

The Defender Services Program

A Division of the Orleans Public Defenders

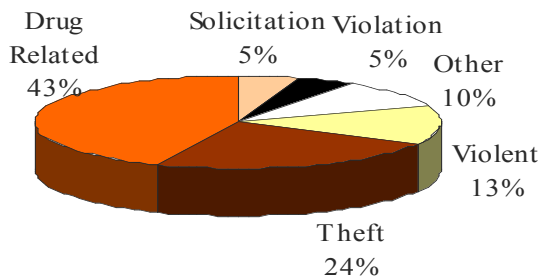
The Defender Services Program (DSP) is the social services and outreach division of the Orleans Public Defenders. Its purpose is to offer holistic representation by providing sentencing mitigation and access to substance abuse, mental health, employment, and education services as alternatives to incarceration. The DSP is currently staffed by a Social Work Supervisor, an Outreach Coordinator and two Case Managers. It is supervised by the Deputy Chief Defender.

◆ Client Information

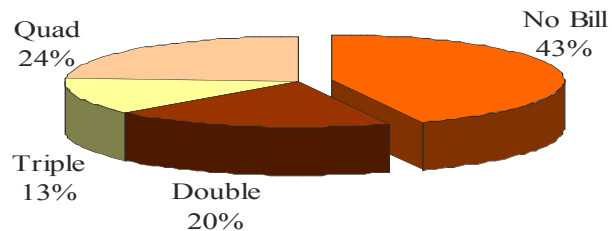
Demographics

Gender	Race
Male 72.05%	Black 84.72%
Female 27.07%	White 14.85%
Transgendered 0.87%	Asian 0.44%

Type of Charges



Bill Status



◆ Request Information

In its first year, the DSP received 229 referrals.

Request Type

- Substance Abuse - 31%
- Education and Employment - 25%
- General Assessment - 13%
- Other - 12%
- Mitigation Report - 7%
- Mental Health - 6%
- Housing and Emergency Shelters - 3%
- Dual Diagnosis - 2%

◆ Results

- The DSP has fulfilled the requested service for 86% of all cases.
- Mitigation Reports have reduced sentences in 100% of cases for which reports were submitted.
- The DSP secured a release for the client in 85% of cases.
- The DSP has a recidivism rate of 9%.