



The Utah Indigent Defense Commission (IDC) works to protect constitutionally guaranteed liberties through ongoing support for the provision of effective indigent defense services throughout the state.

In 2017, Juab County was the first recipient of an IDC grant award to make structural improvements to indigent defense services through a partnership with state and local stakeholders. Indigent defense in Juab County has seen the following improvements corresponding with the IDC’s core principles:

**PRINCIPLE 1/ ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

- 86% increase to the indigent defense budget.
- \$67,000 allocation specifically for defense resources.
- Independent oversight and monitoring, including tracking appointed cases.

**PRINCIPLE 2/ COUNSEL TO ALL ELIGIBLE DEFENDANTS**

- 12% increase in appointment at initial appearance.

**PRINCIPLE 3/ PROPER SCOPE OF REPRESENTATION**

- 5 – 10% increase in bail modifications.
- 8% increase in days spent on indigent defense cases by attorneys.

**PRINCIPLE 4/ INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATION**

- Independent administration of the indigent defense budget, outside of the prosecution or judiciary.

**PRINCIPLE 5/ SPECIALIZATION WITHIN INDIGENT DEFENSE**

- Specialized attorneys appearing in District, Juvenile, and Drug Courts.

**PRINCIPLE 6/ RIGHT TO APPEAL**

- 150% increase in the number of appeals filed.

**PRINCIPLE 7/ FREE FROM CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

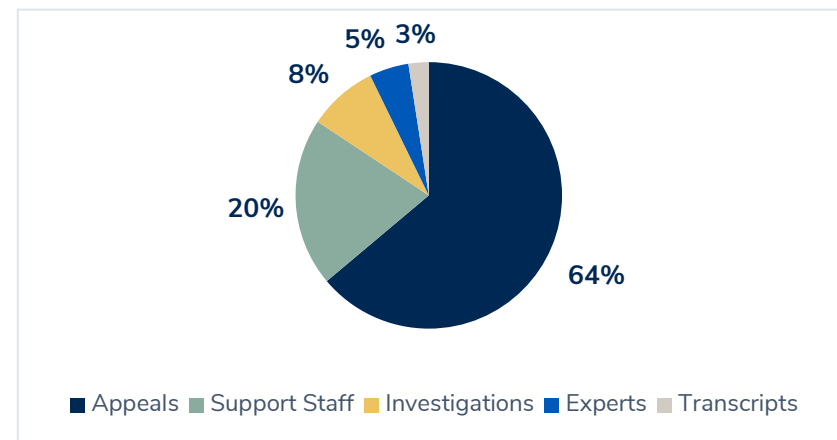
- Reduced conflicts of interest as a result of splitting cases among attorneys.

**PRINCIPLE 8/ EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION**

- Contracting with qualified attorneys who are “vigorously defending cases.”
- Appropriate compensation to avoid financial disincentives in representation

**GROWING GIDEON: IMPROVING  
INDIGENT DEFENSE IN JUAB COUNTY**  
A REPORT BY THE UTAH INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

**Allocation of Expenditures for Defense Resources**



**Attorney Specialization in District and Juvenile Courts**

	2016	2017
Specialization by Practice Area	NO	YES
Adult Criminal	1 Primary Attorney + 1 Conflict Attorney	5 Attorneys
Juvenile Delinquency		2 Attorneys
Parental Defense		
TOTAL	2 Attorneys	7 Attorneys