

LANCASTER COUNTY

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# Community Corrections

PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

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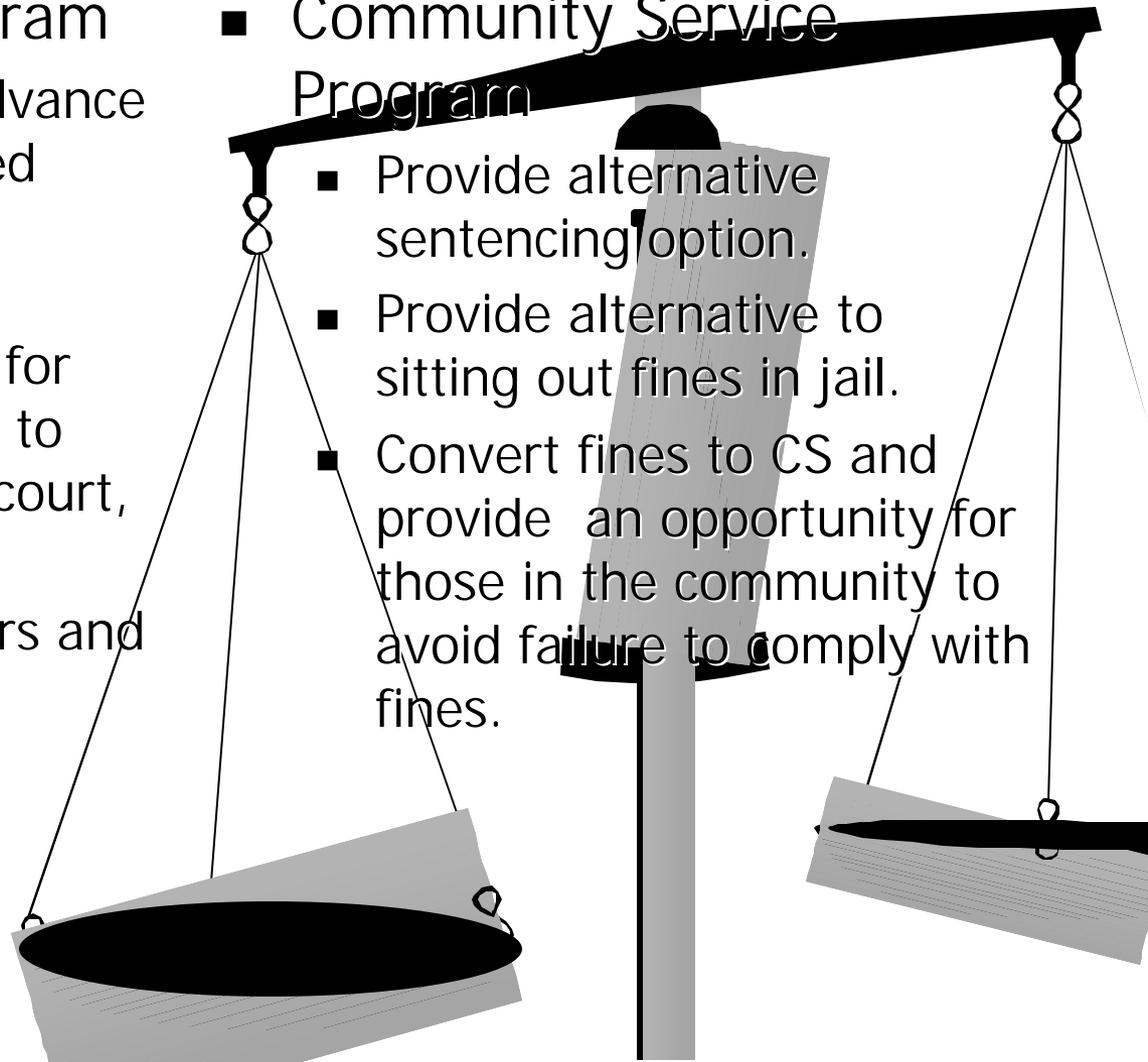
# Programs

## ■ 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.



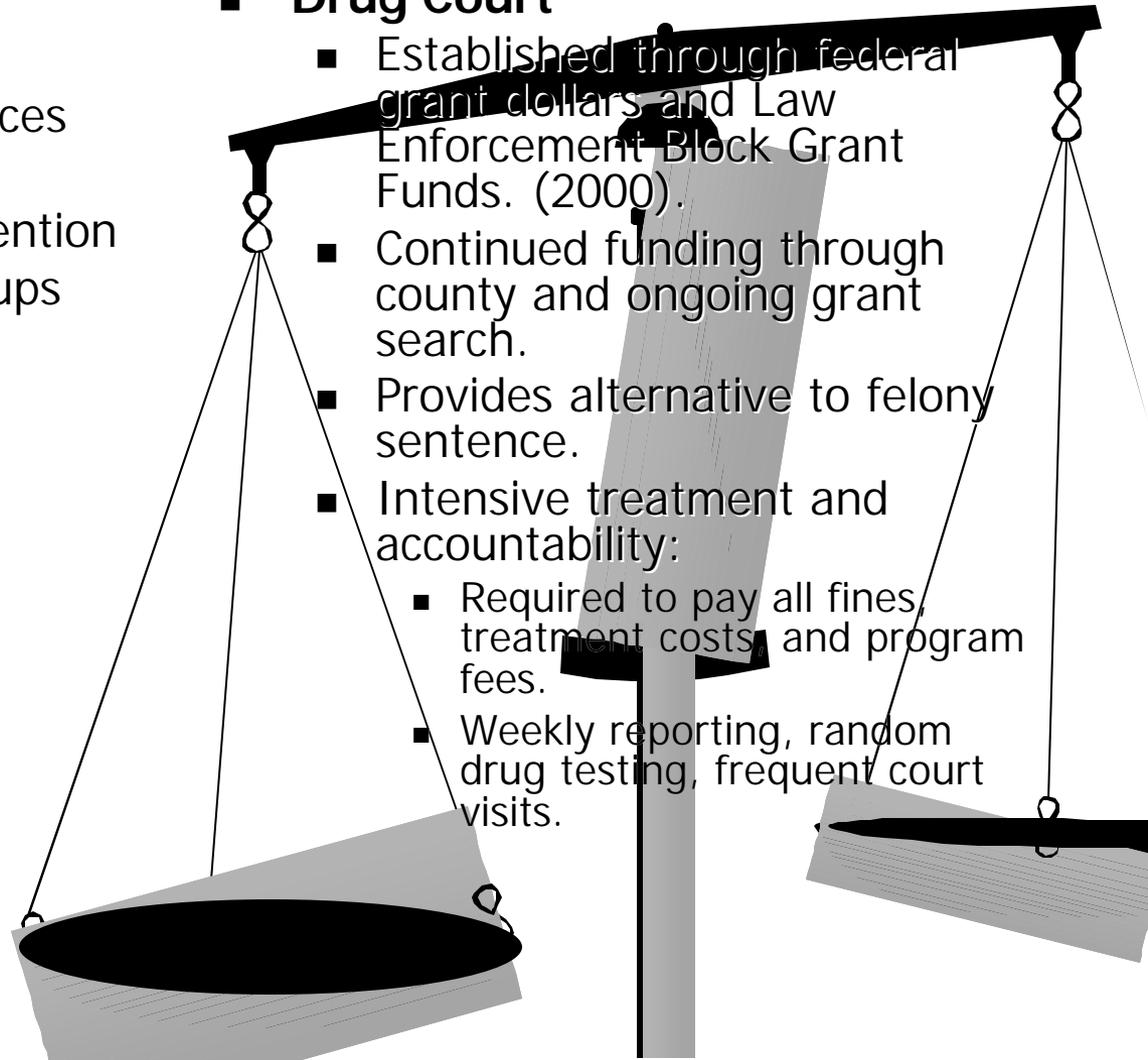
# Programs

## ■ 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

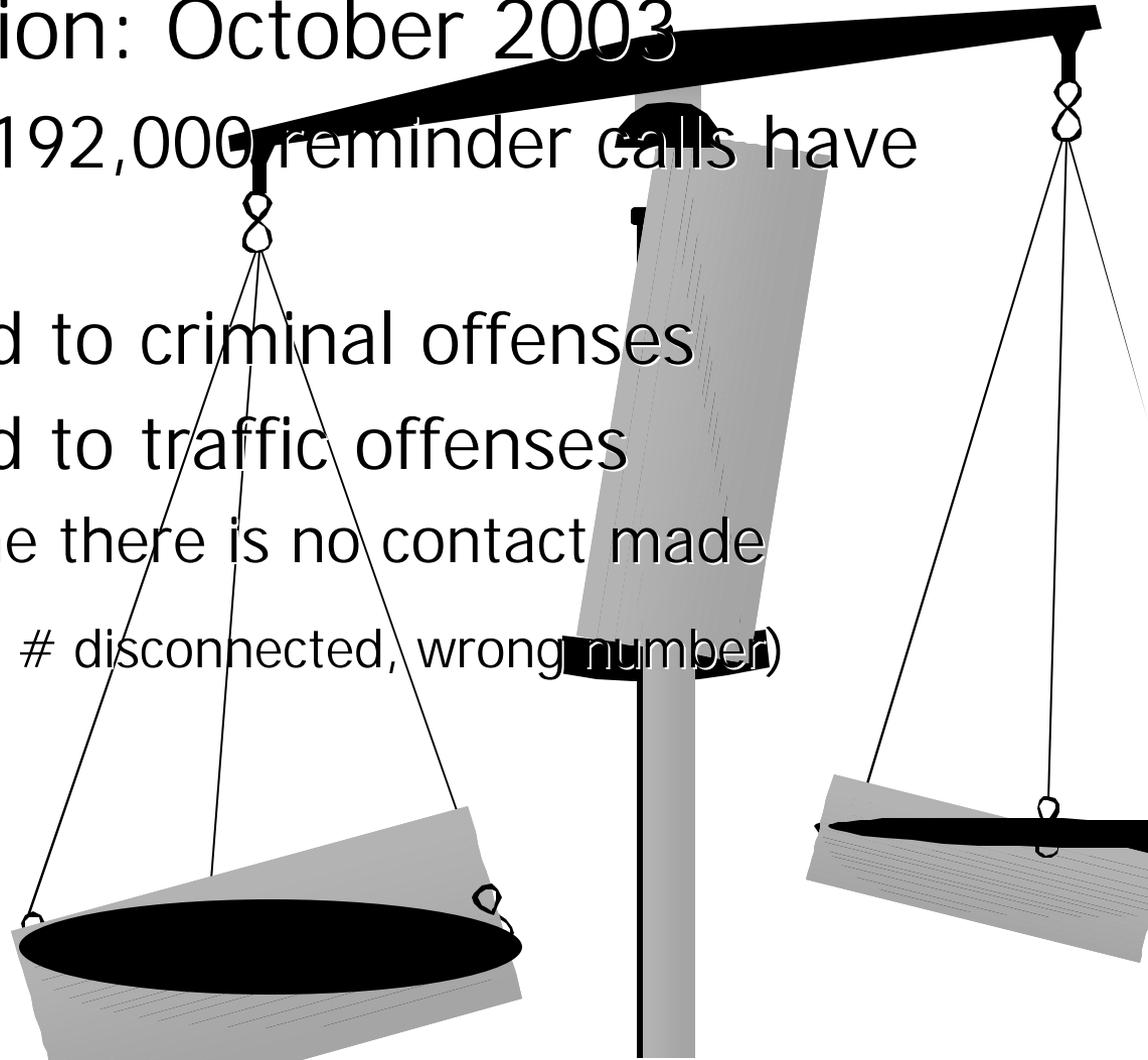
## ■ Drug Court

- 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.



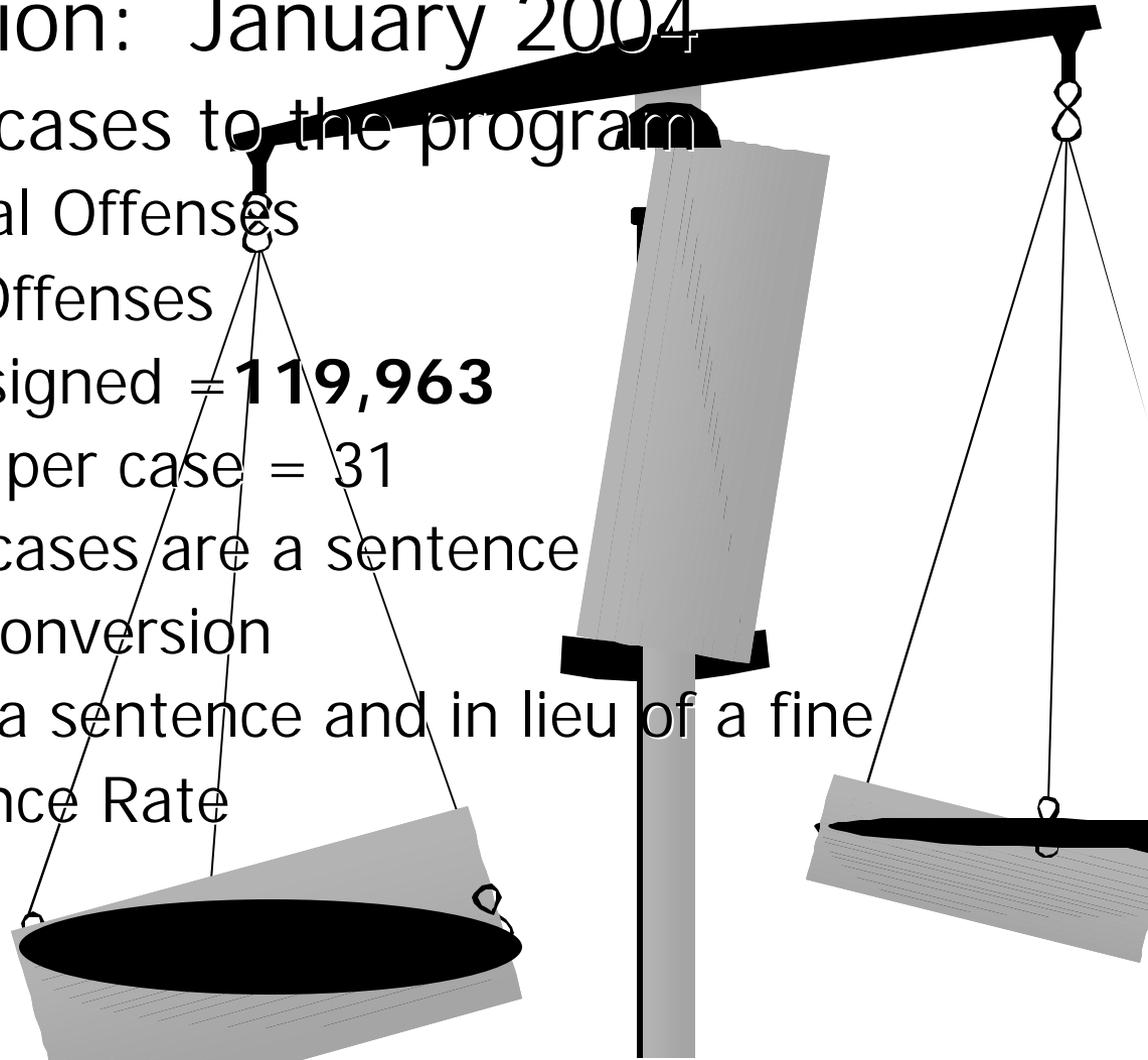
# Court Reminder

- 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

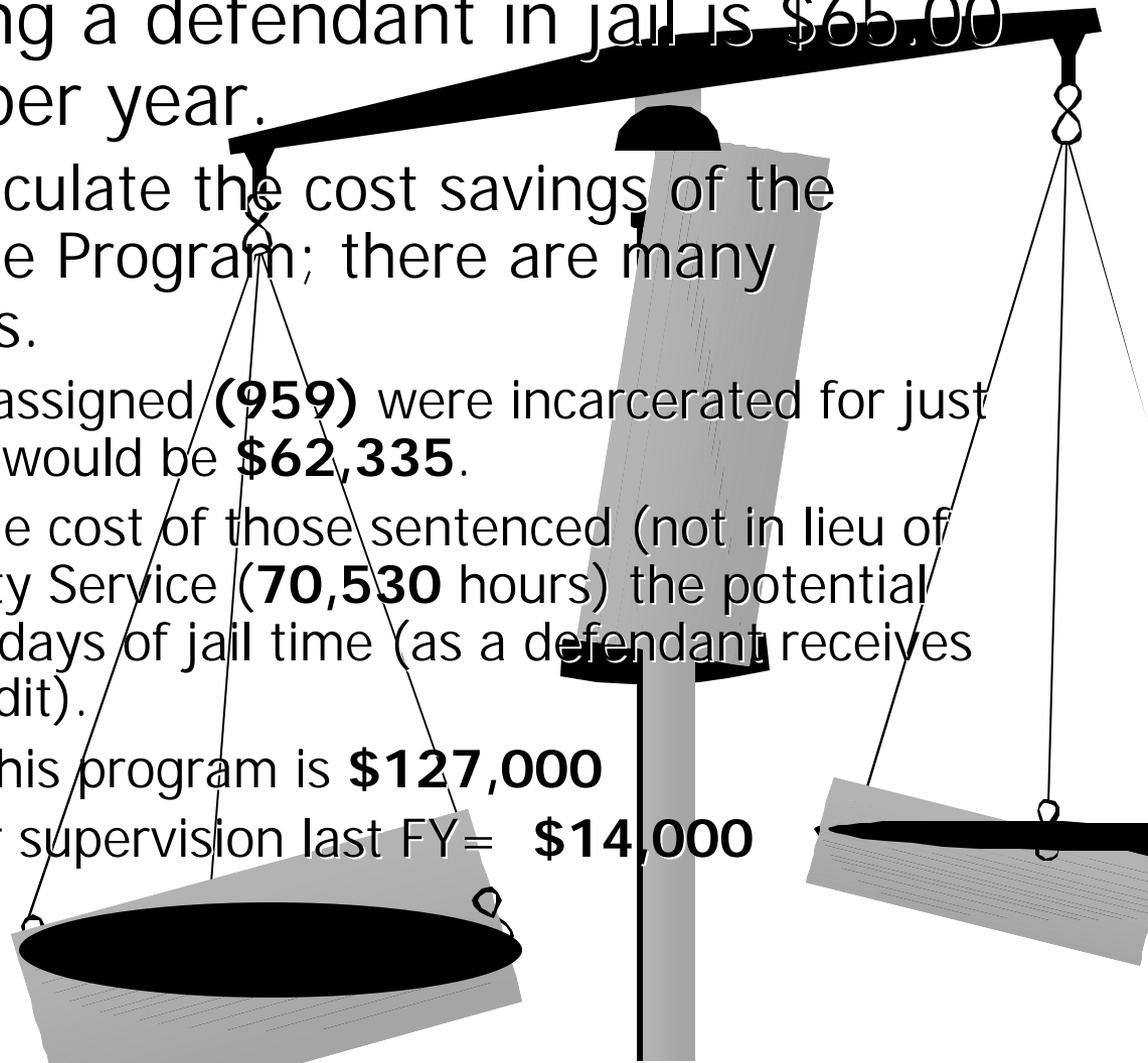
- Program Inception: January 2004
  - Assigned 3834 cases to the program
    - 3664 = Criminal Offenses
    - 170 = Traffic Offenses
    - Total hours assigned = **119,963**
    - Average hours per case = 31
    - 1347 of these cases are a sentence
    - 2482 are fine conversion
    - 5 involve both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



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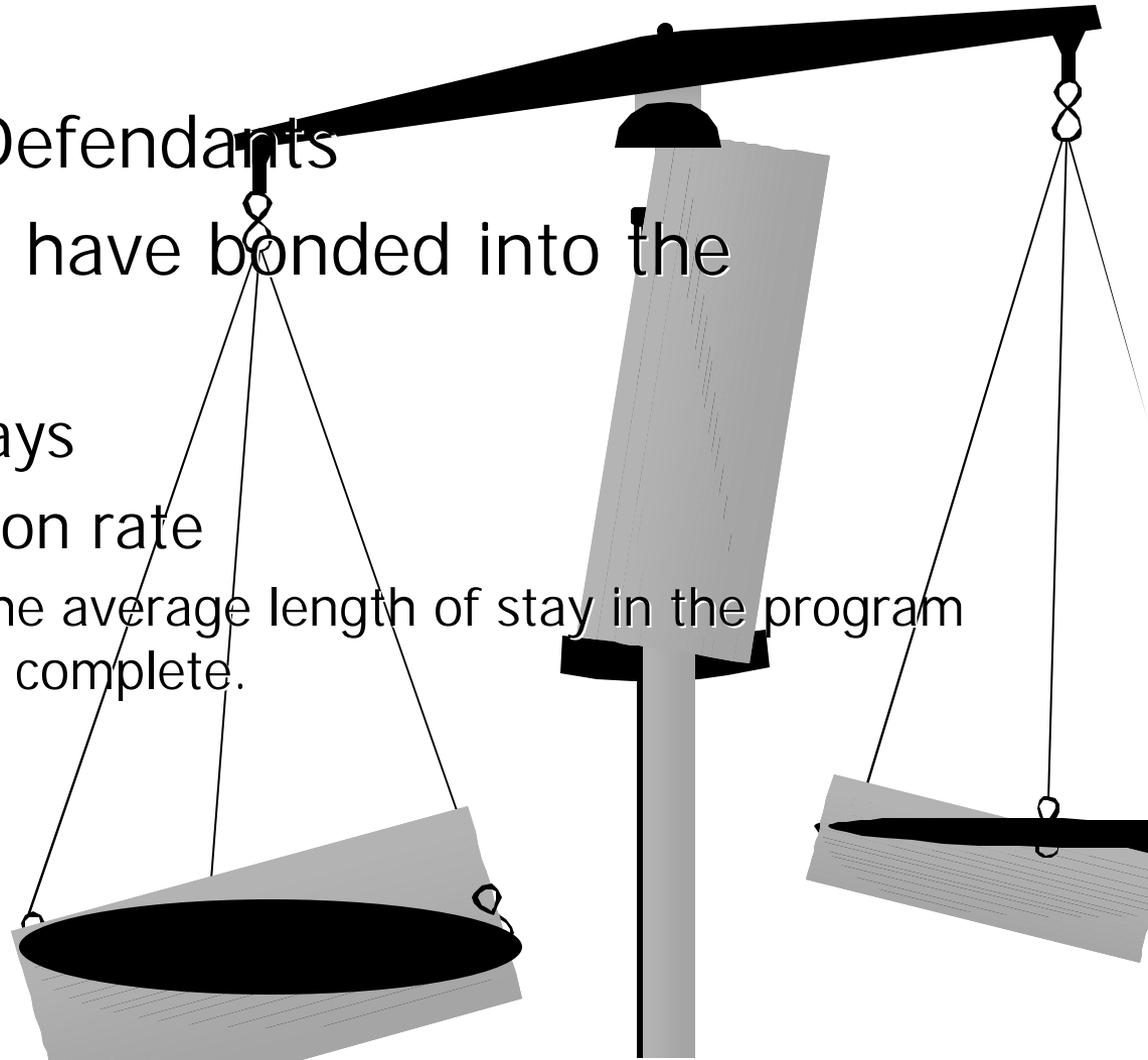
## Yearly Cost Comparison

- 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

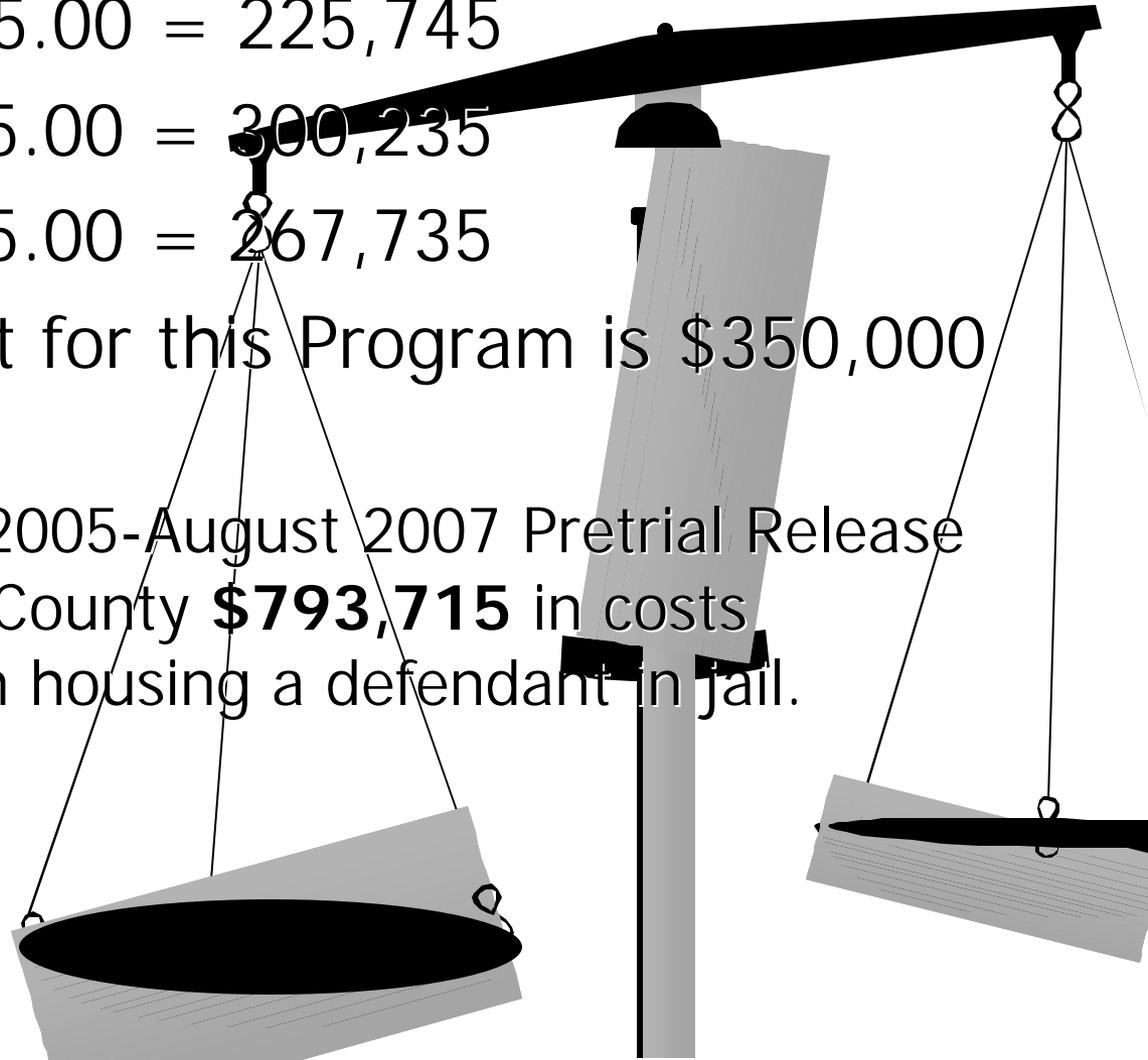
- January 2004
  - Screened 403 Defendants
  - 134 defendants have bonded into the program
    - **12,211** bed days
    - **52%** Completion rate
      - **120** days is the average length of stay in the program for those who complete.



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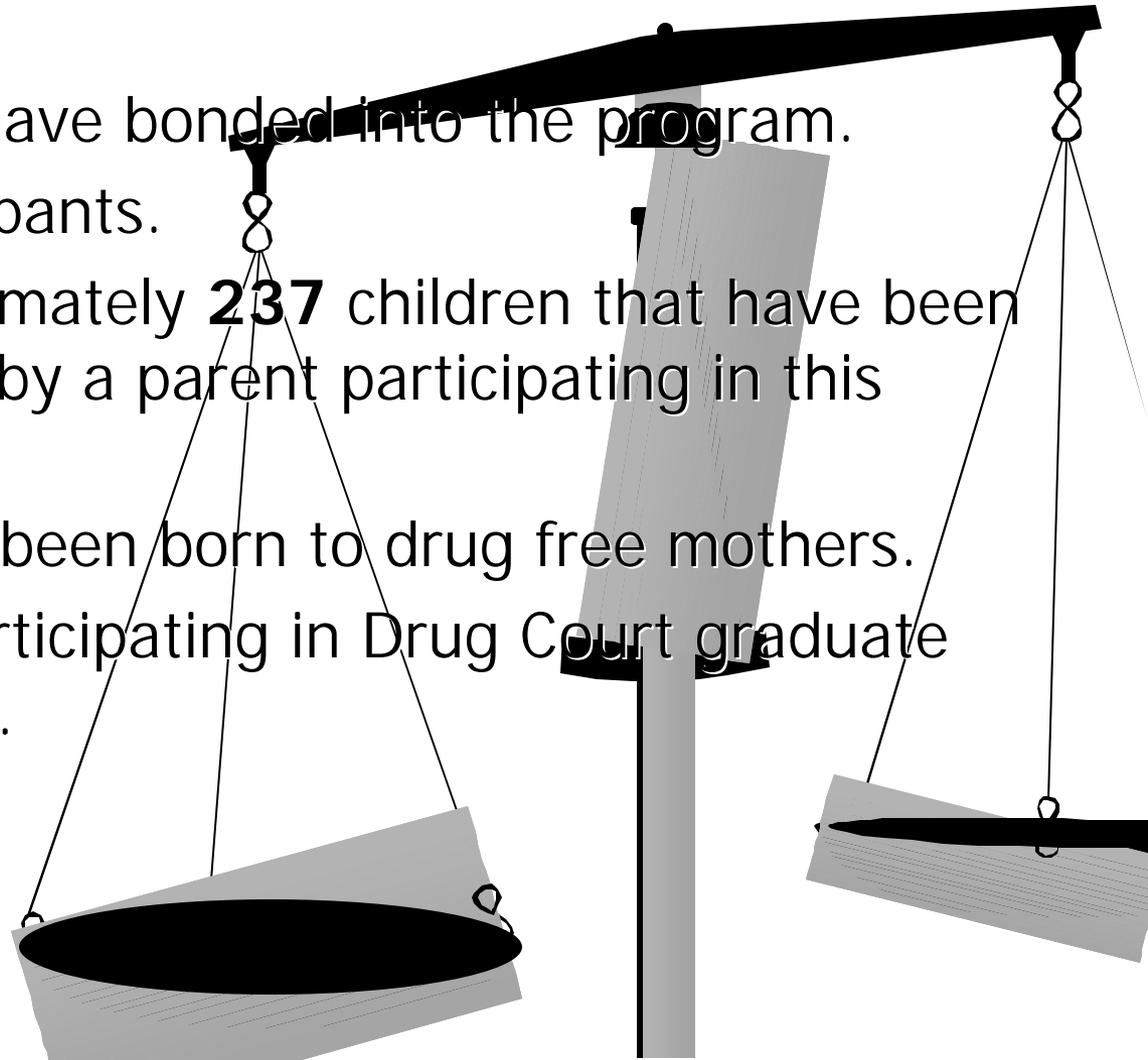
## Yearly Cost Comparison

- (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

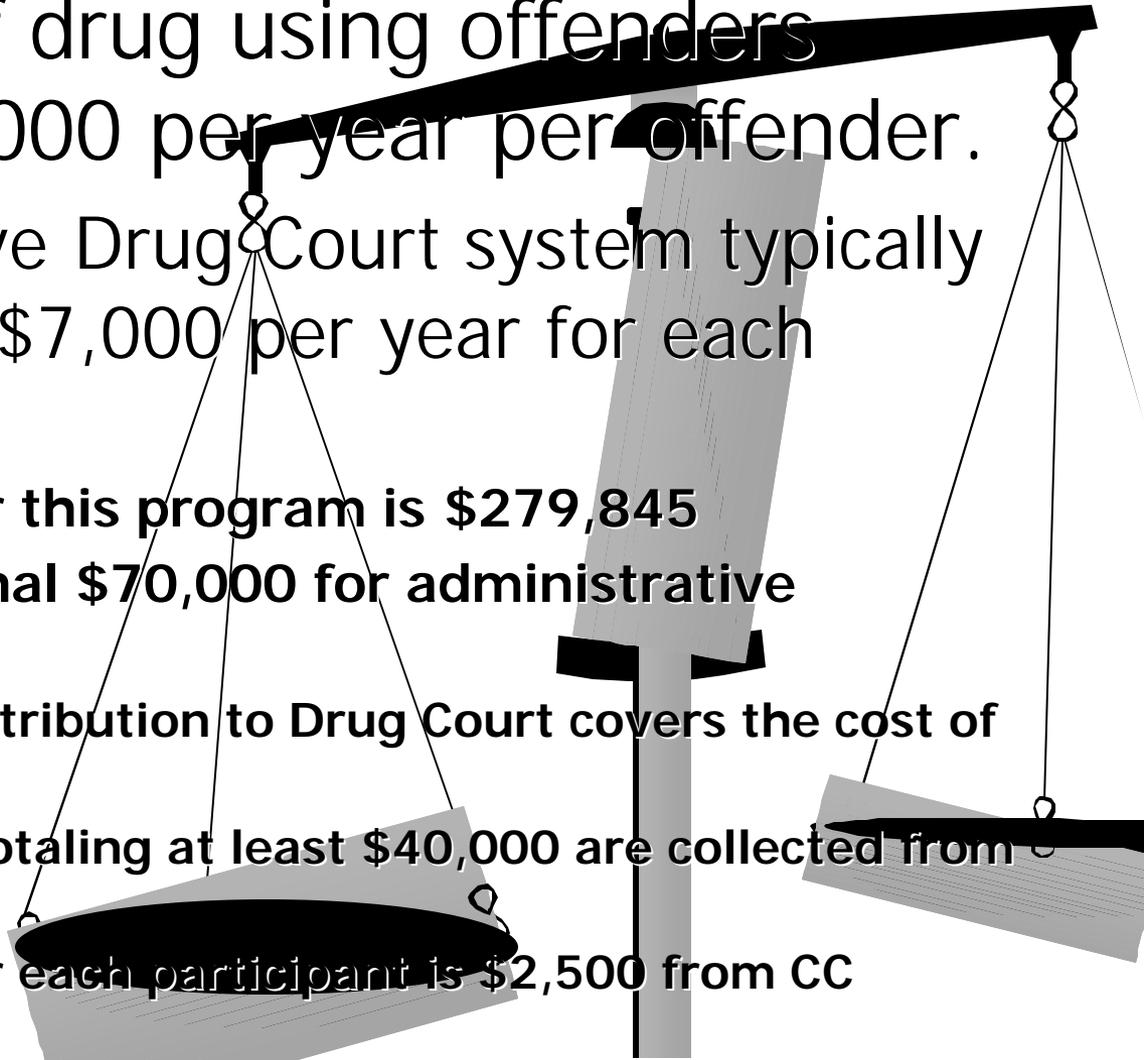
- September 2004
  - **366** defendants have bonded into the program.
  - **64** current participants.
  - There are approximately **237** children that have been directly impacted by a parent participating in this program.
  - **35** Children have been born to drug free mothers.
  - **36%** of those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



# Drug Court

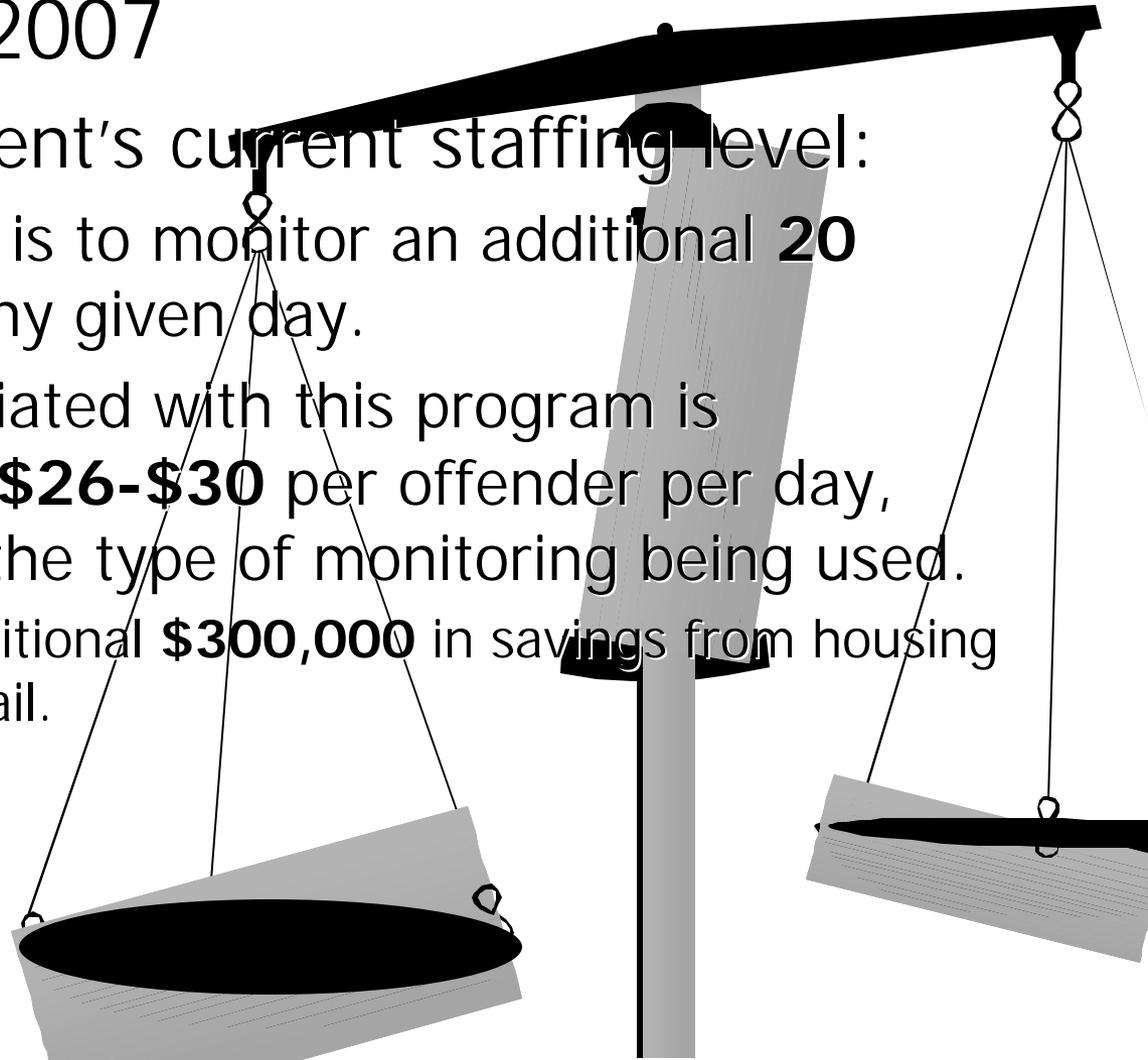
## Yearly Cost Comparison

- 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.

