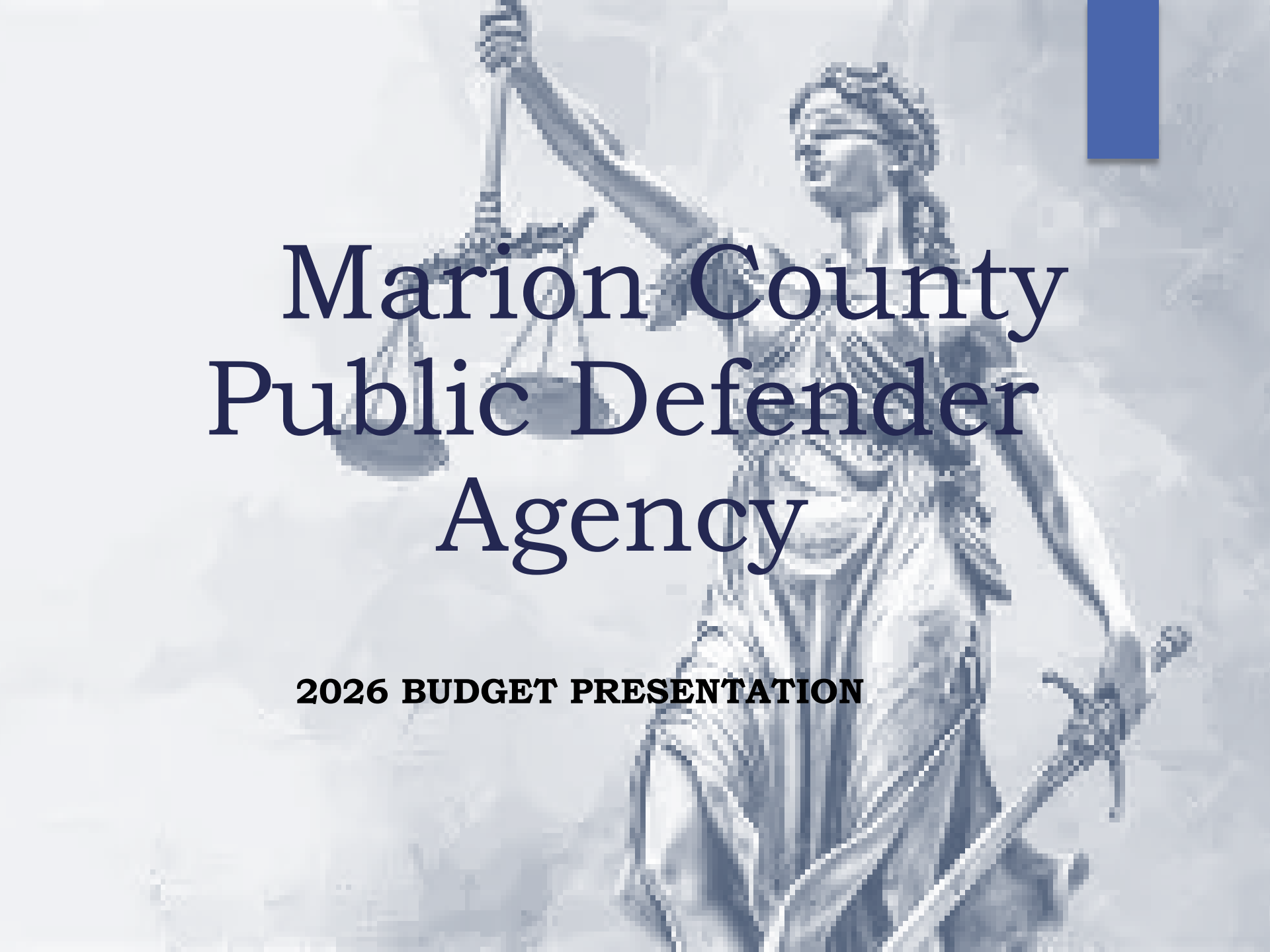
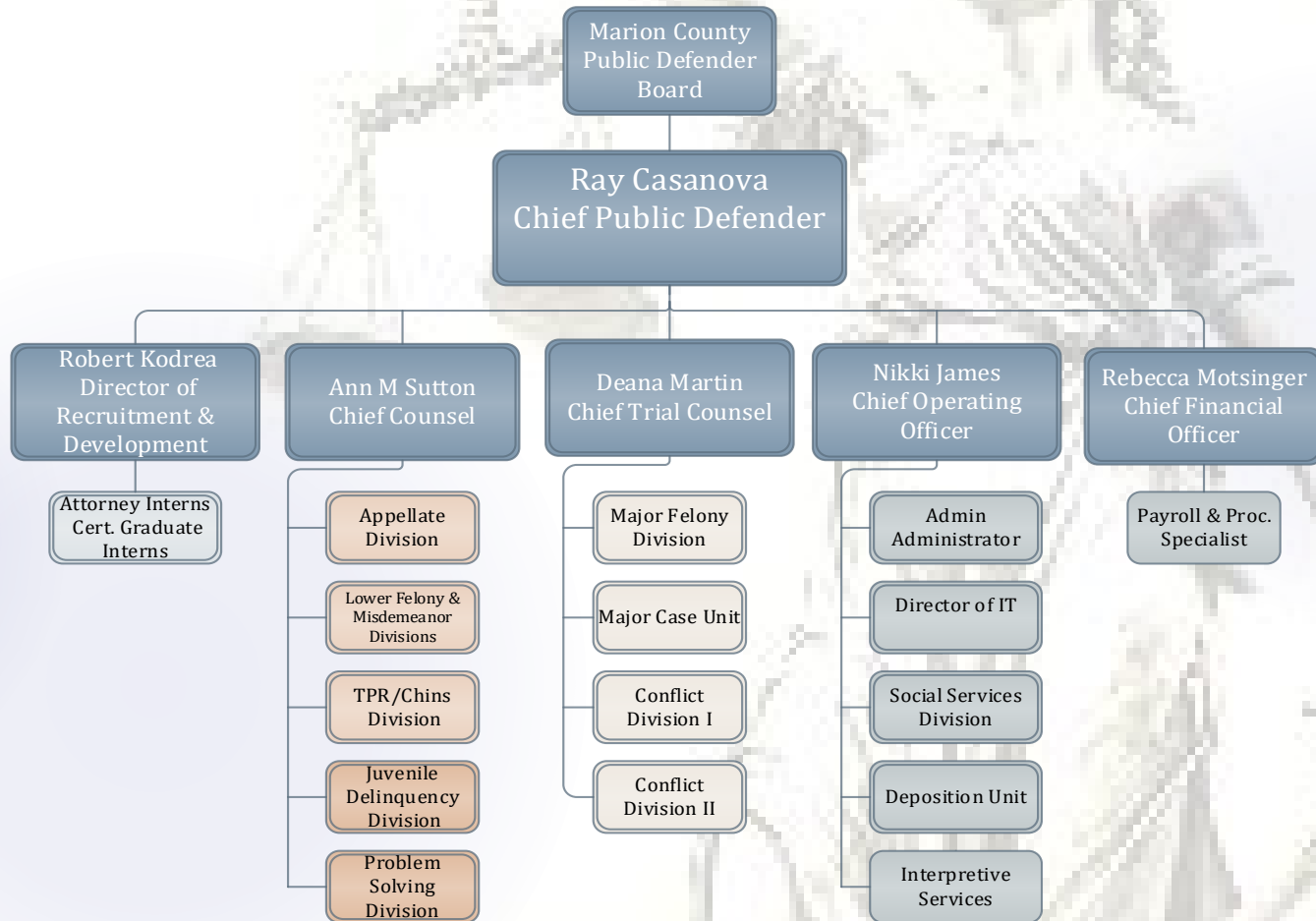




Marion County Public Defender Agency

2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Agency Overview



Agency Staffing

Demographics

MCPDA Staff	Total FTE	Filled	Vacant
Attorneys*	190	165	25
Support Staff	124.5	95	29.5
Totals	314.5	260	54.5
<i>*12 Certified Graduate Interns included as filled assumes 100% bar passage</i>			
Contract Attorneys	Count	FTE	Vacant
Adult & Juvenile*	31	13.5	1
TPR/CHINS	10	4.5	0.5
Appeals	17	7	
Total	58	25	1.5
<i>*Divisions: Major Felony, Level 6, Misdemeanor, Problem Solving & Juvenile</i>			

- All Staff: 62% Female, 38% Male
- Management: 61% Female, 39% Male
- All Staff: 67% White, 33% Diverse racial/ethnic groups
- Management: 77% White, 23% Diverse racial/ethnic groups
- Advocating for more competitive pay and benefits to have parity with other government agencies
- Working to eliminate residency requirement
- Expanding recruiting efforts to reach a larger pool of candidates

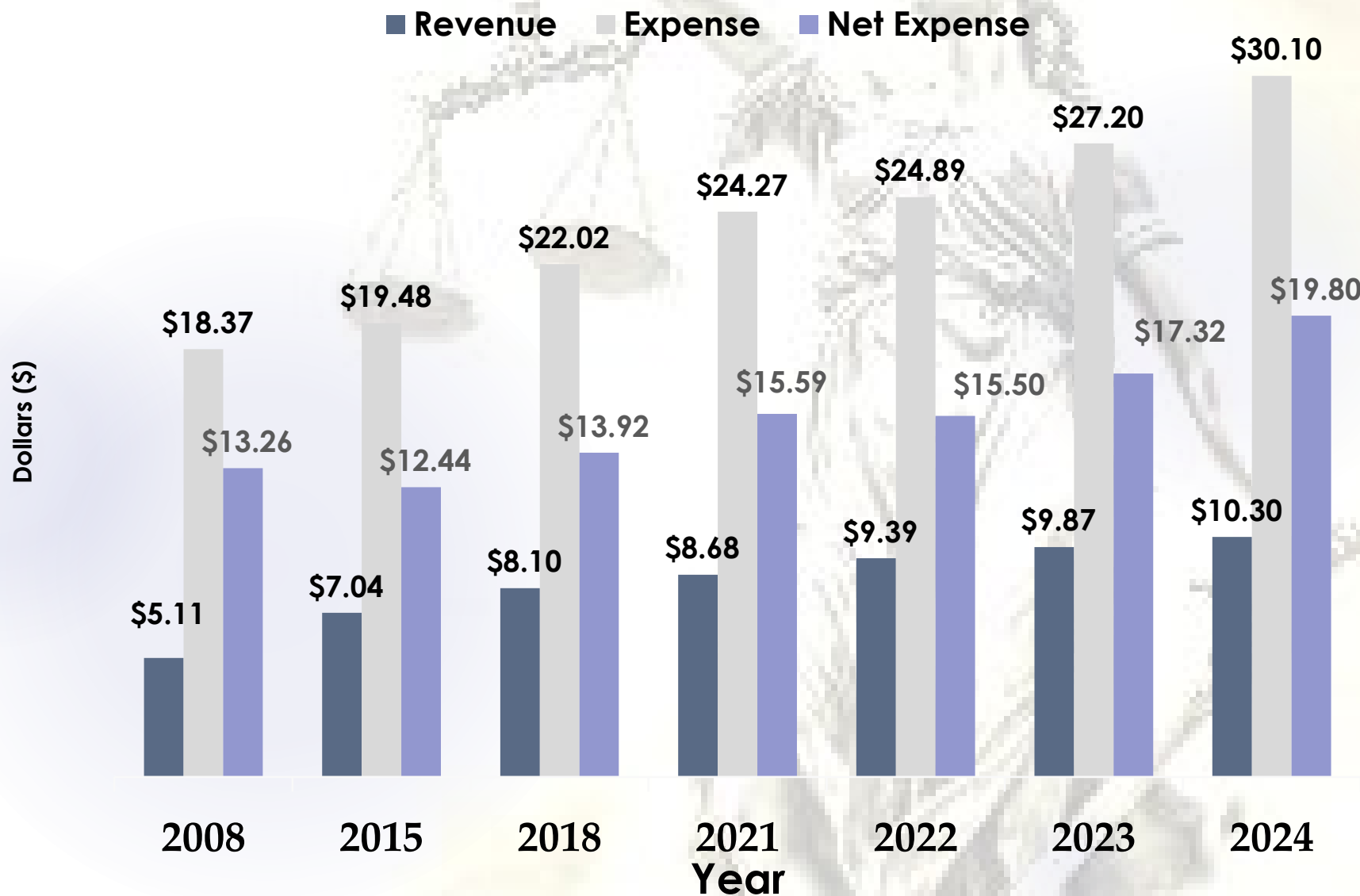
Programmatic & Fiscal Successes

- The cost of Public Defense Services in Marion County has increased by a net fiscal impact of \$6 million since 2008. From its inception in 1995, the Indiana Commission on Court appointed Attorneys has reimbursed Marion County \$150 million.
- Pay parity for attorneys & support staff contributed to equitable pay and attract and retain a diverse workforce and adequately address the attorney shortage in Indiana.
- Expansion of recruiting at law schools outside of Indiana and at job fairs as well as paid summer internships to 3rd year law students offered in 2025.
- Juvenile Early Intervention Team to reduce the number of juvenile detentions.
- Social Work database to track client referrals.

MCPDA Expense and Revenue By Year (County General)

*PST Fund Pre 2012

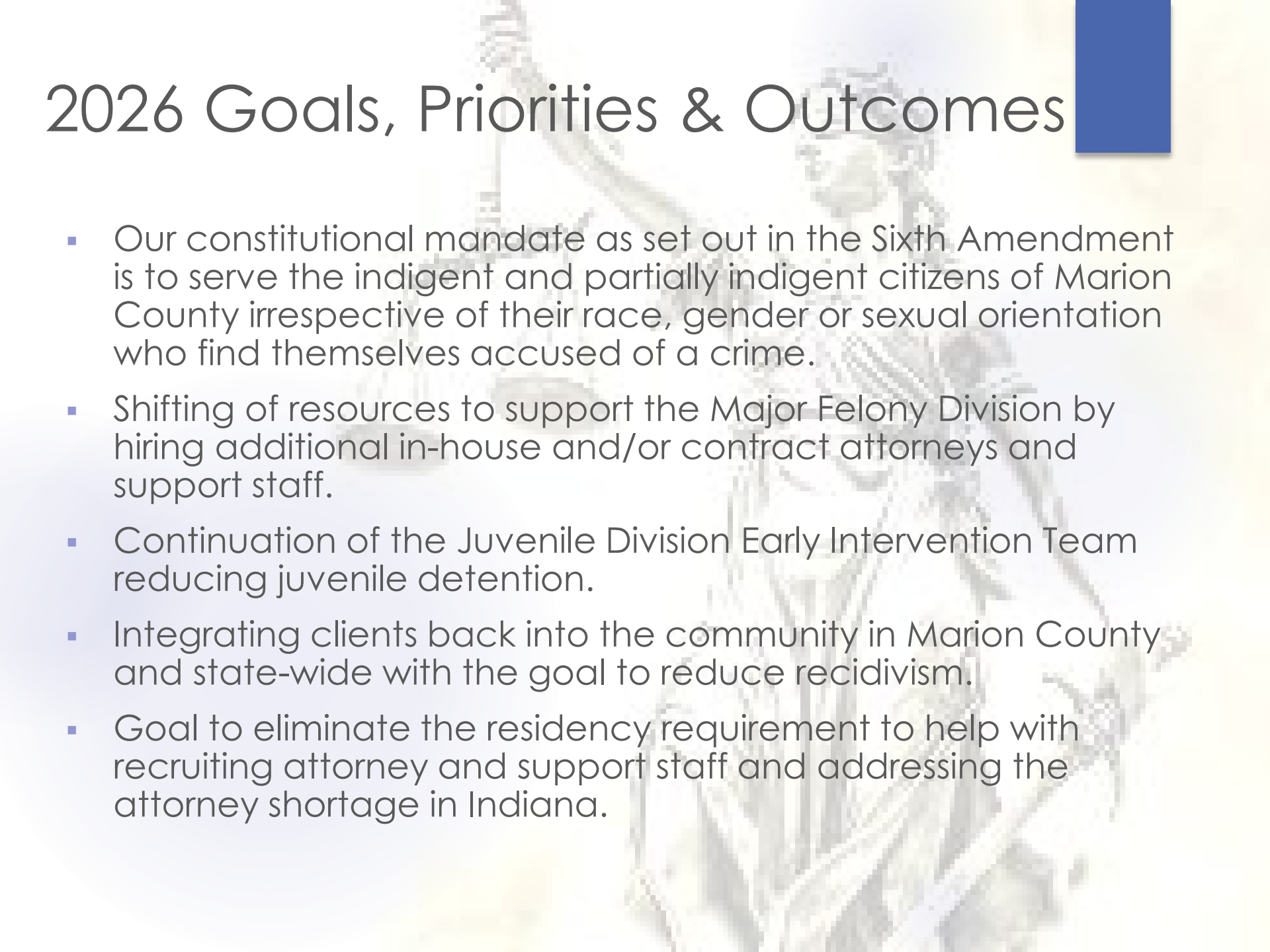
**Dollars in Millions



Community Engagement & Outreach

- Continuation of partnerships with universities to offer internships and training
- Equal Justice Works & Diversity Job Fairs
- Summer Celebration & Pride Parade
- Second Chance workshop
- Partnership with the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic offering expungements
- Growth Opportunity 5 grant to refer 18- to 24-year-olds to job opportunities
- Social Media accounts to educate the public about public defense & advertise job opportunities

2026 Goals, Priorities & Outcomes



- Our constitutional mandate as set out in the Sixth Amendment is to serve the indigent and partially indigent citizens of Marion County irrespective of their race, gender or sexual orientation who find themselves accused of a crime.
- Shifting of resources to support the Major Felony Division by hiring additional in-house and/or contract attorneys and support staff.
- Continuation of the Juvenile Division Early Intervention Team reducing juvenile detention.
- Integrating clients back into the community in Marion County and state-wide with the goal to reduce recidivism.
- Goal to eliminate the residency requirement to help with recruiting attorney and support staff and addressing the attorney shortage in Indiana.

Budget Breakdown - Total

Fund	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Change
County General	\$33,575,185	\$33,104,334	(\$470,851)
Supplemental Public Defender	\$125,400	\$125,400	\$0
Federal Grants	\$1,088,498	\$1,470,527	\$382,029
State Grants	\$98,354	\$105,859	\$7,505
County Grants	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Total Budget	\$34,902,437	\$34,821,120	(\$81,317)

The 2026 Budget shifts reliance on County General to the Federal Grant Title IV-E funding to cover contractual services. Funding levels in 2026 will force the Agency to reduce by approximately 10 FTEs.

Revenue

Fund	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Change
County General	\$11,751,315	\$11,751,315	\$0
Supplemental Public Defender	\$71,500	\$70,000	(\$1,500)
Federal Grants	\$1,088,498	\$1,470,527	\$382,029
State Grants	\$98,354	\$105,859	\$7,505

- **County General:** 40% reimbursement of non-capital cases, 50% reimbursement of capital cases from the Indiana Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys
- **Supplemental Public Defender:** Court ordered fees paid by partially indigent clients
- **Federal Grants:** ARPA/IDS project, Justice & Mental Health/QoL, Title IV-E/TPR-CHINS, Justice Assistant Grant
- **State Grants:** State Department of Correction

2026 Grants

Federal Grants

- Interdisciplinary Defense System – ARPA funding passed through the State of Indiana managed by Community Solutions. Funds one Attorney and three Social Workers assisting incarcerated clients with re-entry.
- Quality of Life – Justice & Mental Health funding assisting low level clients in partnership with the Marion County Prosecutor. Funds one Social Worker and contract with Adult & Child.
- Title IV-E – Funding determined by rate of TPR/CHINS caseloads passed through from the State. Fund reliance shift from County General to fund our TPR/CHINS contracts.
- Justice Assistance Grant – Funds administered by OFM to scan client files, provide bus passes to clients.

State Grants

- State Department of Correction partial funding for two attorneys in Drug Treatment & Behavioral Health Courts. Funding most likely will not be renewed for FY2026.

Budget Breakdown Character 1

Fund	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Change
County General	\$26,955,431	\$26,696,646	(\$258,785)
Supplemental Public Defender	\$65,400	\$65,400	\$0
Federal Grants	\$768,498	\$616,527	(\$151,971)
State Grants	\$98,354	\$105,859	\$7,505

- **County General:** reduction with 2.6% cost of living adjustment and health insurance increases reducing funded FTEs by 10.
- **Supplemental Public Defender:** one-time costs for additional staffing or payroll costs.
- **Federal Grants:** QoL/Justice & Mental Health, IDS Holistic Defense. JAG funding reallocated to Character 3.
- **State Grants:** DOC Funding for Problem Solving Courts.

Budget Breakdown

Character 2

County General Fund	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Change
Character 2	\$29,490	\$30,045	\$555

County General Fund

- Character 2 – increase for fuel charges for Agency vehicle used by investigators

Budget Breakdown

Character 3

Fund	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Change
County General	\$6,560,264	\$6,347,643	(\$212,621)
Supplemental Public Defender	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
Federal Grants	\$295,000	\$829,000	\$534,000
State Grants	\$5,000	\$0	(\$5,000)
County Grants	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0

- **County General Fund:** increased ISA chargebacks, fund reliance to Federal Grant Fund. Controlled accounts for Building Authority rent, ISA and OCC are 63% of Character 3 funding.
- **Supplemental Public Defender Fund:** contractual one-time expenses as limited by Public Defender Commission rules.
- **Federal Grants:** Title IV-E Program based on TPR/CHINS caseloads & Justice & Mental Health Quality of Life Program.
- **County Grants:** potential awards

Budget Breakdown

Character 4

Fund	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Change
County General	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Federal Grants	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0

County General Fund

- Office & IT equipment

Federal Grants

- Title IV-E incentive program determined by TPR/CHINS caseloads. Funding for office & IT equipment.

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