
2021	1225	< 7/1/21 \$20/Case >7/1/21 \$25/case	\$ 12,198	\$5,915.00	894	\$ (6,283)	26 - 33%	based on population

PRETRIAL Assessment Tool Reports (PAT)

- 21 PAT's were completed in 2021 (24 completed in 2020)
- 27 PAT's were ordered but 6 inmates bonded out prior to assessment or refused to participate.

Challenges

- Long-term – office space. Crowded with two days a week having all 7 probation officers (8 if PSI interview is being held) in-house. Greg is now relocating to the former offices of the Superior Court Clerk to allow Scott to have a permanent workspace in the CPO office on the 4th floor.
- Probation Users Fees – longevity. With two salaries being drawn from the fund, it will be depleted much more quickly than one. My recommended priorities are the full-time PO and PSI consultant.
- No other local agency is providing validated group cognitive/behavioral programs. Valerie and Allison were both interested in learning more about Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and by the end of the year completed training to be facilitators. We plan to begin offering said program in the Spring of 2022.

Challenges

- COVID19 restricted visits to the jail. This required us to utilize Teams or Zoom to meet with persons in the jail. All visits with inmates by the end of the year were being completed remotely for supervision, pretrial assessments and presentence report interviews, allowing PO's to reduce time in travel and lobby waiting.
- Long delays in drug testing results from Cordant/Norchem forced us to study the amount of time it takes for drug test results to return from Cordant. We began looking at alternative drug testing companies including Abbott.

State Initiatives recommended during 2021

- Local Justice Reinvestment Council –a local counseling was set up in latter part of the year.

Approved Agencies List

- Agencies approved for probation use are maintained on-line at <https://wellscounty.org/counseling-directory/>
- Probation officers continue to recommend Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs be approved by us in addition to state certification. We have experienced frustration with individuals visiting the MAT facility for medication only, and not participating in the required cognitive-behavioral treatment component in addition to medication. Unless an individual or their treatment agency can provide documentation of MAT with cognitive-behavioral components, they will be required to change programs.