Dane County Juvenile Court Program

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Juvenile Court Program Funding

2026 Number of FTEs: 36.8

Staff is fully funded $3,023,329 with General Fund

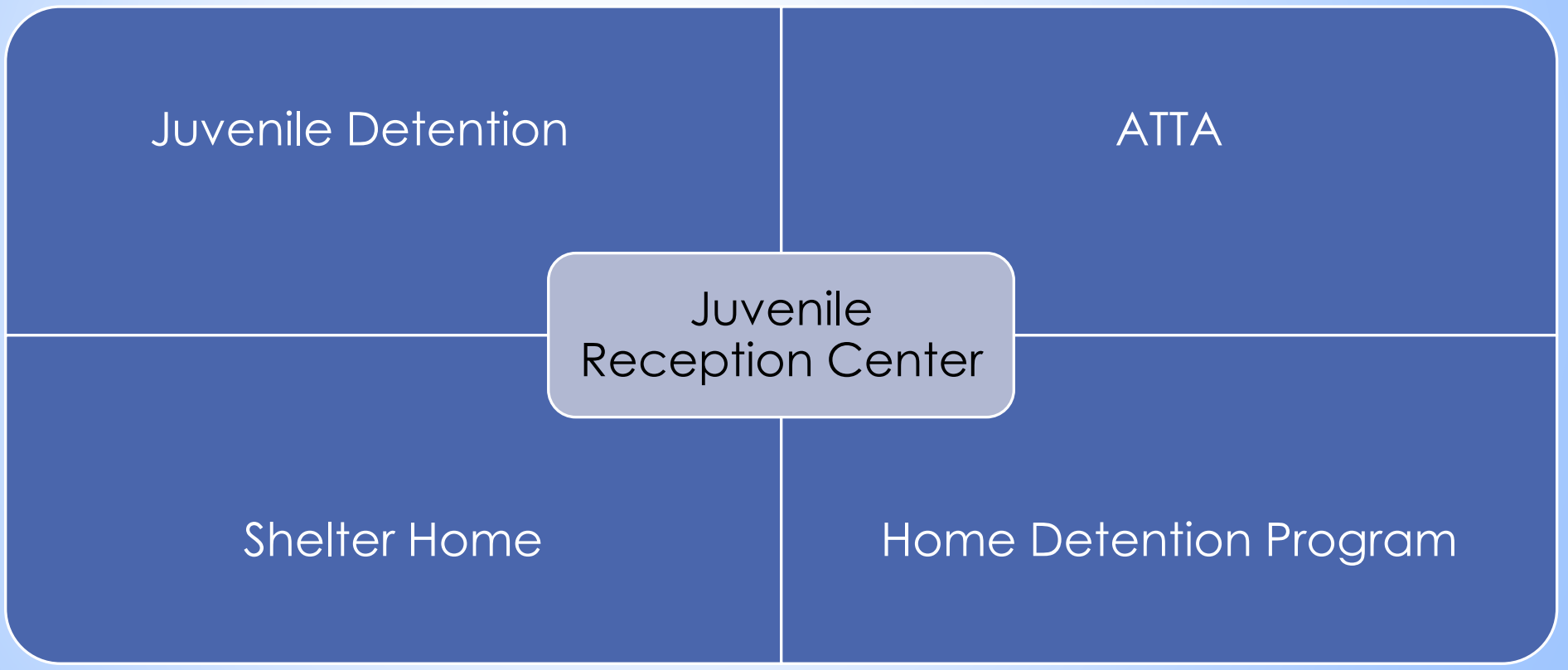
Total 2026 Department Spending: $5,283,803

Total 2026 GPR Spending: $5,043,803

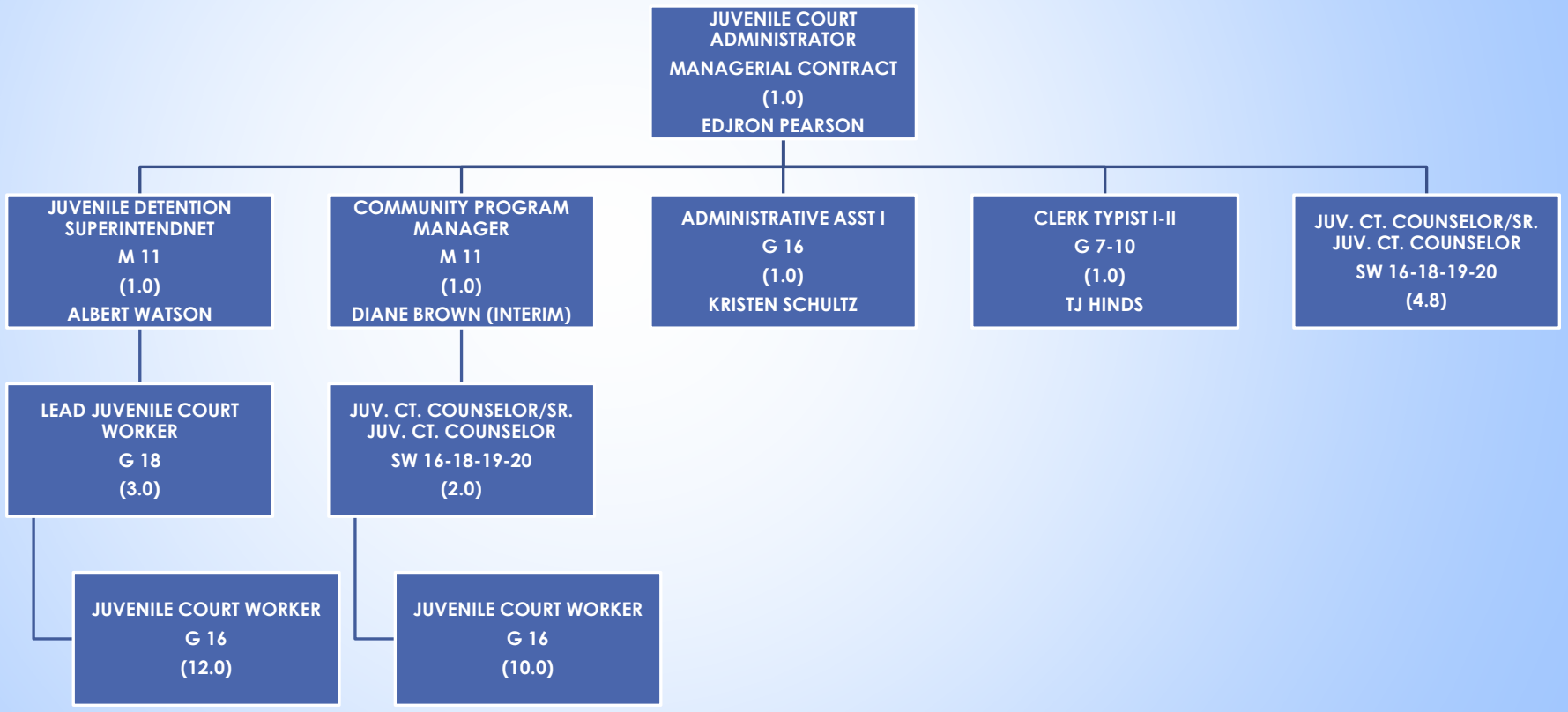
Other revenue sources of funding: Dane County youth in Home Detention (billable service), as well as out of county youth held in Detention and Shelter ($246,000)

Juvenile Court Program

-Budget under the direction of the County Executive
-Polices under the direction of the Juvenile Judges



Juvenile Court Organizational Chart 2026



Juvenile Reception Center

- Supervised by the Juvenile Court Administrator
- 8.8 FTE staff
- Performs 24-Hour initial custody intake decisions from law enforcement referrals per Ch. 938 and Ch. 48
- Average approximately 300 intakes per year
- JRC decisions consist of home, relatives, Shelter Home, Juvenile Detention and Briarpatch (overnight option)
- Participate in court hearings (custody, plea, disposition, etc.)
- Coordinates information with courts, human services and law enforcement
- Located in the City-County Building Room 200

JRC Custody intake

JRC holding room

Juvenile Detention

- Supervised by the Juvenile Detention Superintendent
- 17.0 FTE staff
- Licensed by the Department of Corrections (DOC 346 code)
- 24-hour secure facility with 30 co-ed beds across four units.
- 171 youths admitted in 2025. ADP was 6.6 (6.0 in 2024)
- Located in the City-County Building Room 200

Detention general purpose room

General purpose room

Dining

Classrooms

Group room

Sleeping unit

Sleeping room

Kitchen

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crystal wrap
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ZOO
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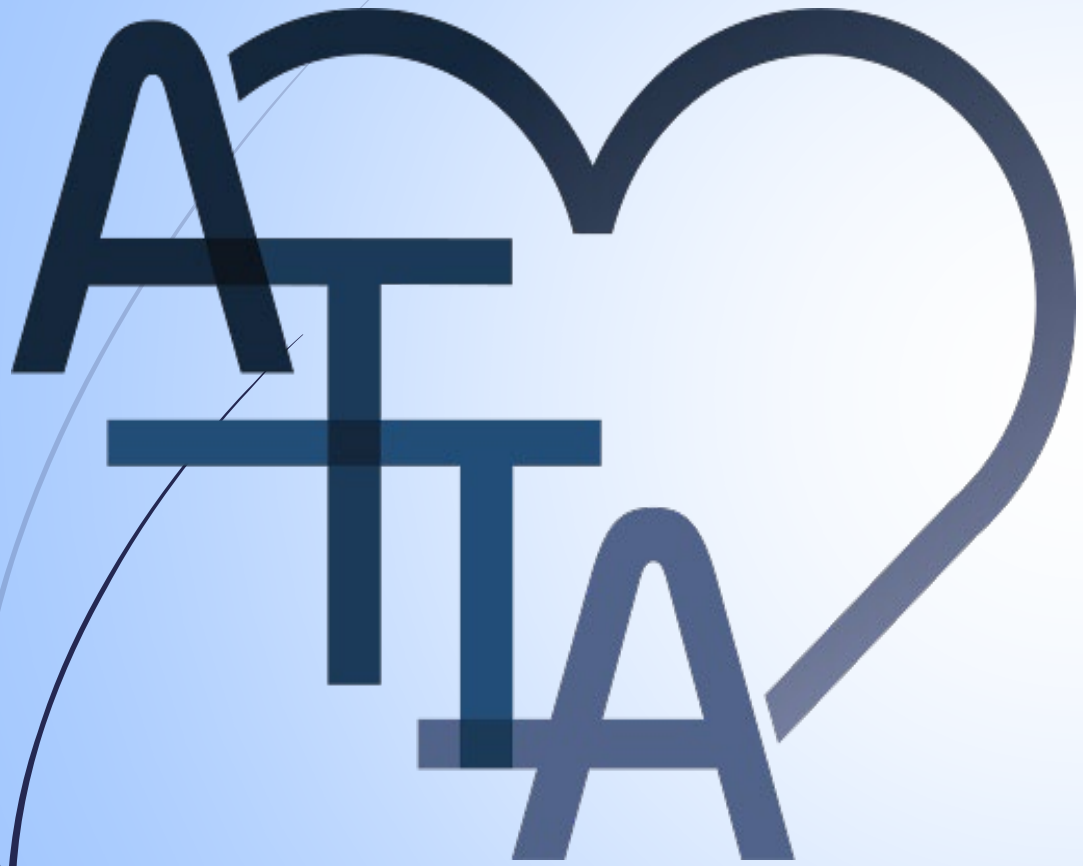
Court transport and gym hallway

Gym

Visitation hallway

Visitation



Assessment

Treatment

Transition

Aftercare

ATTA Program

- Supervised by the Juvenile Detention Superintendent
- 2.0 FTE Staff Includes
  * 1.0 Juvenile Court/Senior Juvenile Court Counselor (SW 18)
  * 1.0 Lead Juvenile Court Worker (G 16)
  * Both staff are included under the Detention org chart
- ATTA youth housed in juvenile detention (former D Pod). Youth are housed separately from DT Youth
- 24-hour (pilot) 2-bed, voluntary program used as an alternative to Lincoln Hills
- Youth must be pre-dispositional and Dane County male youth between 13-17 years of age
- Program recommended by PP&J committee in partnership with Honorable Judge Everett Mitchell
- Pilot began January 1, 2026
- Currently have one youth and two referrals for bed #2

ATTA Program

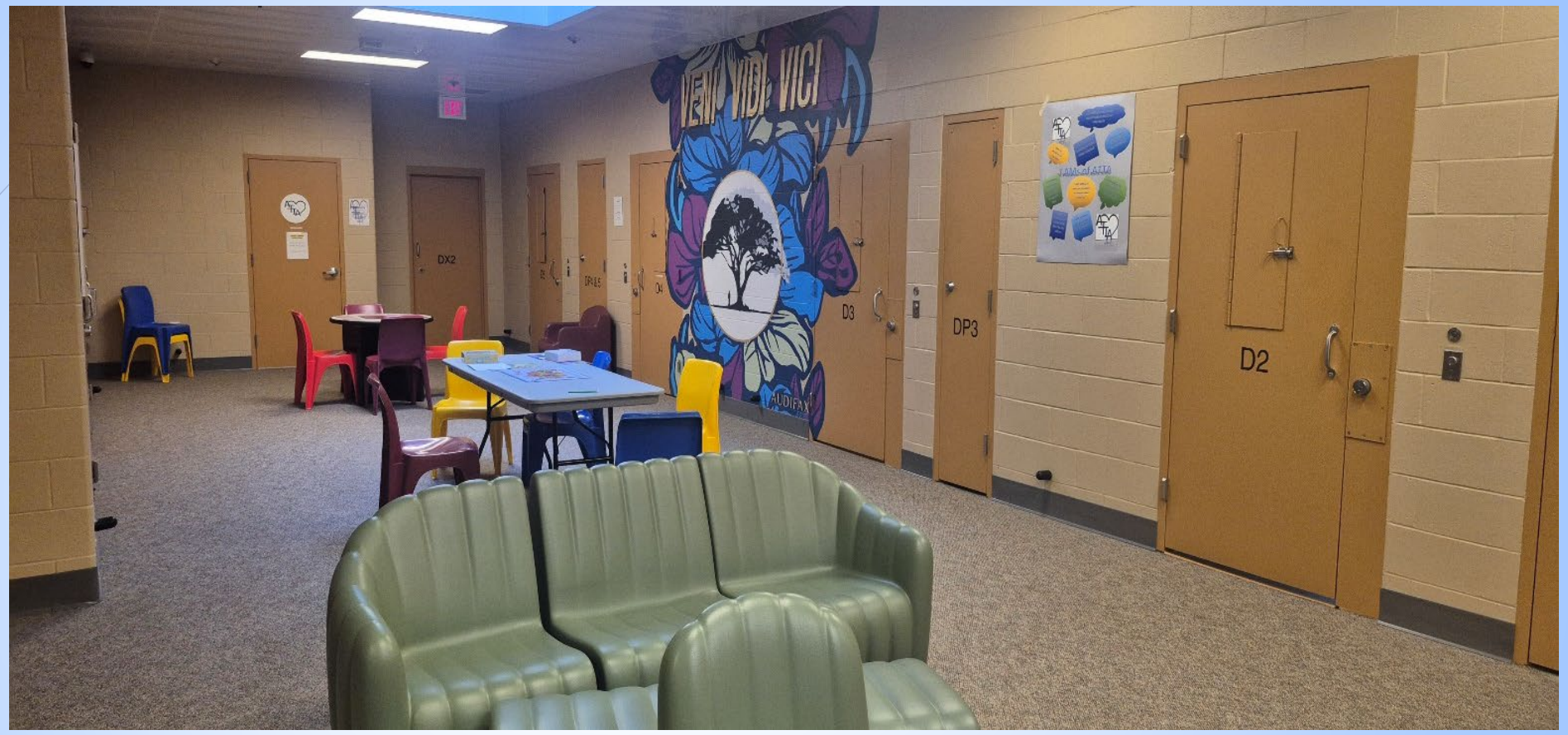
- ATTA Program is a 6 month program with 4 phases

  * Assessment (4 weeks)

  * Treatment (10 weeks)

  *Transition (10 weeks)

  *Aftercare (Provided by Dane County Human Services)



ATTA living area

ATTA mural is the Latin meaning “I Came, I Saw, I Conquered”.

Shelter Home

- Supervised by the Community Program Manager
- 9.0 FTE staff
- Licensed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF 59 code)
- 24-hour non-secure co-ed facility with 16 beds (8 male/8 female)
- Mixture of delinquency, JIPS and CHIPS youth
- Youth may stay in between placements i.e. foster home, group homes, etc.
- Youth may stay up to 60 days per DCF 59
- 156 youths admitted in 2025. ADP was 4.6 (4.3 in 2024)
- Located at 2402 Atwood Avenue

Shelter school

Shelter visitation

Shelter bedroom

Shelter garage

Home Detention Program

- Supervised by the Community Program Manager
- 2.0 FTE staff
- HDP is used as a diversion alternative to detention
- Total number of slots is 16 (8 per staff).
- HDP has no time limit.
- Staff housed at the Juvenile Reception Center (CCB), however the job is mobile i.e. home/school visits.

Notable Topics

- Tours of Detention and JRC can be arranged with Edjron Pearson or Superintendent Albert Watson M-F during daytime work hours
- Tours of the Shelter home can be arranged with Interim Diane Brown
- Human Services has proposed to transfer the Electronic Monitoring Program to Juvenile court (includes SW position and units) for 2027 budget (Stakeholders in agreement with best practice)
- Honorable Judge Nia Trammell appointed as Presiding Judge in January 2026
- Due to the retirement of Suzanne Stute, Juvenile Court will have a vacant Shelter/HDP supervisor position starting Aug. 1st
- 2025 Juvenile Court Annual Report and past reports (2000-2025)can be found on the website: https://juvenilecourt.danecounty.gov/

Thank you
Questions?

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