

Miami County Juvenile Court

1997

Annual Report



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To the citizens of Miami County...

1997 was an exciting year for the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County, Ohio. I was sworn into office on January 2, 1997, after serving the Court for nearly 14 years as a referee and magistrate.

The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over unruly and delinquent children and traffic offenders under the age of 18. The Court also presides over cases involving abused, neglected and dependent children, and custody cases (excluding divorces), parentage and child support cases. Adults charges with contributing to the unruliness and delinquency of minors also appear before the Juvenile Court. The Court also operates West Central Juvenile Detention Center (24 beds), West Central Rehabilitation

Center (36 beds) and the David L. Brown Youth Center.

The Court has established as its mission to provide and protect the interest and rights of the children and the public, by removing the taint of criminality from children through the rehabilitation and accountability of said children and families. The philosophy which we strive to implement is to strengthen the family and empower the parents to actively support their children and hold their children accountable. We believe that children who are provided with the balance of structure, supervision and responsibility will develop the self control and independence needed to become productive, self-sufficient law abiding adults.

In 1997, we installed a new software computer system with a probation module that has proven beneficial in moving the cases through the system more efficiently, in tracking the cases easier and in managing our outstanding fines and court costs in a timely fashion.

We also implemented a (modified) total quality management approach to our administration and incorporated team approach goal setting and goal implementation in late 1997. Employees are being encouraged to think "outside the box" and developing some creative solutions to administrative issues and new approaches to dealing with the ever increasing case load of the juvenile justice system. 1998 will see these innovative programs become a reality.

One such program, the Family Program was conceived in 1997 to serve unruly children prior to the necessity of having them appear in Court. Under the Court's leadership, the children - serving agencies of Miami County have joined together to develop this program which targets children from 4th through 8th grades with the goal of addressing issues within the family to prevent future delinquency problems. Parents are being supported, encouraged, and trained to provide the leadership and control of their children in a preventative and rehabilitative way. The Family Program has plans for future expansion in 1998.

We are proud of our accomplishments in 1997 but see them as a small part of all that is under consideration for 1998. We are providing detailed and statistical information on the following pages for all of our programs and services with the hope that you will share our pride in the services provided to our young people and their families to keep Miami County a safe and comfortable community for us all.

Lynnita K.C. Wagner
Miami County Juvenile Court Judge

Miami County Commissioners



D. Ann Baird Richard Adams, President Arthur Haddad

Miami County Youth Services Advisory Board

(1-1-97) through 6-30-97)

Dennis Coffield, Chairperson

Richard Adams

Dorland Loomis

John Decker

Byron Ewick

Phil Potter

Elizabeth Guttman

Troy City Schools

Miami County Commissioner

Upper Valley JVS

Miami County Educational Services Center

Miami County Alcoholism Council

Piqua Police Department

Attorney (public)

The Youth Services Advisory Board met for the last time on March 3, 1997. Due to legislation effective 7/1/98, the Youth Services Subsidy (510) was combined with the Reclaim Ohio fund (401) and the Advisory Board was abolished as a result. Community involvement will be required through the submission of the completed Grant Agreement and Funding Application to the County's Family and Children First Council.

Special thanks to the board members for their years of outstanding service to the Juvenile Court. Special recognition to Mr. Dennis Coffield for serving as Chair of the Youth Services Subsidy Advisory Board for so many years.

Citizens' Custody Review Board

Statute requires that the Court review cases of children who are placed in long term foster care with or the permanent custody of a public or private agency on an annual basis. The statute provides that a citizens' custody review board may be appointed, by the Juvenile Judge, to assist the Court with this responsibility. The board is comprised of five interested citizens, one representing the general public and the others with training or experience in the fields of medicine, psychology, social work, education or other related field.

The Miami County Citizens' Custody Review Board reviews the long term foster care and permanent custody placements annually and makes recommendations to the Court about the appropriateness of the placement. In addition to the long term cases, the Board also reviews the cases where children are in temporary custody of a public or private agency or where an order of protective supervision has been issued. By providing an ongoing review, the Board aids in seeing that Miami County children receive needed services in a timely manner in the least restrictive environment possible. The Board has been in existence since 1981.

The Board members in 1997 were:

Elaine Meyer	Therapist
Jack S. Greggerson	Educator
Rita Hollenbacher	Educator
Sandra Adams	Nurse
A. Melvin Kemmer	Attorney

Miami County Juvenile Court Employees

Lynnita K.C. Wagner	Judge
Gretchen K. Beers	Magistrate
Christopher Gee	Magistrate
David E. Lyons	Court Services Director
Beverly Bell	Chief Deputy
Randall D. Freeman	Chief Probation Officer
Gerald L. Dornbusch, Jr.	Asst. CPO/Chemical Dependency Specialist
Donita A. Gast	Probation Officer
Diane S. Long	Probation Officer
Steve Holcomb	Probation Officer
Joe Regnier	Probation Officer
Maggie Briggs	Probation Officer
Scot Donley	Probation Officer
Tiffany Courtney	Probation Officer
Jessica Wells	Probation Officer
Angela McConkey	ACMC Probation Officer
Raul Hernandez	ACMC Probation Officer
Sonia A. Kelchner	Clerical Case Aide
Angela Hubbard	Fiscal Officer/Systems Administrator
Judy M. Manning	Deputy Clerk
Vicki Jones	Deputy Clerk
Pat Woryk	Deputy Clerk
Sarah Underwood	Deputy Clerk
Melinda Chaney	Deputy Clerk
Ann Worley	Deputy Clerk
Pam Wright	Deputy Clerk
Karrie Brooks	Part-time Conversion Clerk
Jamie Etherington	Part-time Conversion Clerk
Nicole Fischbach	Part-time Conversion Clerk
Bridget Courtney	Part-time Conversion Clerk
Beth Hepfer	Part-time Conversion Clerk
Jody Josefovsky	Work Program Supervisor
Rusty Badgett	Work Program Supervisor
Robert Wheelock	Work Program Supervisor
Elizabeth Badgett	Work Program Supervisor
Helen Thompson	Work Program Supervisor
Leah Mauchamer	AmeriCorps Worker
Dan Scott	AmeriCorps Worker
Angela Boyce	AmeriCorps Worker

Miami County Juvenile Court

A. Purpose -

1. To provide for the care, protection, mental and physical development of children.
2. To protect the public interest in removing the consequences of criminal behavior and the taint of criminality from children committing delinquent acts, and to substitute therefore a program of supervision, care and rehabilitation.
3. To achieve the foregoing purposes, whenever possible, in a family environment, separating a child from its parents only when necessary for his welfare or in the interest of the public.
4. To provide judicial procedure to which the laws outlined in Chapter 2151 of Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure are enforced, and in which the parties are assured of a fair hearing and their constitutional and other legal rights are recognized and enforced.

B. Functions -

1. The Juvenile Division of the Miami County Court of Common Pleas hears all proceedings wherein a person under the age of 18 years is the primary subject of a complaint such as:

Delinquent	Neglect
Unruly	Abused
Dependent	Juvenile Traffic Offender

2. The Juvenile Division of the Miami County Court of Common Pleas hears all proceedings involving adults on misdemeanor or complaints in their relation with children such as:

Contributing	to delinquency, unruliness, abuse, dependency or neglect
Paternity	Establishing parent/child relationship

Custody

Consent to Marry

Definitions

Juvenile Court Chapter 2151 - Ohio Revised Code

2151.02 - Delinquency - A "delinquent child" includes any child:

A. Who violates any law of this state, the United States, or any ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision of the state, that would be a crime if committed by an adult, except as provided in Section 2151.021 (traffic violations) of the Ohio Revised Code;

B. Who violates any lawful order of the court made under this chapter;

C. Who purchases or attempts to purchase a firearm or handgun (2923.211)

2151.022 - Unruly - A "unruly child" includes any child:

A. Who does not subject himself/herself to the reasonable control of his/her parents, teachers, guardian, or custodian, by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient;

B. Who is an habitual truant from home or school;

C. Who so deports himself or herself as to injure or endanger the health or morals of himself/herself or others;

D. Who attempts to enter the marriage relationship in any state without the consent of his/her parents, custodian, legal guardian, or other legal authority;

E. Who is found in a disreputable place, visits or patronizes a place prohibited by law, or associates with vagrant, vicious, criminal, notorious or immoral persons;

F. Who engages in an occupation prohibited by law or is in a situation dangerous to life or limb, or injurious to the health or morals of himself/herself or others;

G. Who violates a law that is an offense if committed by a child.

2151.03 - Neglect - A "neglected child" includes any child:

A. Who is abandoned by his parents, guardian, or custodian;

B. Who lacks adequate parental care because of the faults or habits of his parents, guardian or custodian;

C. Whose parents, guardian, or custodian neglects or refuses to provide the proper or necessary subsistence, education, medical or surgical care or treatment, or other care necessary for his/her health, morals, or well being;

D. Whose parents, guardian, or custodian neglects the child or refuses to provide the special care made necessary by a mental condition;

E. Whose parents, legal guardian, or custodian have placed or attempted to place the child in violation of Sections 5103.16 and 5103.17 of the Revised Code;

F. Who, because of the omission of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, suffers physical or mental injury that harms or threatens to harm the child's health or welfare;

G. Who is subjected to out-of-home care child neglect.

A neglected child does not include a child whose parent, guardian, or custodian, when in the practice of religious beliefs, fails to provide medical or surgical care or treatment for the child.

2151.031 - Abused child - An "abused child" includes any child who:

A. Is the victim of "sexual activity" as defined under Chapter 2907 of the Revised Code, where such activity would constitute an offense under that chapter, except that the court not find that any person has been convicted of the offense in order to find that the child is an abused child;

B. Is endangered as defined in Section 2919.22 of the Revised Code, except that the court need not find that any person has been convicted under that section in order to find that the child is an abused child;

C. Exhibits evidence of any physical or mental injury or death, inflicted other than by accidental means, or an injury or death which is at variance with the history given of it. Except as provided in division (D) of this section, a child exhibiting evidence of corporal punishment or other physical disciplinary measure by a parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco parentis of a child is not an abused child under this division if the measure is not prohibited under Section 2919.22 of the Revised Code;

D. Because of the acts of his/her parents, guardian, or custodian, suffers physical or mental injury that harms or threatens to harm the child's health or welfare;

E. Is subjected to out-of-home care child abuse.

2151.04 - Dependent Child - A "Dependent Child" includes any child:

A. Who is homeless or destitute or without adequate parental care, through no fault of his parents, guardian, or custodian;

B. Who lacks adequate parental care by reason of the mental or physical condition of his parents, guardian, or custodian;

C. Whose condition or environment is such as to warrant the State, in the interests of the child, to assume his guardianship;

D. Who resides in a household in which a parent, guardian, custodian, or other member of the household has abused or neglected a sibling of the child and, because of the circumstances surrounding the abuse or neglect of the sibling and the other conditions in the household, the child is in danger of being abused or neglected by that parent, guardian, custodian, or member of the household.

2151.05 - Child Without Proper Parental Care

Under Sections 2151.01 to 2151.54 of the Revised Code, a child whose home is filthy and unsanitary; whose parents, stepparents, guardian, or custodian permit him to become dependent, neglected, abused, or delinquent; whose parents, stepparents, guardian, or custodian, when able, refuse or neglect to provide him with necessary care, support, medical attention, and educational facilities; or whose parents, stepparents, guardian, or custodian fail to subject such child to necessary discipline is without proper parental care or guardianship.

1997 Court Budget

1997 Appropriations

General Funds - 1,091,390.00
Felony, Delinquent Care & Custody - 241,730.00
AmeriCorps - 23,064.00
Computerization Fund - 101,249.00
Indigent Driver Fund - no appropriations

total appropriations - 1,457,433.00

1997 Expenditures

General Funds - 1,041,121.00
Felony, Delinquent Care & Custody - 156,598.00
AmeriCorps - 14,298.00
Computerization Fund - 76,585.00
Indigent Driver Fund - no expenditures

total expenditures - 1,288,602.00



David E. Lyons
Director, Court Services

The Juvenile Court collected 109,951.00 in Court Costs and Fines in 1997.

The Juvenile Court expended 88% of its approved appropriations in 1997.

The Juvenile Court Budget figures do not reflect West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, West Central Juvenile Detention Center or David L. Brown Youth Center budget figures.

Magistrates

In accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure and Juvenile Procedure, the Court appointed two Magistrates, Gretchen Beers (full time) and Christopher Gee (part time). The role of a Magistrate is to hear cases on the Court's docket and issue a report and make recommendations, in the form of a Magistrate's Decision, to the Judge. In 1997, Magistrate Beers's docket included cases filed by Miami County Children's Services Board and Miami County Child Support Enforcement Agency as well as private paternity, custody and support cases. Magistrate Gee's docket included cases involving misdemeanor delinquency and juvenile traffic charges, curfew violations and review hearings for juveniles who have not paid their fines and court costs.

As members of the Administrative Staff, the Magistrates are also involved with various committees which assist the Judge in developing and implementing Court policies.

Due to the large volume of cases filed with Juvenile Court, the 1998 budget requested additional magistrate time. The addition of another part time magistrate is anticipated early in 1998.



Magistrate Christopher Gee

Magistrate Gretchen Beers



Probation Staff

Top Row: Allen Johnson,
Randall Freeman (C.P.O.),
Gerald Dornbusch (Asst. C.P.O.)

Bottom: Jessica Wells,
Maggie Briggs, Diane Long.

Not pictured: Donita Gast

Clerk Staff

Pam Wright, Judy Manning
(Asst. Chief Deputy), Melinda
Cheney, Ann Worley, Lana White,
Bev Bell (Chief Deputy)



Additional Staff

Left to Right: Angela Hubbard
(Fiscal Officer/Systems
Administrator), Sonia Kelchner
(Case Aide), Leah Mauchamer
(AmeriCorps)

Juvenile Court Programs

Probation Services

The duties of the Juvenile Probation Department are set down in Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.14. The Probation Department monitors adjudicated youth and maintains records of the child's compliance with the orders of the court. The department tries to support the parents or guardian as the primary authority for the probationer, and augment that authority when necessary. This augmentation sometimes requires the referral of the youth and their families to educative and therapeutic programs. The duration of probation supervision and the amount of contact with the probation officer varies according to the seriousness of the youth's offense, their likelihood to reoffend, and the individual's needs. The Miami County Juvenile Probation Department routinely networks with other human services agencies in serving the needs of supervised youth.

The Miami County Juvenile Court Probation Department's full-time staff includes the Chief Probation Officer and six probation officers. Five of these probation officers carry full caseloads. The sixth probation officer directs an early intervention program. In addition the department employs one case aide who performs record keeping and other vital auxiliary services. Caseloads are assigned geographically or, in some cases, according to the specialized need of the probationer.

The court's early intervention program is called, The Family Program. Participants are first-time offenders who have been charged with a violation that is only applicable to a minor, (i.e., curfew violation, school truancy, runaway, etc.). These youth and their parents are afforded the opportunity of enrolling in corrective and educative groups in lieu of appearing in court. If they successfully complete these groups their offense is never filed with the court.

The Probation Department also includes a part-time probation officer assigned to a program called, the Alternative Center of Miami County. This program, as the name implies, provides the nine school districts in Miami County with an alternative classroom placement for students at high risk of suspension or expulsion. The ACMC is capable of serving students ranging from the fourth through the twelfth grades. The probation officer's function is to augment the classroom structure implemented by the teachers; and, to report the behavior of active probationers to the primary probation officers. In addition, the ACMC probation officer conducts a weekly informative session addressing timely concerns relevant to young people.

Miami County Juvenile Court's Probation Department will be expanding our services in the months ahead to include Electronic Home Monitoring as an alternative to secure detention. We also intend to implement an Intensive Supervision Program which will serve non-violent felony offenders in the local community thereby avoiding commitments to state reformatories.

In 1997, there were 278 youths placed on probation, 94 of whom were females.

In 1997, there were 197 youths released from probation, 82 of whom were females.

Restitution/Community Service Programs

The Restitution/Community Service project of the Youth Service Subsidy pays for the services of several seasonal part-time adult supervisors. They work with youth to fulfill their Court ordered community service. Our program requires an adult supervisor who can role model appropriate work and employment skills while ensuring the youth are adequately working at selected worksites.

The Miami County Juvenile Court has successfully maintained a community service program that each year serves more youth and produces increasingly more hours of service by youth. 1997 was no exception. The Juvenile Court work program supervised over 700 youth at 20 different work sites throughout Miami County. These Court ordered youth performed in excess of 7500 hours of valuable community service.

In addition, in 1997, the Juvenile Court attempted to provide worksites for most of the youth in their home communities. It is the goal of the Juvenile Court to whenever possible to assign youth community service in their home communities.

Restitution is offered to youth who owe money to victims and have no means to pay the victim. Restitution can be ordered up to the amount of 300.00 dollars with the youth working at 3.00 dollars per hour at selected worksites.

Worksites in Miami County in 1997:

- Brukner Nature Center
- Miami County Parks
- Miami County Safety Building
- Miami County CSB
- West Central Juvenile Facility
- Miami County Residential Homes
- Troy Schools & Football Stadium
- Piqua Police/Fire Departments
- Piqua YMCA
- Piqua Schools & Football Stadium
- Koester Pavilion
- Springmeade
- Milton-Union Football Stadium

Youth served in 1997	706
Male	484
Female	222
Number of hours worked	7524
Restitution paid out	1259.98

AmeriCorps

Much of the work program supervision has been made possible with a grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. This *AmeriCorps* grant provides the Juvenile Court with 1700 hours of volunteer service. The Juvenile Court has utilized these hours to augment our own Restitution/Community Service program. Since its

inception in 1994, the Juvenile Court has been able to maintain a year round program of work site supervision.

The *AmeriCorps* volunteer not only supervises youth at worksites but is also responsible for developing new worksites. In 1997, SpringMeade in Tipp City and Heartland in Piqua were added as worksites for youth as a result of *AmeriCorps* involvement.

Psychological Services

This program funded with DYS moneys and General Fund moneys provides for a limited amount of psychological evaluations to be performed by a licensed psychologist for Court ordered youth. These evaluations may be necessary to the Judge, Magistrate and Probation Staff to provide crucial information regarding the child and family, so that realistic treatment goals can be established. These evaluations become part of the Court record and are an integral part of the child's future treatment plan.

Forensic evaluations are also part of this program. These evaluations completed by the Eastway Mental Health Services in Dayton are often required as a component to the bindover process of juveniles to the Adult Criminal Justice System.

In 1997 there were 7 psychological evaluations ordered and there were 4 Bindover Forensic evaluations.

Alcohol/Substance Abuse Education

The Miami County Juvenile Court in 1997 continued to contract with the Miami County Alcoholism Council to provide Alcohol and Substance abuse education and evaluations to Court ordered youth. As in past years, youth were typically ordered into this program after their first alcohol or substance abuse related charge. In 1997, it was the practice of the facilitator to assess each youth in the program and to give the Court any treatment recommendations that might benefit the youth and family.

The program is offered 10 times per year, once per month. Each program consists of 3 two hour sessions focusing on the risks of usage and assessing current usage patterns of the youth. Parents are encouraged to attend and results of the assessments are sent back to the Court. Depending on the results, youth may become involved in further out-patient treatment after the conclusion of the classes.

In 1997, there were 101 youth served in this program.

Adolescent Self Esteem Groups

The Adolescent Self Esteem program is provided through a contract with the Tipp Professional Services in Tipp City. Youth are assigned to this program through a Court order and typically are unruly youth who are experiencing problems at home or at school. In 1997 there were 3 different groups targeting specific populations. There were the High School age groups which consisted of youth, male and female, who met for 10 weekly one hour sessions. The second type of group was Junior High age youth who met with their families including siblings for 8 weekly sessions. The third group which was new for 1997 was the *female only* group.

Each of these groups are co-facilitated by two thera-

pists. Sessions include such topics as: teamwork, developing communication skills both listening and talking, relaxation techniques, and anger management. Role playing, guided imagery and trust games are a few of the techniques used by the therapists.

It is the goal of the Court that the youth involved will gain insight into their own behaviors and a resulting positive change in their own self image, will better equip them to cope with the situations that brought them to the attention of the Juvenile Court.

In 1997 there were 3 High School age groups with 12 participants each for a total of 36 participants.

There were 3 Junior High School age groups with 8 participants each for a total of 24 participants.

There was one female only group with a total of 12 participants.

Juvenile Traffic Offender Program

In 1997 the Upper Valley Joint Vocational School provided monthly traffic offender programs for youth convicted of a second moving traffic offense. Normally, this program meets the first Monday of each month and is facilitated by a JVS instructor.

This program is designed to influence the attitudes and morals of juvenile drivers. It is not a "Driver's education" program nor does it teach driving skills. Participants are assessed a 20 dollar fee by the JVS at the time of the program. Typically, a juvenile ordered into the program has his/her license withheld for a period of 90 days with the final 60 days being waived upon successful completion of this program.

Youth who are adjudicated with a DUI are ordered to attend the program and are not eligible for any reduction in the license suspension.

Adolescent Sex Offender Program

The Miami County Juvenile Court continued participation with a contract with the Miami County Mental Health Center for Adolescent Sex Offender Services in 1997. This program offers the Court a tool to deal with convicted adolescent sex offending males in an out-patient treatment modality.

Offenders are referred to the program as a court order. Therapists assess the offender and determine if he can be successfully treated in this modality. Factors considered when making this determination are age, level of mental/emotional functioning, youth's commitment to change, family involvement and risk to re-offend.

The programs provides initial weekly educational sessions for offenders and their parents. These sessions focus on the psychology of the offender, progression of the offender's history and feelings about self. Offenders then will participate in group sessions with other offenders in various stages of treatment. At this time families participate every 3 weeks.

In 1997 there were 12 youth (including 2 females and 1 minority male) assessed for treatment. There were 13 males (including 1996 carryover) served by the weekly group. 5 males graduated from the group in 1997. 3 females were referred to other programming such as indi-

vidual counseling with an appropriately trained therapists.

In addition to this group, 3 adolescent sex offenders were placed in residential treatment and 4 adolescent sex offenders were given DYS commitments.

120 Alternative Placement Program

Continuing in 1997, the Miami County Juvenile Court contracted with the Miami County Mental Health Center to provide a full-time therapist to do in-home counseling for youth who were at risk to be removed from their homes. Originally, the program was designed for youth who needed short term foster care, approximately 120 days, to be placed in a Children's Services foster home and receive intensive counseling. The family of the youth were also to be included in the counseling. The goal was to re-unify the family at the end of the 120 day program with minimal disruption to the family and the youth and to give the family a "short-term" option instead of the more formal and longer lasting placement into Children's Services custody.

As this program evolved, the counseling component was permitted to be used in a "preventative" fashion which allowed families to remain intact while working on significant family issues. It was the goal of the Court to give the assistance of in-home counseling with the hope that CSB intervention could be avoided.

This project was conceived as a collaborative effort with the Miami County Mental Health Center and the Miami County Children's Services Board.

Foster Care Recruitment Project

In late 1996 and continuing through 1997, the Miami County Juvenile Court, Miami County Mental Health Center, Miami County Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities Board and the Miami County Children's Services Board jointly funded a part-time position to recruit and maintain foster parents. This position was created in an on-going collaborative effort to meet the need of foster care in Miami County.

Through a series of educational meetings, speaking engagements, print and media campaigns the recruitment specialist worked to recruit new foster parents for Miami County. The recruitment specialist also conducted surveys with active and non-active foster parents to gauge possible program enhancements that could possibly provide inducements for current foster parents to continue in the program.

The goal in 1997 was to have 50 active foster care providers. Although this goal was not achieved in 1997, there were 38 active foster care providers licensed by the Miami County Children's Services. Foster care continues to be an important option for the Juvenile Court.

Ohio Department of Youth Services

1997 saw a change in the way the Juvenile Court received its subsidies. Historically, the Juvenile Court was required to bill the Ohio Department of Youth Services in 4 quarterly installments but in 1997, this changed to 2 installments. This was the result of legislation that combined 2 subsidies (510 & 401) into one subsidy, now

called the 401 Felony Delinquent Custody and Care Account.

Beginning July 1, 1997, this account provided funds for the placement of youth at the Ohio Department of Youth Services Facilities and also the West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center. It was estimated that the Juvenile Court would spend approximately 525,000.00 during FY 1998 (July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998) for felony offenders at these facilities.

The Juvenile Court also received 181,810.00 dollars to fund several staff positions, including the Director of Court Services, Probation Officer, Work Program Supervisors, Case Aide. This also funded several programs including Self Esteem Groups, Psychological testing, Alcohol/Substance Abuse Education.

In 1997, the Ohio Department of Youth Services conducted several training seminars as the two separate subsidiaries were merged into one fund. Also, they provided several one day support seminars, known as ReClaim Ohio meetings to give information and support to Ohio's Juvenile Courts.

The Juvenile Court committed 12 juveniles to Ohio Department of Youth Services facilities in 1997.

Additional Resources

Anger Management Classes offered through Miami County Children's Services and conducted by the Miami County Mental Health Center for two age groups, 12-14 and 15-17 years of age. The fees are based on ability to pay.

Anger/Rage Control Education Program offered through the Family Abuse Shelter for both male and female adults. This is a twelve week program and is fee based. For further information see page 29 in the Human Services Directory.

At-Risk (Life Skills Program) offered by the Family Abuse Shelter. There is no cost to attend.

AA/NA: Information with regard to meetings & schedules may be obtained from Miami County Recovery Council or CHOICES Program.

Alcohol/Drug assessments & therapy are offered by: Miami County Mental Health Center - CHOICES Program (Outpatient), Miami County Recovery Council (Outpatient), UVMC Dettmer Hospital (Inpatient), or Private Provider.

Co-Dependency Group which is facilitated by Dawn Burch of the MCMHC. This group is currently being offered to 15-17 year old females. The cost is \$40.50 per session which is an hour and a half. It will run for approximately 8 sessions. There is an additional \$81.00 assessment fee. Private insurance, medical card and sliding fee scale will apply.

Concerned Parents Support Group (formerly known as TOUGH LOVE).

Council On Rural Service Program, Inc. - Head Start is a comprehensive program serving infants through age five years. For further descriptive information see page 61 in the Human Services Directory.

Curfew Communication Group, coordinated by Donita Gast, is offered to those with first time curfew

offenses and no prior offenses. This program consists of both youth and parents attending 2 - 2 hour classes which are held at the MCMHC.

Electronically Monitored House Arrest which is intended to be used as an alternative to secure detention. This is used for juvenile delinquency offenders whose situations and circumstances require confinement or restricted movement, but do not mandate placement in a secure facility.

Family Program, coordinated by Donita Gast. The primary goal of the program is to make services available to youth and their families in the community as an option to an official Juvenile Court filing.

Fire Safety Classes which are offered at local fire departments on an as needed basis.

Forensic Psychiatry offered at the Center for Western Ohio in Englewood, Ohio. Applicable only in bind-over procedures. Costs assessed to the Court.

Fred M. Sacks, Ph.D., Psychologist & Associates offers the Adolescent Issues Group and an ADHD Clinic. Private provider with costs assessed to the client.

Gateway Youth Programs

GRADS Program for pregnant teenagers and teenage fathers through the UVJVS. Contact persons are: Sharon Baumer, Bev Holthaus & Maggie Pruitt at 778-1980. The Grads Program services the schools listed on the back of their brochure.

Gun/Hunting Safety Classes which are offered by various agencies throughout the community. The Troy Fish & Game, 2618 Lefevre Rd., Troy, Ohio, phone: 339-1875 is one such agency. The Upper Valley Joint Vocational School offers Hunting Classes in the Fall.

House Arrest which is an alternative to secure detention. The child is confined to his home and monitored by his/her parents.

Individual/Family Counseling is offered through: Miami County Mental Health Center or Private Provider.

Intensive Outpatient Program offered by CHOICES at the Miami County Mental Health Center.

JTPA (Training & Employment Programs) are offered through the CAC. Refer to the Human Services Directory, page 71.

Miami County Children's Services Board for services and placements. MCCSB offers In-Home Services, the 120 Day Program, temporary and permanent custody and long term foster care.

Miami County Mental Health Center/Choices Caseload Management offers support services for Miami County Mental Health Center/Choices clients. Referrals must be between 5 and 17 years of age, severely emotionally disturbed and active with a therapist.

Miami County Recovery Council - individual, group & family counseling. Provides substance abuse assessments.

Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation). (Refer to the Human Services Directory, page 87.)

Parenting Classes offered through: Miami County Children's Services Board, Miami County Alternative Center, Family Abuse Shelter, and CHOICES Program.

Pre-Dispositional Investigation (PDI) which is ordered by the Court when warranted. This consists of a background investigation conducted by the Probation Department.

Probation which is an official court order whereby a probation officer actively supervises and monitors the juvenile's adjustment in the home, school and the community.

Psychological Assessment/Evaluations for repeat offenders offered at the West Central Juvenile Detention Facility. Costs are assessed to the Court.

Psychological Evaluations offered by Dr. Brown of Tipp Professional Services. Costs that are not covered by the parents' insurance are assessed to the Court.

Resource Team is a conglomerate of various human service agencies intended to review the cases of multi-need youth and their families in order to create cooperative service plans. The Court relies upon recommendations from the Resource Team when out-of-home placement appears necessary.

Sex Offender Assessment offered by the Miami County Mental Health Center. Referrals must have a six offense conviction.

Star Program which is coordinated by the West Central Juvenile Detention Facility. This program consists of a tour of the Detention Facility.

Traffic School which is conducted at the UVJVS. Referrals are juveniles with their second moving violation and some first violators whose offense is of a serious nature.

TWYKAA- "Talking With Your Kids About Alcohol" is offered by the Miami-Shelby Consortium. TWYKAA offers both a child and a parent component.

Other Dispositions ordered by the Court include:

- Community Service Work Program
- Court costs
- Daily Homework Sheets
- Employment Contacts
- Essays/Research Paper/Assignments
- Fines
- Medication Assessments
- Restitution (with the option to earn restitution)
- Suspension of Driver's License

David L. Brown Youth Center

The David L. Brown Youth Center (formerly the Miami County Youth Center) was established in 1987 as a community residential treatment center governed by Miami County Juvenile Court. The residents are referred to the Center from Miami, Clark, Shelby, Champaign, Logan, Putnam, Darke, and Montgomery County Juvenile Courts. The Department of Youth Services, Dayton Regional Office, refers young men to the Youth Center as well as local Children's Services Boards. The Youth Center operates under the guidance of the Honorable Judge Lynnita K.C. Wagner, Miami County Juvenile Court. The Youth Center receives its approval as a non-secure Community Residential Treatment program from the Ohio Department of Youth Services, and meets the standards set by the American Correction Association as a Residential Treatment facility. The Ohio Department of Human Services approves the DLBYC program as a non-secure residential program with Title IV - E status.

The Youth Center is located on a farm setting, surrounded by various crops, livestock, and wildlife. The DLBYC program is designed to be completed in 6 months or less. The program model involves a 12 month on grounds classroom which utilizes the PACE Educational system. Academic credit is transferable to their respective home school. If applicable, a resident may pursue a GED while in the Youth Center and may participate in the Youth Center's Job program if his focus is in a positive direction.

The Youth Center employs a Food Service Coordinator with an assistant to provide daily meals for the residents and staff of the David L. Brown Youth Center. The Youth Center sponsors a variety of special occasions such as banquets to increase the bond between the residents, their families, and staff.

Medical services are provided to each young man by a Medical Doctor and Registered Nurse who are employed by the Youth Center. These professionals maintain an office and weekly hours at the Youth Center.

Counseling services are provided by a full-time Masters level (L.I.S.W. licensed) Therapist. The Therapist(s) provide individual, family and group counseling on a regular basis. The therapists, who are under the guidance of Miami County Mental Health, are provided supervision and consultation and direct contact with a Psychiatrist. The Psychiatrist provides clinical supervision and provides medication assessments for residents. Resident Advisors, supervisors of the young men, assist in the development and implementation of a treatment plan for each young man. Behavior is reviewed daily and weekly with residents and staff. Based on the daily accomplishments of each resident, they allow themselves the opportunity to earn privileges such as YMCA passes, Home Passes, Field Trips, Movies, Special Dinners, and Employment opportunities. The Youth Center schedules a minimum of six off grounds activities per month. It is their choice based on their decision-making, if they want to earn or lose such privileges.

While in the Youth Center, the residents participate in various Community Service Projects such as the Adopt-A-

Highway program, and provide special projects with the elderly of Koester Pavilion, Troy, Ohio.

The David L. Brown Youth Center provides a residential, therapeutic environment for "at risk" youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years old. The Youth Center provides intervention to break unruly and or delinquent lifestyles. Resident discipline and privileges are evaluated according to a graduated Level System with the Goal of behavior modification. The Youth Center program is based on Reality Therapy/Choice Theory principles. The young men are taught to take responsibility for their attitude and behavior and to accept consequences or rewards for the choices they choose to make. This "no excuse" approach requires the resident to take full responsibility for what he is doing now. Things that have happened in the past (i.e. - arrests, school failure, domestic problems) are not to be used as an excuse for behaving irresponsibly. We examine and explore Thinking Errors or the excuses they embrace to support their poor choices. Simply stated, blaming someone else for the reason why you choose to respond in a less than appropriate manner is not acceptable. Choice Theory explains that, for all practical purposes, we choose everything we do, including the misery we feel. Other people can neither make us miserable nor make us happy. All that we can get from them or give to them is information. But, by itself, information cannot make us do or feel anything. We make decisions based on the information we receive. We choose all of our actions and thoughts. Based on these choices, and the acquisition of new decision making skills, a young man can successfully graduate from the David L. Brown Youth Center program if he chooses to do so.

A total of 20 employees fulfill the needs of the David L. Brown Youth Center operations. The staffing ratio for the young men is 1:7. Resident Advisors provide supervision 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Three Teachers and one Resident Advisor supervise the classroom Monday through Friday on a 12 month basis. Two Food Service personnel provide food service for the Center 7 days a week.

One Secretary and Administrative Assistant handle the Center communications and the processing of financial obligations.

Janitorial/Maintenance needs are fulfilled by one employee with the assistance of the Miami County Maintenance Department.

A full-time Mental Health Therapist provides individual, family, and group counseling as well as Substance Abuse counseling.

An additional Therapist will be added in 1998.

A Case Manager ensures the needs of each resident are being met by the program, their families, and Juvenile Courts.

Training, Security, and Program needs are under the direction of the Assistant Director.

The total operating budget for the David L. Brown Youth Center as of 12/31/97 was:

1996 carry over balance	\$147,380.32
1997 revenues	\$667,266.37
sub total	\$814,646.69

Less: 1997 Operating Expenses \$579,575.84

Unencumbered Fund balance as of 12/31/97 \$235,070.85

Funding sources are the following:

Ohio Department of Youth Services bed subsidy
Bed per dium at \$65.00

Ohio Dept. of Human Services TITLE XX funds
USDA Food Subsidy

Educational Service fees at \$26.50 per day

Bed contracts with Ohio Dept. of Youth Services

 Miami County Juvenile Court

 Montgomery County Juvenile Court

Child Support payments

Various Organizations and Business people donate funds to underwrite different projects and activities for the residents.

Intakes for 1997: 37

Successful discharges 19 of 37 equals 51% successful discharges.

Miami County intakes for 1997

*15 - 6 successful discharges; 7 unsuccessful discharges - this number reflects two pending successful discharges

*12 additional successful discharges in 1997 from 1996 intakes

*6 unsuccessful discharges in 1997 from intakes in 1996

*4 Miami County successful discharges in 1997 from 1996 intakes

*1 Miami County unsuccessful discharge in 1997 from a 1996 intake

Average Daily Bed Census for 1997 was 20.76.
Average Age was 15.7 years.

Youth who will not be considered for the David L. Brown Youth Center are:

1. Severely emotionally disturbed
2. Sex offenders
 - a. Convicted of a sexual offense
 - b. Having a history non-convicted sexual offending behavior
 - c. Any one commits a sexual offense while in placement at the Center will be dismissed immediately.

Each referral made to the Youth Center will be reviewed on an individual basis.

West Central Juvenile Detention Center

The Detention Center located at 2044 North County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio. This is the principal entry point for youth needing short term care. They could be awaiting adjudicatory and dispositional hearings before Juvenile Court or be held pending transfer to another facility. These are all juvenile who cannot be released into the community.

The West Central Detention Facility was constructed to accommodate 24 youth with 2 additional beds to be utilized for specific circumstances. The Miami County Juvenile Court utilizes 10 beds while other counties including Auglaize, Clinton, Darke, Mercer, Preble, and Shelby County utilize the remainder of the beds either by contract or as space is available.

Currently the JDC is under contract with URS Greiner, an architectural firm in Columbus, to build an additional housing unit that will provide 20 more rooms, two classrooms and three offices. Expected completion is January 1999.

The JDC consists of housing units, classrooms, gymnasium, outside recreation, dining area, kitchen facility, medical unit, hearing room, visitation room, central control, sallyport, intake and release unit and administrative offices. The center is operated by a staff of 21 full-time detention employees and 15 part-time staff, who are responsible for ensuring the safety, security and well-being of all youth under their care.

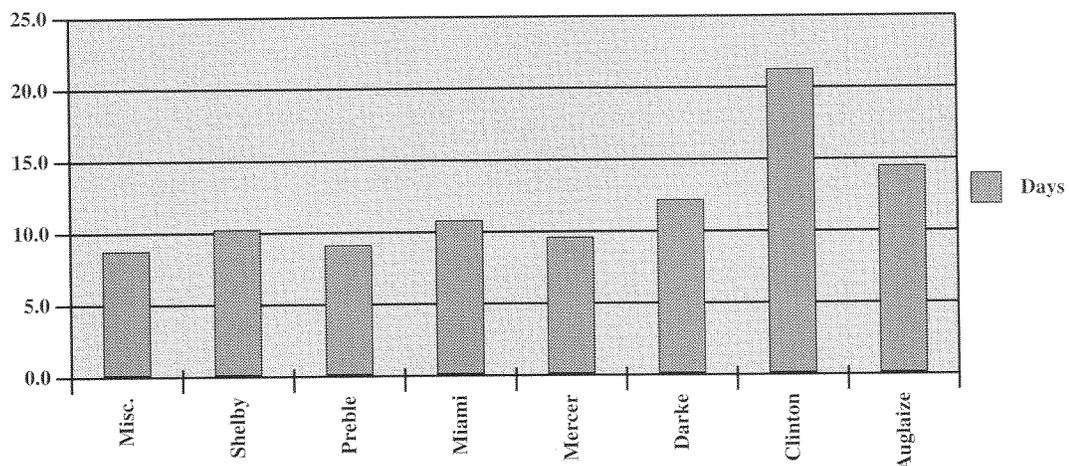
Daily living involves a structured program of school (year round), physical activity and special programs. The JDC provides for the residents basic needs, with high standards for quality care, while maintaining the level of

security necessary to prevent escape and protect the community.

All alleged and delinquent youth are screened upon admission to JDC. They are explained rules and regulations of being a resident of JDC. They are assigned to a living unit and a room after the Intake process. Once in the general population they are expected to participate in the various programs. Some of the programs are as follows: Anger Management Control, Substance Abuse Education, Self-Esteem Classes, Regular Education Program based on grade, chronological age, mental age, and a rigorous exercise program. JDC also conducts several religious programs such as: Sunday morning church (eight different churches involved on a rotating basis), Monday evening Bible Study and Friday Night Alive. This is where various churches come in on Friday night and have musicals, plays, etc. for the residents. All religious programs are optional for the residents.

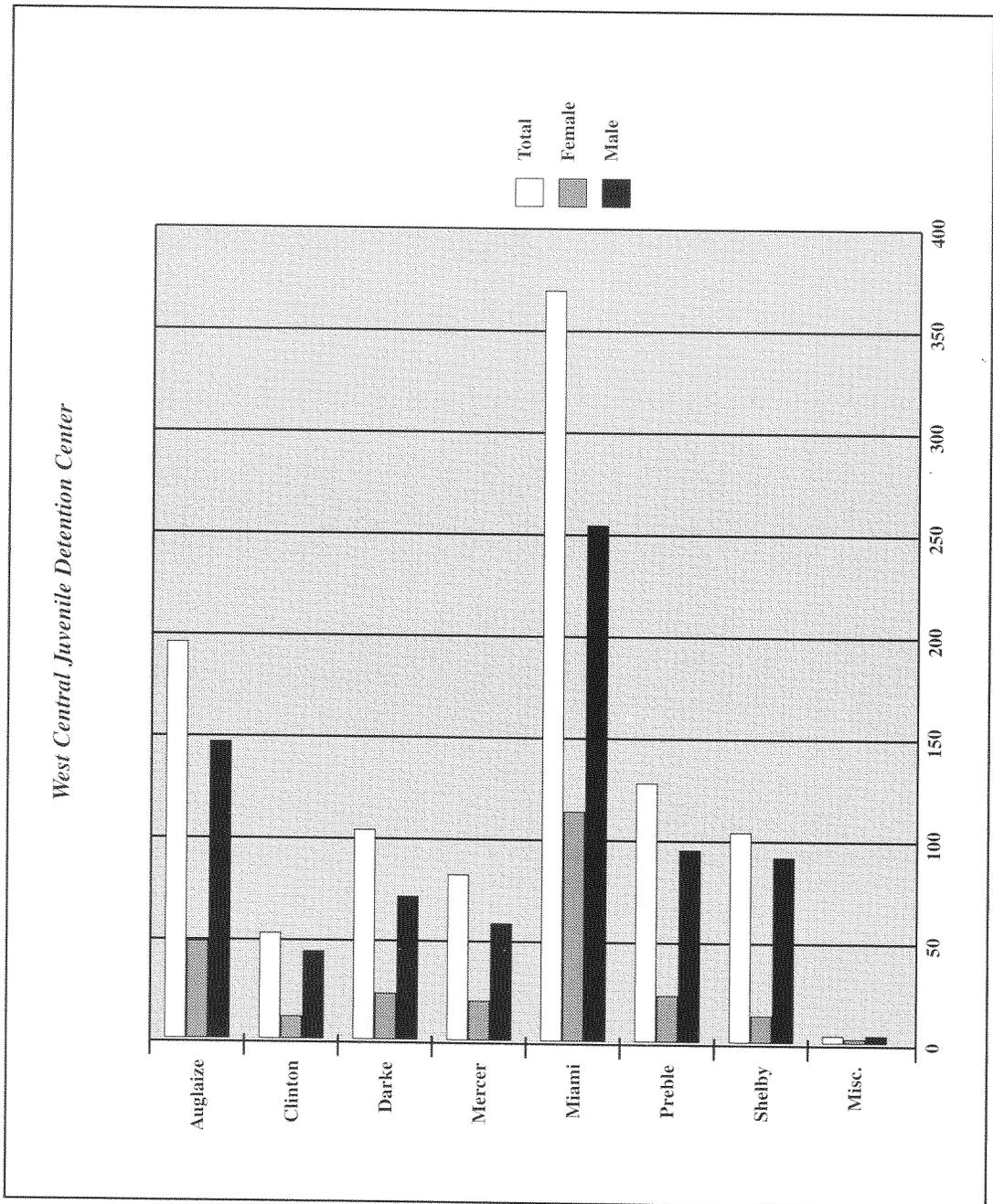
One program that is being utilized by the communities is the STAR program. This is a program that the acronym STAR stands for Start Today Accepting Responsibility. This is a two hour program that is run on Tuesday night and Saturday night from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This program is to enlighten children and young adults from age 10 through 17 to the consequences of poor decision making and to impress upon these youth the reality of life in a locked facility. These youth have never been a resident of a locked facility and have to be referred by school official, probation officer, counselor or any law enforcement agency. The STAR programs main focus is to divert the youth from ever becoming a resident at JDC.

Average Length of Stay



	Misc.	Shelby	Preble	Miami	Mercer	Darke	Clinton	Auglaize
Days	9.0	10.2	9.2	10.8	9.6	12.1	21.5	14.6

	Misc.	Shelby	Preble	Miami	Mercer	Darke	Clinton	Auglaize	Total
Male	5	88	97	254	61	76	43	147	771
Female	1	19	32	117	24	31	13	50	287
Total	6	107	129	371	85	107	56	197	1058



West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility

The West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility opened in October of 1993 with a mission of rehabilitating male juvenile felony offenders. The program is focused on Dr. Samenow's "Thinking Errors" and requires that youth learn their thinking errors and the correctives to successfully complete the program.

The average length of stay is 8 months although successful completion ranges from as short as 6 months to as long as 13 months.

The facility provides three educational opportunities: progress toward graduation through the sending school; G.E.D. completion; and a Vocational Education Technology opportunity in conjunction with the Upper Valley J.V.S. Two and one half state certified teachers staff the program and school is held 5 days a week - 7 hours a day.

Youth Leaders who supervise the felony offenders have two year and four year degrees in criminal justice, mental health, corrections or a related field. Three full-time counselors are available insuring a maximum of ratio of 12 youth and their families for each counselor.

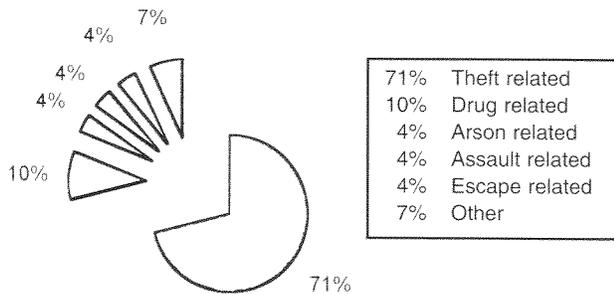
Families are required to successfully complete a minimum of 10 counseling sessions during the youths stay in Rehab.

Probation/Aftercare is provided by two trained Probation Officers. Youth are on house arrest with an electronic monitoring device for the first 30 days after release, get periodic random drug testing and must work or be in school on a regular basis. Typical probation is approximately 6 months.

West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation serves Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Preble, Shelby and Miami counties and provides the juvenile judges in each county a viable option for allowing youth to "serve their time" for committing crimes, while learning new skills and thinking patterns and improving family relationships.

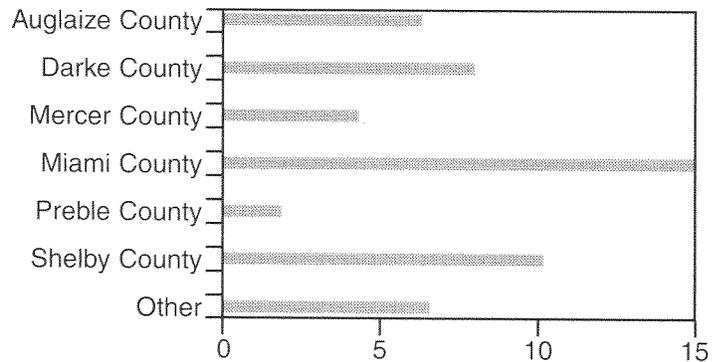
Funding of \$1,071,283 is provided by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The cost per youth per day is \$85.87 (the lowest per diem of the 99 CCF facilities in Ohio) support provided by local school district at a cost of \$26.50 per day for each day a youth attends school at West Central.

Committing Offense*



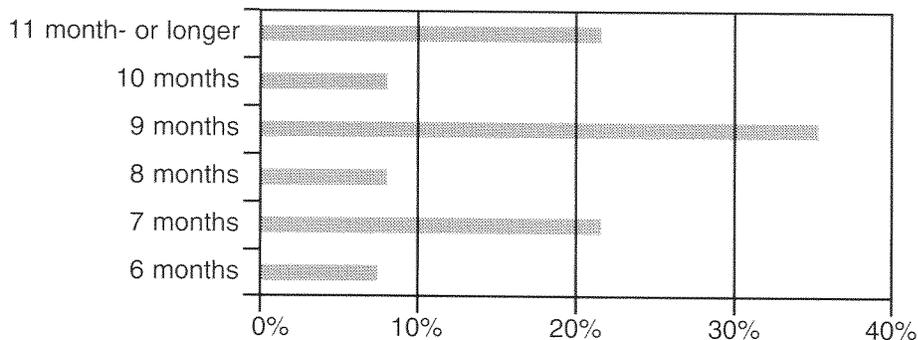
**Well over 50% of the youth enter Rehab with drug related problems - but it is not necessarily a "committing" offense.*

Youth Commitments by County**



***Space permitting Rehab will accept referrals from Greene, Champaign and Logan Counties.*

Average Length of Stay



West Central Transitions/Day Treatment Program

The West Central Transition/Day Treatment Program is an educational program for non-violent felony offenders in Darke, Miami and Shelby Counties. This program allows up to twelve 13-17 year old offenders who are on probation to attend school each day in a very structured setting designed to meet their individual educational needs.

Students can study in preparation for passage of their G.E.D. or remain up to date in the academic courses they need to graduate and/or return to their home school.

Some youth leave the West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation program and use Transitions/Day Treatment as a transition time before returning to their home school. Others are assigned directly by the court - often for the probation violation or truancy.

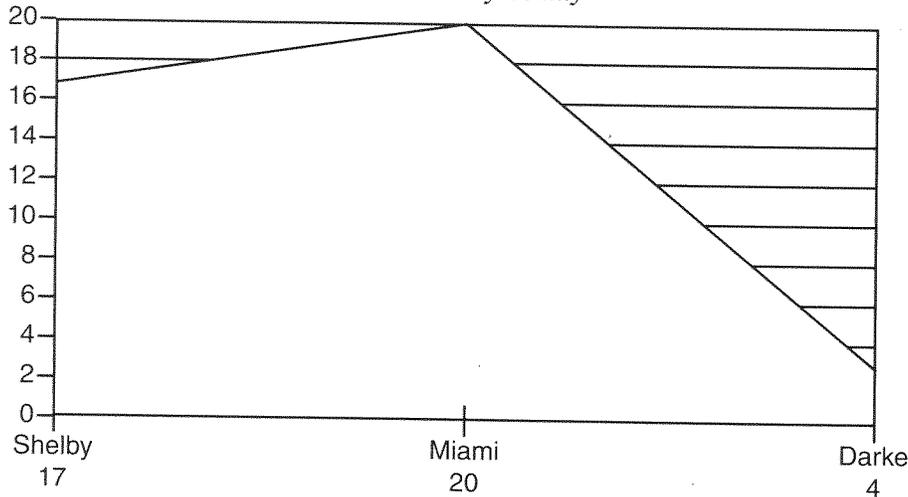
The average length of stay is 4-5 months although some youth may spend as much as an entire school year in Transitions/Day Treatment.

The school operates year round and is staffed by a certified teacher and a full-time youth worker. Transportation is provided to West Central from specific drop-off points in Greenville, Sidney, Troy and Piqua.

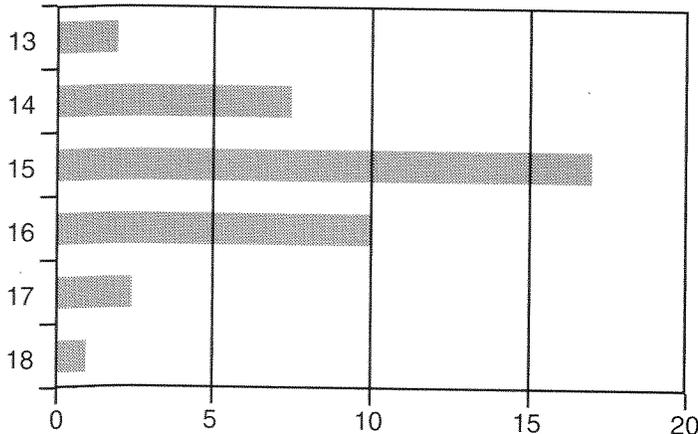
Funding for the program is provided by an Edward Byrne Memorial Grant through the office of Criminal Justice. A total of \$160,042 is provided with \$40,011 of this amount made up of matching funds from the counties involved.

Statistical Data

Placement by County



*Age Upon Entry
(1996-1997 School Year)*



*Grade in School at Entry
(1996-1997 School Year)*

