

Independent Office of Assigned Counsel

2024 Executive Proposed Budget

Core Programs & Functions

- The Independent Office of Assigned Counsel is Westchester County's largest provider of mandated representation as defined by County Law Article 722.
- Our mission is to provide the tools, resources and support to the over 280 independent lawyers who provide legal representation to low income people with cases in the Criminal and Family Courts of the County, appeals and matters related to parole.
- The primary source of funds to support this office and its initiatives should be state grant funding provided by the New York State Office of Indigent Services (ILS).

Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Operating Positions	6	8
Trust Positions	0	0
TOTAL POSITIONS	6	8
Personal Service	681,715	823,304
Equipment	27,098	46,134
Materials & Supplies	13,411	13,411
Contractual Expenses	10,555,115	26,281,948
Inter-Departmental Charges	238,115	211,848
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,515,454	27,376,645

Budget Summary

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Inter-Departmental Revenue		
Departmental Revenue		
State & Federal Aid	1,540,000	10,432,000
TOTAL REVENUE	1,540,000	10,432,000
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	9,975,454	16,944,645

New Initiatives & Highlights

2023 Highlights

Securus Video Visitation
Language Line – instant access to counsel for non English speaking clients
Lexis legal research subscription
Training Director
Accountant
E-vouchering program
Overcame backlog
Limited Voucher Forgiveness Program
Osborne Association
Stipends
2 nd Upstate Family Representation Grant
Temporary staffing

2024 Goals

CAFA
Full digitization of e-vouchering system
Lawyer resource portal
Handbook
In-house trainings
CLE accreditation
Community Outreach
Investigators/Social Workers
Mentorship & Second Seat Programs
Hiring Administrative staff to support e-vouchering via state grant funding
Case Managers
Utilization of DCJS Discovery Reform grant funding