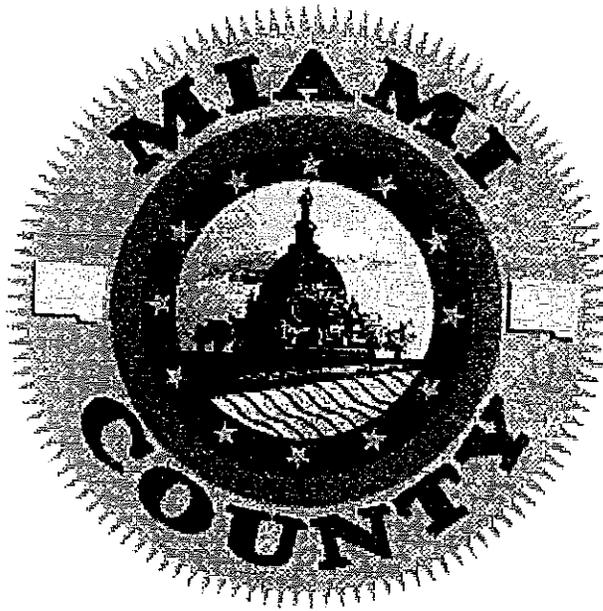


Miami County Juvenile Court

2005 Annual Report



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To the Citizens of Miami County:

The Juvenile Court and its related institutions spent a year of reflection and stream lining our services. With the lower number of filings, we had the opportunity to examine and analyze the services that we provide and reflected on ways to be more efficient and more productive.

Through the use of a survey of our "customers" including children and their families, attorneys, and agencies such as law enforcement, Children's Services and the Child Support Enforcement Agencies, we recognized a lack of communication and understanding between us and some of our customers. Through partnership with the Prosecuting Attorney, the court conducted a seminar to meet with law enforcement and dialogue on ways to improve the Court process for children, families and law enforcement officers.

We also recognized that even though traffic filings are down, speeds keep going up. Speeding is the number one offense filed against Miami County teens and the number of miles above the speed limit keeps increasing. Partnering with the Ohio State Extension office, we now order first time moving violators into CARTEENS, an educational program, and also suspend the operator's license of the young, inexperienced drivers.

The Court continues to look for ways to improve our system through technology. The Juvenile Clerk's office installed digital imaging of all court filings which makes our "non paper" records as complete as our hard files. This is the first step in becoming a paperless court, which will eventually save money, time, and storage of records.

Even though our filings against juveniles are down, our filings against adults are up. This court has been a long time believer that we can't be successful rehabilitating children until we hold accountable the adults who influence them. Probation Officers and law officers are responding to this philosophy and have filed a record number of cases against adults, whose job it is to guide and direct our youth. If we hold the adults to a higher standard, they will set the bar for our youth to become more law abiding.

We at the Juvenile Court wish you a great 2006 and strive to serve you better year by year.

Sincerely,

Lynnita K.C. Wagner, Judge

Our Purpose

The Juvenile Court of Miami County is a division of the Miami County Common Pleas Court. Our purpose is to protect the Miami County community from juvenile crime, assist the victims of that crime, counsel and rehabilitate youth who commit crimes, protect children from abuse, neglect, and dependency and provide allocation of parental rights for children whose parents were never married.

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

- ❖ 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 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 two full-time and one part-time magistrate, the Court provides a broad range of community based, 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 2005.

The Youth We Serve

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 some of the 2005 charges:

Delinquency Charges	2005
Abduction	3
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	0
AntiNoise	2
Arson/Aggravated Arson	9
Assault (Misdemeanor & Felony)	83
Breaking & Entering	17
Burglary/Agg Burglary	17
Carrying a Concealed Weapon	8
Child Endangering	1
Chronic Truancy	39
Coercion	0
Consuming Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle	0
Contempt of Court Order	106
Contributing to Delinquency/Unruliness of a Minor	2
Criminal Damaging	94
Criminal Mischief	12
Cruelty to Animals	1
Curfew (secondary charge to delinquent charge)	
Dangerous Ordinance	3
Discharging Air gun/BB/Pellets	3
Discharging/Possession Fireworks	3
Disobeying Police Officer/Resisting Arrest/Fleeing	15
Disorderly Conduct	99
Disposing of Vehicle	0
Disrupting Public Service	2
Disturbing the Peace	0
Domestic Violence	63
Dropping Material on Roadway/Littering	5
Drug Abuse	31
Drug Paraphernalia	44
Drug Possession	27
Drug Trafficking	3
Escape	10
Falsification	6
Fish/Hunt w/o license	3

Forgery	1
Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor	0
Inducing/Inciting Panic or Violence	3
Making False Alarms	3
Menacing/Aggravated Menacing	18
Negligent Homicide	2
Obstructing Official Business/Justice	17
Open Container	0
Pandering Obscenities	0
Parole Violation (from Dept. of Youth Services)	16
Possession of Alcohol/Related	220
Possession of Criminal Tools	24
Possession/Discharging Firearms	9
Probation Violation	155
Public Indecency	6
Rape	23
Receiving Stolen Property	24
Robbery/Aggravated Robbery/ complicity	2
Safecracking	4
Sexual Imposition & Gross Sexual Imposition	28
Skateboards	0
Tampering with Evidence/Property	37
Telecommunications Fraud	6
Telephone Harassment	0
Theft/Grand Theft Auto/Misuse of Credit Card/Identity Theft	177
Toy Vehicle in street	0
Trespassing/Criminal Trespassing	39
Unauthorized swimming	0
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle/Property	22
Vandalism	3
Voyeurism	1
Weapon on school grounds	2
Total Delinquency Charges	1553
Total Delinquency Cases	1348

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 or any CCF (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 1356 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 2005 unruly charges:

2005 Unruly Charges Filed

Unruly Charges Filed	2005
Truancy	59
Curfew Violations	178
Incorrigible	201
Behavior that injures health or morals	3
Tobacco Law Violations	52
Total Charges	493
Total Unruly Cases	424
Truancy	
Chronic Truant (delinquency)	39
Habitual Truant	20
Total Truancy	59

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 2005, the Court entered final disposition in 412 unruly cases.

Juvenile Traffic Offender

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 2005 included:

Traffic Charges	2005
Bicycles on Sidewalk	4
Disregarding Traffic Control Device (Sign/Lights)	64
Drag Racing	2
Driving on closed street	3
Driving Under Influence & Related	21
Driving Under Suspension	22
Fail To Control/Reckless Operation	57
Fail To Yield	37
Failure to Maintain Distance	74
Fictitious/Expired/Missing Plate/Registration	32
Improper Backing, Turn or Lane Change	33
Improper parking	3
Improper start/acceleration	2
Leaving the Scene	4
Moped Violation	2
No OL/Permit/Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive	55
Other Moving Violations	1
School bus	1
Seatbelt/Child Restraint	85
Speeding	343
Squealing Tires/Noise Ordinance	9
Vehicle Related Infractions	9
Total Traffic Charges	863
Total Traffic Cases	788

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 CARTEENS
- ◆ 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 2005, the Court entered final dispositions in 786 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.

2005 Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Filings

Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency	53
Motion for Permanent Custody	20

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 50 abuse, neglect, and dependency cases and 29 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 the father of a child is. 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.

2005 Filings

Parentage	63
Custody or Visitation	818
Support Enforcement or Modification	1257
Total	2138

Last year the court entered final disposition in 1347 support enforcement or modification cases, 847 custody or visitation cases, and 59 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 court from orders made by the Juvenile Court.

2005 Adult Charges and Cases

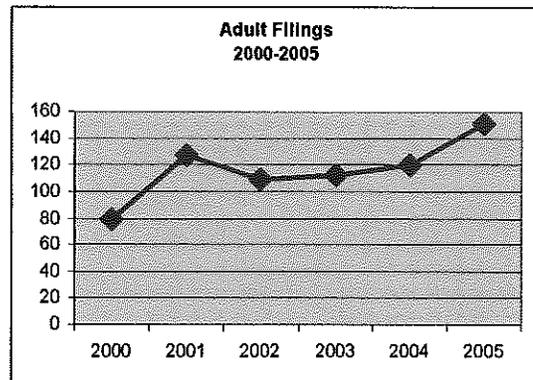
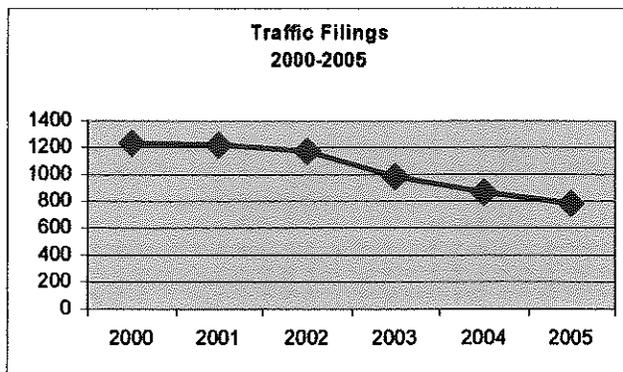
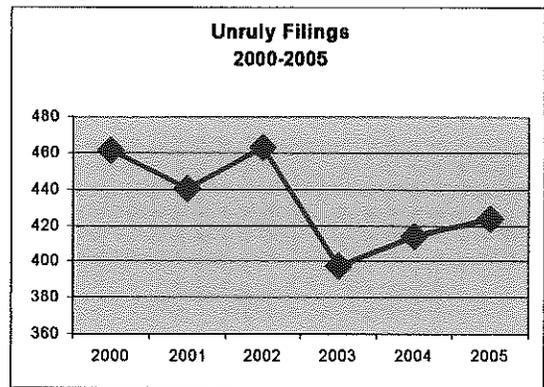
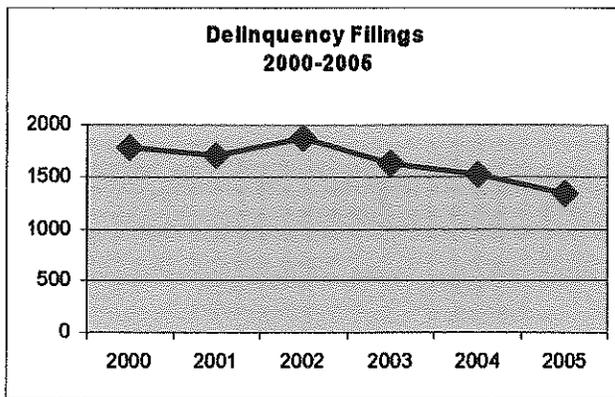
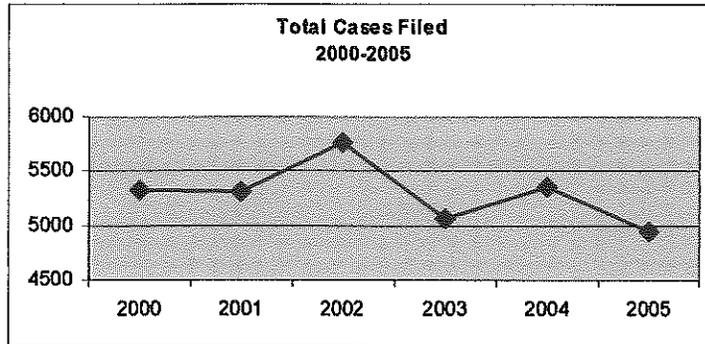
Child Endangering	1
Contempt of a Court Order	70
Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor	72
Failure to send a child to school	12
Total Adult Criminal Charges	155
Total Adult Criminal Cases	151

Last year, the court entered final disposition for 146 adult cases.

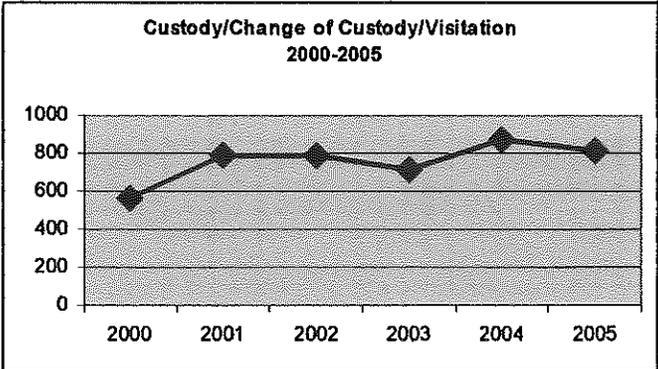
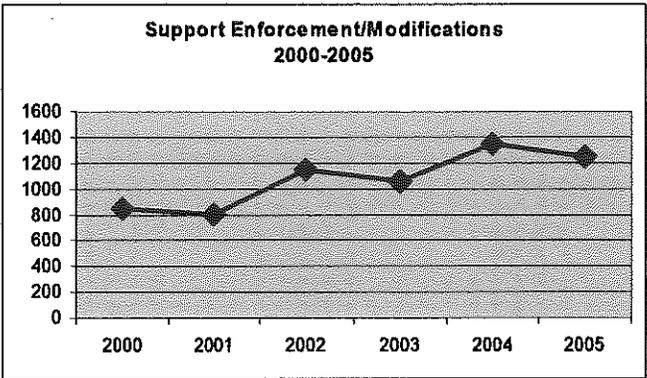
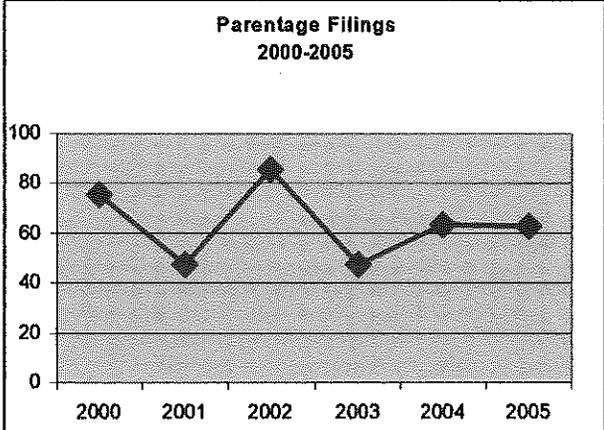
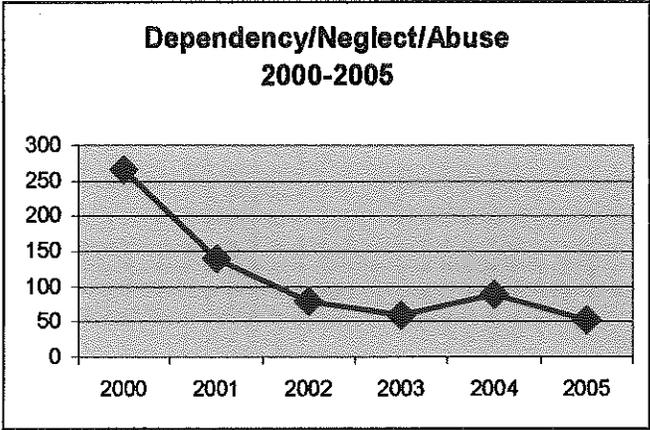
Miscellaneous Cases

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 1 such case.

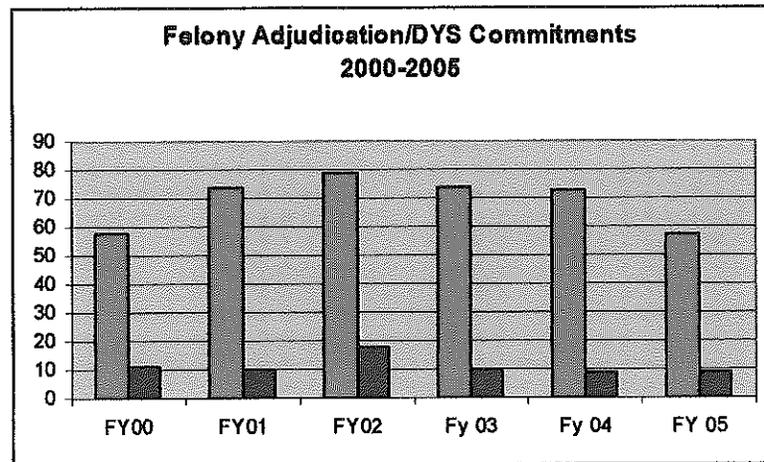
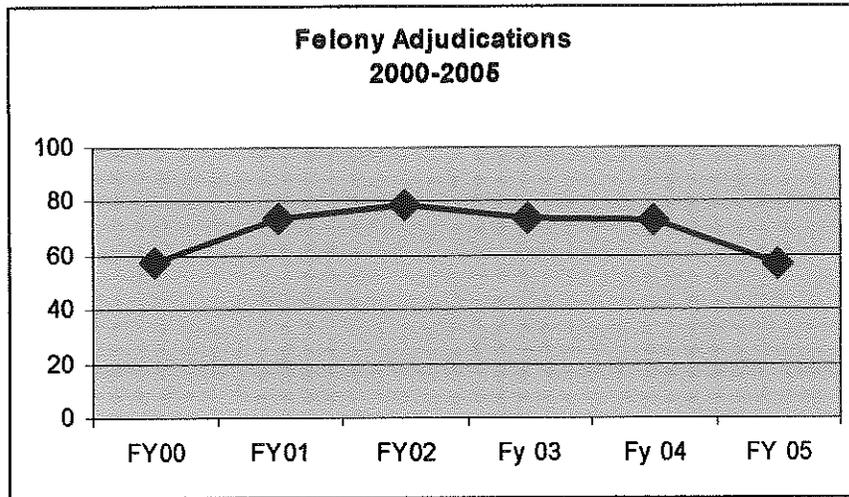
Filing Trends 2000-2005



Filing Trends Civil Cases 2000-2005



Adjudication Trends



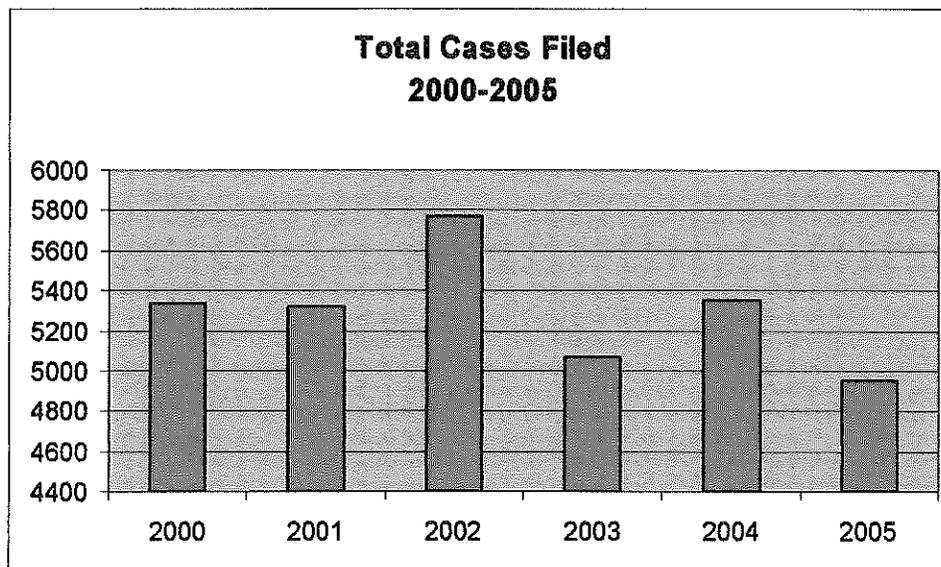
Court Services- Clerk's Office

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.

In 2005, the Juvenile Clerk's office continued to improve services to the court's clients by utilizing technology to improve record keeping. In June, the clerk's office began imaging documents enabling them to more efficiently capture case activity. This allows for faster retrieval and improved storage of key data.

Court Activity 2005

Total Cases Filed	4953
Total Charges Filed	5255
Total Cases with Disposition	5068



Juvenile 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.

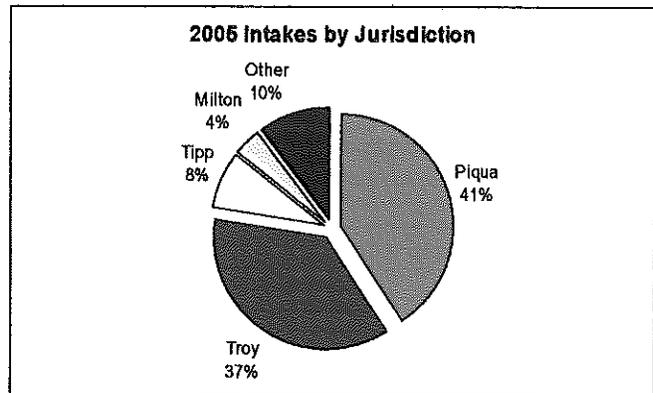
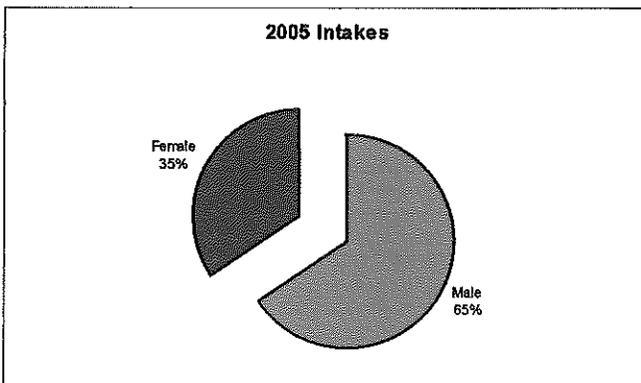
To achieve the mission the department maintains the following components:

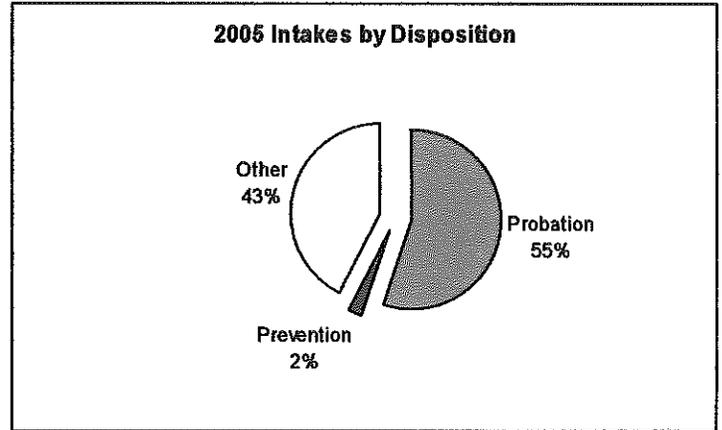
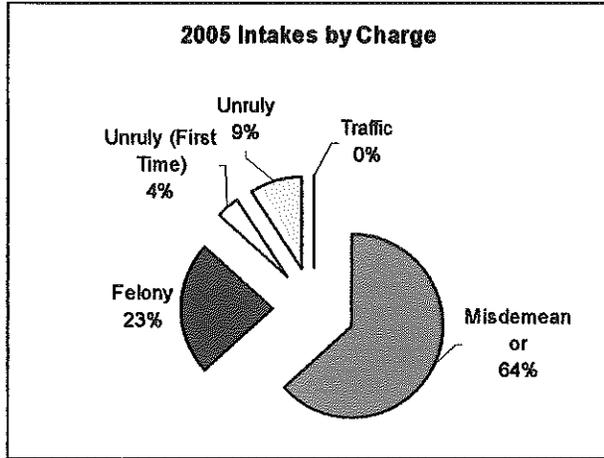
- A Diversion/Prevention unit for first time offenders, which includes The Family Diversion Program, Court ordered Prevention Services with an array of education and mental health services. A Tobacco Violators Program, The Curfew Violators program and The Mediation Program.
- An intake officer assesses the youth's level of risk and makes recommendation for an individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention.
- A specialist probation officer who supervises sex offenders and youth in specialized out-of-home probation
- An Intensive Aftercare Probation officer who supervises youth released from West Central Rehabilitation, GATE, Miami Valley Rehabilitation Center, and David L. Brown Youth Center.
- Generalist 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 visible in the community by working some weekend and evening hours

- Drug Court – a joint project with the Recovery Council, which includes intensive probation supervision and substance abuse treatment.
- Home Detention Monitoring Program which supervises youth placed on home detention.

2005 Intake Department Statistics

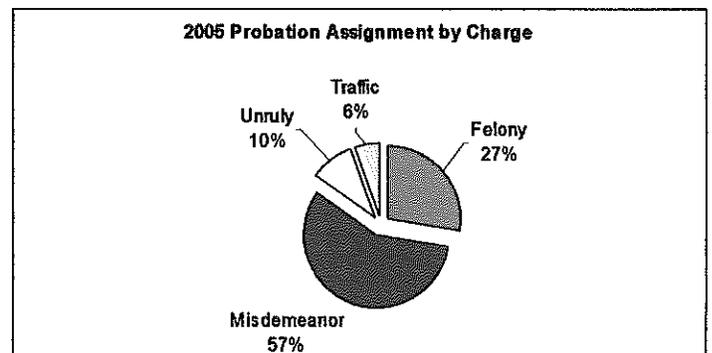
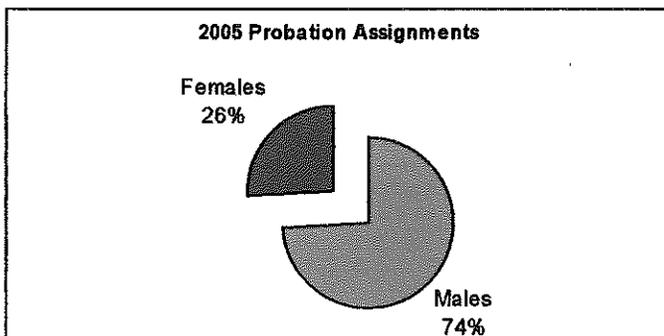
Intake Statistics	2005
Total Ordered	98
Male	64
Female	34
Misdemeanor	62
Felony	23
Unruly (First Time)	4
Unruly	9
Traffic	0
Piqua	40
Troy	36
Tipp	8
Milton	4
Other	10
Probation	54
Prevention	2
Other	42
West Central Rehabilitation	0

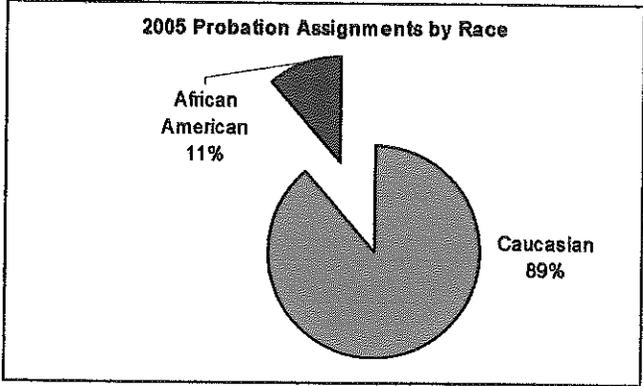




2005 Probation Department

Probation Assignments	2005
Males	92
Females	32
Caucasian	110
African American	14
Other	0
Felony	34
Misdemeanor	71
Unruly	12
Traffic	7
Total Youth Ordered	124
Total Youth From Previous Year	201
TOTAL YOUTH SERVED	325





Intensive Probation/Aftercare

The Probation Department provides intensive probation services to youth released from the Rehabilitation Center, David L. Brown Youth Center and the GATE Program. A full time probation officer provides services to youth, parents, schools, and employers, to assure that the youth makes an appropriate readjustment to the community. The officer's hours are structured to be available during evenings and weekends, when you may encounter transition problems. This intensive supervision includes frequent visits with the youth and family, development and coordination of a youth's case plan, support and guidance to the youth, and probation sanctions as necessary. Youth remain in the program until they are completed treatment plans and paid fines and court costs.

2005 Intensive Probation Statistics

Total Placed on ISP	52
TOTAL TERMINATIONS	29
Successful	14
Unsuccessful	10
DYS:	4
Bound over:	1
Neither:	5
Moved:	2
Turned 18:	2
Other:	1
SUCCESSFUL TERMINATIONS:	14
No new violations:	10
Status offenses:	4
Employed:	14
NON-REPORTING STATUS:	4
Successful:	1
Trans. To active:	1
Remains:	2
EDUCATION:	
GED:	11
High School Diploma:	5
In School:	31
TOTAL SERVED:	52

Drug Court

Drug Court was started in June 2000 in cooperation with the Miami County Recovery Council. This program brings together the court, prosecutor, defense attorney and several Miami County agencies serving youth with substance abuse problems to better coordinate and facilitate services. Participating youth and their families engage in an intensive regimen of substance abuse therapy and probation supervision designed to encourage and support abstinence from substance use. The child and their parents attend semi monthly court hearings where their progress is reviewed and monitored. Participants advance through structured phases of programming with each phase bringing greater freedoms and fewer obligations. Successful completion requires a minimum of 9 months.

In 2005, the Juvenile Court Drug Court Program worked on becoming more effective with youth. The collaboration between the Court and a substance abuse provider is most effective when the client and their family possess the determination and perseverance to meet Drug Court requirements. This year team members closely monitored the cooperation and compliance of Drug Court participants and referred to other support services to enhance treatment services.

2005 Drug Court Statistics

Total carried from last year	8
Admitted this year	9
Total participated in program	17
Males	12
Females	5
Caucasian	17
African-American	0
Successful graduations	7
Unsuccessful terminations	6

Home Detention Monitoring Program

The Home Detention Monitoring Program was started through a grant. Once the grant ended, the probation staff elected to continue the programming. In October 2005, the Probation/Prevention departments began performing random, unscheduled visits to the home of youth placed under an order of House Arrest by the Court in order to determine their compliance with the Court's orders. In addition to monitoring youth's compliance with the Court's orders this also allows the Probation/Prevention officers to be a more visible presence after "traditional Court hours", in the evenings and also on weekends.

2005 Home Detention Monitoring Statistics

House Detention Monitoring	2005
Total Ordered	529
Male	363
Female	166
Caucasian	476
African American	53
Felony	120
Misdemeanor	352
Unruly	57
Successfully completed	428
Unsuccessfully terminated	101

Under the direction of Randall Freeman, Chief Probation Officer, the probation department has one full time intake officer and five full time probation officers who work directly with youth placed on probation. The Diversion/Prevention Program is an adjunct to the probation department and works with first time status offenders. This division has a coordinator, Donita Gast, and two full time officers.

Piqua Office

Miami County Juvenile Court maintains a satellite office, located at 102 W. Ash Street in downtown Piqua. To reach the Piqua office call 615-0657. With initial funding from a grant and in partnership with the Piqua Police Department and Piqua City Schools, the need for a local presence was established. A physical presence in the community allows probation officer to see youth more frequently, and gives prevention and diversion officers access to more youth.

Diversion and Prevention Services

The Court provides an array of interventions designed to cope with unruly behaviors. These interventions include diversion and court ordered programs. They include:

Diversion Services

- The Family Diversion Program
- The Tobacco Offender Program
- The Mediation Program
- The Curfew Violators Program

Court Ordered Prevention Services

- Prevention Supervision

The Family Diversion Program serves youth who have been formally cited as unruly children. Common examples of unruly offenses included 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 as an alternative to appearing in court. When families complete the program, the original citation or complaint is never filed with the Court.

Family Diversion Program 2005 Statistics

Family Diversion	2005
Retained from Previous Year	57
Filed this year	229
Successfully Completed	170
Declined Services	19
Inappropriate for Service	28
Unsuccessful	13
Total Pending at end of year	55
Total Served	286

A number of unruly offenders are deemed inappropriate for the Family Diversion Program. Some of these youth have previously been enrolled in the program and have failed to complete services, others have declined. These youth can be enrolled in Prevention Services through a court order. Prevention Services assists families in which a youth has been formally charged as an unruly child. These youth have appeared in court and were ordered into prevention programming. The court monitors participation and a formal record is maintained.

Prevention Services 2005 Statistics

Prevention Services	2005
Retained from Previous Year	92
Filed this year	51
Successfully Completed	65
Unsuccessful	26
Total Pending at end of year	52
Total Served	143

Curfew Diversion Program

The Court also offers a Curfew Diversion Program for first time offenders who received a curfew violation. The Coordinator meets with the youth and family and tailors a diversion program to address the issue. This year 73 youth were diverted from the court system. Of those 73, 46 agreed to make food donations to area soup kitchens and food pantries totaling \$865.00

Tobacco Offenders Program

The Court maintains a diversion program for first time tobacco offenders. Possession and use of tobacco or related products is illegal for minors. Courts can outline specific consequences for youth cited under this code. Youth who agree to participate in a program are diverted from the Court. Upper Valley Medical Center began offers smoking cessation groups to youth and their parent. Thirty-six youth completed this program. Six youth declined attending a program and were referred to Court.

Mediation Program

This program offers eligible juveniles the opportunity to participate in a process designed to help the youth and complainant discuss and resolve issues in a mutually acceptable manner. The program offers youth the opportunity to restore loss to the victim and take responsibility for one's own behavior.

The Goals of the Program are as follows:

- To resolve underlying conflicts
- To prevent problems from reoccurring
- To reach an agreement and avoid court involvement
- To enhance communication and improve relationships between individuals.

2005 Mediation Services

Charge	Successful
Disorderly Conduct	8
Assault	2
Menacing	0
Complicity to Theft	0
Receiving Stolen Property	0
Theft	6
Criminal Damaging	12
Unruly	0
Vandalism	0
Telephone harassment	2
Criminal Mischief	3
Tampering with property	1
Trespassing	14
Total	48

Community Service/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. The program has 28 sites 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. In 2005, 592 youth provided 4035 hours of service to the community. Sonia Kelchner coordinates the program. For more information call 440-5987.

**2005 Community Service & Restitution
Program Admissions**

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Unruly	Traffic	Total
Males	25	242	76	0	343
Females	6	102	51	0	159
Total	31	344	127	0	502

Program Releases

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Males	334	4
Females	156	1
Total	490	5

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. Youth convicted of a sexual offense receive assessment, outpatient group and family treatment on a weekly basis. In 2005, 13 youth were referred and 8 were accepted into the group. Those not accepted were sent to other treatment providers, Ohio Department of Youth Services, West Central Rehabilitation Center, or to other Residential Treatment Centers.
- ❖ Alcohol and Substance Abuse Education is 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 2005, 141 youth successfully completed this program. A total of 12 groups were held.
- ❖ Shoplifters Group provided by contract with the Miami County Recovery Council with funding through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. The

Recovery Council provides a home study course and a one-day educational class for youth involved in shoplifting. The sessions help youth understand the dynamics of shoplifting and why they have chosen this risky behavior. The course strives to help youth get better control of their lives and change these destructive and unlawful behaviors. In 2005, 59 youth were served in this program. A total of 8 groups were held.

- ❖ 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. These are required when deciding if a youth should be tried as an adult.

Partnerships that Strengthen Families and Protect Youth

Family Connections Saturday Series

The Court has a contract with Family Connections to provide a parenting program for individuals sharing parenting responsibilities but who have never been married. The Saturday Series is specifically designed to improve the quality of parental relationship for parents who have never been married and who may no longer be together. The program strengthens the family structure, allowing the child to love both parents and increasing the likelihood of keeping two active parents in the child's life. In 2005, 11 were served through this program

Family Stability Program

Started in December 1999, this 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. The Family Stability Program provides assessment, case planning and coordinates the work of a family team (a group of providers representing appropriate agencies). They approve out of home placements and monitor progress for reunification or other permanent placements.

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

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. 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 Title IV-E, State Cluster, Children Services, Juvenile Court, Mental Health, and MRDD. In 2005, Juvenile Court contributed in \$130,000 shared funding for the placement of 24 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 which 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 2005, 48 volunteers served 141 children.

The Court also may provide an attorney to represent the child.

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 2005, the citizen board members were Rita Hollenbacher, Rebecca Holthaus, Tom Rodberg, Randal Harvey, Sandy Christian and Kay Altenburger. Also attending are Magistrate Gretchen Beers, Children Services Representatives Kay Wheeler and Lori Rusnack.

Financial Report

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

2005 Court Budget

	Appropriations & Carryover		Expenditures
General Fund - Juvenile Court	\$	1,099,203.87	\$ 1,008,765.47
General Fund - Juvenile Probation	\$	704,468.28	\$ 643,389.44
Felony Delinquent Care and Custody	\$	369,223.34	\$ 267,172.09
Juv. Rehab Aftercare	\$	27,586.20	\$ 24,139.09
Juvenile Computerization	\$	47,140.51	\$ 32,106.62
Legal Research	\$	22,624.00	\$ 19,480.00
Dispute Resolution	\$	23,000.00	\$ 17,456.21
Indigent Driver Fund	\$	-	\$ -
Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG)	\$	16,666.00	\$ 16,666.00
S.P. Parenting Course	\$	5,400.00	\$ 2,000.00
S.P. CASA	\$	5,750.00	\$ 3,000.00
Totals	\$	2,321,062.20	\$ 2,034,174.92

*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 are 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.

2005 Fines and Court Costs

COURT COSTS	\$ 72,762.45
COMPUTER FEES	\$ 24,755.13
LEGAL RESEARCH	\$ 6,603.40
SHERIFF FEES	\$ 8,139.48
LAW LIBRARY	\$ 1,250.00
COUNTY FINES	\$ 41,915.63
MOTOR VEHICLE FINES	\$ 4,147.35
COUNTY DRUG FINES	\$ 1,338.00
MISC. COSTS	\$ -
ANGER MGT.	\$ 438.00
LIFE SKILLS	\$ 928.00
COPY SERVICE	\$ 30.55
WITNESS FEES	\$ 1,687.79
JUV. CT. MEDIATION	\$ 24,858.19
SPECIAL - CASA	\$ 4,029.00
SPECIAL - PARENTING	\$ 4,283.50
DRUG TESTING	\$ 534.84
P.D. APPLICATION FEE	\$ 413.00
FORFEITURE FEES	\$ 705.00
TOBACCO FEES	\$ 3,199.10
STATE OF OHIO	\$ 45,827.69
BOARD OF PHARMACY	\$ 838.00
ARRESTING AGENCY	\$ 170.00
SUNDRIES	\$ 1,829.99
BONDS RECEIVED	\$ 819.00
TOTALS	\$251,503.09

West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

The West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility is a state-of-the-art; secure residential facility for 36 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 academic educational plan, family and individual counseling and intensive supervision. The average length of stay is seven months. Specialized vocational training in machine trades is offered to youth who qualify

The Center's 2005 budget was \$1,466,818.80. The Ohio Department of Youth Services provides funding. Local Counties are debited from their RECLAIM Allocation through the Ohio Department of Youth Services for youth placed at the center. Local school districts pay per school day to support educational programming.

Located on 25A in Troy, the West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility serves Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Preble, Shelby, and Miami County providing Juvenile Judges a local alternative to committing youth to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Space is also provided to other adjacent counties. Harry K. Russell is the Director.

2005 Population Statistics

County	Youth
Auglaize	8
Clark	5
Darke	1
Delaware	2
Greene	3
Marion	1
Mercer	3
Miami	18
Preble	1
Richland	2
Shelby	10
Total	54

Age at Admission	
Age	Number of Youth
13 years	6
14 years	9
15 years	9
16 years	16
17 years	14
18 years	0

2005 Offense Admissions to West Central Rehabilitation

Committing Offense

Committing Offense	2005
Attempted Aggravated Arson	1
Breaking and Entering	6
Burglary and Attempted Burglary	13
Domestic Violence	1
Drug Abuse	5
Failure to Comply	1
Felonious Assault	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	6
Illegal Use of a Weapon	0
Possession of a Dangerous Ordinance	1
Rape	3
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Robbery	1
Theft	10
Unauthorized Use of a motor vehicle	2
Vandalism	2

Committing Felony Level

Felony Level	2005
F-5	23
F-4	12
F-3	11
F-2	4
F-1	4
Total	54

West Central Day Treatment

Day Treatment is a court ordered academic educational program for non-violent offenders. This program allows 13-17 year old male/female offenders on probation to attend school in a structured environment with individualized attention. West Central Rehabilitation operates two day treatment programs: one in Troy which serves Miami and Shelby Counties and one in Celina serving youth from the northern Counties (Auglaize, Mercer and Van Wert Counties).

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. Harry K. Russell is the director of this program.

In 2005, 88 students were enrolled in one of the two locations. Seven youth achieved G.E.D. while 4 others earned enough credits to obtain a graduation diploma from their high school.

2005 Day Treatment Population Statistics

Day Treatment South	
School District	2005
Miami East	1
Piqua	18
Sidney	16
St. Mary's	1
Tipp City	1
Troy	11
West Milton	2
Total Served in South	50

Day Treatment North	
Celina	12
Coldwater	4
Felicity Fran	1
Parkway	4
Preble Shawnee	1
Van Wert	11
Wapakoneta	5
Total served in North	38

Gender	Number	
	North	South
Males	46	36
Females	9	14

Age	Number	
	North	South
11 years	0	0
12 years	4	0
13 years	13	2
14 years	7	4
15 years	10	9
16 years	11	17
17 years	9	16
18 years	1	2

2005 Day Treatment Population Statistics

Grade Level on admission		
	North	South
6th	2	2
7th	15	3
8th	8	14
9th	10	14
10th	12	9
11th	8	3
12th	0	5

Outcome of Day Treatment		
	North	South
Successful Release	31	35
Unsuccessful Release	10	18
GED	0	7
Graduation	4	0

DAVID L BROWN YOUTH CENTER

The David L. Brown Youth Center is a program of the Miami County Juvenile Court. Under the Direction of Diana Karnehm, Executive Director and located on a farm setting, east of Troy, the Youth Center is a 24-hour residential treatment center for male youth ages 12-18. The primary purpose of the facility is to provide an environment in which youth can assume responsibility for their thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. The Reality Therapy/Choice Theory approach used at the Center is a nationally recognized therapeutic modality of treatment. Most of the youth are referred to the Center by a variety of Ohio County Juvenile Court systems, Children's Service agencies, and Family and Children's First organizations. The David L. Brown Youth Center provides Juvenile Courts with an alternative to incarceration and youth with the opportunity to receive a variety of intensive services in a safe therapeutic environment.

MENTAL HEALTH

During 2005, the Youth Center contracted with the Miami County Mental Health Center to provide two part time on-site master's level therapists to provide a wide range of therapeutic services. Youth referred to the David L. Brown Youth Center receive a complete mental health assessment and participate in an individualized treatment plan, which typically includes several of the following services:

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| *Individual Counseling | *Family Counseling |
| *Group Therapy | *Leadership Training |
| *Coordination of Med-Somatic Services | *Case Management |

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

All youth referred to the David L. Brown Youth Center receive a complete substance use assessment and a corresponding treatment plan. The Center employs a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor and utilizes a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor who is an employee of the Miami County Mental Health Center. The Youth Center offers a variety of treatment modalities designed to effectively intervene in substance use, abuse, or dependency:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| *Prevention Education | *Intervention Education |
| *Individual Counseling | *Family Counseling |
| *Group Counseling | *Intensive Treatment |

ACADEMIC

The David L. Brown Youth Center utilizes a variety of resources designed to provide educational opportunities to meet the individual needs of the youth. Collaborative efforts established with the Miami County Education Service Center

and the Upper Valley Joint Vocational School provides the Center with two full time licensed teachers. In addition, the center employs a licensed substitute teacher who works in the class room daily. The following is provided:

- *Individualized Learning Plans
- *GED Preparation and Pre-testing
- *Coordination of Academic
- *Agri-Science Program
- *Academic Case Management
- *Evaluation and Testing

HEALTH

The David L. Brown Youth Center provides a complete physical examination for each youth and meets their non-critical medical needs by utilizing Dr. Ginn, M.D. and Susan Westfall, R.N.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

All youth who reside at the Youth Center participate in a physical education program and a variety of additional athletic activities.

- *Cardiovascular
- *Race Walking
- *Football
- *Basketball
- *Weight Lifting
- *Running
- *Softball
- *Volleyball

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

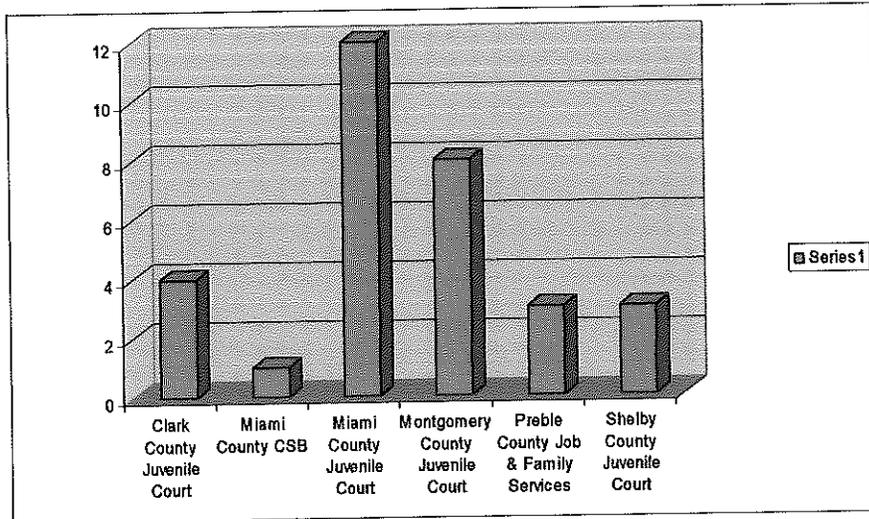
The youth of David L. Brown are provided with opportunities to develop a sense of belonging and commitment to community in a variety of ways:

- *Bell Ringing with Salvation Army
- *Sign Building for Buckeye Homeless Shelter
- *Food Delivery for Family Abuse Shelter
- *Working for Bowman Landes Turkey Farm
- *Serving Meals to Homeless
- *Completing Court Ordered Community Service Hours

2005 BUDGET

The appropriated budget for David L. Brown Youth Center for fiscal year 2005 was \$723,610.65. With the approval from the Advisory Board, the Youth Center increased the daily rate to \$135.00 per day. School districts also pay a per diem to cover educational costs. In addition to the revenue received from sending agencies, the center received Federal Food Subsidy, Title XX for Miami County youth, and private donations. Also for part of 2005, David L. Brown received a grant from OCJS for substance abuse programming.

2005 ANNUAL CENSUS BY COUNTY= 31



WEST CENTRAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center is a secure holding facility for youth from Auglaize, Clinton, Darke, Mercer, Miami, Preble, Shelby and Van Wert Counties. The center can house up to 44 youth. Detained youth attend school classes, undergo counseling and psychological assessment, as needed, and participate in a variety of treatment and education programming.

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center opened in January 1993. In April 1999 a 20 bed pod was added on to the facility. The operating budget for the center is \$1,716,970. Funding comes from the counties that use our facility.

West Central JDC provides youth with all the basic necessities. The residents receive three meals per day. They have structured gym exercise everyday and attend an on-site school Monday through Friday. Youth must participate in group programs such as: anger management, substance abuse, health & hygiene, Planned Parenthood, life choices, and various community leaders and motivational speakers. The youth have the option to participate in a Bible study program or to attend a Sunday morning service while at the center. There are visitation appointments for parents to visit three times per week. The residents may make phone calls at designated times and are provided all the necessary materials for writing letters to family.

The West Central JDC restructured the STAR (Start Today Accepting Responsibility) Program. This program is for "high risk" youth between ages 12 – 17. Youth must be referred from the juvenile court to be eligible for the realistic tour of the detention center. At least one parent must attend the program with the youth that has been referred from the court of their county. There were no special incidents during STAR. 209 youth were scheduled to attend STAR, 159 youth completed the program, 50 youth were referred, but did not show up for the STAR tour. This program is free of charge to the courts that use it.

GATE (Girls Alternative Treatment Environment) Program is in its 7th year of operation. This program is providing education, structure, discipline and safety for the girls. They learn the nutritional value of food, the proper amount needed to maintain good health and how to prepare simple recipes. The girls also participate in 4-H. They must complete a project and have it judged. The girls receive Red Cross Certification in CPR and First Aid training and they become certified babysitters. The GATE program takes a minimum of 70 days to complete and could last as long as 90 days depending on how quickly the girls advance. Counseling and family participation are very important for these females to succeed after completion. The GATE Program was partially funded from a Title II grant from the Department of Youth Services. All of the funds were expended for 2005 and there is no carry over of unused funds.

The West Central JDC is located in the Miami County Government Complex at 2044 North County Road 25A, north of Troy. Greg Simmons has been the Superintendent of the Detention Center since it opened in 1993.

2005 Detention Population Statistics

	Total	Auglaize	Clinton	Darke	Mercer	Miami	Preble	Shelby	Van Wert	Other
Intakes	1,264	252	99	58	73	358	137	190	75	22
Male	957	197	79	43	59	261	107	147	48	16
Female	307	55	20	15	14	97	30	43	27	6
Average Length of Stay in days		11	19	34	12	11	9	13	12	60

Miami County Juvenile Court
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Cases Filed in 2005

Delinquent	1348
Traffic	788
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	53
Unruly	424
Adult	151
Permanent Custody	20
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	818
Support Enforcement/Modifications	1257
Parentage	63
UIFSA	30
Other	1
 Total Cases Filed	 4953

Cases Terminated in 2005

Delinquent	1356
Traffic	786
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	50
Unruly	412
Adult	146
Permanent Custody	29
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	847
Support Enforcement/Modification	1347
Parentage	59
UIFSA	35
Other	1
 Total	 5068

Types of Dispositions for Youth**2005**

Bind over to Adult Court	2
Commitment to Department of Youth Services	11
Detention	369
Girls Alternative Treatment Environment	3
David L Brown Youth Center	13
West Central Day Treatment	33
West Central Rehabilitation Center	19
Miami Valley Greene County	1
Butler County Rehabilitation	2
Northwest Ohio Rehabilitation	1

Types of Disposition**2005**

Community Service	557
Probation	124
Prevention	63
Electronic Home Monitoring	58
House Arrest	529
Temporary Custody to Children Services	20
Protective Supervision with Children Services	74
Permanent Custody to Children Services	20
Jail Sentences (Adult)	123
Restitution	268
Cases with Fines Assessed	1017
Cases with Costs Assessed	1949
Fines and Costs Collected	\$251,503.09

Miami County Juvenile Court Important Phone Numbers

Juvenile Court Clerks Office (general information)	440-5970
Chief Deputy Clerk - Beverly Bell	440-5972
Chief Probation Officer - Randall Freeman.....	440-5979
Community Service and Restitution - Sonia Kelchner.....	440-5987
Court Administrator - Charlene Prestopino.....	440-5990
Fiscal Officer - Angie Hubbard	440-5988
Prevention Services - Donita Gast.....	440-5985
David L. Brown Youth Center – Diana Karnehm (Director).....	339-1858
West Central Detention Center - Greg Simmons (Director).....	440-5651
West Central Rehabilitation Center –Harry Russell (Director).....	440-5651

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