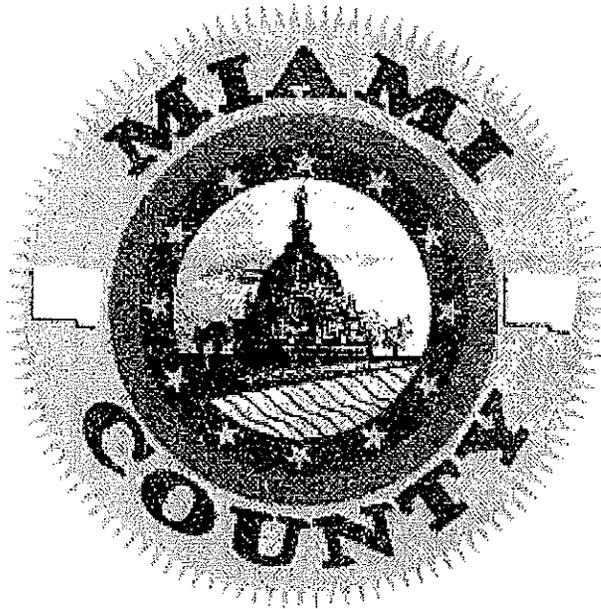


Miami County Juvenile Court

2010 Annual Report



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Our Purpose

The Juvenile Court of Miami County is a division of the Miami County Common Pleas Court. Our purpose is to 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 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 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 W. McGregor Dixon, Jr. 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 2010.

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 2010 charges:

Delinquency Charges	2010
Abduction	2
AntiNoise	1
Aggravated Arson	1
Assault (Misdemeanor & Felony)	67
Breaking & Entering	14
Burglary/Agg Burglary	20
Chronic Truancy	33
Contempt of Court Order	63
Contributing to Delinquency/Unruliness of a Minor	4
Criminal Damaging	27
Criminal Mischief	26
Discharging Air gun/BB/Pellets/Firearm	4
Discharging/Possession Fireworks	2
Disobeying Police Officer/Resisting Arrest/Fleeing	6
Disorderly Conduct	93
Domestic Violence	53
Drug Abuse	46
Drug Paraphernalia	48
Drug Possession	13
Drug Trafficking	15
Escape	6
Falsification	7
Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor	1
Inducing/Inciting Panic or Violence	3
Making False Alarms	2
Menacing/Aggravated Menacing	20
Obstructing Official Business/Justice	36
Open Container	2
Parole Violation (from Dept. of Youth Services)	4
Possession of Alcohol/underage consumption	170
Possession of Criminal Tools	5
Probation Violation	96
Rape	15
Receiving Stolen Property	24
Robbery/Aggravated Robbery/ complicity	7
Sexual Imposition & Gross Sexual Imposition	10

Tampering with Evidence/Property	3
Telephone Harassment	5
Theft/Grand Theft Auto/Misuse of Credit Card/Identity	
Theft	121
Trespassing/Criminal Trespassing	42
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle/Property	19
Vandalism	9
Voyeurism	1
Weapon on school grounds	1
Total Delinquency Charges	1147
Total Delinquency Cases Filed or Reactivated	1000

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 make restitution
- ◆ Order the child to attend a specific treatment program
- ◆ Impose a fine and court cost
- ◆ Make any order the judge finds will benefit the child

Last year, the Court entered final dispositions in 1028 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 2010 unruly charges:

2010 Unruly Charges Filed

Unruly Charges Filed	2010
Truancy	1
Curfew Violations	144
Incorrigible	80
Behavior that injures health or morals	6
Tobacco Law Violations	33
Total Charges	264
Total Unruly Cases	234
Truancy	
Chronic Truant (delinquency)	33
Habitual Truant	1
Total Truancy	34

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 or prevention supervision
- ◆ Impose costs of the case against the juvenile
- ◆ Or, whatever the judge finds will benefit the child

In 2010, the Court entered final disposition in 234 unruly cases.

Juvenile Traffic Offender

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 2010 included:

Traffic Charges	2010
Disregarding Traffic Control Device (Sign/Lights)	47
Drag Racing	2
Driving on closed street	1
Driving Under Influence & Related	16
Driving Under Suspension	11
Fail To Control/Reckless Operation	62
Fail To Yield	30
Failure to Maintain Distance	49
Fictitious/Expired/Missing Plate/Registration/insurance	23
Improper Backing, Turn or Lane Change	41
Littering from a motor vehicle	1
Leaving the Scene	5
No OL/Permit/Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive	30
No head or tail lights	9
Parking violation	1
Passing a school bus	6
Probationary or temporary license restriction	14
Seatbelt/Child Restraint	45
Speeding	259
Squealing Tires/Noise Ordinance	4
Vehicle Related Infractions	4
Total Traffic Charges	660
Total Traffic Cases	589

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 or a Driver's Improvement Program
- ◆ 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 2010, the Court entered final dispositions in 598 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.

2010 Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Filings

Abuse, Neglect and Dependency	40
Motion for Permanent Custody	3

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 36 abuse, neglect, and dependency cases and 3 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.

2010 Filings

Filings	2010
Custody or Visitation	758
Support Enforcement/Modifications	1940
Parentage	70
Total	2768

Last year the court entered final disposition in 1913 support enforcement or modification cases, 742 custody or visitation cases, and 79 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.

2010 Adult Charges and Cases

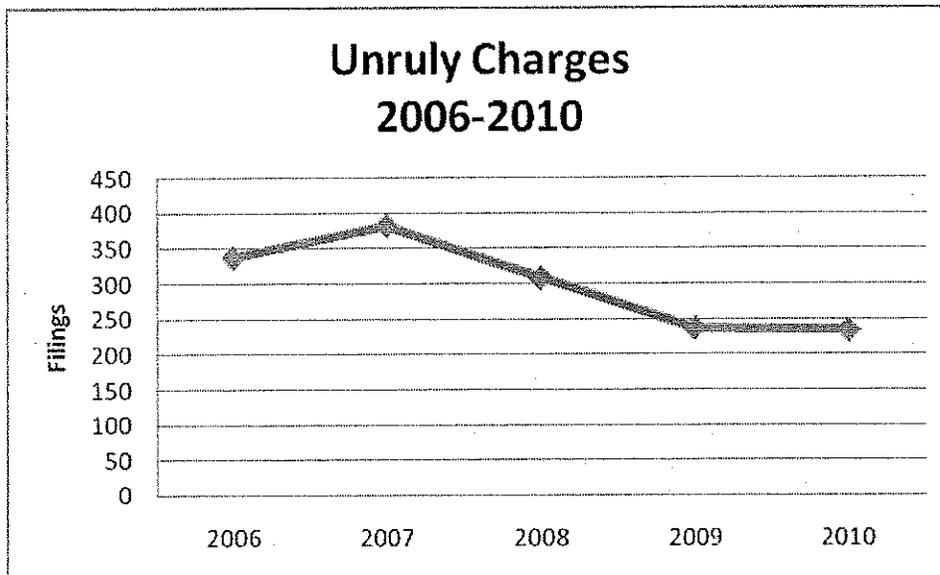
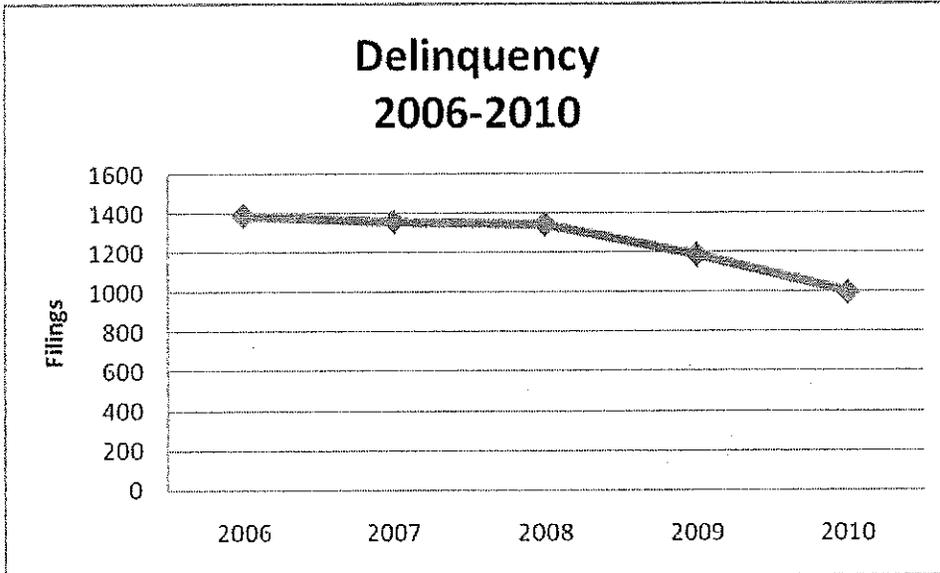
Adult charges and Cases	2010
Child Endangering	1
Contempt of Court	22
Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor	52
Failure to send to school	26
Imposition of Sentence	4
Total Adult charges filed	105
Total Adult Criminal Cases filed or reactivated	100

Last year, the court entered final disposition for 103 adult cases.

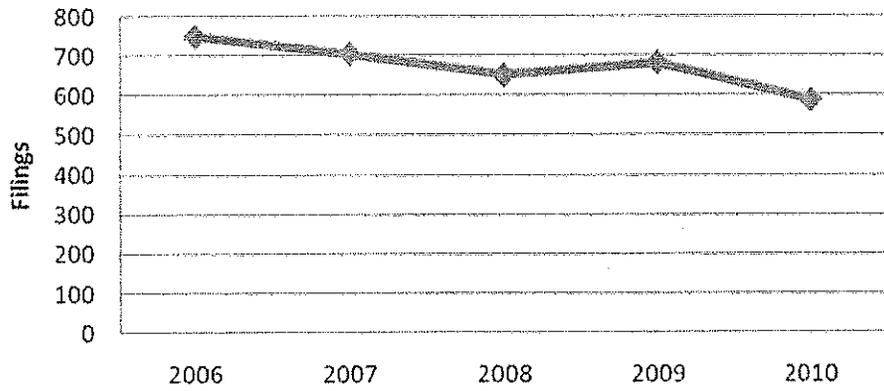
Miscellaneous Cases

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, certain kinds of consents for medical treatment, judicial bypass, search warrants, civil protective orders and motion to waive civil filing fees. Last year, the court handled 6 such case.

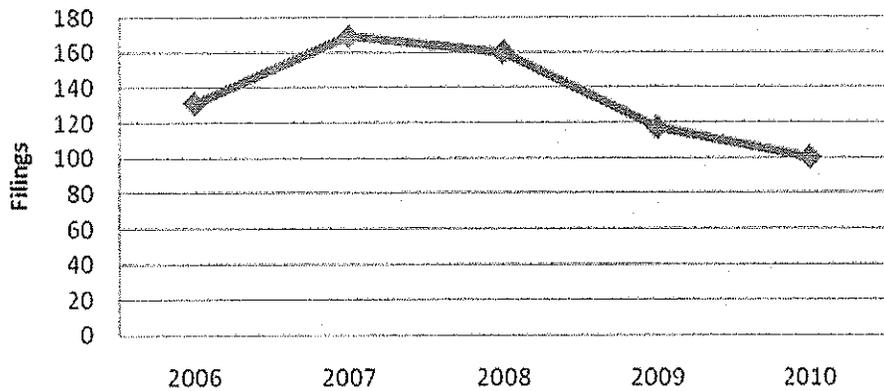
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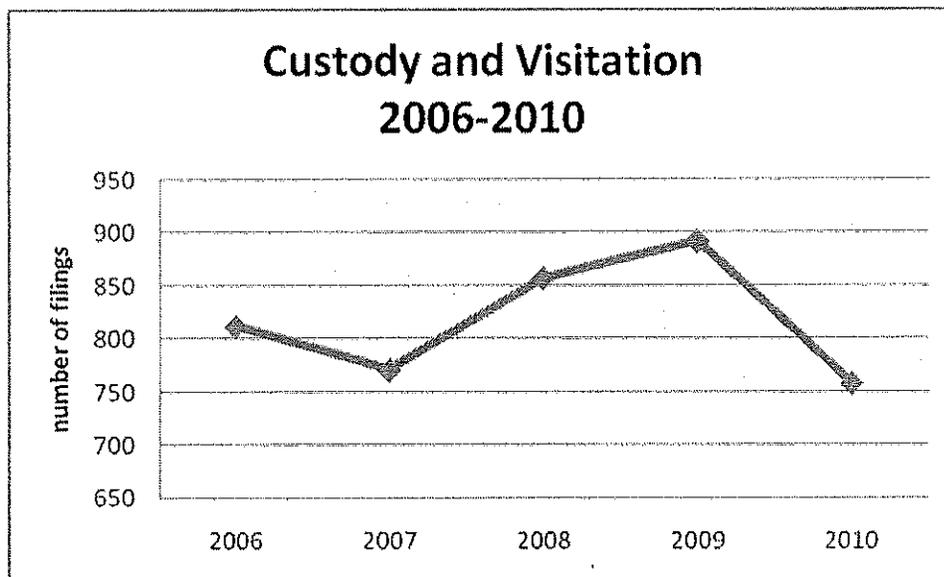
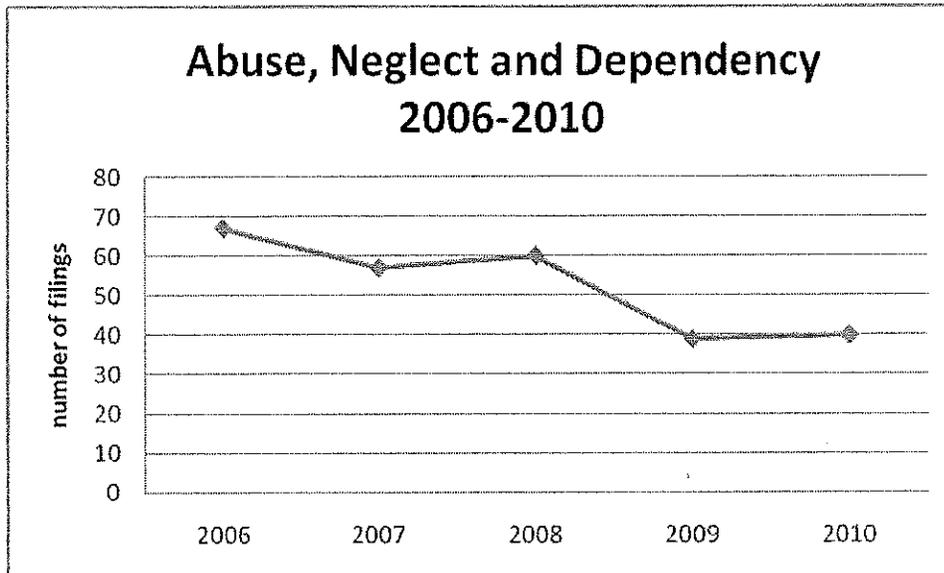
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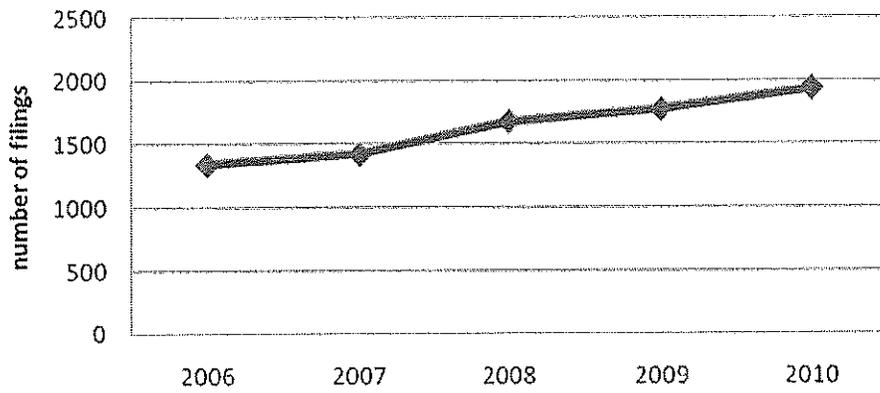
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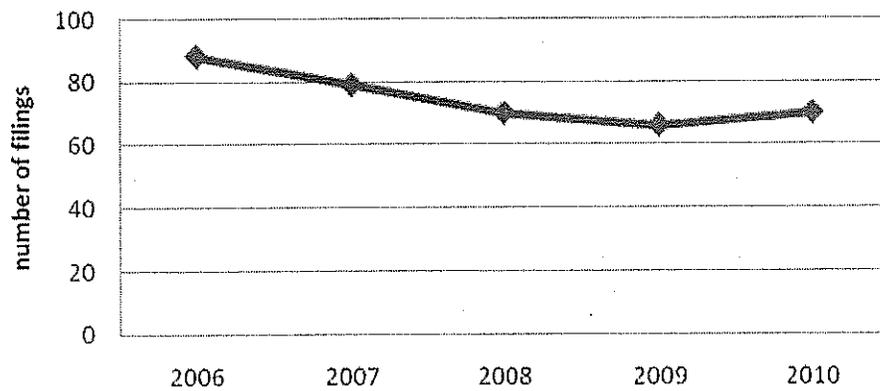
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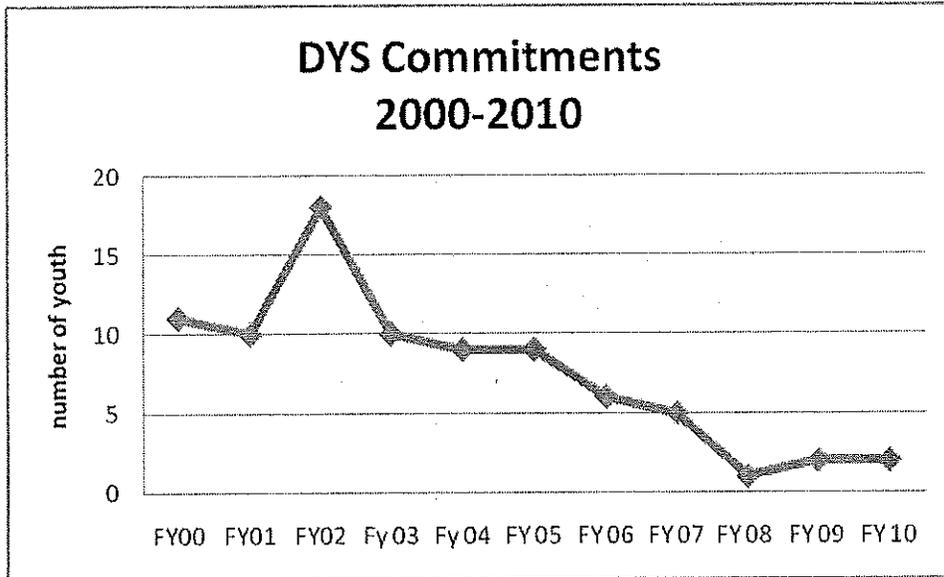
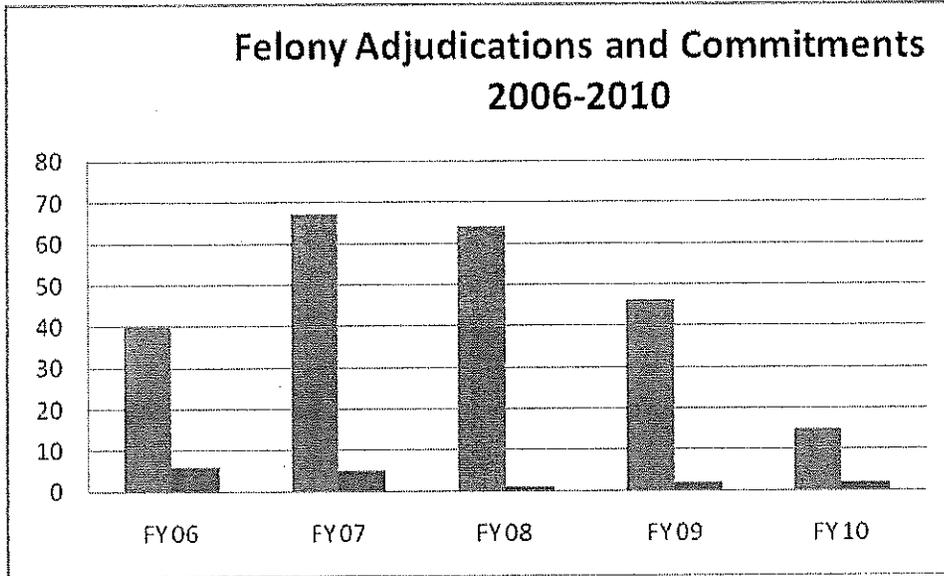
Child Support Enforcement 2006-2010



Parentage Filings 2006-2010



Adjudication Trends

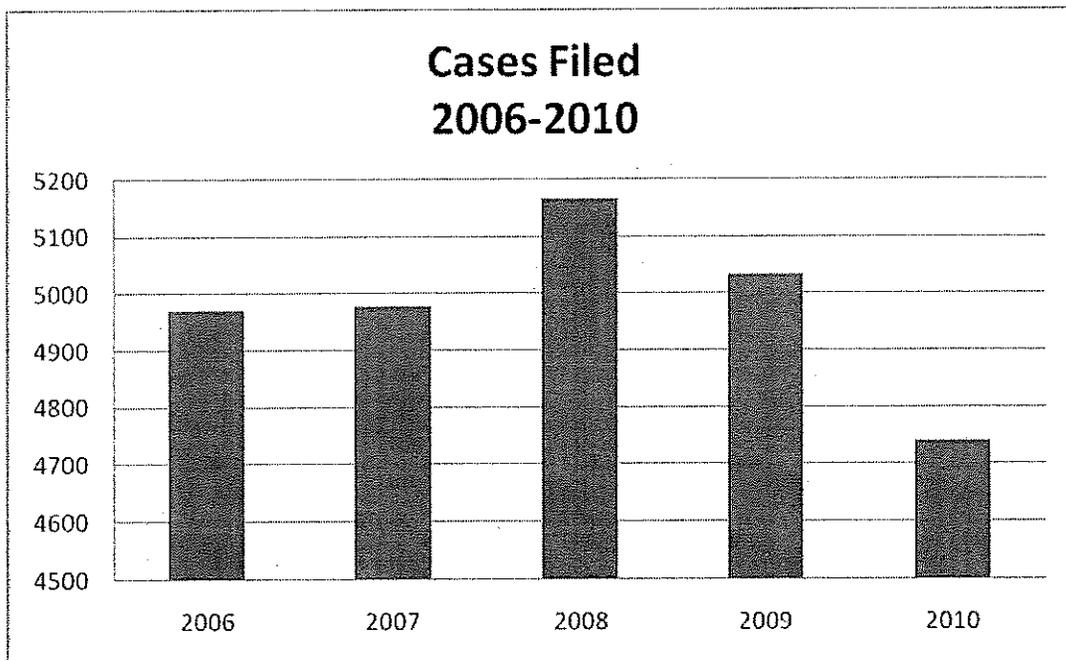


Court Services - Clerk's Office

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.

Court Activity 2010

	2010
Total Cases Filed	4740
Total Charges Filed	
Total Cases with Disposition	4719



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.

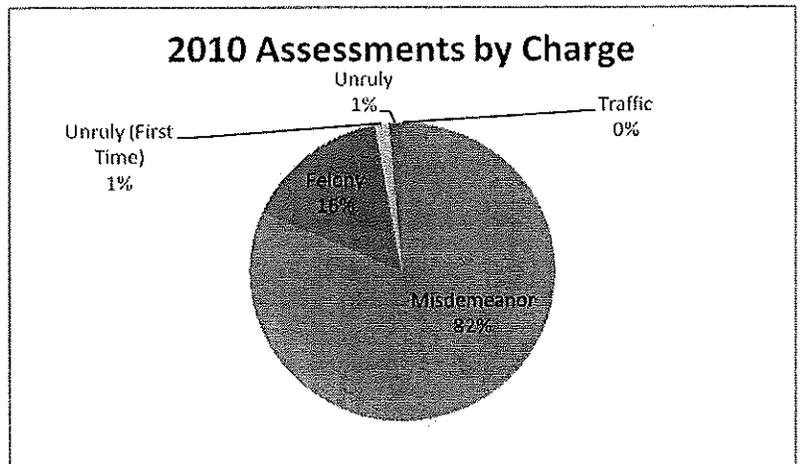
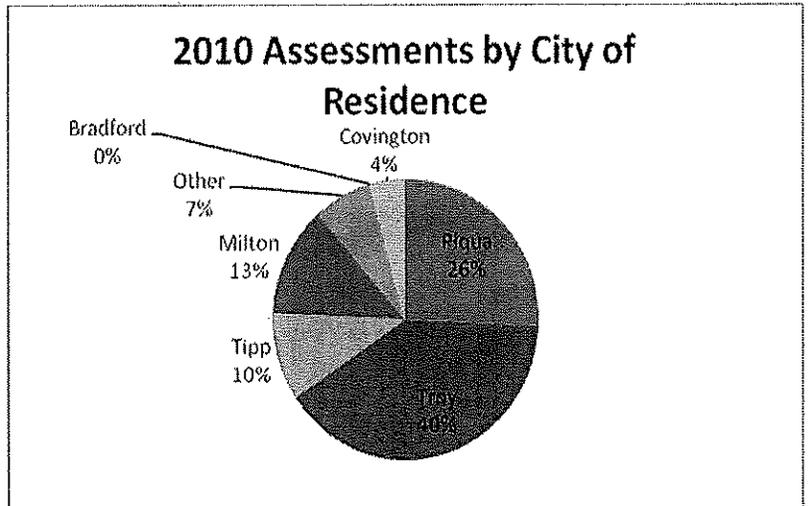
To achieve the mission the department maintains the following components:

- A Diversion program for first time offenders, which includes an array of education and mental health services to assist families in addressing communication and behavior problems. Mediation services are also used for some delinquency and truancy cases.
- An assessment of the youth's level of risk and dispositional recommendations with individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention.
- Specialized supervision of sex offenders and youth in specialized out-of-home placements
- Intensive supervision of youth released from West Central Rehabilitation, Miami Valley Rehabilitation Center and other Community Corrections Facilities, and David L. Brown Youth Center
- Probation supervision which concentrates on changing behavior and improving pro-social skills through individualized treatment planning and using community resources. Working with parents, officers monitor court orders to assure accountability
- Drug Court – a joint project with the Recovery Council, which includes intensive probation supervision and substance abuse treatment for youth struggling with addiction.
- House Arrest Monitoring Program which supervises youth placed on house arrest during weekend and evening hours.
- Community Service Program which gives youth the opportunity to participate in supervised work projects which benefits the community.
- Garden Project called Crops for Change which teaches youth how to grow and nurture a garden. Produce is then donated to food pantries and is used in supervised cooking projects and other activities for youth involved in the program.

Under the direction of Julie K. Harmon, Chief Probation Officer, the probation department has seven full time probation officers, one court services coordinator, and two part-time community service youth supervisors.

2010 Assessment Statistics

Assessment Statistics	2010
Total Ordered	70
Male	47
Female	23
Offense Type	
Misdemeanor	57
Felony	11
Unruly (First Time)	1
Unruly	1
Traffic	0
City of Residence	
Piqua	18
Troy	28
Tipp	7
Milton	9
Other	5
Bradford	0
Covington	3



Assessment by Charge	2010
Unruly	2
Contempt	2
Criminal Trespass	2
Criminal Damaging	2
Criminal Mischief	1
Unauthorized Use	5
Assault	6
Underage Consumption/Possession	5
Disorderly	6
Burglary	0
B & E (or attempted)	4
Robbery	3
Receiving Stolen Prop	3
Theft	11
Inducing Panic	2
Trafficking	1
Drug Abuse/Possession	2
Drug Paraphernalia	3
Domestic Violence	6
Vandalism	4
Total	70

Disposition	2010
Probation	38
Prevention	2
Other	29
DYS	0
West Central Rehab	0
Jail	0
pending-AWOL	1
Total Referred to other	29
Number recidivated	2

2010 Probation Department

Probation Assignments	2010
Males	68
Females	30
Caucasian	85
African American	9
Other	4
Felony	24
Misdemeanor	66
Unruly	8
Traffic	0
Total Youth Ordered	98
Total Youth From Previous Year	164
Total Served	262

Probation by Age	2010
11-under	0
12&13	7
14&15	27
16 and up	64

Probation by City	2010
Piqua	32
Troy	40
Tipp	13
Milton	6
Bradford/Covington	2
Other	5
Total	98

By school district	2010
Troy High School	19
Troy Jr High	5
Piqua High School	25
Wilder Intermediate	0
Piqua Jr High	4
Tipp High	1
Tipp Central	1
Miami East High	3
Miami East Jr High	0
Upper Valley JVS	6
Milton Union Middle School	1
Milton Union High School	3
Bradford High School	0
Bradford Jr High School	0
Miami Valley Career Tech	1
Covington Middle School	1
Covington High School	1
Graduated/GED	2
Newton	3
Bethel	4
Home schooled	11
Other	7

2010 Probation Department Statistics

Charges resulting in Probation	2010
Drug Trafficking	1
Drug/Alcohol Possession	11
Criminal	
Damage/mischief/Vandalism	3
Aggravated Robbery/Robbery	2
Breaking Entering/Burglary	6
Trespassing	2
Disorderly Conduct	9
Unruly/truancy	8
Theft related	15
Contempt of Court	5
Assault	12
Domestic Violence	10
Obstruction/resisting Arrest	2
Sex Offenses	7
Arson	1
Inducing Panic	2
Abduction	1
Contributing	1
Total Charges	98

Intensive Probation/Aftercare

The Probation Department provides intensive probation services to youth released from the Placements such as West Central Rehabilitation Center and David L. Brown Youth Center. 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 have completed treatment plans and paid fines, court costs and restitution.

2010 Intensive Probation Statistics

	2010
Total Served on ISP	39
Total Placed current year	12
Total Retained previous year	27
Terminations	
Successful	9
Unsuccessful	0
No Further Benefit	3
Total Terminations	12
Successful Terminations	
Terminations without new charges	7
Obtained employment	9
Educational goals met	11
Total Youth on ISP	39
New misdemeanor charges	9
New Felony charges	0
Probation violations	18
Youth turned 18 on Probation	11
Successful terminations	5
Unsuccessful terminations	1

Drug Court

Drug Court was started in June 2000 in cooperation with the Miami County Recovery Council. This programs goal is to better coordinate and facilitate services for youth with substance abuse problems. 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.

2010 Drug Court Statistics

Drug Court Stats	2010
Total Carried from last year	9
Admitted this year	13
Total Participated in program	22
males	18
females	4
Caucasian	20
African American	2
Successful Graduations	2
Unsuccessful terminations	4
Other	7

Alternatives to Detention

House arrest and electronic home monitoring are two alternatives to secure Detention that allow a youth to remain in the community yet restrict a youth's movement within the community. These strategies allow a youth to continue to live at home and attend school, jobs, counseling and other approved activities. These programs serve as a short term sanction and remind juveniles that they need to pay attention to curfews and other court imposed expectations. House arrest is less restrictive and relies heavily on a youth's compliance, parental participation and monitoring. Electronic home monitoring uses an ankle bracelet technology that detects movement and alerts probation officers when a child is engaging in activity away from approved venues. Both approaches are used extensively by Probation Officers to enhance supervision.

Electronic home monitoring	2010
Males	33
Females	10
Caucasian	36
African American	7
Other	0
Felony	10
Misdemeanor	33
Unruly	0
Traffic	0
Terminated Unsuccessfully	6
Terminated Successfully	37
Total Youth Ordered	40
TOTAL YOUTH SERVED	43
Average days on EMHA	31

House Arrest Monitoring Program

The House Arrest Monitoring Program was started through a grant. Once the grant ended, the probation staff elected to continue the programming. The Probation/Prevention department does 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.

2010 House Arrest Monitoring Statistics

House Arrest	2010
Males	248
Females	106
Caucasian	308
African American	40
Other	6
Felony	85
Misdemeanor	253
Unruly	16
Traffic	0
Terminated Unsuccessfully	67
Terminated Successfully	276
Total Youth Ordered	354
still on house arrest from 2010	11
# of Compliance Checks done by PO's	935
# of man hours PO spent doing checks after hours/weekends	181
Average length of time on house arrest	41 days

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 assist first time offenders.

The Diversion Program serves youth who have been formally cited. Common examples of citations include unruly offenses such as school truancy, running away, curfew violations, tobacco offenses or violating the rules set by their parents or school officials. Offenses can also include minor delinquencies such as petty theft, disorderly conduct, vandalism and criminal trespassing. These youth and their parents are given the opportunity to participate in educational groups as an alternative to appearing in court. Youth are also offered volunteer opportunities to assist in redirecting behavior. When youth and families complete the program, the original citation or complaint is sealed and never filed with the Court.

Diversion Program 2010 Statistics

Diversion Services	2010
Retained from Previous Year	19
Filed this year	127
Successfully Completed	104
Declined Services	0
Inappropriate for Service	2
Unsuccessful	13
Total Pending at end of year	27
Total Served	146

Offenses referred to Diversion	2010	Successful	Unsuccessful	Inappropriate	Pending
Curfew	73	56	1	1	15
Tobacco	6	2	0	0	4
Unruly	27	11	11	0	5
Theft	8	8	0	0	0
Truancy	1	1	0	0	0
Assault	3	2	0	0	1
Criminal Damaging	1	0	0	0	1
Possession Criminal Tools	1	0	0	0	1
Criminal Trespass	3	3	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	4	4	0	0	0

Some young unruly or first time offenders who were deemed inappropriate for the Diversion Program were enrolled in the Prevention Program. These youth have appeared in court and have been adjudicated and ordered to participate in prevention programming. The court monitors participation and a formal record is maintained. This program was terminated in August, 2010 and the youth are now served through formal probation supervision.

Prevention Services 2010 Statistics

Prevention Services	2010
Retained from Previous Year	47
Filed this year	18
Successfully Completed	30
Unsuccessful	20
No further benefit	15
Total Pending at end of year	0
Total Served	65

By Charges	2010
Unruly	5
Truancy	6
Contempt	1
Domestic Violence	3
Theft	2
Receiving stolen property	1
Total	18

	2010
Males	9
Females	9
Total	18

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. Volunteer mediators with training in the mediation process meet with the youth and victim and guide them through a problem solving process. 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.

2010 Mediation Services

Delinquency Mediation Completed	2010
Disorderly conduct	8
Criminal Damaging	1
Telephone Harassment	2
Criminal Mischief	3
Tampering with Property	2
Trespassing	3
Discharge firearm in City	1
Curfew	4
Total	24

In 2006, the Court added a civil mediation program to include child custody, parental visitation and child support cases. This program uses paid mediators who have specialized training in child custody matters. If individuals qualify financially, the Court pays the mediator. Parents offer their own solutions and work out differences in a confidential environment, so that they can do what is best for their child. One of the program goals is to help parents to develop better communication skills for the future. In 2010, 4 cases were sent to civil mediation.

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 29 sites including local nursing homes, city and county municipal buildings, and football stadiums. In 2010, 332 youth provided 3474 hours of service to the community.

In 2009, community service added a new project called "Crops for Change". This project was conceptualized by Miami County Juvenile Court Magistrate Katherine Kemp Severt. In 2010, the involved juveniles planted, weeded, watered, and harvested the crops. Participants grew a variety of vegetables including peppers, cabbage, and tomatoes. Each participant took some vegetables home to his/her family but the majority of the crops were donated to the local food pantry and soup kitchen. The juveniles also made salsa which they shared with staff and other county employees. This experience helped the participating juveniles understand the growth cycle of plants, made them aware that food doesn't always come from the grocery, and also enabled them to see their hard work provide fresh, nutritious, locally grown vegetables to those families needing to seek assistance in our own community. In 2010 41 youth participated in this project.

Funding for the program comes from the Department of Youth Services Subsidy Grant. Cindy Petrofes coordinates the program. For more information call 440-5987.

2010 Community Service & Restitution

Program admissions	
	2010
Males	240
Females	92
Total Served	332

Types of Charges	
Felony	12
Misdemeanor	221
Unruly	69
Traffic	30
Total	332

Program Release	
	2010
Males	218
Females	94
Satisfactory	306
Unsatisfactory	6
Total released	312

Crops for Change	2010
Males	29
Females	12
Total participating	41
Caucasian	35
Minority	6
Felony	2
Misdemeanor	26
Unruly	12
Traffic	1
Total Youth Successful completing	40

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. Mental Health provides the service. In 2010, 13 youth were referred for evaluation and 15 were treated in the outpatient groups. Of those not accepted two were placed at West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center.
- ❖ 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 2010, 74 youth successfully completed this program. A total of 9 groups were held.
- ❖ Shoplifters Group provided by contract with the Miami County Recovery Council. 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 2010, 35 youth were served in this program. A total of 6 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, and whether the child is competent to stand trial
- ❖ Domestic Aggressive Response Training Group (DART) is provided by contract with DAYBREAK, Inc. This psycho-educational group is offered over ten weeks to youth and their families for youth charged with domestic violence or some related offense. This group helps youth and families work on communication issues and reduce family violence. In 2010, 20 youth were referred to the program and 11 successfully completed the program.

Partnerships that Strengthen Families and Protect Youth

Family Connections

The Court has a contract with Family Connections to provide parenting programs for individuals sharing parenting responsibilities but who have never been married. Family Connections provides both individualized and group programs for court referred clients. Family Connections provides individualized parenting education during supervised visitation for parents involved in custody and visitation disputes. In 2010, this program served 31 clients.

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 2010, Juvenile Court contributed in \$88,000 shared funding for the placement of 12 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 2010, 59 volunteers served 113 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 2010, the citizen board members were Rita Hollenbacher, Daryl Hite, Tom Roeser, Randal Harvey, and Sandy Christian. Also attending are Magistrate Gretchen Beers, Magistrate Rebecca Hall, Children Services Representatives Kay Wheeler and Lori Weaver. A member of the Court's clerk staff serves as secretary of the Board. In 2010, Heather Herman served in this capacity.

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.

2010 Court Budget

CALENDAR YEAR 2010 BUDGET		
	Appropriations & Carryover	Expenditures
General Fund - Juvenile Court	\$ 1,109,620.82	\$ 1,045,431.82
General Fund - Juvenile Probation	\$ 623,962.91	\$ 538,019.79
General Fund - Juvenile Probation (Special project)	\$ 650.00	\$ 210.00
Felony Delinquent Care and Custody	\$ 637,753.56	\$ 446,820.59
Juv. Rehab Aftercare	\$ 29,440.00	\$ 25,596.53
Juvenile Computerization	\$ 38,810.74	\$ 25,281.44
Special Projects - General	\$ 20,110.00	\$ 16,527.36
Legal Research	\$ 15,866.86	\$ 13,576.24
Dispute Resolution	\$ 50,031.13	\$ 23,852.62
Indigent Driver Fund	\$ -	\$ -
S.P. Parenting Course	\$ 15,900.00	\$ 3,000.00
S.P. CASA	\$ 13,940.18	\$ 3,000.00
Totals	\$ 2,556,086.20	\$ 2,141,316.39

*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.

2010 Fines and Court Costs Collected

	TOTALS
COURT COSTS	38250.16
COMPUTER FEES	13889.50
LEGAL RESEARCH	3322.50
SHERIFF FEES	3788.04
LAW LIBRARY	1250.00
COUNTY FINES	11687.63
MOTOR VEHICLE FINES	2659.96
COUNTY DRUG FINES	150.00
MISC. COSTS	0.00
ANGER MGT.	0.00
LIFE SKILLS	0.00
COPY SERVICE	86.00
WITNESS FEES	127.74
SPECIAL PROJECT - GEN	21540.62
DRUG TESTING	1812.05
P.D. APPLICATION FEE	1846.45
P.D. RECOUP FEES	456.00
TOBACCO FEES	324.00
IDAT	415.50
STATE OF OHIO	26810.01
BOARD OF PHARMACY	150.00
ARRESTING AGENCY	100.00
SUNDRIES	2687.05
BONDS RECEIVED	-1000.00
TOTALS	130353.21

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. 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.

In 2003, a sex offender treatment program was added. This program uses a nationally recognized cognitive behavioral approach which helps a youth understand offense cycles and triggers while taking full responsibility for their actions. The average length of stay is 12-18 months.

The Center's 2010 budget was \$1,545,959. 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 or similar counties. Harry K. Russell is the Director.

2010 Population Statistics

County	2010
Auglaize	7
Allen	0
Champ	2
Clark	8
Darke	0
Delaware	2
Greene	0
Hardin	1
Marion	1
Mercer	4
Miami	8
Preble	2
Richland	0
Sandusky	0
Shelby	8
Union	0
Total	43

Age at Admission	2010
12 years	0
13 years	3
14 years	5
15 years	8
16 years	13
17 years	13
18 years	1

2010 Offense Admissions to West Central Rehabilitation

Committing Offense

Committing Offense	2010
Aggravated Robbery	1
Attempted Abduction	1
Breaking and Entering	2
Burglary and Attempted	
Burglary	12
Carrying Concealed Weapon	0
Complicity to Arson	0
Domestic Violence	1
Felonious Assault	3
Gross Sexual Intimidation	4
Importuning	1
Possession of Dangerous Weapon	1
Rape	4
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Robbery	1
Sexual Battery	1
Theft	2
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle	1
Vandalism	2
Public Indecency	1
Corruption with Drugs	1

Committing Felony Level

Felony Level	2010
F-5	12
F-4	5
F-3	13
F-2	7
F-1	6

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 separate 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 2010, 112 students were enrolled in one of the two locations. Nine Students earned enough credits to obtain a graduation diploma from their high school.

2010 Day Treatment Population Statistics

Day Treatment South		Day Treatment North	
School District	2010		
Miami East	1	Celina	20
Piqua	24	Coldwater	4
Sidney	10	Ft. Recovery	0
Tipp City	2	Greenville	5
Troy	17	Mississinawa	1
Fairlawn	0	Parkway	1
Bradford	0	Perry	1
Covington	1	Russia	1
Ft. Loramie	0	St. Marys	11
Houston	0	Van Wert	3
Greenville	1	Waynesfield	2
Newton	1	Wapakoneta	2
Bethel	1	Total served in North	51
Mississinawa Valley	1		
Russia	1		
West Milton	1		
Total Served in South	61		

2010 Day Treatment Population Statistics

Gender	2010	
	North	South
Males	42	48
Females	9	13

Age	2010	
	North	South
11 years		
12 years	3	1
13 years	3	2
14 years	6	4
15 years	6	16
16 years	12	24
17 years	18	10
18 years	3	4
19 years	0	0

Outcomes	2010	
	North	South
Successful Release	31	55
Unsuccessful Release	4	6
GED		1
Graduation	5	3

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 12-17. The primary purpose of the facility is to provide an environment in which youth can assume responsibility for their thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. The Center uses Cognitive Behavior Therapy, a nationally recognized therapeutic treatment modality. 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 Center is licensed by Ohio Jobs and Family Services and is Title IV-E approved.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

During 2010 the Youth Center contracted with the Miami County Recovery Council to provide on-site master's level therapists to provide a wide range of therapeutic services for mental health and substance abuse. Youth referred to the David L. Brown Youth Center receive a complete assessment and participate in an individualized treatment plan, which typically includes several of the following services:

- *Individual Counseling
- *Group counseling
- *Coordination of Med-Somatic Services
- *Substance Abuse Education
- *Family Counseling
- *Social Skills development
- *Case Management

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. William 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.

2010 BUDGET

The expenditures for David L. Brown Youth Center for fiscal year 2010 was \$666,730. The daily per diem rate is \$145.00 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.

2010 DAVID L. BROWN ANNUAL CENSUS BY COUNTY

County	2010
Clark	2
Darke	1
Logan	1
Miami	6
Miami CSB	1
Montgomery	6
Preble CSB	0
Shelby	0
Total Served	17

WEST CENTRAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

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

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center opened in January 1993 as a twenty four-bed facility and later added 20-bed pod. The 2010 operational budget is \$1,750,000. All operational funding comes from the counties that use our facility with no money being utilized from the County General Fund.

West Central JDC provides youth with all the basic necessities. The residents receive three hot meals a day, they have structured gym exercise everyday and attend an on-sight school Monday through Friday. Youth must participate within group programs such as: anger management, substance abuse, health & hygiene, Planned Parenthood, life choices, and receive various topics from community leaders and motivational speakers. The youth have the option to participate in a Bible study program and 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 also provides a prevention program called STAR (Start Today Accepting Responsibility). This program is for "high risk" youth between ages 12 – 17 and the youth must be referred from a Juvenile Court to be eligible for the realistic tour of the detention center. At least one parent must attend the program with the youth and remain on site at West Central JDC for the 2-hour program. . In 2010, 236 youth were referred with 186 completing the program. This program is free of charge to the courts under contract with West Central JDC.

The West Central JDC is located in the Miami County Government Complex at 2044 North County Road 25A, north of Troy. Mr. Lance Ray is the Superintendent of Detention.

2010 Detention Population Statistics

West Central Juvenile Detention Center 2010

County	WCJDC	Auglaize	Clinton	Darke	Mercer	Miami	Preble	Shelby	Van Wert	Other
Male	804	167	67	66	52	224	76	97	43	12
Female	310	70	24	18	10	103	36	38	8	3
Intakes	1,114	237	91	84	62	327	112	135	51	15
Usage Days		1,910	1,401	1,617	777	3,119	610	2,585	480	202
Average Length of Stay Days	13.0	9.0	16.2	21.9	13.9	10.2	5.7	21.3	11.0	48.9

Miami County Juvenile Court
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Cases Filed in 2010

Cases Filed/Transferred In	2010
Delinquent	1000
Traffic	589
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	40
Unruly	234
Adult	100
Permanent Custody	3
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	758
Support Enforcement/Modifications	1923
Parentage	70
UIFSA	17
Other	6
Transferred/Reactivated	
Total Cases Filed	4740

Cases Terminated in 2010

Cases terminated by Case Type	2010
Delinquent	1028
Traffic	598
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	36
Unruly	212
Adult	103
Permanent Custody	3
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	742
Support Enforcement/Modification	1896
Parentage	79
UIFSA	17
Other	5
Total	4719

Cases Terminated by Type of Termination	2010
Trial by Judge	121
Trial by Magistrate	1376
Dismissal	437
Admission by Judge	192
Admission by Magistrate	1366
Certification/Waiver Granted	1
Unavailability of Party for Trial	98
Transfers to another Court	184
Interlocutory Appeal	0
Other Terminations	946
	4721

Types of Dispositions for Youth in 2010

Types of Dispositions for Youth	2010
Bind over to Adult Court	0
Commitment to Department of Youth Services	1
Detention	318
David L. Brown Youth Center	12
West Central Day Treatment	44
West Central Rehabilitation Center	8
Miami Valley Greene County	0
Other CCF	1
Central Ohio Youth Center	2
Community Service	332
Probation	98
Prevention	18
Electronic Home Monitoring	43
House Arrest	354
Temporary Custody to Children Services	13
Protective Supervision to Children Services	26
Permanent Custody to Children Services	4
Jail Sentences (Adult)	106
Restitution	122
Cases with Fines Assessed	481
Cases with Costs Assessed	859
Waived due to Indigency	474
	\$
Fines and Costs Collected	130,353.21

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 – Julie Harmon.....	440-5979
Community Service and Restitution – Cindy Petrofes	440-5987
Court Administrator - Charlene Prestopino.....	440-5990
Fiscal Officer - Angie Hubbard	440-5988
David L. Brown Youth Center – Diana Karnehm (Director).....	339-1858
West Central Detention Center - Lance Ray (Director).....	440-5651
West Central Rehabilitation Center –Harry Russell (Director).....	440-5651

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