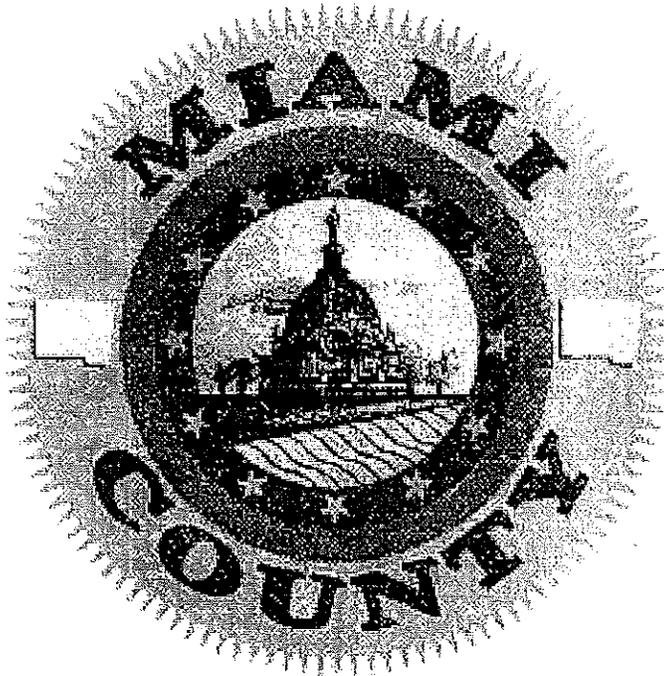


Miami County Juvenile Court

1998 Annual Report



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To the Citizens of Miami County:

The Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas has been busy in 1998 changing our focus to better meet the needs of the public. We have concentrated our efforts on the clients, the legal profession, the agencies with which we partner, and the victims who are injured.

To accomplish our goals we did some staff restructuring and added a court administrator position and two part-time clerks. These positions have greatly enhanced our inner flow and increased our efficiency. We have regular staff development days and joint staff meetings to keep us current on issues that effect our work as well as increasing communication among all staff members. We replaced two full time clerks, in addition to hiring two part time clerks, and in the process of spending considerable time training our four new positions, also accomplished cross training among the clerks. Now when one clerk is away, another can easily fill in without a slow down of the workflow. The clerks have changed the counter processes to speed up the check-in and check-out processes. The clerks are now better able to accomplish timely preparation of transcripts and file the Supreme Court Report well ahead of guidelines. They are now beginning the process of sealing and expungement of juvenile records, addressing our problem of nonpayment of fines and court costs and record retention (ridding old outdated records.) The Clerks received much help from the magistrates, the fiscal officer, and the probation department to accomplish these goals.

We have increased our partnership efforts with other child serving agencies. With the assistance of the Miami county Recovery Council we have established the HEALTH Program which gets parents involved in their children's treatment following drug or alcohol convictions. We have contracts with Miami County Mental Health Center to address several areas of treatment for school truancy curfew, girl's issues and family counseling. Piqua schools have contracted to have a probation officer located within their schools so that truancy and behavior problems can be addressed more quickly. Our prevention services has been expanded with the assistance of the probation department and will continue to expand in 1999 with the goal of addressing unruly and lessor misdemeanor problems before they escalate into more serious delinquent behaviors. The Ohio Legislature completely revamped the necessary procedures to keep juveniles in compliance with the new laws. The probation department has also added electronic home monitoring as an option for use when detention beds are unavailable. The Court works very closely with the Victim/Witness Advocates from the Prosecutor's Office to make sure that the victim has a voice within the Courtroom.

With the assistance of the Miami County Commissioners and our maintenance department, we have added a third courtroom so that docket time can be better arranged to meet the needs of the clients, witnesses and attorneys involved. This new courtroom and our entire area are scheduled for redesigning and updating in the year 2000, which will greatly enhance safety and security issues.

The entire Juvenile Court staff has worked very hard in 1998 to proudly serve the citizens of Miami County. We trust that this annual report will better inform you of all that we do to make Miami County a safe community.



Lynhita K. C. Wagner
Miami County Juvenile Court Judge

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Our Purpose

The Juvenile Court of Miami County is a division of the Miami County Common Pleas Court. Our purpose is to counsel and rehabilitate youth who commit crimes, protect the Miami County community from juvenile crime, assist the victims of that crime, and protect children from abuse, neglect, and dependency.

Juvenile Court becomes involved in the lives of our children under 18 who:

- ❖ Do not obey their parents, school officials, and other custodians
- ❖ Do not attend school, who violate curfew, who drink alcohol and use drugs
- ❖ Commit violations of traffic laws
- ❖ Commit criminal acts
- ❖ Are victims of abuse, neglect or dependency
- ❖ And who's circumstances require orders of paternity, visitation, and child support

The Court also hears cases of adults who contribute to the unruliness or delinquency of a minor. Consistent with our purpose to provide safe and appropriate homes to the children of Miami County, Juvenile Court handles paternity, child support, and child custody and visitation cases.

The Court protects the interests and rights of our children and the public by rehabilitating and holding youth and their families accountable for their actions. The Court strives to strengthen the family and empower the parents to actively provide the balance of love, structure, supervision and responsibility so that their children will develop the self-control and independence needed to become productive, self-sufficient, law abiding adults.

Referrals reach the Court through various channels, including parents, school officials, law enforcement authorities, neighbors, Children Services representatives, and the Prosecutor's office.

Under the direction of Judge Lynnita K.C. Wagner and with the support of one full-time and two part-time magistrates, the Court provides a broad range of community based and residential treatment and prevention services. This report is intended to help you understand the children we serve and give you an overview of the services we provided in 1998.

The Youth We Served in 1998

Juvenile Delinquency

In Ohio, a juvenile delinquent is defined as "... any child who violates any law of this state, the United States, or any ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision of the state, which would be a crime if committed by an adult; except that any child who violates any traffic law, ordinance, or regulation shall be designated as a juvenile traffic offender." This definition also includes any child who violates any lawful order of the Juvenile Court. Each year the Court handles many types of delinquency charges, some are considered misdemeanors and others are felonies. The following is a summary of the 1998 charges:

1998 Delinquency Charges & Cases

Arson	6
Assault	129
Breaking and Entering	27
Burglary	25
Carrying a Concealed Weapon	12
Contempt of Court Orders	97
Criminal Damaging	105
Criminal Mischief	14
Disorderly Conduct	118
Domestic Violence	54
Drug Abuse & Related Drug Offenses	120
Escape	24
Forgery	9
Gross Sexual Imposition & Related	15
Menacing (and related)	49
Parole Violations	8
Possession of Weapon in School	1
Probation Violations	316
Rape	24
Receiving Stolen Property	63
Robbery	5
Theft	291
Trespassing & Related	110
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	28
Underage Consumption	223
Vandalism	12
All Other Delinquency Filed	160
Total Delinquency Charges Filed	2045
Total Delinquency Cases Filed	1782

The Court has many options when dealing with a delinquent child including:

- ◆ Place the child on probation supervision
- ◆ Commit the child to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (felony only)
- ◆ Commit the child to West Central Rehabilitation Center (felony only)
- ◆ Place the child in foster care or in a residential center
- ◆ Have the child attend a specific community program
- ◆ Require the child to complete community service and restitution
- ◆ Order the child to attend a specific treatment program
- ◆ Impose a fine and court cost
- ◆ Make any order the judge thinks will benefit the child

Last year, the Court entered final dispositions in 1844 delinquency cases.

Unruly Child

An unruly child is defined as any child who does not subject himself to the reasonable control of his parents, teachers, guardian or custodian, is habitually truant from home or school; departs himself as to injure or endanger his health or morals; attempts to enter marriage without consent; is found in a disreputable place, or engages in an occupation prohibited by law. Unruly offenses include behaviors such as truancy at school, running away, and incorrigibility; these behaviors would not be considered a crime if committed by adults. The following is a summary of the 1998 unruly charges:

1998 Unruly Charges Filed

School Truancy	237
Curfew Violation	263
Unruly (disobedient/runaway)	364
Total Unruly Charges	864
Total Unruly Cases	795

The Court has many options for dealing with an unruly child and they are:

- ◆ Counseling for the child and/or parent
- ◆ Make an order of mandatory school attendance and have the order monitored by court officers
- ◆ Have the child attend a specific program that the child could benefit from such as community service or attend a therapeutic program
- ◆ Place the child in a non-secure facility or with a relative
- ◆ Place the child on probation supervision
- ◆ Impose costs of the case against the juvenile
- ◆ Or, whatever the judge thinks will benefit the child

In 1998, the Court entered final disposition in 860 unruly cases.

Juvenile Traffic Offender

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 1998 included:

1998 Traffic Cases

Speeding	544
DUI	28
No Operator's License	54
Failure to Control	107
Reckless Operation	18
Failure to Maintain Assured Clear Distance	68
Seat Belt Violation	215
Vehicle Related Violation	107
Other Moving Violation	355
Total Traffic Counts Filed	1496
Total Traffic Cases Filed	1340

The Court has a variety of options for dealing with a juvenile traffic offender including:

- ◆ Suspending a license for any time period up to age 21
- ◆ Place child on probation
- ◆ Impose fines or costs
- ◆ Place child in Detention (for persistent offense or serious violations)
- ◆ Order child to attend Driving School
- ◆ Order restitution
- ◆ Have the child attend a specific program, such as community service or attend a therapeutic program

In Ohio, a juvenile has a probationary license. With this license, a juvenile is subject to additional penalties imposed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to which adults are not subject.

In 1998, the Court entered final dispositions in 1367 traffic cases.

Abused, Neglected and Dependant Children

An abused child includes any child that exhibits evidence of any serious physical or emotional injury inflicted other than by accidental means or is the victim of sexual activity. A neglected child is one who is abandoned or lacks parental care because of the faults, habits, and indifference of the parents or custodians. A dependant child lacks proper care or support through no fault of the parents or custodian. The juvenile court has the responsibility to hear such cases and make a finding or adjudication. The Court may make orders altering legal custody or redefining the parental rights and responsibilities to protect the child. These cases are very complex and require close cooperation with Miami County Children Services Board, law enforcement, and other social agencies.

1998 Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Filings

Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency	151
Motion for Permanent Custody	9

The Court believes that when a child's physical, mental and emotional health is at stake and when the child's needs are not being met, that the child needs an advocate. Therefore in a majority of these cases the Court appoints a guardian ad litem either through CASA/GAL of MIAMI COUNTY or a private attorney. Based on the complaint before it and by considering the best interest of the child, the Court may use a variety of options for dealing with abused, neglected, and dependant children including:

- ◆ Order protective supervision by Miami County Children Service Board
- ◆ Remove the child from the home on a temporary basis and give custody to Children Services during which time the parties can work on a plan for reunification.
- ◆ Give legal custody to a relative
- ◆ Place the child in long-term foster care when the parent is not able to assume care
- ◆ Award permanent custody to Children Services, so that the child can be adopted

Last year, the Court entered final disposition in 130 abuse, neglect, and dependency cases and 10 permanent custody cases.

Adult Misdemeanor Cases

The Juvenile Court also has jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases against adults charged with acts against children. This includes contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of a minor, and contempt of a court from orders made by the Juvenile Court.

1998 Filings

Contempt of a Court Order	11
Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor	48
Total Adult Criminal Cases	59

Last year the Court entered 48 final dispositions in adult misdemeanor cases.

Miscellaneous Cases

The Court hears a number of cases which do not fall into any particular category. These include such issues as applications for a marriage license by an underage child, hospitalization of a mentally ill minor, and certain kinds of consents for medical treatment. Last year the Court handled 3 such cases.

Last year the court entered final dispositions in 5 miscellaneous cases.

Paternity, Custody, Child Support, and Visitation

The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction in cases of children whose parents were never married. Sometimes, this involves determining who is the father of a child. It can also involve deciding which parent gets custody of a child and the amount of child support and visitation the child can have with a parent. The Court also deals with requests from people other than parents, such as relatives or friends who want custody of a child. These cases often involve working with the Miami County Child Support Enforcement Agency.

1998 Filings

Parentage	191
Custody or Visitation	245
Support Enforcement or Modification	276
Total	712

Last year the court entered final disposition in 317 support enforcement or modification cases, 236 custody or visitation cases, and 191 parentage cases.

Court Services

Juvenile Clerks Office

The clerks office is responsible for handling all the paperwork related to any court case. They accept the filings, schedule hearings, certify all orders, process all the paperwork, act as court reporters and generally maintain all case record. Under the direction of Chief Deputy Clerk, Beverly Bell and with the help of six full-time and two part-time clerks, the office serves all the clients of the Court.

Court Activity	1998
Total Case Filed	5202
Total Counts Filed	4405
Total Cases Disposed	5008

Probation

The Miami County Juvenile Probation Department's mission is to encourage youth to behave responsibly and ensure community safety through the enforcement of court orders and terms of probation. The probation department uses sanctions such as electronic home monitoring, direct supervision, and social services to solve family problems and change youth behavior. The Probation Department routinely networks with schools, law enforcement, and other human services agencies to serve the needs of probationers. The department utilizes a number of contracted services to meet the therapeutic needs of the youth. They also provide some prevention and early intervention programming aimed at solving problems early and preventing serious crime.

The Miami County Juvenile Court Probation Department's full-time staff includes Randall Freeman, Chief Probation Officer, and six probation officers. Five of these probation officers carry full caseloads. In 1998 these five probation officers carried an average monthly caseload of 62 probationers. The sixth full-time probation officer directs an early intervention program. A seventh probation officer is a part-time employee assigned to an alternative school; this person does not manage a caseload. Caseloads are assigned geographically or, in some cases, according to the specialized need of the probationer.

The goal of the Probation Department is to support the parents or guardian as the primary authority and caregiver for the probationer, and to augment that authority when necessary. The duration of probation supervision and the amount of contact with the probation officer varies according to the seriousness of the youth's offense, their likelihood to re-offend, and the individual's needs.

BREAKDOWN OF 1998 PROBATION ASSIGNMENTS

MALES	206
FEMALES	133
CAUCASIAN	312
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	25
OTHER	2
COMMITTING OFFENSE -- FELONY	40
COMMITTING OFFENSE - MISDEMEANOR	76
COMMITTING OFFENSE - UNRULY	217
COMMITTING OFFENSE -- TRAFFIC	6
TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH ORDERED ONTO PROBATION IN 1998	339

Prevention Services

The Family Program

The Family Program, an early intervention service, works with first-time offenders who have been charged as an unruly juvenile because of behaviors such as curfew violation, school truancy, running away, and violating the rules set by their parents or school officials. These youth and their parents are offered corrective and educational groups instead of appearing in court. If the parent and youth both successfully complete the program, the offense is never formally filed with the Court. In 1998 the program was piloted in the Piqua City School district and served 35 students. In addition, the program worked with school counselors, parents, and the resource officer to help elementary and junior high students at risk for court involvement. A group of school, social service, and community experts serve on the program's advisory board. The Family Program is coordinated by Donita Gast.

Alternative Center of Miami County

This program developed in cooperation with nine school districts in Miami County and administered by the Miami County Educational Service Center provides an alternative classroom placement for students at high risk of suspension or expulsion. Two centers, located in Troy and Piqua, serve students from fourth through twelfth grade. An on-site probation officer is assigned to these centers and serves as a liaison to the Court. This officer supplements the classroom structure, works in conjunction with other probation officers with students on active probation, and files charges on non-compliant students, when necessary. In the 1997-98 school year the Alternative Center served 290 students.

School Probation

In the fall of 1998, and with partial funding provided by Piqua City Schools, the Probation Department placed a full-time probation officer in Piqua Schools. The probation officer is based at the High School, but regularly visits the other schools. This officer works with school truants or other youth with school problems who are on probation or at risk of court involvement. The purpose of this partnership is to immediately improve attendance, decrease other behaviors that get in the way of learning; and, prevent the youth from getting into more serious trouble. The probation officer is able to provide immediate supervision, work more effectively with parents around school related problems, and refer the youth to appropriate community services. This officer began the program with a caseload of 59.

Community Service and Restitution

The Community Service Program is designed for youth that have been ordered by the Court to perform community service hours as a consequence for their behavior. The Restitution program allows youth to work restitution to reimburse victims for their losses. The purpose of the program is to hold juveniles accountable for their actions by requiring them to participate in a work program that gives back to the community. It is also intended to promote appropriate work and employment skills. Both youth on formal probation and those informally supervised by the Court can be enrolled in the program.

Youth work at sites in the community and are supervised by part-time and seasonal court staff. Work is scheduled in late afternoon, weekends, and on school vacations. Efforts are made to enroll youth in sites within their home communities. In 1998 21 work sites included: Koester Pavilion, Springmeade, West Central Detention, Charleston Falls, Miami County Children Services, Troy Fire Department, Troy Municipal Building, Piqua Police Department, Piqua YMCA, Brukner Nature Center, Tipp-Monroe Community Service, New Carlisle Municipal Building, Bradford Police Department, Covington Police Department, Pleasant Hill Police Department, Troy Football Stadium, West Milton Football Stadium, and Miami County Transfer Station.

Funding for the program comes from the Department of Youth Services Subsidy Grant. One of the work site supervisors is provided through an AmeriCorp grant. In addition to working directly with youth, this supervisor helps develop new work sites. The program is coordinated by Sonia Kelchner.

1998 Population Statistics

Program Admissions

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Unruly	Traffic	Total
Males	23	453	152	10	638
Females	8	194	89	5	296
Total	31	647	241	15	934

Program Releases

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Males	467	3
Females	204	3
Total	671	6

Community Partnerships

Miami County Juvenile Court has developed many partnerships with community agencies to provide services to the youth involved with the Court. Through contracts with the Court, these agencies provide needed services developed specially for the Court involved youth and their parents. Juveniles are ordered into these program according to their needs.

Contract Services

- ◆ Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment provided by contract with the Miami County Mental Health Center. Adolescent males convicted of a sexual offense receive out-patient group and family treatment on a weekly basis . In 1998, 17 youth were referred to the program.
- ◆ Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment provided by contract with Miami County Recovery Council. This program works with first time offenders who have come before the Court on an alcohol or substance abuse charge. The program includes an all day educational session, a substance use assessment, and a parent component. In 1998, 126 youth successfully completed this program.
- ◆ Self-Esteem Groups are provided through a contract with Tipp Professional Services in Tipp City. Unruly youth who are experiencing school and home problems attend 10 weekly sessions designed to improve communication and anger management skills. Groups are separated by age and gender. In 1998, 32 youth participated in these groups.
- ◆ Curfew Communication Groups provided through a contract with Miami County Mental Health. This program is for youth with first time curfew offenses. This program consists of 2-hour sessions for both youth and their parents. In 1998, 47 youth attended these sessions.
- ◆ In-Home counseling provided through a contract with Miami County Mental Health. This program assigns a full-time therapist to work with youth at risk of being placed outside their home. Intensive counseling is provided in the family home. In 1998, 38 youth were involved in this program.
- ◆ Psychological Services provided through contracts with licensed psychologists. These limited number of psychological evaluations are performed to provide the Court with needed assessments integral to further court treatment plans. Forensic evaluations are also provided by Eastway Mental Health Center. These are required when deciding if a youth should be tried as an adult.

These programs are examples of services paid for by the Court. Youth and their families are also referred to other community based services.

Shared Placements

Placement services are provided for youth who have multi-problems and are involved with more than one agency including Children Services, Riverside (MRDD), Mental Health, or Juvenile Court. Juvenile Court assumes the lead to fund temporary out-of-home placement for some delinquent and unruly youth that have been assessed as appropriate for placement by an interagency team called The Resource Team. Youth are placed in various types of settings including foster care, group homes, and residential treatment. Cases are reviewed every 90 days to assure that treatment goals are being met.

The cost for these placements is shared by funding from State Cluster, Children Services, Juvenile Court, Mental Health, and MRDD. In 1998, Juvenile Court shared funding for the placement of 34 youth.

Guardian Ad Litem

Juvenile Court provides funding to CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY to provide advocacy services on behalf of abused and neglected children. The advocates, specially trained volunteers serving as Guardian ad Litem (GAL), represent the best interest of children involved in dependency, neglect, and abuse cases for whom placement is being determined by the Court, and, any other case where permanent custody has been filed. CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY is a private non-profit agency. In 1998, CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY served 120 youth.

The Court also may provide an attorney to represent the child. In 1998, the Court spent \$38,000 on attorney fees for this service.

Custody Review Board

The Miami County Citizens' Custody Review Board is a group of volunteers who review the status of children in care or custody of a public or private agency. Volunteers determine that a plan for a permanent, nurturing environment exists and that the agency is working toward a plan. The board reviews cases monthly and makes recommendation to the Court about the appropriateness of the placement and plan. This on-going review process assures that Miami County children receive needed services in a timely manner and in the least restrictive environment possible.

In 1998, the citizen board members were Mel Kemmer, Sandy Adams, Steve Greggerson, Elaine Meyer, and Rita Hollenbacher.

Financial Report

Miami County Juvenile Court receives funding from a variety of sources including the Miami County General Fund, court fines, the Department of Youth Services, and various federal and state grants.

1998 Court Budget

Funds	Appropriations and Carryover	Expenditures
General Fund - Juvenile Court	\$ 807,279.78	\$ 680,317.70
General Fund - Juvenile Probation	571,971.85	431,557.41
Felony Delinquent Care and Custody	181,800.00	150,000.00
AmeriCorps	19,236.00	9,498.03
Juvenile Computerization	41,747.00	29,468.43
Legal Research	0	0
Abuse & Neglect Prevention	14,500.00	2,669.31
Indigent Driver Fund	0	0
Total	\$ 1,594,787.63	\$ 1,264,544.42

*Does not include Budgets of David L. Brown, West Central Detention, and West Central Rehabilitation Center

Fines and Court Costs

Fines and court costs are ways to hold youth and adults accountable for their behavior. Miami County Juvenile Court believes that these fines and costs should be assessed to youth and they are encouraged to pay their own costs. Adults who convicted in this court are also assessed fines and costs. Juvenile Court has taken an aggressive stance in an effort to collect fines and court costs. Fines are assessed and collected immediately after court hearings. When individuals cannot pay immediately, a payment plan is established. In 1998, a part-time deputy clerk was added to increase collection and to monitor payment agreements. Fines and costs are dispersed to the general fund and to other agencies as defined by law. Failure to pay fines can result in further court hearings.

Fines and Court Costs Collection

	1996	1997	1998
General Fund Fines and Costs	\$95,748	\$109,951	\$117,693
Other Fees dispersed			\$97,822

David L. Brown Youth Center

The David L. Brown Youth Center is a residential treatment center for non-violent delinquent and unruly males ages 12-17. The program houses up to 21 youth from Miami and surrounding counties. The program includes a behavior modification level system, individual, group, and family counseling, and on-site education. The educational program is individualized to improve academic skills. An Agri-science program co-sponsored by the Upper Valley JVS is also available to eligible youth. The average length of stay is six-months.

A partnership with Miami County Mental Health provides on-site therapists to work with youth and families. Medical needs are addressed by a part-time nurse and physician.

The Center's 1998 budget was \$644,000. Funding is provided through a subsidy from the Department of Youth Services, per diems paid by referring agencies, Miami County Title XX funds, and funds from Miami County Juvenile Court. The cost per bed is \$65 per day. Educational costs are paid by referring school districts @ \$26.50 per school day. The Center also receives a USDA food subsidy.

Located in a farm setting east of Troy on Children's Home Road the center provides courts with a structured alternative to youth whose behavior is problematic to themselves or the community. The Center is directed by David Thomas.

1998 Population Statistics

Total Youth Served by County

Shelby County	6
Miami County	17
Putnam County	1
Champaign County	6
Clark county	9
Darke County	2
Montgomery County CSB	2
Montgomery County Juvenile Court	4
Department of Youth Services	3
Total	50

West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

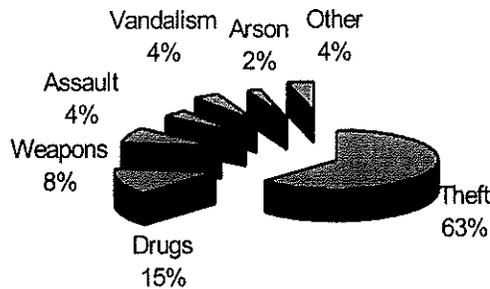
The West Central Rehabilitation Center is a state-of-the-art secure residential facility for 36 non-violent juvenile male felons from six counties. Youth go through a rigorous re-socialization designed to correct flawed thought processes which contributed to their criminal behavior. The program includes an individualized educational plan, family, and individual counseling and intensive aftercare supervision. The average length of stay is 7 months.

The Center's 1998 budget was \$1,071,280. Funding is provided by the Department of Youth Services. Local courts pay DYS \$63.66 per day per youth placed at the center. Local school districts pay \$26.50 per school day to support educational programming.

Located on 25A, in Troy, The West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation serves Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Preble, Shelby, and Miami County and provides judges in each county a local alternative to committing youth to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Center is directed by Charles Rhyan.

1998 Population Statistics

Offenses resulting in Commitment



County	Number of Youth
Auglaize	12
Champaign	2
Darke	3
Greene	2
Mercer	4
Miami	14
Preble	12
Shelby	11
Total	52

West Central Transitions/Day Treatment

Transitions/Day Treatment is an educational program for non-violent felony offenders from Miami and Shelby counties located at the West Central Rehabilitation Center. This program allows up to fourteen 13-17 year old male offenders on probation to attend school in a structured environment with individualized attention.

Youth work on individualized educational plans completing G.E.D, or their regular courses needed by their home school for graduation. The school operates year round and transportation is provided. The average length of stay is 4-5 months. Funding for the program is provided by the Byrne Memorial Grant through the Office of Criminal Justice Services and matching funds from the counties involved. The 1998 budget was \$160,042

1998 Population Student Statistics

Total Students Enrolled = 39

Anna	2	Sidney	14
Bethel	3	Tecumseh	1
Miami East	1	Troy	8
Milton Union	1	Versailles	1
Piqua	8		

13 yr.	4
14 yr.	2
15 yr.	7
16 yr.	16
17 yr.	9
18 yr.	1

Highest Grade Completed

6 th Grade	1
7 th Grade	2
8 th Grade	8
9 th Grade	11
10 th Grade	13
11 th Grade	4
12 th Grade	0
GED	6

West Central Juvenile Detention Center

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center is a secure holding facility for youth from Miami, Auglaize, Clinton, Darke, Mercer, Preble, and Shelby counties. The center can house up to 24 youth who are awaiting adjudicatory or dispositional hearings and who cannot be released into the community. Detained youth attend school classes, undergo counseling and psychological assessment as needed, and participate in a variety of treatment and educational programming including anger management, substance abuse education, and self-esteem groups.

The center also offers a prevention program called STAR (Start Today Accepting Responsibility). This program accepts referrals of youth ages 10-17 at "high risk" for committing an offense who have never been incarcerated and exposes them to the realities of continued poor decision making. In 1998, 304 youth participated in this program.

In 1998, West Central Detention Center had an operating budget of \$1,390,000. Funding comes from the Department of Youth Services and the counties using the facility pay \$63 per day per each detained youth.

In 1998, the facility began building a 20 bed addition scheduled to open in April, 1999. A special program for girls will be developed.

The center is located on County Road 25A in Troy and is directed by Greg Simmons.

1998 Population Statistics

Total Youth Served	1270
Females	344
Males	926

County	Length of Stay	Beds used
Auglaize	15	3,056
Clinton	22	1,107
Darke	13	1,245
Mercer	8	727
Miami	7	4,064
Preble	8	873
Shelby	0	1,422
Misc.	7	223

Age	Males		Females	
11	6	1%	3	1%
12	28	3%	6	2%
13	70	8%	29	8%
14	107	12%	48	14%
15	180	19%	71	21%
16	222	24%	110	32%
17	305	33%	77	22%
18	8	1%	0	0
Total	926		344	

Miami County Juvenile Court 1998 Annual Report Statistical Summary

Cases Filed

Delinquency	1782 plus 2045 counts
Unruly	795 plus 864 counts
Traffic	1340 plus 1496 counts
Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency	151
Permanent Custody	9
Custody, Change of Custody, Visitation	245
Support Enforcement or Modification	276
Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor	59
Contempt (of court order)	11
Parentage	191
Motion to Bindover to Adult System	12
Miscellaneous	3
Transfers in/Reactivation	340
Total Number of Cases	5202

Total Cases

Cases Disposed

Trial by Judge	31
Trial by Magistrate	546
Dismissal by Party, Judge, Prosecutor	443
Admission to Judge	1211
Admissions to Magistrate	1961
Certification/Waiver Granted	2
Unavailability of Party for Trial	35
Transfers to another Court	544
Other Terminations	235
Total of all case types disposed	5008

Types of Dispositions

Bindover to Adult Court	2
Commitment to Department of Youth Services	14
Detention	499
David L Brown Youth Center	17
West Central Day Treatment	15
West Central Rehabilitation Center	10
Community Service	934
Probation	339
Electronic Home Monitoring	44
House Arrest	120
Temporary Custody to Children Services	44
Protective Supervision with Children Services	40
Permanent Custody to Children Services	8
Jail Sentences (Adult)	43
Restitution	355
Fines and Costs Collected	\$215,515

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Juvenile Court Clerks Office (general information)	332-6993
Chief Deputy Clerk - Beverly Bell	332-6949
Chief Probation Officer - Randall Freeman.....	332-6856
Community Service and Restitution - Sonia Kelchner.....	332-7020
Court Administrator - Charlene Prestopino.....	332-6951
Fiscal Officer - Angie Hubbard	332-7021
The Family Program - Donita Gast.....	332-6952
David L. Brown Youth Center - Dave Thomas (Director).....	339-1858
West Central Detention Center - Greg Simmons (Director).....	332-8400
West Central Rehabilitation Center – Charles Rhyan.....	332-8400

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