

Subject: JDR mentor and afterschool program
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FY 2027 Proposed Budget
Budget Work Session Follow-up

4/14/2026

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Ms. Cunningham via email on April 3, 2026, regarding the following question:

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Presently, the RISE youth mentorship program's high level of growth is a sign of its success in meeting a need in the community for high needs adolescents to connect with a caring "askable adult". This program, which received County funding in the FY 2025 budget, is expanding at the projected pace. There are sufficient resources in FY 2027 to allow for more expansion during the fiscal year.

2. The Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court has 2 frozen positions against 62.3 authorized FTEs. What roles are frozen, and what's the service impact?

The FY 2027 Proposed Budget inaccurately listed two frozen positions in the budget narrative. As one of the last-minute adjustments by the County Manager, the decision was made to fund the Juvenile Program Manager position assigned to the Safe Havens Program; it should have been listed as permanent funded position instead of a frozen one. Thus, only one position is frozen in the Juvenile & Domestic Relations budget and that is a Management Analyst assigned to the Gang Prevention Task Force.

The Management Analyst position has remained unfilled and frozen for a number of years as a cost reduction measure. The Management Specialist position's role, if filled, would serve to support and extend the Gang Prevention Task Force initiatives in the community. Duties would include education and outreach to parent and community groups, leading peer group sessions at middle and high schools, and organizing large-scale events like the Gang Prevention Task force soccer tournament. There is a need for this outreach to mostly English Learners who are a vulnerable population, not only for gang involvement and delinquency, but also struggling to acculturate and thrive at school and the community. The work of the Management Specialist would be focused on prevention and early intervention to keep adolescents out of the juvenile justice system.