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PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

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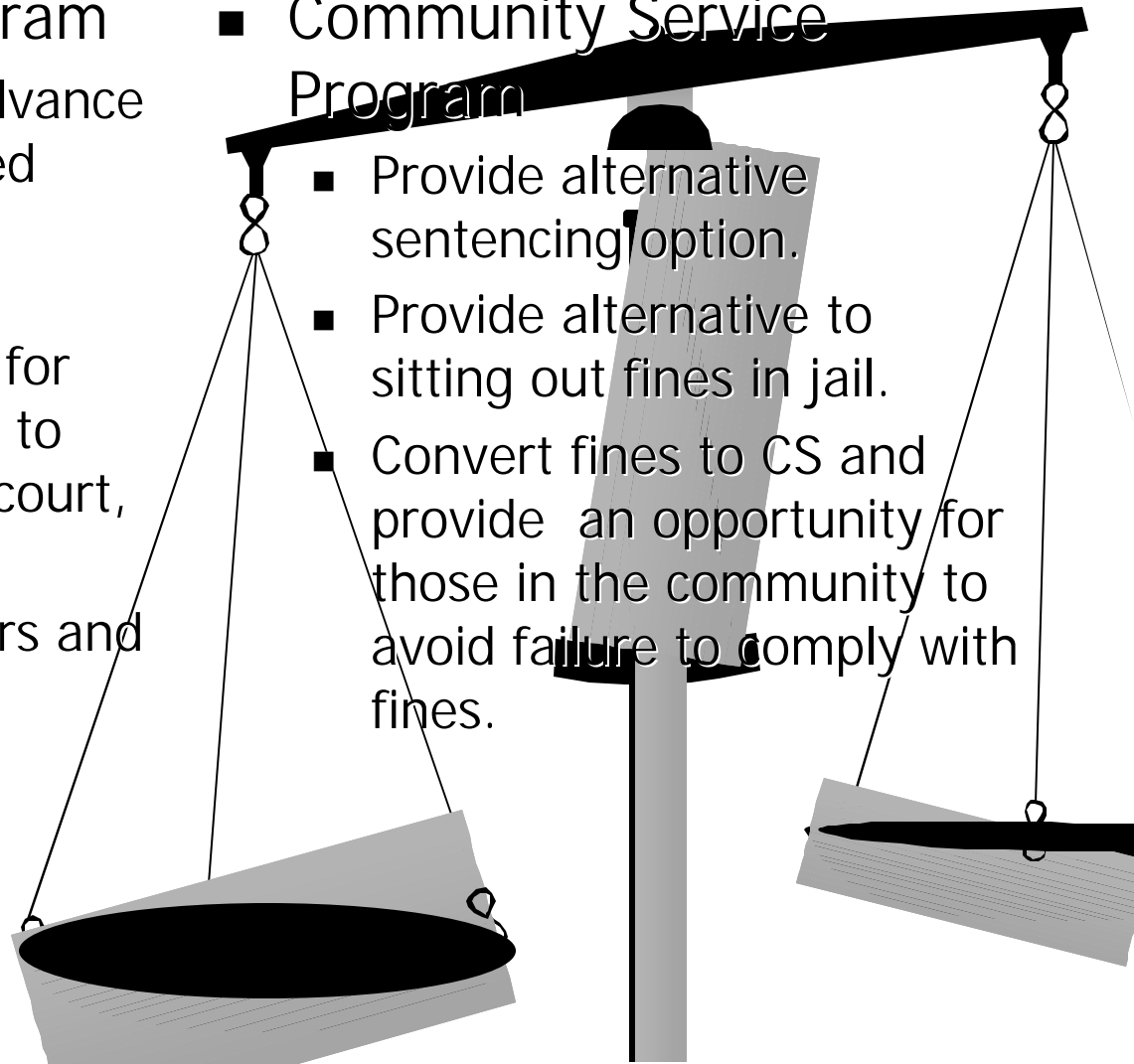
Programs

■ Court Reminder Program

- Calling two days in advance to remind of scheduled court date.
- Answer questions regarding the reason for the court date, ability to pay fine vs. going to court, etc.
- Staffed with volunteers and Community Service placements.

■ Community Service Program

- Provide alternative sentencing option.
- Provide alternative to sitting out fines in jail.
- Convert fines to CS and provide an opportunity for those in the community to avoid failure to comply with fines.



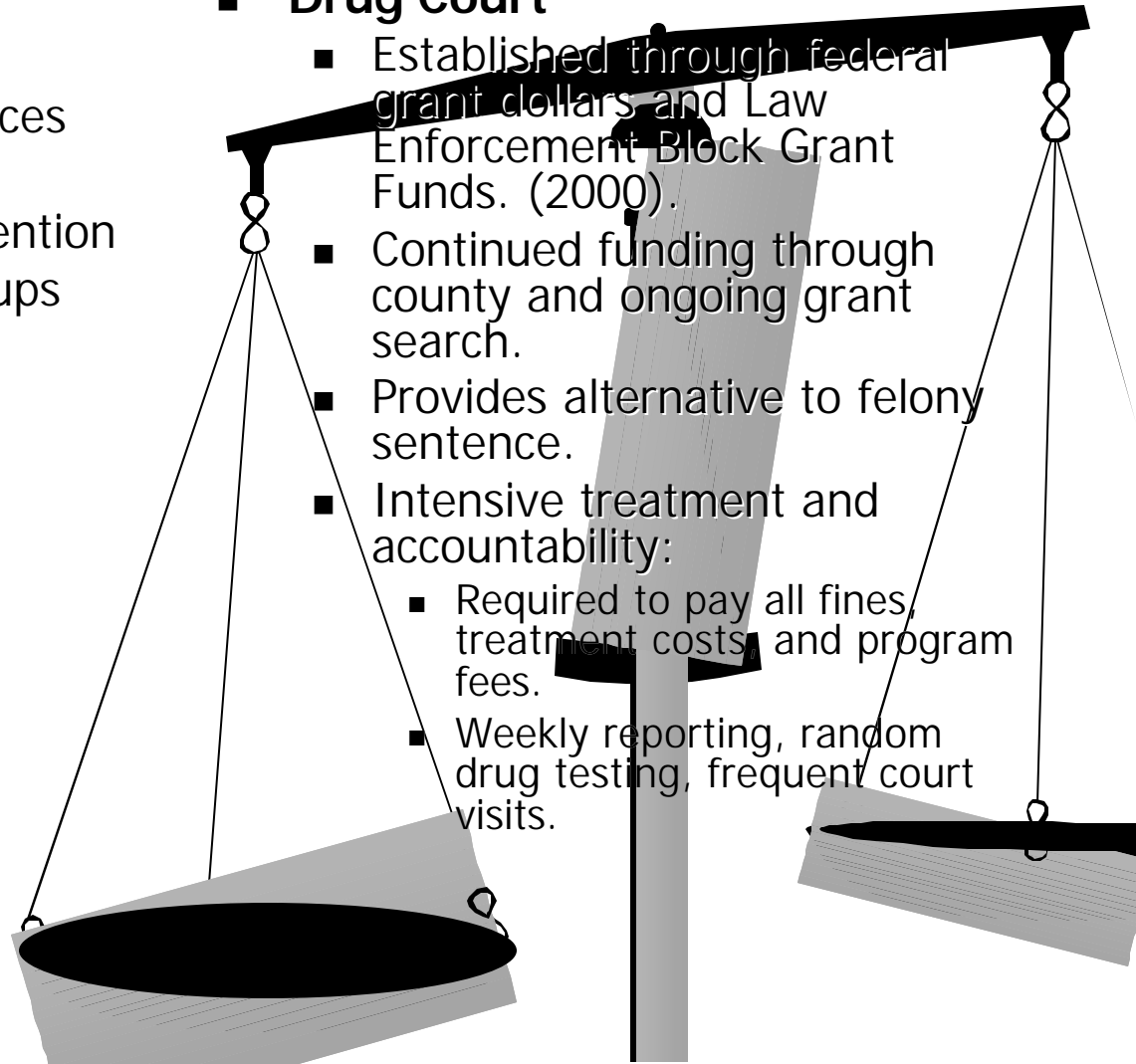
Programs

■ Pre-Trail Release

- Daily check ins required
- GED/Educational resources
- Employment
- Substance abuse intervention
- Psycho-educational Groups
- Random drug testing
- Random field checks
- Electronic Monitoring

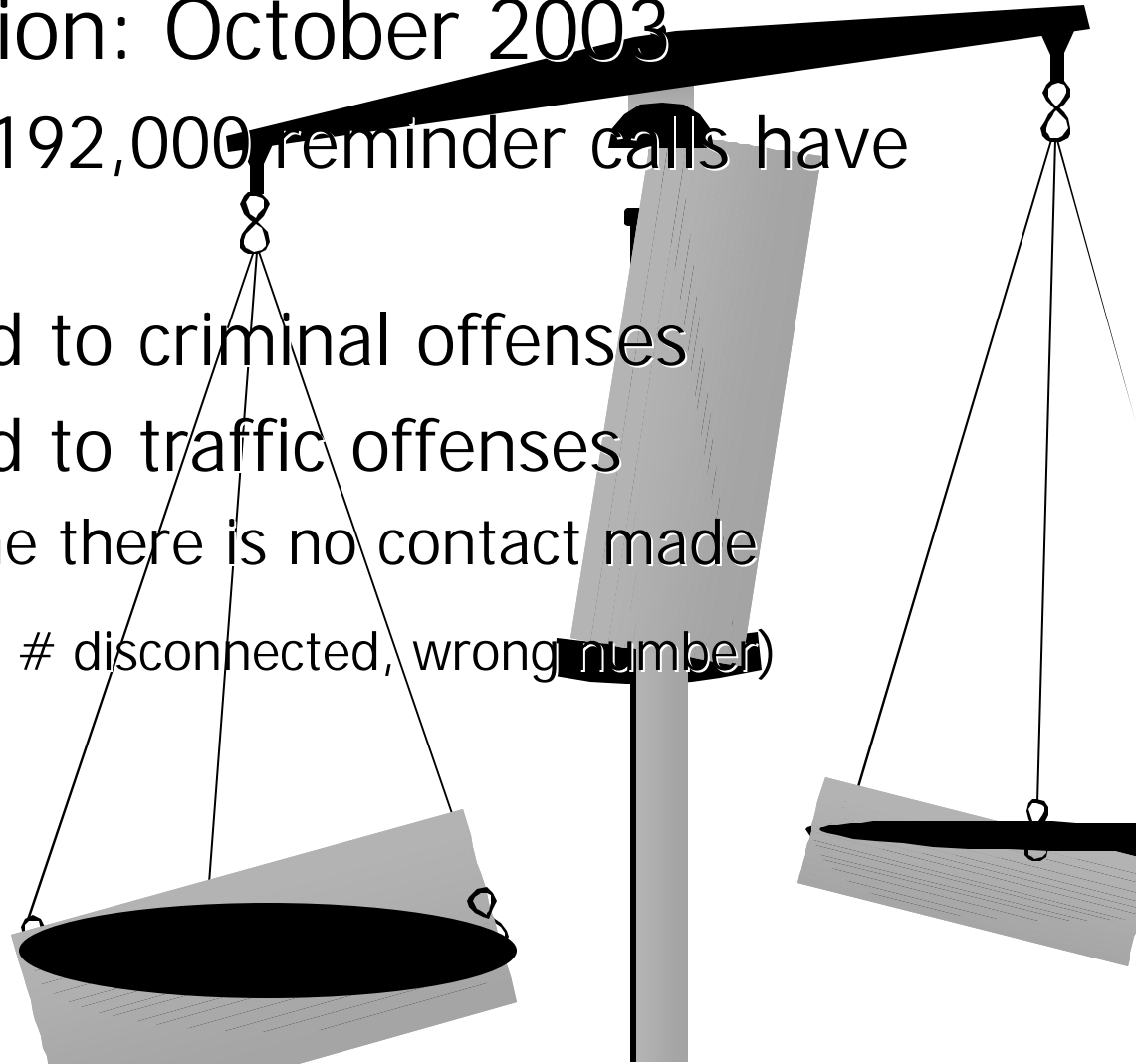
■ Drug Court

- Established through federal grant dollars and Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds. (2000).
- Continued funding through county and ongoing grant search.
- Provides alternative to felony sentence.
- Intensive treatment and accountability:
 - Required to pay all fines, treatment costs, and program fees.
 - Weekly reporting, random drug testing, frequent court visits.



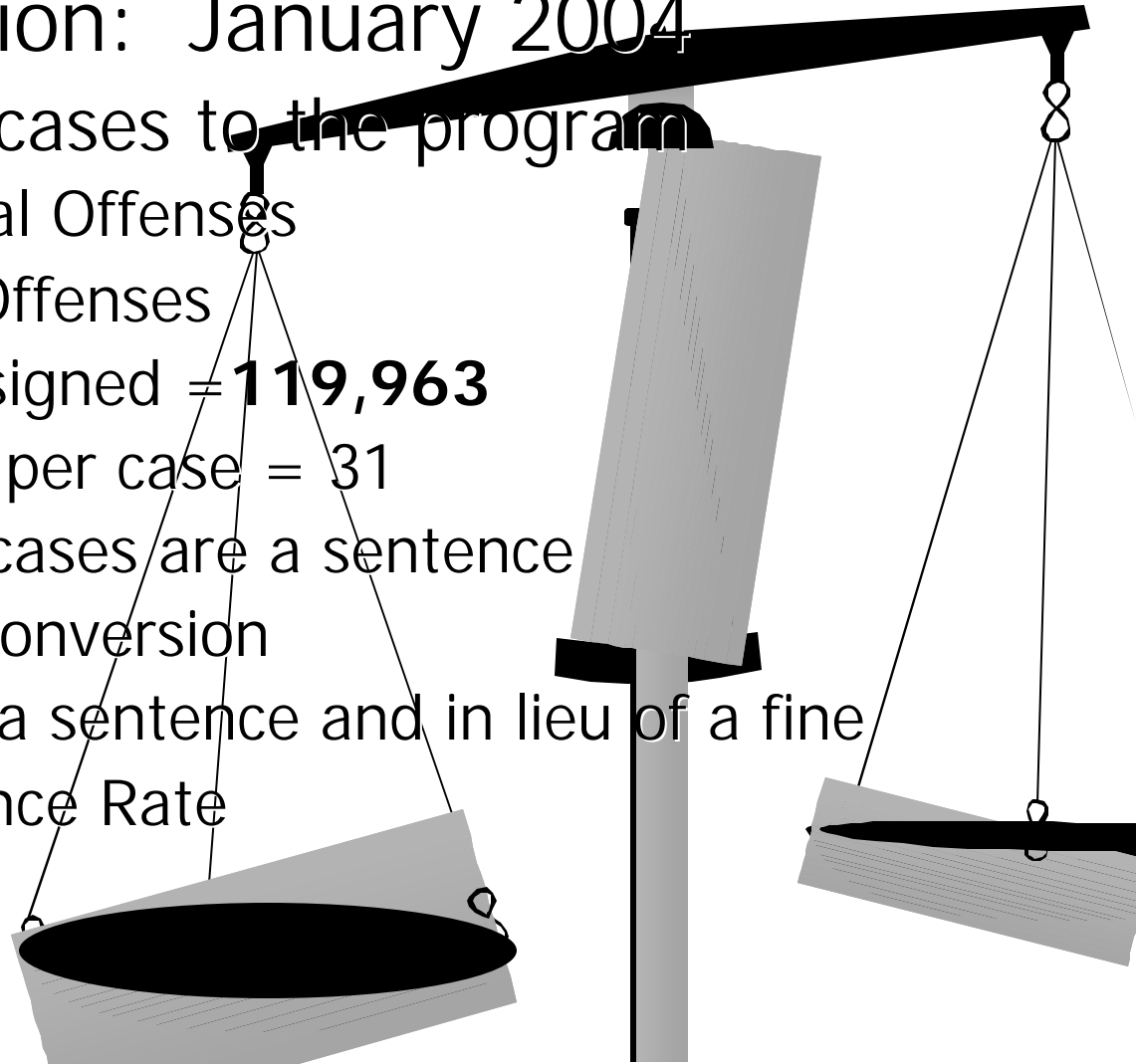
Court Reminder

- Program Inception: October 2003
 - Approximately 192,000 reminder calls have been made
 - 75% are related to criminal offenses
 - 25% are related to traffic offenses
 - 48% of the time there is no contact made
(no answer, # disconnected, wrong number)



Community Service

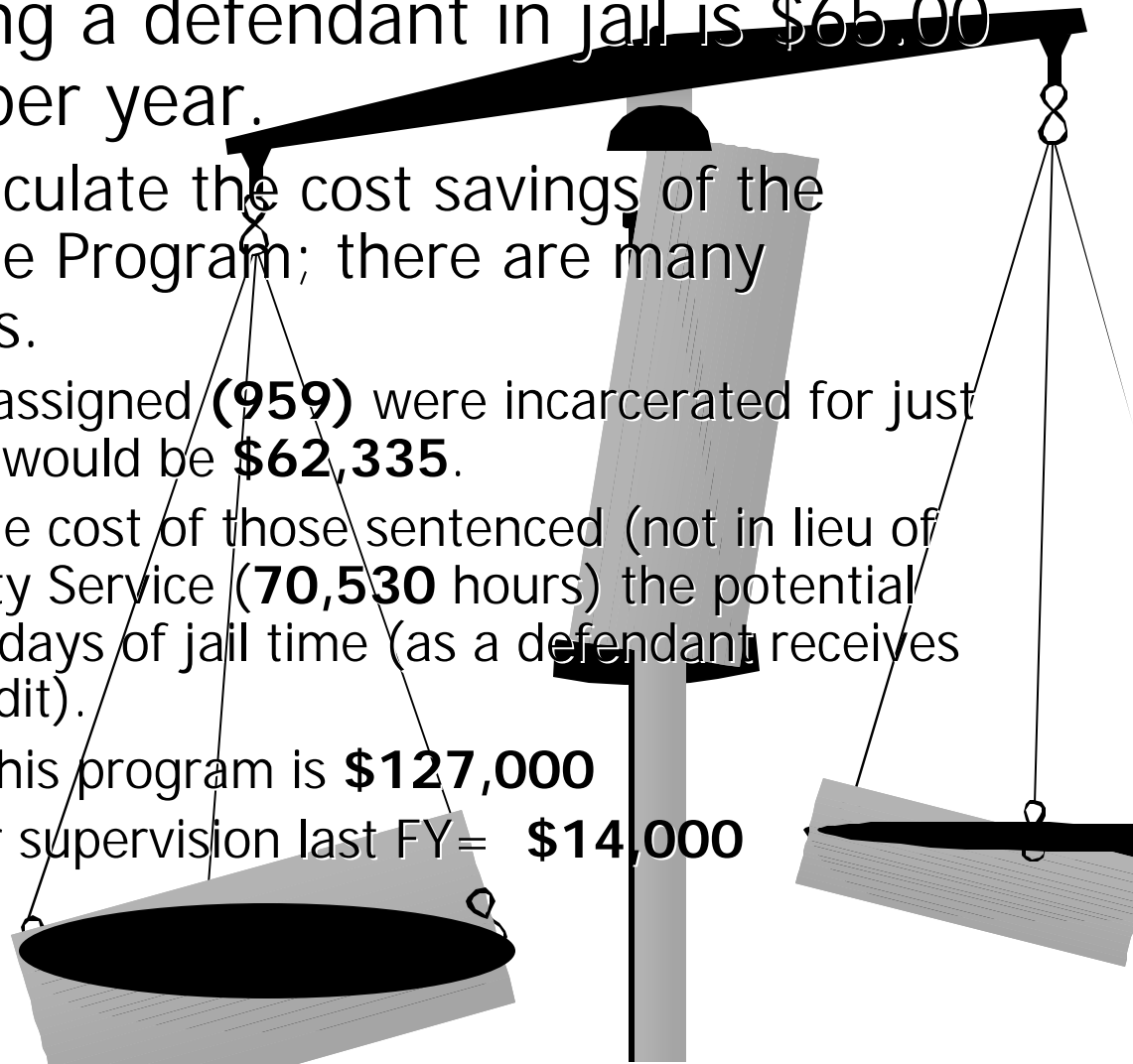
- Program Inception: January 2004
 - Assigned 3834 cases to the program
 - 3664 = Criminal Offenses
 - 170 = Traffic Offenses
 - Total hours assigned = **119,963**
 - Average hours per case = 31
 - 1347 of these cases are a sentence
 - 2482 are fine conversion
 - 5 involve both a sentence and in lieu of a fine
 - **69%** Compliance Rate



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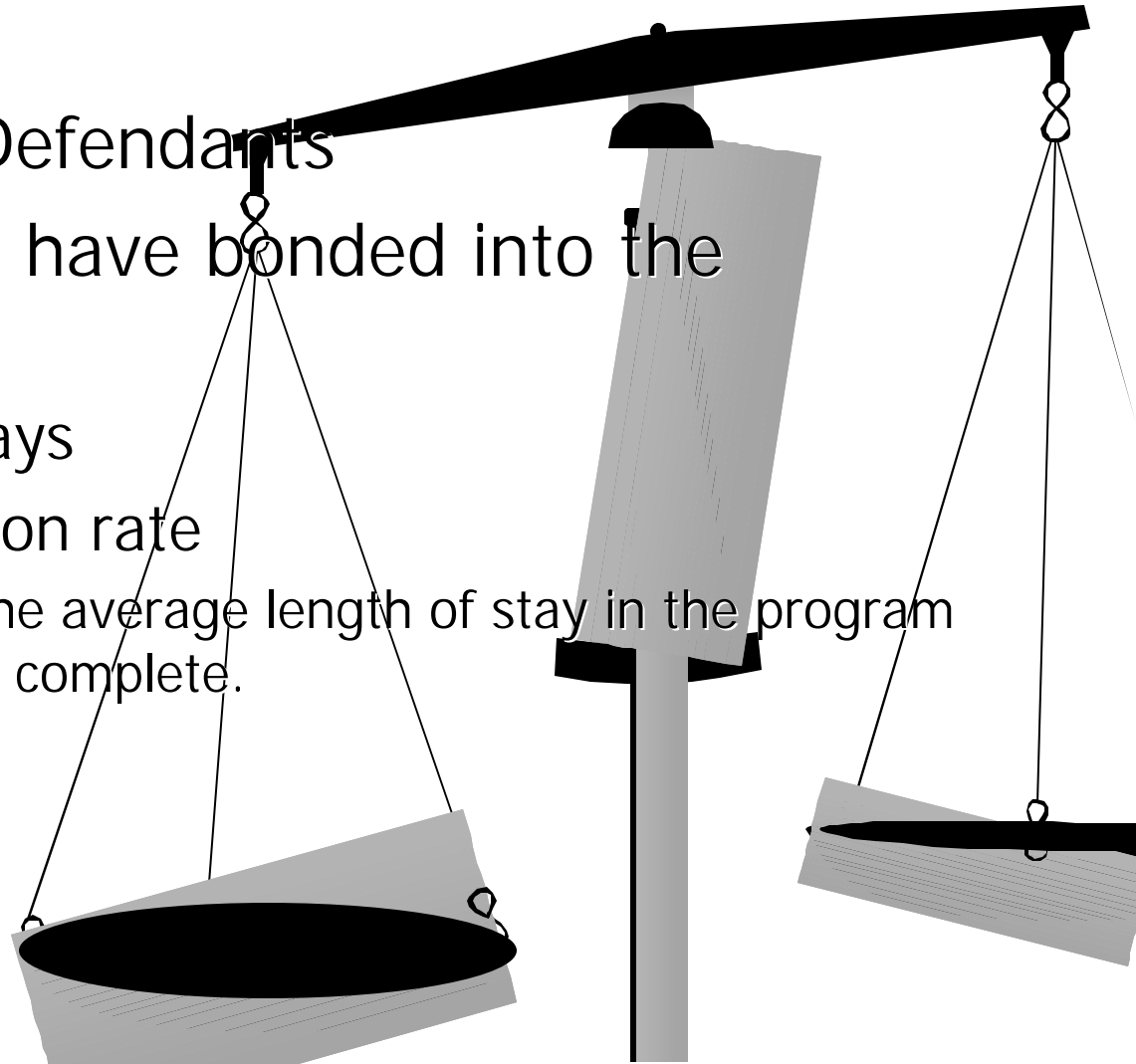
Yearly Cost Comparison

- The cost of housing a defendant in jail is **\$65.00** per day/**\$24,000** per year.
- It is difficult to calculate the cost savings of the Community Service Program; there are many unknown variables.
 - If **25%** of those assigned (**959**) were incarcerated for just one day, the cost would be **\$62,335**.
 - If you calculate the cost of those sentenced (not in lieu of fine) to Community Service (**70,530** hours) the potential saving is **10,850** days of jail time (as a defendant receives 65.00 per day credit).
 - Total Budget for this program is **\$127,000**
 - Fines collected for supervision last FY = **\$14,000**



Pretrial Release

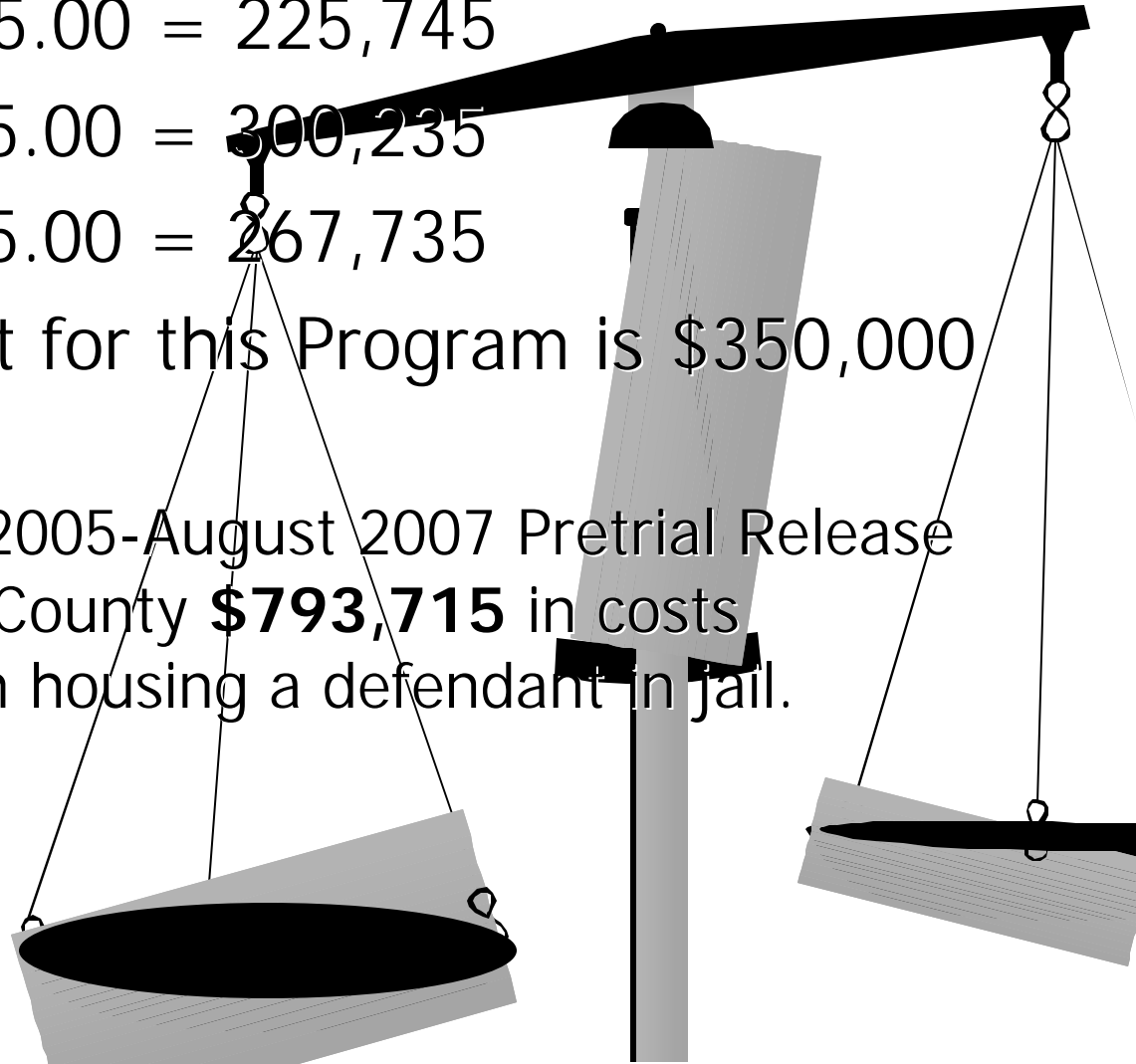
- January 2004
 - Screened 403 Defendants
 - 134 defendants have bonded into the program
 - **12,211** bed days
 - **52%** Completion rate
 - **120** days is the average length of stay in the program for those who complete.



Pretrial Release

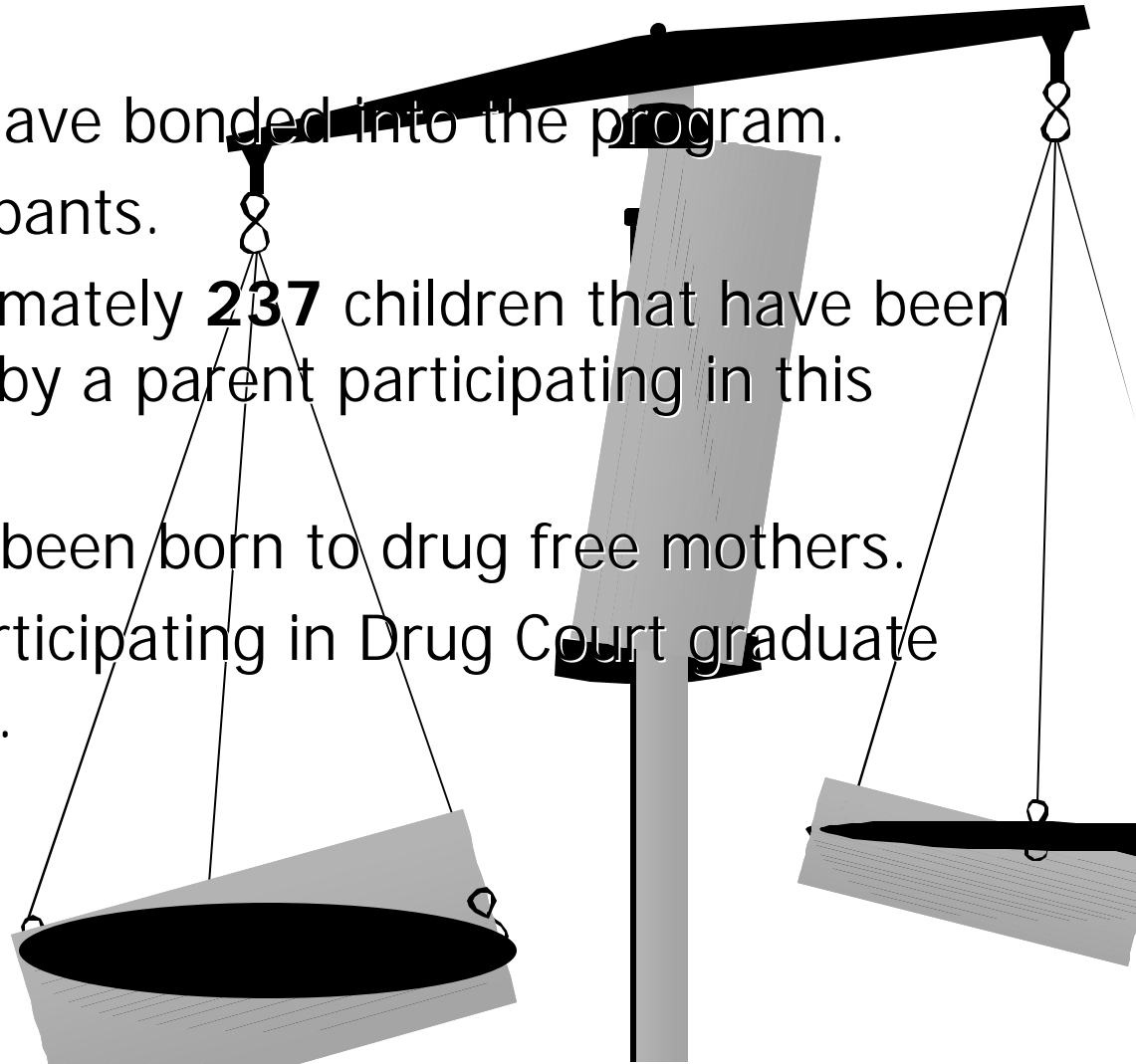
Yearly Cost Comparison

- (2005) $3473 \times 65.00 = 225,745$
- (2006) $4619 \times 65.00 = 300,235$
- (2007) $4119 \times 65.00 = 267,735$
- Current Budget for this Program is \$350,000
- From January 2005-August 2007 Pretrial Release has saved the County **\$793,715** in costs associated with housing a defendant in jail.



Adult Drug Court

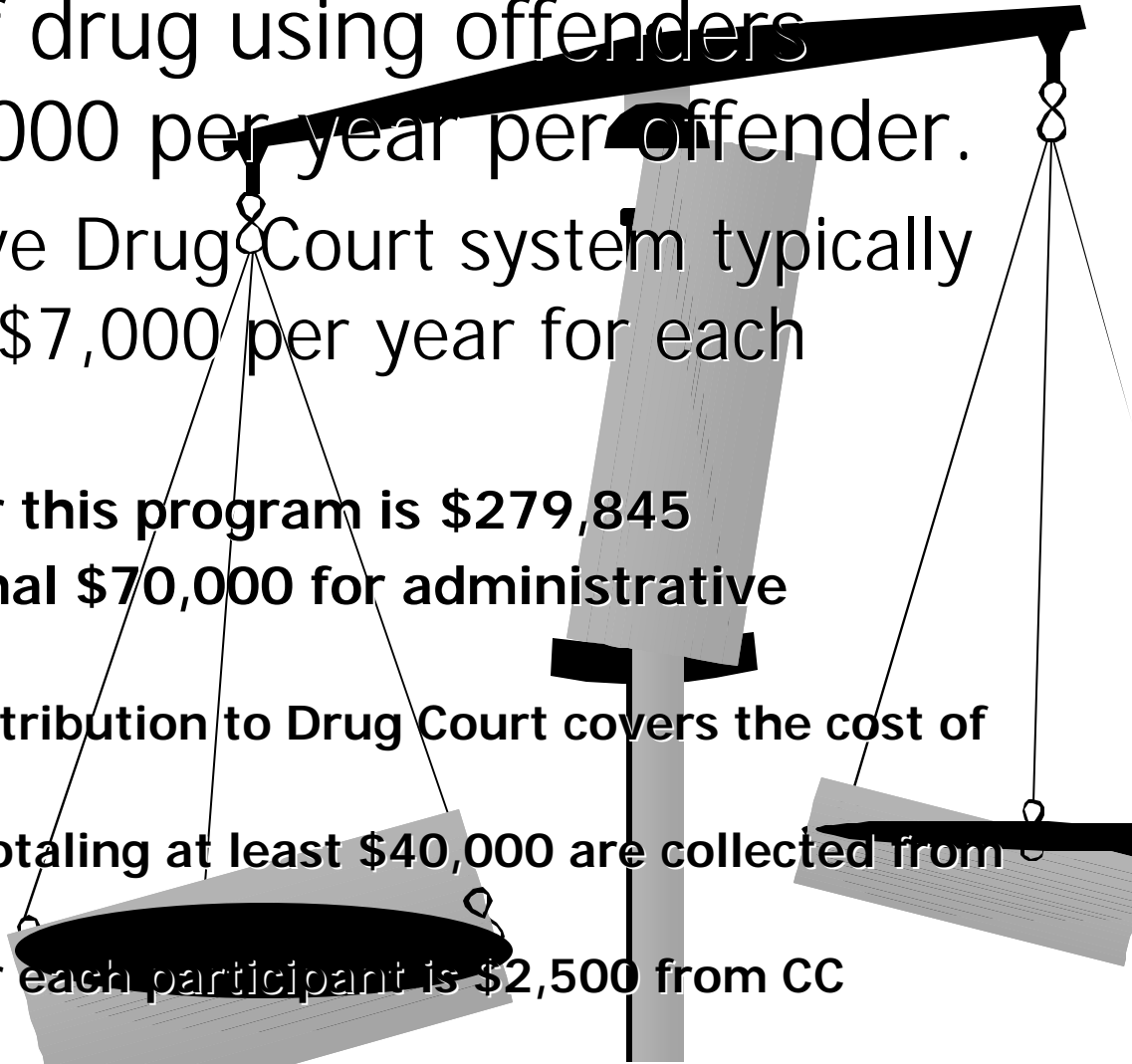
- September 2004
 - **366** defendants have bonded into the program.
 - **64** current participants.
 - There are approximately **237** children that have been directly impacted by a parent participating in this program.
 - **35** Children have been born to drug free mothers.
 - **36%** of those participating in Drug Court graduate from the program.



Drug Court

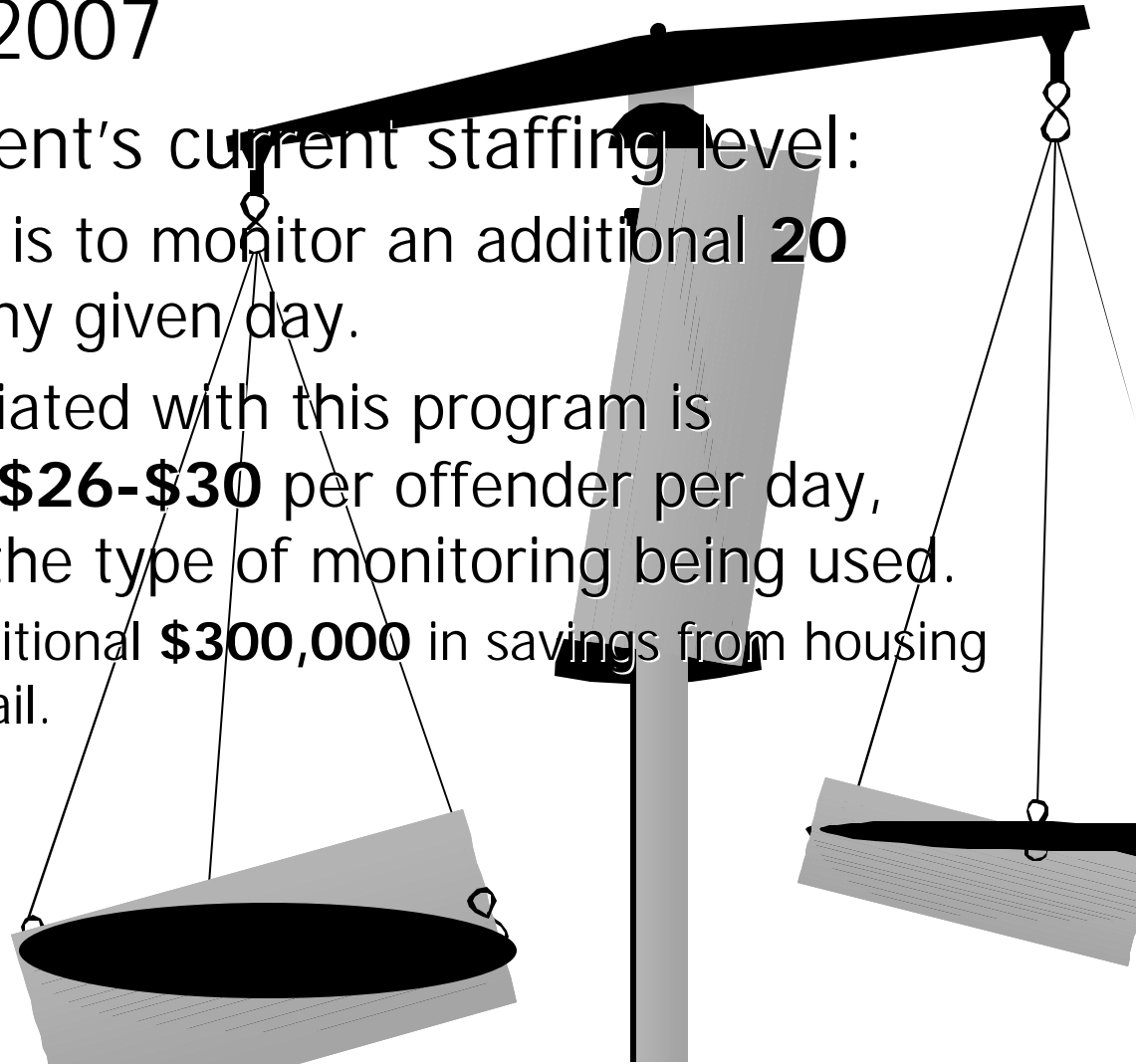
Yearly Cost Comparison

- Incarceration of drug using offenders costs over \$26,000 per year per offender.
 - A comprehensive Drug Court system typically costs less than \$7,000 per year for each offender.
 - **Total budget for this program is \$279,845 with an additional \$70,000 for administrative overhead.**
 - The State contribution to Drug Court covers the cost of personnel.
 - Annual fees totaling at least \$40,000 are collected from participants.
 - Annual cost for each participant is \$2,500 from CC budget.



House Arrest/Home Detention

- Started July of 2007
 - At the department's current staffing level:
 - The initial goal is to monitor an additional **20** offenders on any given day.
 - The cost associated with this program is approximately **\$26-\$30** per offender per day, depending on the type of monitoring being used.
 - This is an additional **\$300,000** in savings from housing offenders in jail.



What does this mean for Lancaster County?

- We have a comprehensive department with programs that provide alternatives to incarceration.
 - Alternatives to incarceration contribute to decreased costs for the city, county and state.
 - Each of these programs can be expanded to accommodate additional participants.
- Programs are working to develop strong relationships between the treatment community, human services agencies and the criminal justice system.
 - Defendants are being placed and supervised in supportive programs such as; substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, the work force, volunteer opportunities which can result in employment, graduation with a GED or diploma and other supportive environments.

CONNECTEDNESS is a key to success.

- Success means a decrease in crime rate.
- Success means a more meaningful life for participants and those who are directly affected by their criminal activities.

