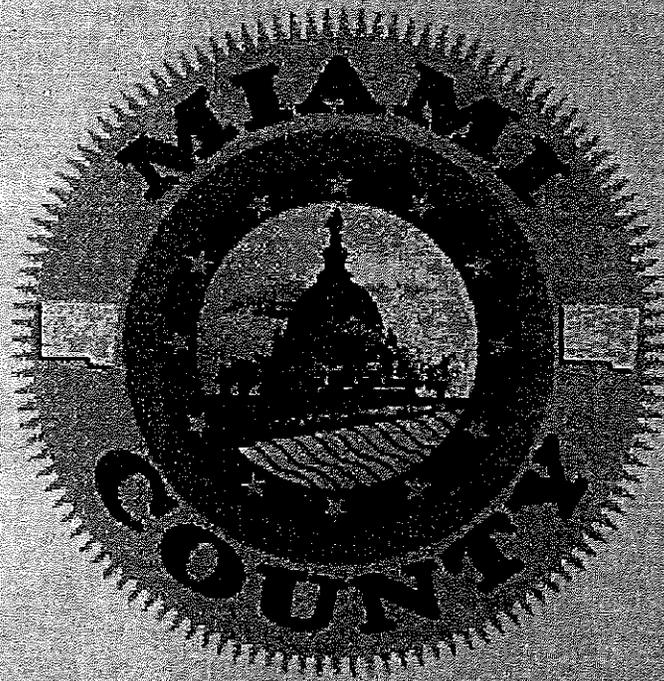


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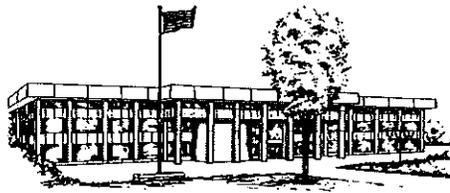
1999 Annual Report



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To the Citizens of Miami County:

As the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas approached the year 2000, we continue to make changes within our system to better meet the needs of the clients we serve and enhance the safety of the community.

The Probation Department has made major changes in better identifying those youth who are at the greatest risk of reoffending and to concentrate services to rehabilitate those children and their families. The Prevention Services have also expanded to identify children at risk at an earlier stage of life and provide services to families whose children are not yet involved in the court system. To accomplish both of these goals, we have collaborated with other child serving agencies (schools, Children's Services, Mental Health, etc.) to enhance family stability and assist families to achieve better parenting and higher functioning environments. Services are being taken directly into the homes to help families as the problem arises rather than days or weeks later. The result of these efforts shows that filings against juveniles (delinquency, unruly, and traffic offenses) have continued to decline for the third straight year.

And yet the more we change, the more we stay the same. The amount of staff turnover in 1999 was the lowest in years. Families have been able to enjoy continuity of relationships with the people dedicated to serve them.

Our programming continues to be updated to meet the current problems and our facilities will also be addressed within the coming year to ensure that the Miami County Juvenile Court will be ready for the next millennium.

We proudly serve you, the citizens, and believe that we make a difference in providing you with a safe comfortable and enjoyable county in which to live.

Sincerely,

Lynnita K.C. Wagner
Judge, Probate/Juvenile Division

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 1999.

The Youth We Served in 1999

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 1999 charges:

1999 Delinquency Charges & Cases

Arson	6
Assault	115
Attempted Murder	1
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	1
Breaking and Entering	17
Burglary & Related	16
Carrying a Concealed Weapon	10
Contempt of Court Orders	378
Criminal Damaging	60
Criminal Mischief	13
Disorderly Conduct	94
Domestic Violence	51
Drug Abuse & Related Drug Offenses	130
Escape	12
Forgery	2
Gross Sexual Imposition & Related	11
Menacing (and related)	35
Parole Violations	7
Possession of Weapon in School	1
Probation Violations	229
Rape	18
Receiving Stolen Property	36
Robbery	13
Theft & Related	209
Trespassing & Related	87
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	26
Underage Consumption & Possession	269
Vandalism	5
All Other Delinquency Filed	163
Total Delinquency Charges Filed	2015
Total Delinquency Cases Filed	1687

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 1829 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; deports 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 1999 unruly charges:

1999 Unruly Charges Filed

School Truancy	146
Curfew Violation	244
Unruly (disobedient/runaway)	331
Total Unruly Charges	721
Total Unruly Cases	583

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 1999, the Court entered final disposition in 649 unruly cases.

Juvenile Traffic Offender

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 1999 included:

Speeding	452
DUI	13
No Operator's License	81
Failure to Control	63
Reckless Operation	20
Failure to Maintain Assured Clear Distance	46
Seat Belt Violation	190
Vehicle Related Violation	20
Other Moving Violation	1130
Total Traffic Charges Filed	2015
Total Traffic Cases Filed	1299

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 1999, the Court entered final dispositions in 1357 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.

1999 Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Filings

Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency	200
Motion for Permanent Custody	34

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 193 abuse, neglect, and dependency cases and 24 permanent custody 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.

1999 Filings

Parentage	93
Custody or Visitation	205
Support Enforcement or Modification	182
Total	480

Last year the court entered final disposition in 304 support enforcement or modification cases, 213 custody or visitation cases, and 157 parentage 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.

1999 Filings

Contempt of a Court Order	39
Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor	67
Total Adult Criminal Cases	106

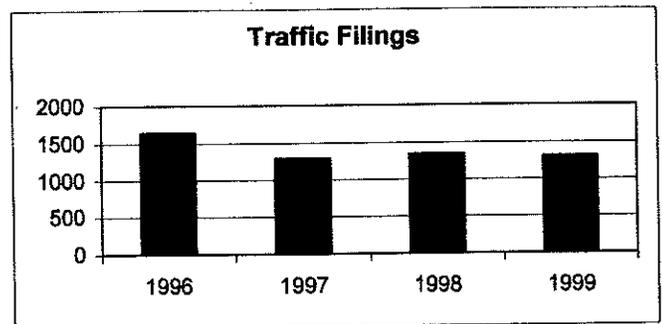
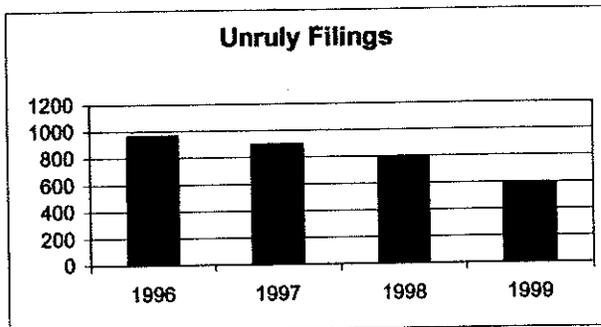
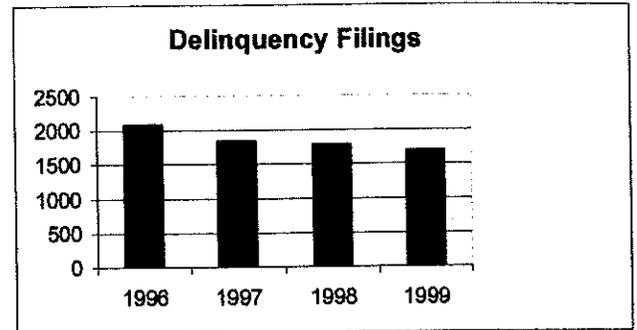
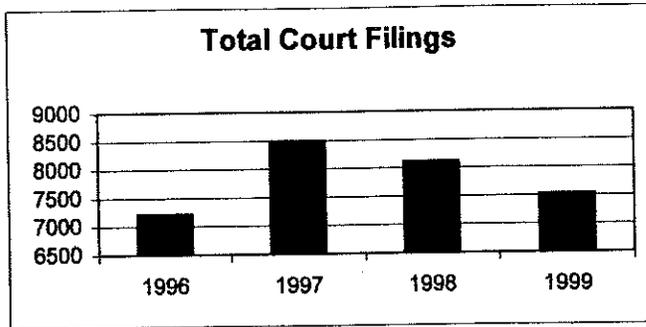
Last year the Court entered 101 final dispositions in adult misdemeanor cases.

Miscellaneous Cases

The Court hears a number of cases that 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 17 such cases.

Filing Trends 1996-1999

Changes in court services have resulted in a decrease in overall filings over the last four years. Particularly changes in probation and increased emphasis on prevention services have resulted in lower filings in delinquency, unruly, and traffic cases.



Court Services

The clerk's 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.

1999 was a year of great progress for the Juvenile Clerks office. The clerks made major strides in sealing and expunging records and in storing and microfilming old records. They also established tighter procedures for handling non-payments of fines and improving collections.

Court Activity	1999
Total Case Filed	4766
Total Counts Filed	5948
Total Cases Disposed	4820

Juvenile Probation

In 1999, the Miami County Probation Department reorganized to better meet the needs of the youth they serve. They reaffirmed their mission to ensure community safety while holding youth responsible for their actions and helping them gain skills needed to live productive lives. To achieve this mission the department incorporated the following components

- **Comprehensive and cohesive early intervention unit for first time offenders, which includes The Family Program, a school based probation officer, and an array of education and mental health services.**
- **An intake position, which assesses the youth's level of risk and makes recommendation for an individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention.**
- **Redefined the role of probation officers who:**
 - **Concentrate on changing behavior and improving pro-social skills through individualized treatment planning and using community resources.**
 - **Focus on problem solving with both juveniles and their families by partnering with families in treatment plans.**
 - **Use a highly structured and intensive intervention through a standardized probation level system**
 - **Hold youth accountable by monitoring their behavior and making them face the consequences of their behaviors.**
 - **Are more visible in the community by working some weekend and evening hours**
 - **Partner with schools, agencies and law enforcement to meet the needs of youth**
 - **Incorporates the needs of the victim into the consequences for the probationer**

Through the use of graduated sanctions and with the increased use of electronic home detention, the department has been able to hold youth more accountable.

Also in 1999, the probation officers all received laptop computers in order to enable them to handle their caseloads from the field. These

computers were purchased through a grant from the Office of Criminal Justice Services through the Juvenile Accountability Block grant.

Under the direction of Chief Probation Officer, Randall Freeman, the department has one full time intake officer and four full time probation officers who work directly with youth placed on probation. The Prevention Program is an adjunct to the probation department and works with first time status offenders.

Intake Department Statistics – September-December 1999

Total ordered	75
Male	49
Female	26
Referred for Probation	45
Referred to other services	30

1999 PROBATION ASSIGNMENTS

Males	97
Females	57
Caucasian	146
African American	7
Other	1
Felony	20
Misdemeanor	39
Unruly	92
Traffic	3
Total Youth ordered on to probation	154

Prevention Services

The Court has several programs under prevention services including The Family Program, the curfew program, in-school probation/prevention services and early intervention monitoring.

In late 1999 the Court expanded The Family Program, an early intervention diversion program. This program works with first-time offenders who have been charged as an unruly juvenile because of behaviors such as 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 a parent and youth successfully complete the program, the offense is never formally filed with the Court. In addition, the program works with school counselors, parents, and 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

Total accepted into program	48
Total On Supervision	40
Total successful completion	8
Inappropriate for services	21
Declined Services	12

The court also offers a curfew program for youth who have received a curfew violation. This program offers youth and their parents the opportunity to participate in a two-hour educational group session in lieu of court involvement. In 1999, 76 youth participated with their parents in the curfew group.

In addition, the prevention department serves the Piqua City schools with a full time on-site probation/prevention worker. Started in the fall of 1998, and with partial funding provided by Piqua City Schools, the officer is based at the High School, but regularly visits the other Piqua schools. This individual works with school truants or other youth with school problems on probation or prevention supervision, 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/prevention officer is able to provide immediate supervision, work more effectively with parents around school related problems, and refer the youth to appropriate community services.

Piqua School Prevention/Probation

Youth in program on Probation	88
Youth in program in Prevention Programming	13

In late 1999, the department has also piloted an early intervention-monitoring program for elementary children in Piqua. The court worker assists the parent in resolving problems, which lead to tardiness, truancy, or school related unruliness. They are offered parenting groups and other community services. Last year, 11 youth were placed on monitoring.

Under the direction, Donita Gast, the Prevention Department has two full time workers.

Piqua Office

In 1999, Miami County Juvenile Court re-established a satellite office in Piqua. This office is the result of the work and commitment of many individuals

including the court, county government and the city of Piqua. For many years the probation office maintained a branch office in Piqua, but after its closing in 1997 a new location could not be found. The court has always maintained a significant caseload in Piqua, and transportation to Court offices in Troy presented a barrier for some youth and their families to receiving the services of probation officers and prevention workers.

Through strong partnerships with the Piqua Police Department and Piqua City Schools, the need for a local presence continued. A study in early 1998, showed that 37% of the Probation caseload came from Piqua and the Department felt a physical presence in the community would allow probation officer to see youth more frequently, and give prevention and diversion officers access to more youth. The funding from the office of Criminal Justice Services through the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant made it possible to supplement county general fund appropriations and find a centrally located suitable facility. Work with the landlord made it possible to remodel according to the department's needs.

The Piqua Office, located at 102 W. Ash Street in downtown Piqua has been a great asset to the court. Since it's opening in April 1999, it has been used by all of the probation staff including the diversion/prevention program. Three officers use the office daily and two others as needed. Not only are Piqua youth served but youth from the northern part of the county are also served. In 1999, 250 visits of youth and their families were made in this office.

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. A new site was added bringing the total to 22 including local nursing homes, city and county municipal buildings, and football stadiums.

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. In 1999, 507 youth provided 4941 hours of service to the community. Sonia Kelchner coordinates the program.

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 programs 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 outpatient group and family treatment on a weekly basis. In 1999, the program served 11 youth and four others were assessed and referred elsewhere.
- ◆ **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Education** 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 1999, 138 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 1999, 18 youth participated in these groups.
- ◆ **Curfew Communication Groups** provided through a contract with Miami County Mental Health. This part of our prevention program is for youth with a curfew offense. This group consists of one 2-hour session for both youth and their parents. In 1999, 76 youth attended these sessions.
- ◆ **Psychological Services** provided through contracts with licensed psychologists. These limited numbers 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.

Partnerships that Strengthen Families and Protect Youth

Miami County Juvenile Court is an active participant in the Miami County Family and Children's First Council and is committed to the collaborative goals of building partnerships with families and empowers them to achieve their potential and have an improved quality of life. Through our active participation in the council we are dedicated to working with other agencies to redesign the service delivery system to attain better results, fill service gaps and develop new approaches where needed. The following are projects we have participated in through our work with the council.

Resource Team

Juvenile Court is an active participant on Resource Team, a crucial component of family stability and family preservation. The team provides identification of community resources, case planning and the creation of interventions to promote family preservation. Cases of youth in danger of being placed outside their home or in out-of-home placements are referred and followed by the team. The team consists of representatives from Family and Children's First, MRDD, Juvenile Court, Children Services Board, Mental Health, and the local school board. Families and workers meet with the team on a weekly basis to reduce the risk for out-of-home placement.

Family Stability Program

Started in December 1999, this grant funded program works to reduce out-of-home placements by providing an integrated system for planning, development and coordination of comprehensive services that support families and children at-risk. Working with the resource team, the Family Stability Program provides assessment, case planning and coordinates the work of a family team (a group of providers representing appropriate agencies).

Through active participation in writing the grant, serving as an advisory member to this program and as a working team member when appropriate, Juvenile Court has pledged to work with the team to reduce court based placements by using other alternatives and concentrating on getting early and intensive services to families in trouble.

Family Support Program

This program strengthens families by reducing abuse and neglect and preserving families. This wellness block grant funded program contracts with providers who serve as family coaches to provide flexible support within the home. These coaches provide homemaker services, model, and teach parenting, cooking and cleaning skills, assist the family with medical appointments and other service referrals. In addition the coach provides emotional support to an overwhelmed family. Juvenile Court serves as the fiscal lead for the program, which is coordinated

by Karen DeVilbilbis. Since its inception in November, 1998 51 families have been referred to the Family Support Program.

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 1999, Juvenile Court shared funding for the placement of 212 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 1999, CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY served 145 youth.

The Court also may provide an attorney to represent the child. In 1999, the Court spent \$50,147 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 1999, 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.

Funds	1999 Court Budget Appropriations and Carryover	Expenditures
General Fund - Juvenile Court	\$864,879.57	\$787,020.24
General Fund - Juvenile Probation	539,628.69	425,129.23
Felony Delinquent Care and Custody	205,464.00	164,721.90
AmeriCorps	11,472.40	6,641.30
Juvenile Computerization	22,217.00	14,094.36
Legal Research	5880.00	0.00
Abuse & Neglect Prevention	42,652.17	28,295.58
Indigent Driver Fund	0.00	00.00
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	24,436.00	12,914.75
Total	\$1,716,629.83	\$1,448,817.36

*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. 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.

1999 Fines and Court Costs Collections

Court costs	\$77,096.87
Computer Fees	24,942.90
Legal Research	6,555.00
Sheriff Fees	1,660.14
Law Library	1,250.00
County Fines	37,056.91
Motor Vehicle Fines	12,704.03
Misc. Costs	479.76
State of Ohio	45,995.10
Board of Pharmacy	589.00
Arresting Agency	1,164.00
Total	\$209,494.31

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. Specialized vocational training in machine trades is offered to youth who qualify. All youth are assessed for vocational and skill building through a new grant which started in October 1999. This \$98,000 dollar grant called the job enhancement training program helps youth plan for their futures.

The Center's 1998 budget was \$1,091,280. The Department of Youth Services provides funding. 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. Mike Cantrell became the director in August of 1999.

1999 Population Statistics

County	Number of Youth
Auglaize	6
Champaign	4
Darke	4
Greene	3
Mercer	2
Miami	16
Preble	2
Shelby	10
Total	47

Offenses Resulting in Commitment

Theft	64%
Drugs	13%
Assault	7%
Arson	2%
Vandalism	2%
Weapons	0%
Other	12%

West Central Day Treatment

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/female 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 for graduation by their home school. The school operates year round and transportation is provided. The average length of stay is 4-5 months. Youth participate in groups to correct flawed thinking. Funding is provided through the local school districts.

1999 Population Student Statistics

Total Students Enrolled = 33

Students by School

Bethel	2	Piqua	5
Botkins	1	Sidney	11
Fairlawn	1	Stebbins	1
Houston	1	Tipp City	2
West Milton	6	Troy	3

Students Age

14 yr.	5
15 yr.	6
16 yr.	12
17 yr.	9
18 yr.	1

Highest Grade Completed

7 th Grade	4
8 th Grade	12
9 th Grade	6
10 th Grade	3
GED	8

DAVID L. BROWN YOUTH CENTER

The David L. Brown Youth Center is a residential treatment center for delinquent and unruly males ages 12-17. Each young man is interviewed and considered for placement depending on his attitude towards treatment and offense history. 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 young men grow various crops and supervise the care of small farm animals. A partnership with the Bowman-Landes Farm was established. In 1999, the farm employed six youth from the Center.

The youth of the Center volunteered their time as kettle ringers for the Piqua branch of the Salvation Army. The young men collected over \$10,000.00 in donations. This was the fifth year for this project.

A partnership with Miami County Mental Health provides on-site therapists to work with youth and families. A part-time nurse and physician address medical needs.

The Center's 1999 budget was \$679,601.20. 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 \$80 per day. Educational costs are paid by referring school districts @ \$26.50 per school day. The Center also receives a USDA food subsidy.

Located on a farm setting, east of Troy, on Children's Home Road, the Center provides Juvenile Courts with a structured alternative to youth whose behavior is problematic to himself or the community. David A. Thomas directs the Center.

1999 Population Statistics Total Youth Served by County

Champaign County Juvenile Court	4
Clark County Juvenile Court	4
Darke County Juvenile Court	6
Logan County Juvenile Court	1
Miami County Juvenile Court	19
Montgomery County Juvenile Court	2
Preble County Juvenile Court	5
Shelby County Juvenile Court	10
Shelby County CSB	4
Department of Youth Services	1
TOTAL	56

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 44 youth that are waiting 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 education programming including anger management, substance abuse education and self-esteem groups.

The building addition that began in 1998 was completed in April 1999. This project added 20 individual rooms, 2 classrooms and several offices.

The center also offers a prevention program called STAR (Start Today Accepting Responsibility). This program accepts referrals of youth ages 12 – 17 who are "high risk" for committing an offense who have never been incarcerated and exposes them to the realities of continued poor decision making. In 1999, 246 youth participated in this program.

In 1999, West Central Detention Center had an operating budget of \$1,384,358.50. Funding comes from the Ohio Department of Youth Services and the counties using the facility paid \$66 per day per each detained youth.

In May 1999, the Girls Alternative Treatment Environment (G.A.T.E.) Program was implemented. This detention program was designed to meet specific developmental needs of juvenile female offenders. The program is providing education, structure, discipline and safety for the girls and the community. The girls are given programming that will deal with coping, social and everyday living skills. The girls are provided education that will help them maintain their current grade level. One additional part of the program is 4-H. The girls will actively participate and complete a project that will be judged by the local 4-H judges. We hope to provide our females with an alternative to current after school activities. The G.A.T.E. program takes 70-90 days to complete depending on how compliant and active they are. Counseling and family participation are very important for these females to succeed after completion.

The center is located at 2044 North County Road 25A in Troy and is directed by Greg Simmons.

1999 Population Statistics

	Total	Auglaize	Clinton	Darke	Mercer	Miami	Preble	Shelby	VanW ert	Misc
Intakes	1,271	222	54	89	84	447	166	153	49	7
Male	929	180	42	63	68	297	127	110	39	3
Female	342	42	12	26	16	150	39	43	10	4
Average Length of Stay	10	11	19	14	10	7	8	10	16	60
Total	14,573	2,872	1,093	1,372	931	3,969	1,417	1,711	807	401

Miami County Juvenile Court 1999 Annual Report Statistical Summary

Cases Filed	Total Cases 1999	
Delinquency	1687	2015 counts
Unruly	583	721 counts
Traffic	1299	2015 counts
Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency	200	
Permanent Custody	34	
Custody, Change of Custody, Visitation	205	
Support Enforcement or Modification	182	
Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor (Adult)	67	
Contempt (of court order) Adult	39	
Parentage	93	
Miscellaneous	17	
Transfers in/Reactivation	360	
Total Number of Cases	4766	

Cases Disposed	1999
Trial by Judge	10
Trial by Magistrate	434
Dismissal by Party, Judge, Prosecutor	431
Admission to Judge	860
Admissions to Magistrate	2062
Certification/Waiver Granted	2
Unavailability of Party for Trial	20
Transfers to another Court	574
Other Terminations	427
Total of all case types disposed	4820

Types of Dispositions for Youth	1999
Bind over to Adult Court	3
Commitment to Department of Youth Services	8
Detention	447
Girls Alternative Treatment Environment	4
David L Brown Youth Center	19
West Central Day Treatment	18
West Central Rehabilitation Center	16

Types of Disposition by Charge**1999**

Community Service	639
Probation	156
Electronic Home Monitoring	38
House Arrest	472
Temporary Custody to Children Services	28
Protective Supervision with Children Services	60
Permanent Custody to Children Services	18
Jail Sentences (Adult)	35
Restitution	266
Cases with Fines Assessed	1732
Cases with Costs Assessed	2904
Fines and Costs Collected	\$209,494

Miami County Juvenile Court Important Phone Numbers

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
Prevention Services (The Family Program) - Donita Gast.....	332-6952
David L. Brown Youth Center - Dave Thomas (Director).....	339-1858
West Central Detention Center - Greg Simmons (Director).....	339-2820
West Central Rehabilitation Center -Mike Cantrell (Director).....	339-2820

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