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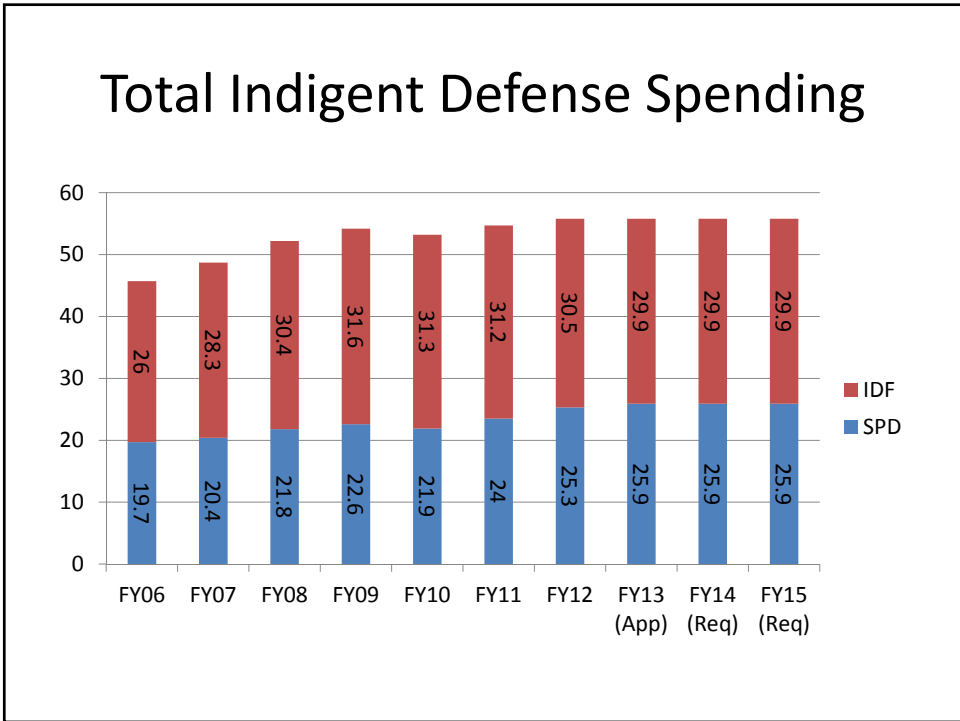
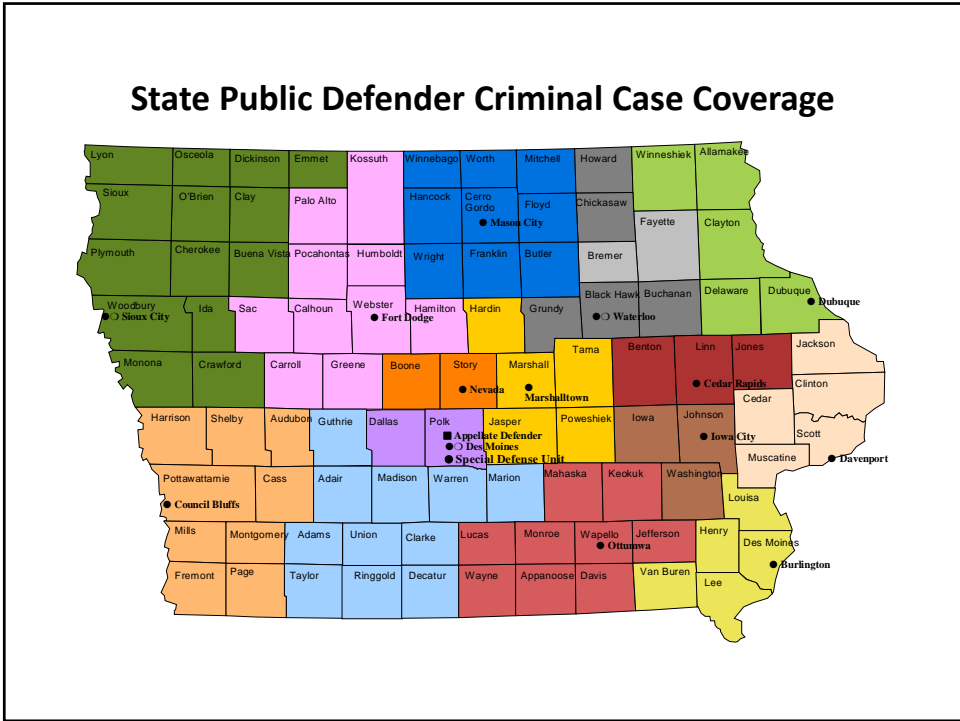


Justice Systems Subcommittee Presentation

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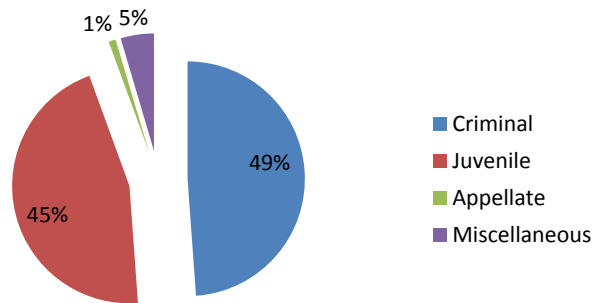
Mission of the State Public Defender

To ensure that all indigent persons in Iowa are provided high-quality legal representation in criminal, juvenile, and other eligible proceedings in the most efficient and fiscally responsible manner.



FY12 Spending Breakdown

Indigent Defense Fund Spending



SPD/IDF Cost Comparison

Fiscal Year	SPD Cases	Cost / Case	IDF Claims	Cost / Claim
FY07	73,252	\$279.63	73,998	\$382.54
FY08	69,596	\$313.43	72,642	\$419.13
FY09	68,356	\$330.46	60,042	\$526.42
FY10	80,405	\$273.26	65,360	\$479.65
FY11	87,504	\$268.27	70,266	\$444.42
FY12	90,397	\$279.86	61,267	\$497.67

Cost by Type of Case in Indigent Defense Fund

Case Type	Avg Hours	Avg. Cost
A Felony	366.63	\$25,341.95
B Felony	30.10	\$1,967.83
C Felony	18.23	\$1,104.20
D Felony	12.95	\$779.97
Aggravated Misdemeanor	8.17	\$505.97
Serious Misdemeanor	6.71	\$421.56
Simple Misdemeanor	4.22	\$256.46
Probation Violation	3.72	\$220.83
Appellate Case	29.56	\$1677.77

Savings to Indigent Defense Fund from FY11 Expansion

	FY10	FY12	Savings	% Savings
Johnson (Juv)	\$549,725	\$472,057	\$77,558	14%
Mahaska	\$275,605	\$63,916	\$211,689	77%
Monroe	\$40,469	\$11,958	\$28,511	70%
Scott	\$1,309,069	\$805,068	\$504,001	39%
Story	\$435,164	\$256,943	\$178,221	41%
Wapello	\$567,833	\$282,674	\$285,159	50%

- Factoring in offsetting increases in other counties and types of cases, total indigent defense fund expenditures reduced by more than \$850,000 from FY10 to FY12.
- New Ottumwa Office showed slight (\$30,000) net savings in FY12 factoring in cost of office, and we expect additional substantial savings in FY13.

Efficiency and Cost Containment Initiatives

- Closing Fort Madison satellite office (expected to save at least \$20,000)
- Adopting rules for freelance court reporter claims, including setting maximum rates and allowing for exclusive reduced rate contracts.
- Negotiating special contracts for child support contempt cases – Polk County pilot expected to save \$130,000.

Continued Fiscal Challenges

- Lack of control over volume of criminal and juvenile court filings and limited control over cost of representation.
- Increase in Appellate Cases because of Supreme Court Rules Change regarding Motion to Withdraw for frivolous appeals
- Transition to Electronic Court Filing (EDMS)

Opportunities for Cost Savings

- Moving to Online Indigent Defense Claim Submission System
- Increasing further the use of specialized contracts with attorneys and other indigent defense providers.
- Evaluating targeted expansion of SPD Offices, including proposed new Gideon Fellowships.