

Miami County Juvenile Court

2020 Annual Report

Judge Scott Altenburger



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HONORABLE SCOTT ALTENBURGER



Judge Scott Altenburger was elected in 2018 to serve as Judge of the Miami County Juvenile and Probate Court. He earned his Juris Doctorate from The University of Toledo, School of Law and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from The University of Toledo, receiving a state teaching license 7th grade – 12th grades. He has completed the necessary course work through the Ohio Supreme Court to mediate family law cases.

Judge Altenburger's life, education and career experiences make him uniquely qualified to lead the court. He has been a magistrate and later appointed chief magistrate of the Miami County Court of Common Pleas, General Division from May 1995 to November 2018. In those roles, he has handled in excess of 30,000 family law cases. For more than 18 years, he had been an adjunct instructor for Edison State Community College teaching Family Law and Legal Research and Writing. Additionally, he taught paralegal courses at Capital University Law School. He has given legal presentations to the Miami County Bar Association, Montgomery County Bar Association, Dayton Bar Association, Lucas County Bar Association, Toledo Bar Association, and The Ohio Association of Magistrates. Prior to being a magistrate, he was an assistant city law director, assistant county prosecutor, and mayor's court magistrate.

Judge Altenburger believes experience, integrity and fairness are the hallmarks of an effective judge. He pledges to give each case individual attention, which families in Miami County deserve, while adhering to the rule of law. As a fiscal conservative, he believes in the teamwork concept to ensure effective government that is efficiently run in a responsible manner. He is a member of the Miami County Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, Ohio Association of Probate Court Judges, National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges and past member of the Ohio Magistrates Association and Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges.

He has been married for 33 years to Kay Altenburger, treasurer/CFO for Milton-Union Exempted Village Schools. They have two daughters: Dr. Lauren Altenburger, graduate of The Ohio State University, and Dr. Kristen Altenburger, Stanford University.

History of Miami County Juvenile Court

Hon. Raymond Kerr	1925-1929
Hon. Harry Powell	1929-1933
Hon. Guy O'Donnell	1933-1941
Hon. Carl Felger	1941-1949
Hon. Samuel Faust	1949-1973
Hon. James R. O'Donnell	1973-1974
Hon. Richard A. Goater	1974-1996
Hon. Lynnita K.C. Wagner	1996-2008
Hon. W. McGregor Dixon Jr.	2008-2018
Hon. Scott Altenburger	2018 - Present

Oral History of Miami County Juvenile Court

By attorney, local historian and author John Fulker as told to former intern Trent Huelskamp

Miami County Juvenile Court started sometime in the mid to late 1930s. Reviewing what remains in the civil docket archives from the 1930s, juvenile court started sometime between 1933 and 1939. While Probate Court Judges date back to 1852, it is not until Judge Guy O'Donnell was listed as a Probate/Juvenile Judge that Miami County had its first juvenile court judge. Probate court and juvenile court shared the same space in the old courthouse until the Safety Building was constructed in 1973. Since that time, probate court and juvenile court have had separate clerk offices and public areas, although they still share courtrooms with each other.

John Fulker, attorney and local historian, indicated that he knew all of the Judges that have served the citizens as Miami County Juvenile Judge. He did title work in the recorder's office with Judge Guy O'Donnell after Judge O'Donnell retired from the bench and returned to the legal practice. Mr. Fulker

remembers Judge Carl Felger as a very well-liked judge and a family friend. Judge Samuel Faust was brother of John's senior law partner, Leo Faust and his wife Edith was the judge's clerk and she was a tremendous help to him. Judge James O'Donnell was the grandson of Judge Guy O'Donnell and after leaving the bench continues to practice in the probate area. Finally, Judge Richard Goater, Judge Lynnita Wagner and Judge "Greg" Dixon are remembered as being very accommodating and welcoming judges, consistent with the earlier judges.

Mr. Fulker believes Miami County Juvenile Court throughout the years has been known throughout the State of Ohio as a model example of quality judicial service. Having appeared before Judge Altenburger many times as a magistrate, Mr. Fulker looks forward to practicing law before Judge Altenburger who will continue the fine tradition of excellence as established by his predecessors.

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 involving adults who contribute to the unruliness or delinquency of a minor.

The Court protects the interests and rights of our children and the public by holding youth accountable for their actions and providing services aimed at rehabilitating the youth and their families. 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.

The Court becomes involved with youth through various channels, including parents, school officials, law enforcement authorities, neighbors, the Child Protective Services Agency, and the Prosecutor's office.

Under the direction of Judge Scott Altenburger and with the support of two full-time magistrates and one part time magistrate, the Court provides a broad range of preventive services, interventions, and consequences. This report is intended to help you understand the children we serve and give you an overview of the services we provided in 2020.

2020 Pandemic

As COVID-19 affected all segments of society and daily living, the Court was no exception. The Court was tasked with continuing to meet the needs of the public while also protecting the public and its staff from the virus. This was not an easy task with numerous people coming into the Court every day.

Initially, the Court took all cases off the docket for a period of six weeks, only hearing emergency matters and then started bringing back cases but on a much lighter docket. Chief Deputy Clerk Nicole Rodriguez and her staff were instrumental in accomplishing this. The goal of the new court schedule was to substantially reduce the number of people physically in the Court. This was accomplished by only having two of the four hearing officers scheduling cases on a given week.

The Court furthered reduced the number of people in the building by conducting all civil pre-trials by telephone. Additionally, the Court started hearing more cases by video conferencing utilizing Cisco WebEx, using laptops until the video conferencing equipment was installed. The Court believes that reducing the number of people coming to court helped prevent the spread of the virus.

All aspects of court proceedings were affected. Local court rules and orders were implemented to address the continually changing restrictions caused by the pandemic. (See attachments) Like other places open to the public, the physical design of the Court was also altered to allow for social distancing and plexiglass was installed to help protect employees and the public.

While we continued as a court, we also continued to supervise juveniles. Most meetings and group sessions were conducted via video conferencing. Traditional community service was suspended as community partners limited access to their facilities pursuant to the Governor's orders. The Crops for Change program was the sole exception. Youth continued to work in the gardens while staff ensured all COVID protocols were met.

West Central Juvenile Detention Center and West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center implemented COVID protocols and both centers remained COVID-free during the pandemic – a truly remarkable feat. A great job by staff at those facilities.



Plexiglass and other safeguards installed as a result of Covid. Juvenile Court Deputy Clerks Dawn Putney and Catherine Peoples are pictured.

Video Conferencing/Remote Technology Grant

Utilizing a grant from the Ohio Supreme Court, a state of art video conferencing system was installed in the main courtroom. This state of the art system includes a large screen monitor that displays the person appearing remotely. The system utilizes multiple cameras so that views include the judge, both the plaintiff and defense tables, and the witness stand. The system also includes screen sharing and document sharing capabilities. The \$80,000 system has been a tremendous asset to the Court during the pandemic.

The Court, using its own funds, utilized the county's IT staff to implement a video conferencing system in Courtrooms 2 and 3. While not as elaborate as the system in the main courtroom, the technology enables the Court to continue business as usual. Prior to the pandemic, all three courtrooms were utilized simultaneously. With the technology upgrades, the Court continues to operate all three courtrooms simultaneously, via video conferencing. A tremendous thank you to the IT staff for developing and implementing the system.



Staff receiving training on the new system in September of 2020.

The system being used during a hearing with Magistrate Hall. Kristi Stewart, Magistrate's assistant/ Deputy Clerk and Asst. Prosecutor Autumn White are pictured.





Traffic Grant

In 2020 Miami County was one of eight counties awarded \$20,000 by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The purpose of the grant is to increase the number of juveniles afforded the opportunity to participate in advanced driver training programs.

Magistrate Rebecca Hall, who hears the traffic cases for the Court, was instrumental in achieving the grant award. Magistrate Hall said "Teens who have completed the advanced driver training program report back that the behind-the-wheel driver training portion of the class was extremely informative and has helped them to be a more cautious, skilled driver. Their parents generally add that they wish their child had taken this class prior to getting their license, and that they themselves learned new driving skills. This grant will allow more teens and parents to experience these benefits."

With these funds, the Court is increasing the number of youth taking the advanced driver program, which will improve the caliber of teen drivers in Miami County.

The Youth We Serve

Juvenile Delinquency

In Ohio, a juvenile delinquent is defined as "... [a]ny child, except a juvenile traffic offender, who violates any law of this state or the United States, or any ordinance of a political subdivision of the state, that would be an offense if committed by an adult;..." This definition also includes any child who violates any lawful order of the Juvenile Court. Each year the Court handles many types of delinquency charges, some are considered misdemeanors and others are felonies. The following is a summary of the 2020 charges:

Charges	
Animals at Large	1
Arson	1
Assault Misdemeanor	21
Assault Felony	8
Breaking & Entering	7
Burglary & Agg Burglary	3
Carry/Concealed Weapon	1
Compelling Prostitution	1
Contempt of Court Order	28
Counterfeiting	1
Criminal Damaging	33
Criminal Mischief	5
Discharge Firearm	1
Disorderly Conduct	31
Disseminating Harmful Material	1
Domestic Violence	37
Driving Prohibitions	1
Drug Abuse	11
Drug Paraphernalia	9
Drug Possession	4
Drug Trafficking & Agg. Drug Trafficking	1
Extortion	1
Failure to Comply	2
Falsification	3
Inducing/Inciting Panic or Violence	2
Harassment	1
Littering	1
Making False Alarm	3
Making Terrorist Threats	1

Menacing & Agg. Menacing	4
Murder	1
Obstructing Official Business/Justice/Failure to disclose	11
Other Weapons Charges	1
Pandering	2
Parole Violations	1
Possession of Alcohol/Underage Consumption	18
Possession of Criminal Tools	1
Probation Violation	43
Prohibitions Concerning Companion Animals	1
Public Indecency	2
Rape	6
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Resisting Arrest	2
Sexual Imposition & Gross Sexual Imposition	1
Tobacco Violation	4
Tampering w/ Evidence/Property	3
Theft/Grand Theft Auto/Misuse of Credit Card/Identity	30
Trespassing/Criminal Trespassing	17
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle/Property	6
Unruly	30
Vandalism	2
Violating DOH Order Re: Pandemic	1
Violating Protection Order	1
Weapon on School Grounds	4
TOTAL DELIQUENCY CHARGES	415
TOTAL DELIQUENCY CASES FILED or REACTIVATED	373

The Court has many dispositional options for a delinquent child including:

- ◆ Place the child on community control which may include:
 - Probation supervision
 - Community service
 - Curfew
 - Drug/alcohol evaluation and monitoring
 - House arrest
 - Electronic home monitoring
- ◆ 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 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

Unruly Child

An unruly child is defined by the Ohio Revised Code § 2151.02 as

- (a) Any child who does not submit to the reasonable control of the child's parents, teachers, guardian, or custodian, by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient;
- (b) Any child who is an habitual truant from school;
- (c) Any child who behaves in a manner as to injure or endanger the child's own health or morals or the health or morals of others;

The following is a summary of the 2020 unruly charges:

2020 Unruly Charges Filed

Truancy	16
Curfew Violations	26
Incorrigible	150
Behavior that injures health or morals	4
Tobacco Law Violations	3
Total Charges	199
Total Unruly Cases	248
Total dispositions entered	234

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

- ◆ Place child on community control which may include
 - Probation supervision
 - Community Service
- ◆ Suspend operator's license
- ◆ Commit the child to the temporary or permanent custody of the Court
- ◆ Require drug and alcohol evaluation, monitoring or treatment
- ◆ Require the child attend school, participate in an academic program or alternative school
- ◆ Require the child receive appropriate medical or psychological treatment or counseling

Juvenile Traffic Offender

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 2020 included:

2020 Traffic Charges Filed

Speeding	158
Fail To Control/Reckless Operation	39
Failure to Maintain Distance	40
Seatbelt/Child Restraint	12
Disregarding Traffic Control Device (Sign/Lights)	18
Fail To Yield	16
Improper Backing, Turn or Lane Change	10
No OL/Permit/Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive	22
Driving Under Influence & Related	3
Driving Under Suspension	3
Fictitious/Expired/Missing	3
Plate/Registration/insurance	6
Probationary or temporary license restriction	9
No Head or Tail Lights	4
Disregard Safety	2
Leaving the Scene	5
Passing a School Bus	5
Drag Racing	1
Squealing Tires/Noise Ordinance	1
Motorcycle Helmet	1
Off Road Vehicle	1
Speed in School Zone	3
Passing Within 100 Feet	1
Distracted Driving/Texting	2
Marked Lanes	2
Unruly	1
Total Traffic Charges	368
Total Traffic Cases	368

Possible dispositions for juvenile traffic offender including:

- ◆ Suspend the child's 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 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.

Abused, Neglected and Dependent 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 dependent 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 Protective Services, law enforcement, and other social agencies.

2020 Abuse, Neglect & Dependency Charges Filed

Abuse, Neglect and Dependency	100
Motion for Permanent Custody	28
Bridges Program	5
PPLA	8
Case Plan	190

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 all 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 dependent children including:

- ◆ Order protective supervision by Miami County Children Protective Services
- ◆ 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 Protective Services, so that the child can be adopted

The Bridges Program allows young adults, who were in foster care at the time they turned 18, to continue to receive certain services, such as education, housing and employment, until they reach the age of 21.

Paternity, Custody, Child Support, and Visitation

The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction to determine custody, visitation (parenting time) and child support involving children whose parents were never married. Sometimes, this involves determining who the father of a child is. The Court also hears cases in which people, other than parents are seeking custody of a child.

Child Support establishment an enforcement cases involve working with the Miami County Child Support Agency.

2020 Paternity, Custody, Visitation & Child Support Charges Filed

Custody/Visitation	513
Support Enforcement/Modifications	276
Admin cases with no hearings	646
Parentage	44
UIFSA	14

Caretaker Authorization	1
Grandparent Power of Attorney	19
Contempt	94
Imposition	20

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.

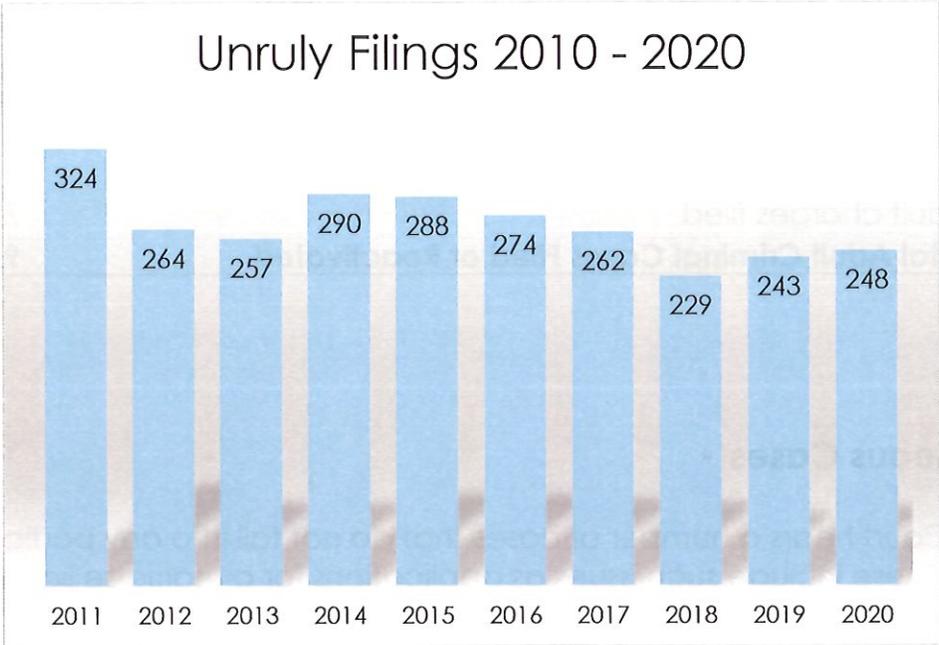
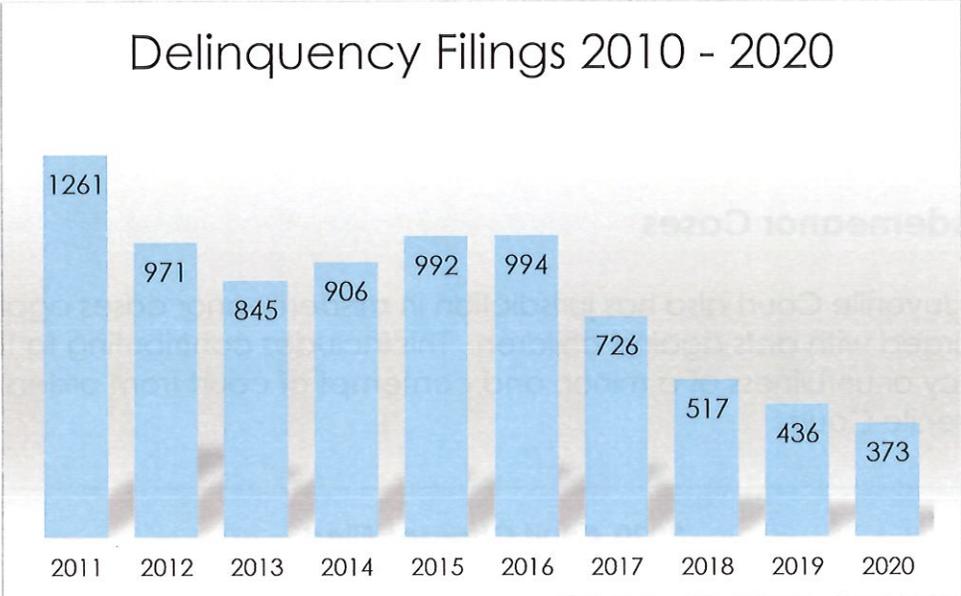
2020 Adult Charges Filed

Child Endangering	0
Contempt of Court	8
Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor	22
Failure to send to school	48
Imposition of sentence	1
Adult charges filed	79
Total Adult Criminal Cases Filed or Reactivated	92

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. In 2020, the court handled 1 such filing, a civil protection case.

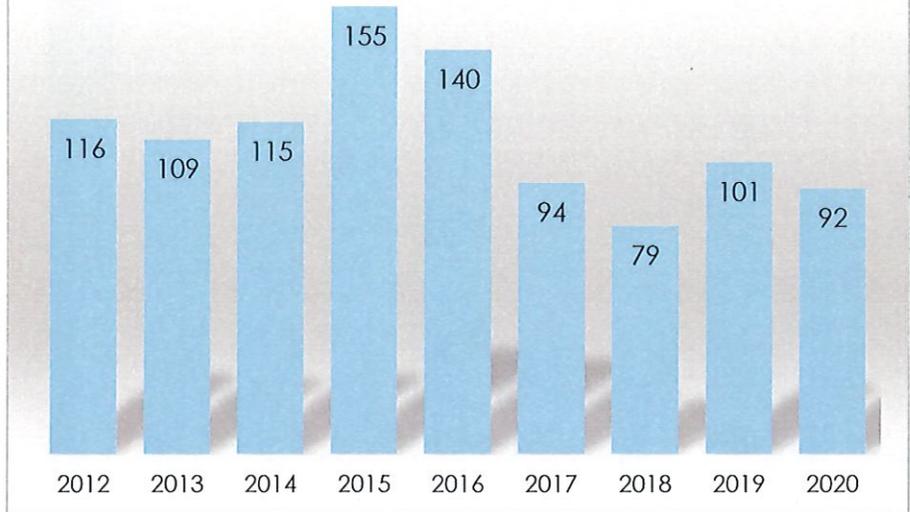
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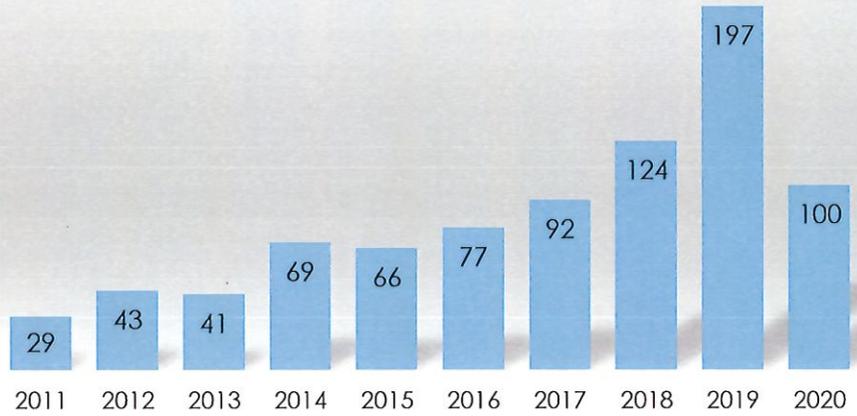
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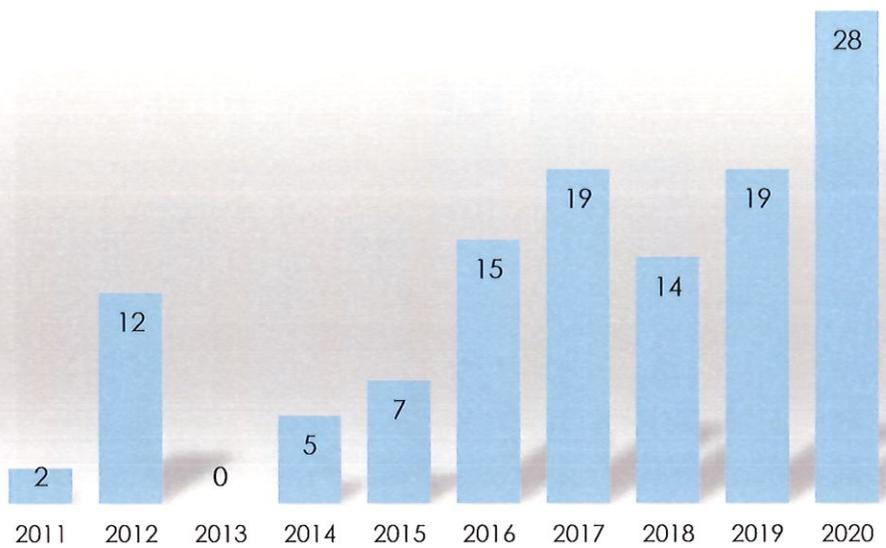
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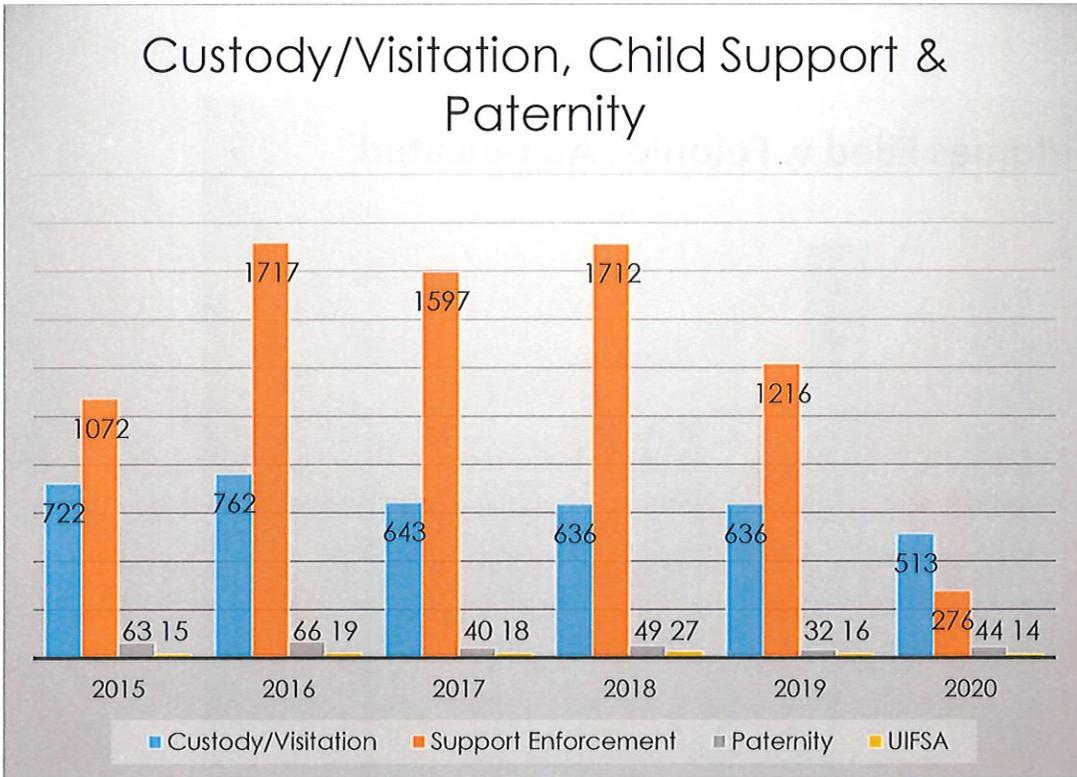
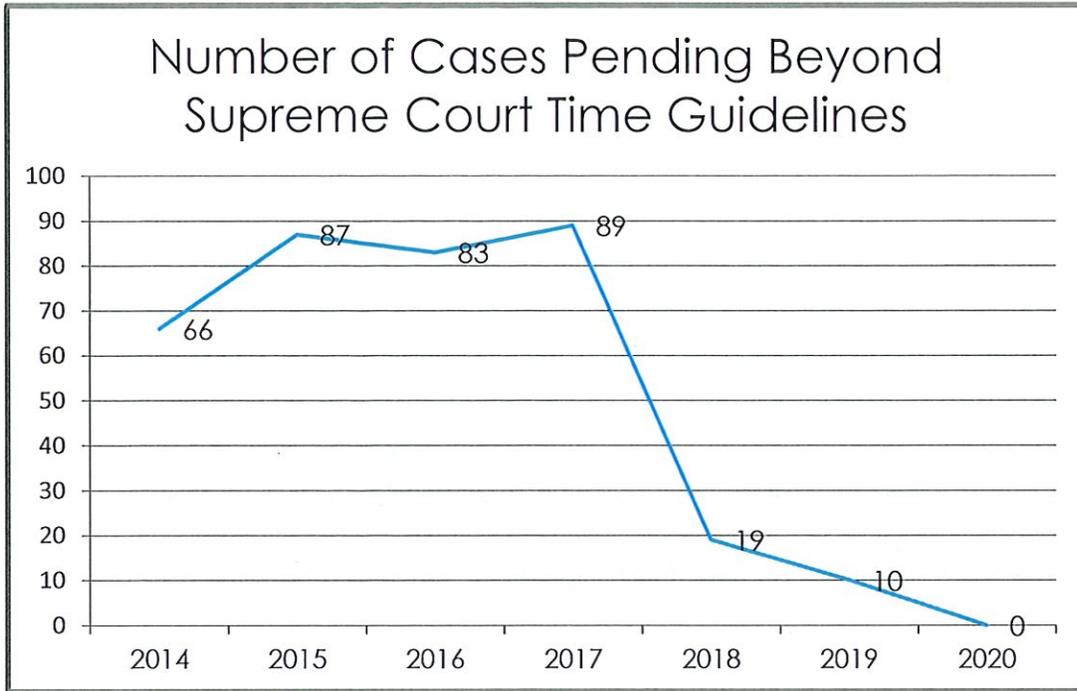


Abuse/Neglect/Dependency 2010-2020

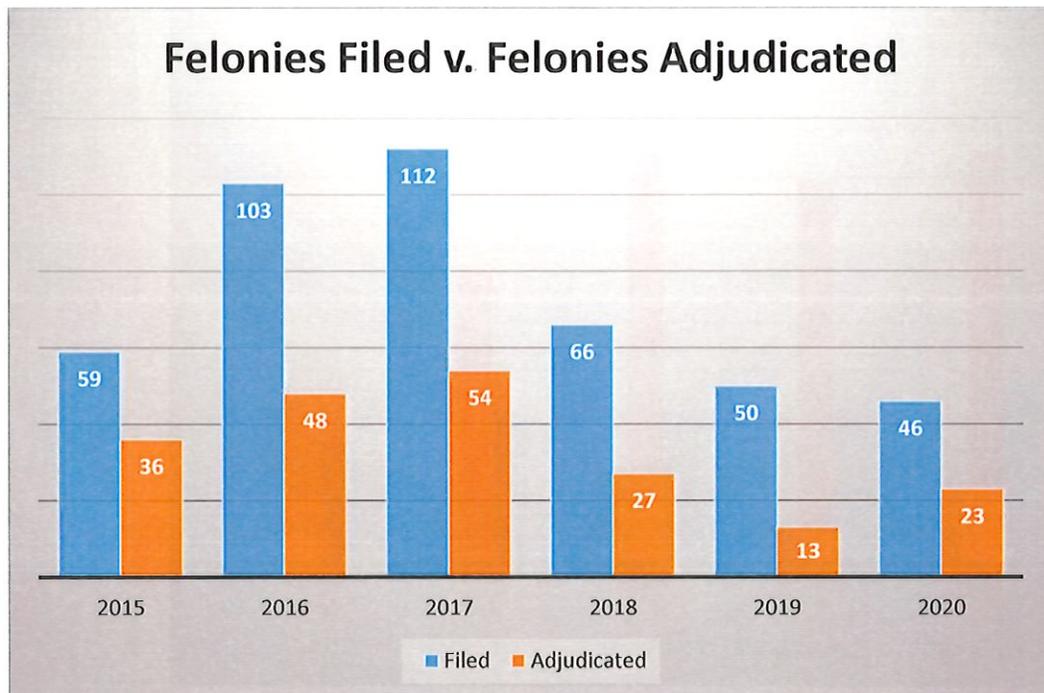
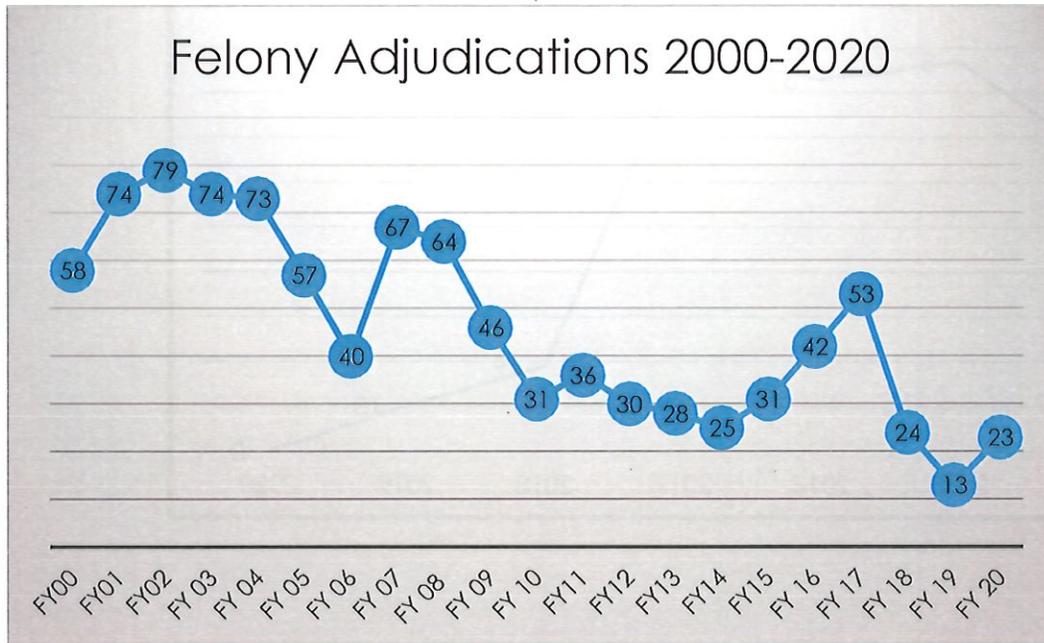


Permanent Custody 2010-2020

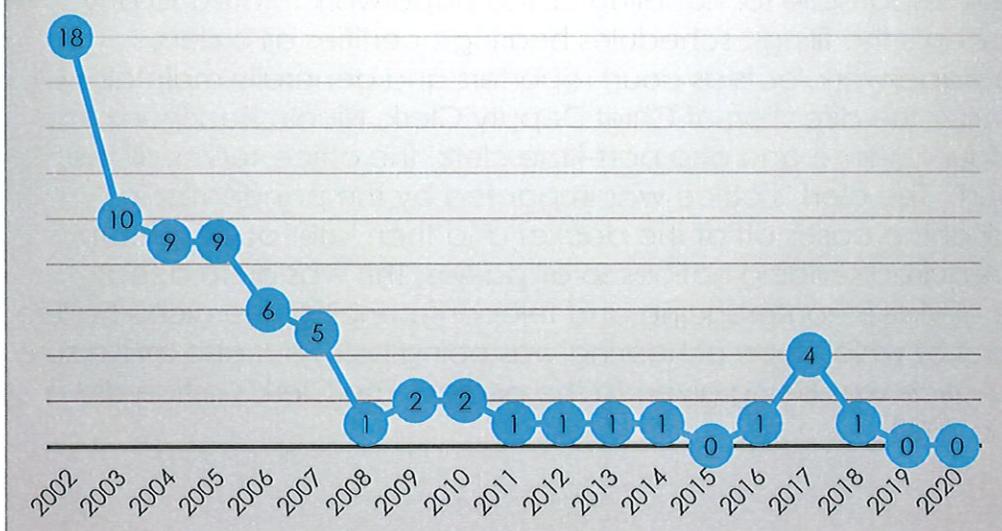




Adjudication Trends

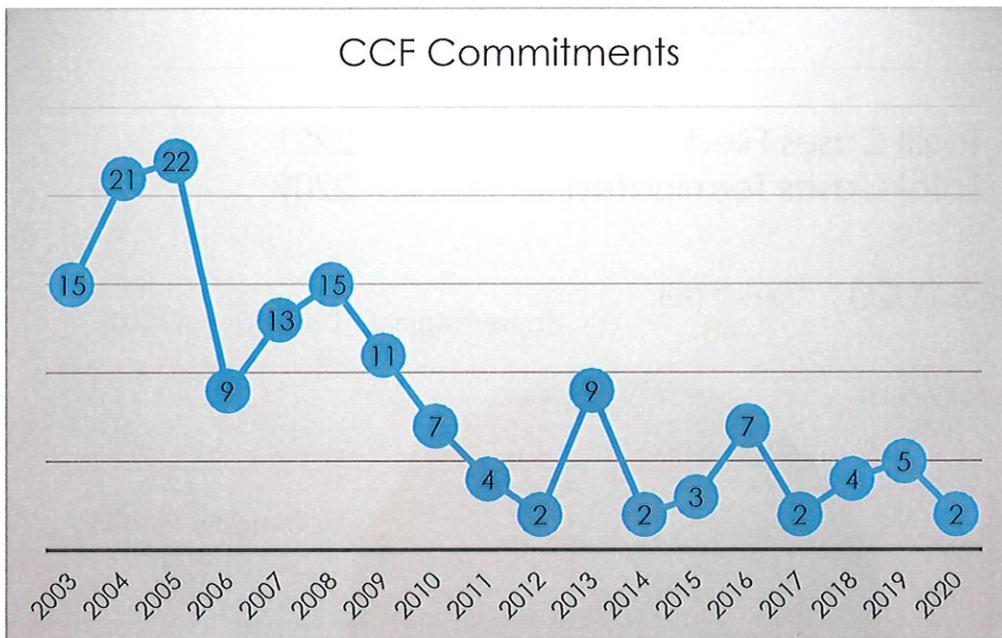


DYS Commitments



The Ohio Department of Youth Services operates institutions (prisons) for youth that commit serious crime. The Court uses a commitment to DYS only if other dispositional options are not available.

CCF Commitments



West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility is a CCF located in Miami County and where the Court primarily places the youth it sends to a CCF.

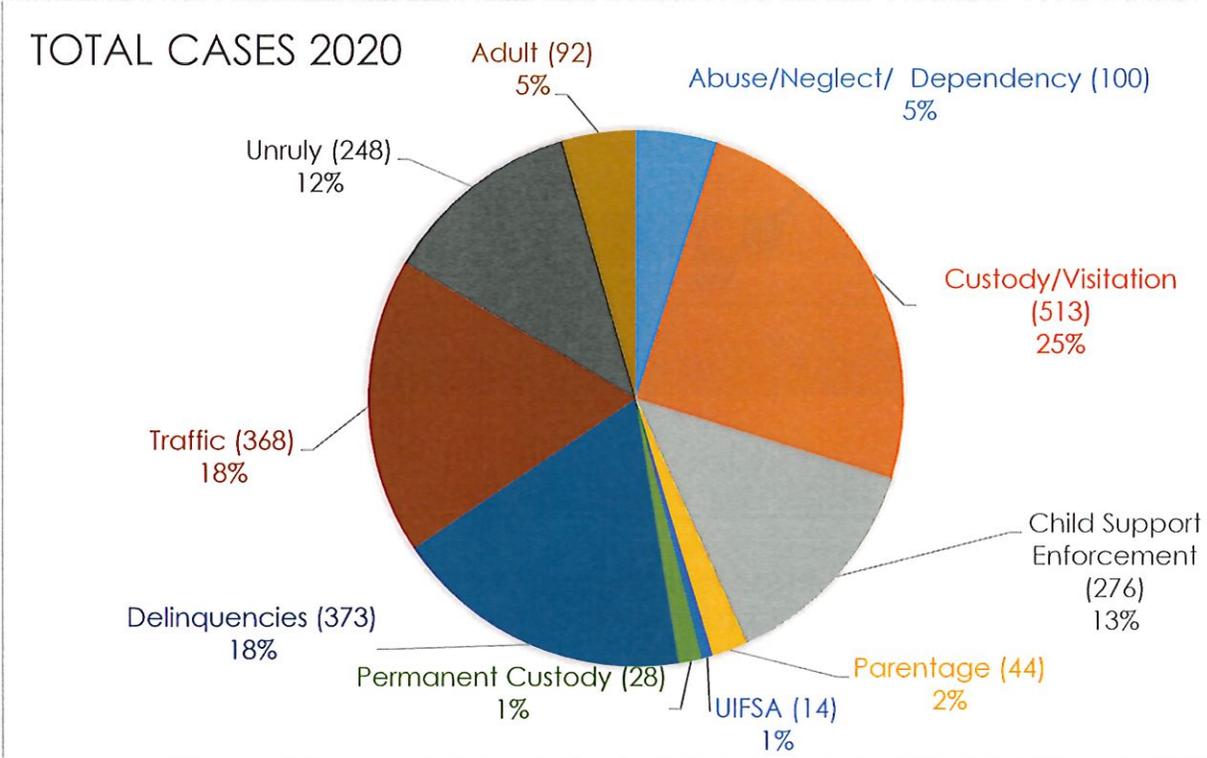
The Ohio Department of Youth Services operates 12 CCFs (Community Correctional Facility) across the state. A CCF is a locked facility for youth that have committed a felony level offense. It is a local dispositional alternative in lieu of a commitment to DYS. Many of the CCFs have specific programming, such as sex offender treatment.

Court Services - Clerk's Office

The clerk's office is responsible for handling all the paperwork related to any court case. It accepts the filings, schedules hearings, certifies all orders, processes all the paperwork, acts as court reporters and generally maintains all case records. Under the direction of Chief Deputy Clerk, Nicole Rodriguez and with the help of four full-time and one part-time clerk, the office serves all the clients of the Court. The clerk's office was impacted by the pandemic, in having to take all of the cases off of the docket and then later putting them back on, which required sending notices to all parties. This was quite a feat. Also with the use of video conferencing and teleconferencing, the clerks had to not only keep track of which type of hearing was being held, but also make sure that the correct notice was being given to the parties. The Clerk's office did a tremendous job in 2020.

2020 Court Activity

Total Cases Filed	2221
Total Cases Terminated	2209



Juvenile Probation

The Miami County Juvenile Probation Department's mission is to encourage youth to behave responsibly, and ensure the community safety through the enforcement of court orders and terms of probation. The probation department engages youth through the combination of evidence-based practices, incentivized goals, and collaborations with local agencies and schools. The probation department also offers skill streaming groups for youth and parents on probation. These groups allow families to gain knowledge and skills that will make them less likely to commit future violations. Providing probation supervision, enforcement of court orders, and establishing meaningful connections with youth and their families, the probation department's goal is to effectuate change in the youth's behavior and to empower parents to manage behavioral issues without law enforcement intervention.

The probation staff has 5 full-time probation officers, 1 probation assistant, and a full and part-time community service supervisor. The probation department has been able to serve the needs of the youth and their families by utilizing a team-based approach to serving the community. In addition, for the first time, the probation department has offered online educational courses to both youth and their parents. These online classes are available at no cost to court-involved families and allow families to access resources from their home, accommodating families with transportation barriers.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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 benefit the community.
- Utilization of Carey Guides, an evidence-based practice, which provides insight regarding past behaviors and decision making, and educates the youth and families regarding appropriate, respectable future choices and actions.
- Facilitation of groups by probation staff, which serve as beneficial interventions for both youth and parents.

2020 Assessment Statistics

Miami County Juvenile Court utilizes a risk assessment to help determine the appropriate disposition and level of services. These assessments provide the Court with the level of risk that a youth poses, as well as with dispositional recommendations based on individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention.

Assessment statistics	
Total	40
Boys	32
Girls	8

Offense Type	
Misdemeanor	20
Felony	15
Unruly/Truancy (first time)	0
Unruly	5
Traffic	0

Children not placed on probation	
Total Referred to outside services	7
Number recidivated	1

City of Residence	
Piqua	14
Troy	18
Tipp	1
Milton/Laura	3
Bradford	2
Covington	2

Disposition	
Probation	33
Other	7
DYS	0
Lived out of county	0
WC Rehab	1
Pending	0

Intakes by Charge			
Unruly/truancy	5	Receiving Stolen Property	0
CCW	2	Theft	3
Criminal Trespass	3	Obstruction/falsification/Resisting	0
Criminal Damaging	2	Menacing	1
Tampering with Property	0	Kidnapping	0
Unauthorized Use	1	Drug Abuse/Possession	0
Assault/Agg Assault	2	Drug Paraphernalia	0
UAC/Possession	0	Domestic Violence	6
Disorderly	2	Robbery	0
Burglary	0	Arson related	2
B & E (or attempted)	1	Weapon on School	1
Contempt	1	Inducing Panic	0
Make false alarm	0	Trafficking	1
Pro Compain Animal	1	Gross Sexual Imposition/Attempt	3
Telephone Harassment	0	Disseminating Harmful Material	1
Vandalism	2	Misuse of Credit Card	0
		Total	40

2020 Probation Department

Probation Assignments		Probation by City	
Boys	30	Bradford/Covington/PHill	2
Girls	5	Milton/Ludlow/Laura	3
African American	7	Piqua	12
Caucasian	25	Troy	18
Other	3		
Felony	12	Depart. Charges filed by	
Misdemeanor	20	Miami County Sheriff Office	6
Unruly	3	Piqua	10
		Troy	15
		West Milton Police Depart.	2
		Other	2
Total Youth Ordered	35	Probation by Age	
Total Youth from Previous Year	46	11- Under	1
TOTAL SERVED	81	12 & 13	5
		14 & 15	18
		16 & Up	11

Charges Resulting in Probation

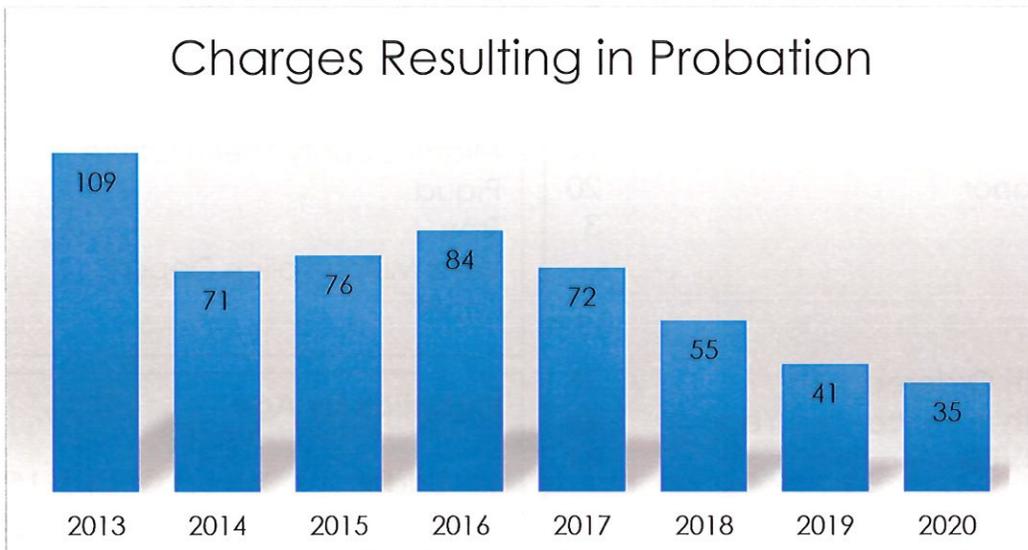
Animal Related	1
Arson	2
Assault	1
Breaking Entering/Burglary	2
Criminal Damaging/Misc./Vand./Tres.	3
Disorderly Conduct	4
Disseminating/Pandering	1
Domestic Violence	5
Drug Trafficking	1
Menacing	1
Robbery/Agg. Robbery	1
Sex Offenses	2
Theft Related	4
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Unruly/Truancy/Curfew	3
Weapon Charge	3
Total Charges	35

School Attended

Homeschooled	1
Miami East High	1
Milton Union High	2
Milton Union Middle	1
Piqua High	7
Piqua Jr. High	3
Troy Jr. High	1
Troy High	13
Upper Valley Career	1
Other	5

Felony Charges

Animal Related	1
Breaking Entering	2
Disseminating	1
Domestic Violence	1
Drug Trafficking	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	2
Menacing	1
Robbery	1
Weapons Related	1
Weapons on School	1
Total Charges	12



Out of home placement

Miami County Juvenile Court Probation Department may take custody/care and control of an adjudicated unruly or delinquent youth when the parent is unable to effectively parent or manage the child's behavioral problems. The child can be placed in an out-of-home setting such as foster care or residential treatment. This decision is only made when the Probation Department has made reasonable efforts to prevent placement and the Court determines it is in the child's best interest to live away from their parent or guardian.

In 2012, Miami Juvenile Court Probation Department became a Title IV-E certified court. Title IV-E is a federal program that subsidizes the cost of out-of-home care for eligible youth. The goal of the program is to reduce the reliance on out-of-home care and encourage the use of preventative and reunification services. Through this program the Court acts as a child service agency and provides services which are individualized and in the best interest of a child. To be eligible for this program, each Court must be approved by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and must comply with federal and state regulations.

If a child in custody meets income eligibility, the Court can receive reimbursement for some of the foster care maintenance costs and reimbursement for administrative and training costs related to serving youth at risk for placement. The Court utilizes FFP funds to improve services to children and youth services in Miami County, with special emphasis given to specialized placements for high risk youth and reducing the number of placements in state funded Correctional Institutions.

2020 Care & Control Statistics

Released from custody during year to:				Placed in Care & Control	
Parental Home		1		Boys	3
Relative Placement		0		Girls	0
MCCSB		0		Caucasian	2
Other Custodian		0		African American	1
				Other	0
Age				IV(e) eligible	2
12 & 13	0	16 & Up	1		
14 & 15	2				

Alternatives to Detention

House arrest and electronic home monitoring are two alternatives 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

The Electronic Home Monitoring Program uses ankle bracelets to allow the probation department to know the whereabouts of the child at all times. It gives the youth the ability to remain in their home while remaining a part of the community. Youth in the EHMA program are typically permitted to attend school and other supportive outlets including counseling, behavior groups and community service.

2020 Electronic Home Monitoring

Boys	39		
Girls	1		
Caucasian	35	Terminated Unsuccessfully	7
African American	2	Terminated Successfully	33
Other	3		
		TOTAL YOUTH SERVED	45
Felony	18		
Misdemeanor	22		
Total Youth Ordered	40		

House Arrest Monitoring Program

House arrest requires a youth be at home unless in the presence of a parent or at school or work. The goal of house arrest is to curtail unsupervised activity in the community. The probation 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 it also allows the probation officers to have a more visible presence after "traditional Court hours", in the evenings and on weekends.

2020 House Arrest Monitoring

Boys	66	Felony	30
Girls	16	Misdemeanor	46
		Unruly	6
Caucasian	67		
African American	14	Terminated Unsuccessfully	17
Other	1	Terminated Successfully	64
		TOTAL YOUTH ORDERED	82
		*Still on house arrest	1
# Of Compliance Checks done by POs			98
# Of man hours PO spent doing HA checks after hours/weekends			47
Average length of time on HA			45 days

Diversions Services

The Diversion Program is an alternative to formal court proceedings. All charges against first-time offenders are reviewed by Diversion Coordinator, Krista Hoying, to assess whether diversion is appropriate. Only specific types of charges, such as unruly offenses, (school truancy, running away, curfew violations, tobacco offenses or violating the rules set by their parents or school officials), as well as minor delinquencies such as petty theft, disorderly conduct,

criminal trespassing and criminal damaging are diversion eligible. In 2020, the diversion program expanded to include drug and alcohol complaints.

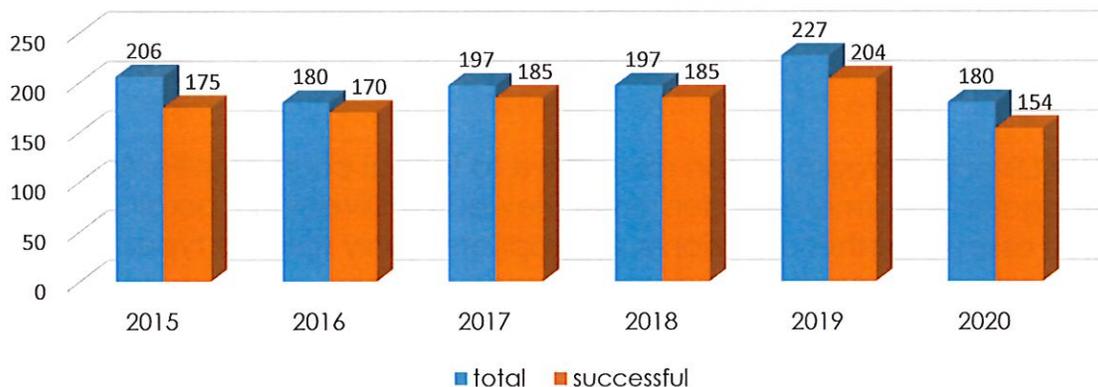
The Court has been expanding its diversion program to include sexting type cases. The youth and their parents are given the opportunity to participate in educational groups as an alternative to appearing in court. Youth are also offered volunteer opportunities to assist in redirecting behavior. When youth and families complete the program, the original citation or complaint is sealed and never filed with the Court.

As a component of diversion youth are to provide \$25 worth of canned goods to the St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen. In 2020, youth donated \$275 worth of food. This program was also impacted by COVID19 as the Soup Kitchen was forced to follow health protocols. This is compared to 2019, when youth donated \$1,985 worth of canned goods.

2020 Diversion Program

Family Diversion		Truancy Charges	
Retained from Previous Year	64	Sent to Diversion	43
Filed this year	180	Successful	30
Successfully Completed	154	Unsuccessful	11
Unsuccessful	22	Dismissed	2
Total Pending at end of Year	68	Adjudicated charges	11
TOTAL SERVED	244		

Cases sent to Diversion



Offenses Referred to Diversion

	Successful	Unsuccessful	Pending
Assault	10	1	0
Criminal Damaging	3	0	0
Criminal Mischief	3	0	1
Criminal Trespassing	8	1	0
Curfew	30	0	3
Disorderly Conduct	5	0	0
Drug Paraphernalia	3	0	3
Drug Possession	9	0	6
Illegal Conveyance	1	0	0
Littering	1	0	0
Obstruction	5	0	0
Pandering/Disseminating	3	1	11
Tampering w/ Sign	0	0	1
Theft	7	0	1
Tobacco	8	0	2
Truancy	32	9	34
Underage Consumption	2	0	2
Underage Possession	5	0	0
Unruly	51	9	8
TOTALS	186	21	72

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 program also serves as an opportunity to educate and mentor youth. The Work Opportunity program allows youth to work 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 court staff. Work is scheduled so as not to interfere with school, occurring late afternoon, weekends, and on school vacations. Efforts are made to enroll youth in sites within their home communities. The program has 14 sites including local nursing homes, city and county municipal buildings, and football stadiums. In 2020, given the impact of the pandemic and this program being shut down for four months, it is not surprising that the number of youth and the number of community service hours were down. 149 youth provided 720 hours of service to the community.

2020 Community Service Program

Program Admissions	
Boys	99
Girls	50
Felony	8
Misdemeanor	68
Unruly	44
Diversion	29
TOTAL	149

Crops for Change Program

In 2016, the Court re-introduced "Crops for Change". This project was originally conceptualized by Miami County Juvenile Court Magistrate Katherine Kemp Severt. The youth plant, weed, water, and harvest crops, consisting of a variety of vegetables including peppers, cabbage, and tomatoes. These crops are donated to the local food banks. After harvest, the juveniles make salsa which they share with staff and other county employees. This experience helps the participating juveniles understand the growth cycle of plants and that food doesn't have to come from the grocery. It also enables them to see their hard work provides food to those families in need. In 2020, 15 youth participated in this project.

Funding for the program comes from the Department of Youth Services Reclaim Grant.



Court Solutions/Online Services

In 2020, Miami County Juvenile Probation began a partnership with Court Solutions. Court Solutions provides online education and support for youth and families. There are 16 classes that are offered on a wide variety of topics that include, but are not limited to, drug and alcohol classes, bullying, and parenting support. These courses are predominately offered to our youth that are in our diversion program. However, in 2020 with onset of COVID 19 this is a service that was also used for our youth who had their charges formally processed. Hearing officers found that this was a safe and supportive way for our families to address the issues that bring them before the Court. In total, Miami County Juvenile Probation/Court had youth and families access 86 classes in 2020.

2020 Miami County Clean River Sweep

Miami County Juvenile Court had nine (9) youth participate in this event, where they walked along the Great Miami River, picking up trash. Thanks to all that participated.



Trash that our youth cleaned out of the river bank, along the Great Miami River.

Incentive Program

In 2020, the Miami County Probation Department continued to utilize incentives to motivate our youth to make better decisions. In conjunction with the state's new initiative to transform probation, our department has used this program to fall in line with these state-based goals. Funding was provided by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The basic premise behind this initiative is that by rewarding positive behaviors, youth will be less likely to exhibit the negative ones that have led to their court involvement. Incentives ranged from snacks, to

books, to gift cards. The number and frequency of these rewards are administered by the probation department.

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 Kari Higgins, a licensed sex offender therapist. Youth convicted of a sexual offense receive assessment, outpatient group and individual treatment on a weekly basis. In 2020, three (3) youth were assessed.
- ❖ HEALTH class 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 2020, 9 youth successfully completed this program. A total of three (3) groups were held.
- ❖ Shoplifters Group is 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 2020, 6 youth were served in this program. A total of three (3) groups were held.
- ❖ Independent Living is provided by contract with the local Ohio State University Extension Office. The program consists of 8 weekly classes that teach and demonstrate skills that are important to aid in their transition into adulthood. The program is geared toward youth ages 15-18. Skills covered in these groups include health and safety, housing and meal prep, job readiness, financial management, life decisions and responsibilities, and personal and social relationships. In 2020, four (4) groups were held, educating 10 youth.

- ❖ Anger Management Group is designed to address the lack of skills/competencies to appropriately express and deal with anger as well as conflict resolution skills. The goal is to provide education, intervention and usable skills to youth who are struggling with anger management issues in order to assist them in the reduction or elimination of violent or aggressive behaviors. This ten week group is facilitated by Probation Officer Megan Landis, with the assistance of a doctorate level psychiatric intern assigned to the Court. In 2020, 8 youth participated in the group.
- ❖ Outreach is provided by contract with Miami County Recovery Council to provide on-going education, intervention, and usable skills to youth age 13-18 who are struggling with substance abuse. The goal of the group is increasing knowledge of personal use patterns, decreasing or eliminating the use of substances, and decreasing the risk of addiction and future substance abuse related offenses. In 2020, 16 youth participated in Outreach.
- ❖ Parent Project is a nationally recognized educational and support program for parents and guardians. This program offers guidance and applicable lessons and skills for parents who are having difficulty with their children. These skills can be used with children who are exhibiting both unruly and delinquent behavior. The class is 10 weeks in length with 24 hours total classroom time, facilitated by trained probation staff. In 2020, there were two classes held, with 4 parents participating.
- ❖ Psychological Services are provided through contracts with licensed psychologists. Psychological evaluations are performed to provide the Court with assessments integral to further court treatment plans. Forensic evaluations are also provided. These are required when the Court must determine whether the child is competent to stand trial and when the Prosecuting Attorney has filed a motion to have a youth bound over to the adult court.
- ❖ Collaboration with Wright State's Psychology Department provided a Doctoral Student Candidate to the Court a couple of days per week, under the supervision of Dr. Stephen Liptak. This student assesses, counsels, attends treatment team meetings, and facilitates groups. This partnership allows the probation department and the Court to offer supportive services to families.

Piqua Office

The Piqua Probation Office is located at 110 S. Wayne Street in downtown Piqua. To reach the Piqua office call 937-615-0657. This office is used by probation officers to conduct visits with youth and their families and to provide group treatment programming. The office was remodeled in 2017 and equipped with smartboards using a state grant.



Shared Placements

Placement services are provided for youth who receive assistance from multiple agencies, such as **Miami County Children Protective Services, Riverside Developmental Disabilities, and Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health**. The Court shares in the placement costs of some youth in the custody of Children Protective Services who are also involved with the Court. Youth are placed in various types of settings including foster care, group homes, and residential treatment. In 2020, given the pandemic, Juvenile Court had no shared funding youth.

Guardian Ad Litem

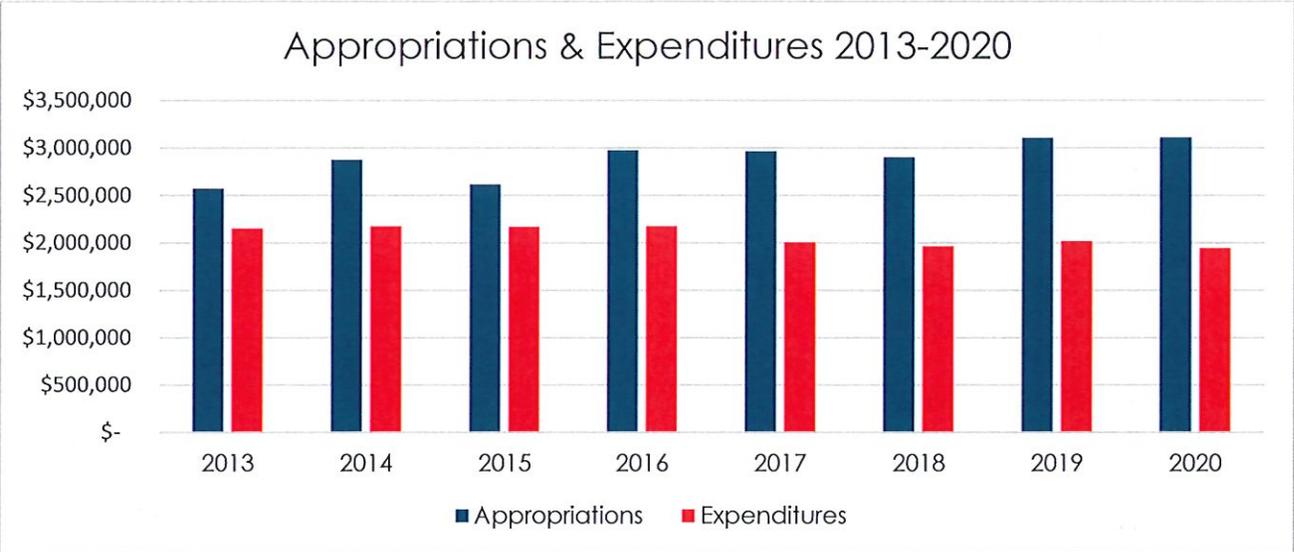
Juvenile Court provides funding to **CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY** to provide advocacy services on behalf of abused and neglected children. The advocates, specially trained volunteers serving as Guardian ad Litem (GAL),

advocate for the best interest of children involved in dependency, neglect, and abuse cases in 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 2020, 52 volunteers served 188 children, slightly down from 2019, when 49 volunteers served 194 children. The Court also may provide an attorney to represent the child.

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.

	Appropriations & Carryover	Expenditures
General Fund - Juvenile Court	\$ 1,352,352.00	\$ 1,088,762.00
General Fund - Juvenile Probation	\$ 694,239.00	\$ 264,280.00
General Fund - Juvenile Probation (Special Int. Prg.)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Felony Delinquent Care and Custody	\$ 624,964.00	\$ 392,876.00
Juv. Probation Title IV-E Administration	\$ 123,400.00	\$ 97,809.00
Juv. Probation Title IV-E Maintenance	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -
Juv. Court Child Support Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Juv. Computerization	\$ 11,010.00	\$ 6,176.00
Special Projects - General	\$ 89,943.49	\$ 82,974.00
Legal Research	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
Indigent Driver Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Totals	\$3,106,108.49	\$1,940,077.00



Fines and Court Costs

Fines and court costs are ways to hold youth and adults accountable for their actions. 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 and/or a suspension of driver's license.

2020 FINES & COURT COSTS COLLECTED

COURT COSTS	38,308.80
COMPUTER FEES	10,515.00
LEGAL RESEARCH	2,064.00
SHERIFF FEES	683.00
LAW LIBRARY	1,250.00
COUNTY FINES	3,937.15
MOTOR VEHICLE FINES	1,675.60
COUNTY DRUG FINES	315.00
SHERIFF DRUG FINES	10.00
COPY SERVICE	97.40
WITNESS FEES	0.00
SPECIAL PROJECT - GEN	21,740.00
DRUG TESTING	620.00
P.D. APPLICATION FEE	948.00
P.D. RECOUP FEES	0.00
TOBACCO FEES	0.00
IDAT	0.00
STATE OF OHIO	12,951.45
BOARD OF PHARMACY	10.00
ARRESTING AGENCY	0.00
SUNDRIES	333.50
BONDS RECEIVED	0.00
DEPOSIT RECEIVED	0.00
TOTALS	95,434.90



West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

The West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center is a state-of-the-art, secure residential facility for 32 juvenile boys, who have committed felonies. Youth go through a rigorous re-socialization program designed to correct flawed thought processes which contributed to their criminal behavior. The center has a specialized sex offender treatment program. All boys receive an individualized academic educational plan, family and individual counseling and intensive supervision. The average length of stay is six months to one year.

The Center's 2020 budget was \$1,843,492. The Ohio Department of Youth Services provides funding for the center. 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 Center serves Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Preble, Shelby, and Miami counties providing Juvenile Judges a local alternative to committing youth to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Center also takes boys from other counties in the state if there is space available. Gary Link is the Director of the Center.

2020 WCJRC Statistics

Admissions: 21

Releases: 22

Successful: 14 Unsuccessful: 6 No Further Benefit: 1 Age Out: 1

County	# boys	County	# boys
Auglaize	3	Miami	1
Champaign	1	Pike	1
Clark	1	Preble	1
Clinton	1	Sandusky	1
Highland	3	Shelby	1
Licking	4	Warren	1
Marion	1	Wayne	1
		Total	21

Committing Offense	
Assault	1
Arson	1
Burglary/Agg Burglary	2
Breaking and Entering	1
CCW	1
Domestic Violence	2
GSI	4
Theft	4
Rape	5

Age at Admission	
12 years	0
13 years	0
14 years	6
15 years	4
16 years	2
17 years	4
18 years	4
19 years	1

Average Length of Stay	
Sex Offender Program	383 days
General Offender Program	186 days

Felony Level	
F-5	2
F-4	6
F-3	6
F-2	1
F-1	6

Race	
Caucasian	16
Minority	5



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 boys and girls who will attend school year-round, undergo counseling and psychological assessments as needed. All youth participate in a variety of treatment and educational programming while detained.

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center opened in January 1993 as a 24-bed facility and later added a 20-bed pod. In 2020, the center had revenue of \$1,929,886 and operational expenses were \$1,648,507. All revenue comes from the counties utilizing the facility with no contribution from the Miami 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 every day and attend an on-site school Monday through Friday. Youth must participate in-group programs such as: anger management, substance abuse, health & hygiene, Planned Parenthood, life choices, and receive education on 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 who 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 two-hour program. STAR is free of charge to the courts under contract 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. Lance Ray is the Superintendent of Detention.

West Central Juvenile Detention Center 2020

County	Intakes	Male	Female	Non Con	Bed Days Used	Average Days in Detention
Auglaize	144	97	47	0	1,452	10.3
Clinton	47	36	11	0	856	18.7
Darke	45	40	5	0	884	19.9
Mercer	43	38	5	0	637	14.4
Miami	115	95	20	0	1,318	11.5
Other	2	1	1	0	9	4.0
Preble	29	21	6	2	483	16.9
Shelby	54	34	20	0	2,021	37.7
Van Wert	38	24	12	2	517	13.6
Total	517	386	127	4	8,177	16

2020 Annual Report Statistical Summary

Cases Filed in 2020

Cases Filed/Transferred In	
Delinquent	373
Traffic	368
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	99
Unruly	248
Adult	92
Permanent Custody	26
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	605
Support Enforcement/Modifications	347
Parentage	45
UIFSA	17
Other	1
Total Cases Filed	2221

Cases Terminated in 2020

Cases terminated by Case Type	
Delinquent	363
Traffic	380
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	98
Unruly	234
Adult	77
Permanent Custody	36
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	563
Support Enforcement/Modification	400
Parentage	36
UIFSA	21
Other	1
Total	2209

Cases Terminated by Type of Termination	
Trial by Judge	11
Trial by Magistrate	229
Dismissal	358
Admission by Judge	74
Admission by Magistrate	1149
Certification/Waiver Granted	0
Unavailability of Party for Trial	264
Transfers to another Court	58
Interlocutory Appeal	0
Other Terminations	66
Total	2209

Types of Dispositions for Youth in 2020

Types of Dispositions

Bind over to adult court	0
Commitment to DYS	0
Detention	76
West Central Rehabilitation Center	2
Other CCF	0
Suspended commitment to DYS	13
Community Service	102
Probation	42
Electronic Home Monitoring	12
House Arrest	26
Temporary Custody CSB	50
Protective Supervision CSB	74
Permanent Custody CSB	16
Jail Sentence (Adult)	58
Restitution	6
Cases with Fines Assessed	302
Cases with costs Assessed	346
Waiver due to Indigence	326
Fines and Court costs	\$119,189.65

Miami County Juvenile Court Important Phone Numbers

Judicial Assistant/Fiscal Officer – Hannah Parshall.....	440-3503
Juvenile Court Clerks Office (general information)	440-5970
Chief Deputy Clerk –Nicole Rodriguez.....	440-3533
Chief Probation Officer – Scott Auxier.....	440-5980
Court Administrator – J. Andrew Wannemacher.....	440-5990
West Central Detention Center - Lance Ray (Director).....	440-5428
West Central Rehabilitation Center –Gary Link (Director).....	440-5675

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Printing Costs

Ohio Revised Code § 2151.18 requires that the Court include on each printed copy of the Annual Report the cost of each printed copy. The 2019 Annual Report was printed using the Court's color copier so no exact costs are associated with its printing. Only two printed copies are being made in order to satisfy the legal requirements that two copies remain on file with the Court, with distribution of the Annual Report being made electronically in order to minimize costs. The Annual Report can be found on the Court's web site at www.miamicountyohio.gov/133/Juvenile

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SCOTT ALLENBURGER
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JUDGMENT ENTRY

NO. 22001005

TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

The Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County, Ohio, Juvenile/Probate Divisions makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.
2. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.
3. On March 13, 2020, President of the United States of America declared COVID-19 to be a National Emergency.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Juvenile/Probate Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas has developed a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates or increases in size or scope. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. It is the intention of the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County, Ohio Juvenile/Probate Divisions to remain open and maintain essential court operations and functions, subject to further Orders of the Court.
2. The Juvenile/Probate Divisions Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
3. The Juvenile/Probate Divisions security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
4. The Juvenile/Probate Divisions Employee Handbook provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
5. The Juvenile/Probate Divisions authorizes the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.
6. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary by assigned Judge/Magistrates on a case-by-case basis.

APPENDIX A

7. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


SCOTT ALTENBURGER, JUDGE

- cc:
- ✓ Miami County Commissioners
 - ✓ West Central Juvenile Detention Center
 - ✓ West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center
 - ✓ Miami County Prosecutor's Office
 - ✓ Autumn White, Miami County Prosecutor's Office
 - ✓ Public Defender's Office
 - ✓ C.A.S.A.
 - ✓ Miami County C.S.E.A.
 - ✓ Miami County C.P.S.
 - ✓ Miami County Juvenile/Probate Court Employees
 - ✓ Posting for Public Notice
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JUDGE SCOTT ALTENBURGER

TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

LOCA RULE 2 FILING BY FAXIMILE TRANSMISSION shall be amended to suspend the page limitation on fax filings as set forth in 2.02. All pleadings and paper filed with the Miami County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office by fax shall have no page limitation. In addition, the Clerk will now accept pleadings, filings or other papers by email at the following address: JuvenileFile@MiamiCountyOhio.gov, subject to the same rules, fees and procedures as fax filings. Cases requiring filing fees will not be completed for processing until payment is received, preferably by mail or call in with a credit card. Said amendments are effective March 20, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Scott Altenburger, Judge

Cc: ✓ Miami County Bar Association
✓ Miami County Prosecutor
✓ Miami County Commissioners

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TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS
ADDITIONAL ORDERS

The Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County, Ohio, Juvenile/Probate Divisions makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On April 27, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced some changes to Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They are a beginning and are all directed towards protecting the health of employees, customers, and their families, supporting community efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, and responsibly getting Ohio back to work.
2. On April 30, 2020, the Ohio Director of Health issued her Director's Stay Safe Ohio Order which is the beginning of Ohio opening back up for business.
3. In an email to Ohio Judges the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court made it clear that although we will keep Ohio courts open we must operate the courts within the directives of the Governor and the Director of Health.
4. Everything that can be done, must be done, to keep Ohio courts operating safely.

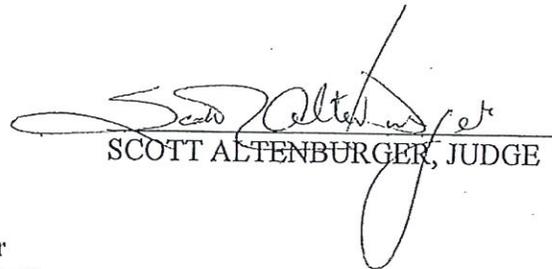
Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Juvenile/Probate Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas will continue a flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates or increases in size or scope. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Effective May 4, 2020, and until further order of the Court all employees of the Juvenile and Probate Court will be required to use face masks or face coverings when entering the building and while on the Second floor. This includes the Judge and Magistrates when in the courtroom with others. If an employee has a private office, they are permitted to take their face covering off while in their office.
2. Employees must perform daily symptom assessment and are required to stay home if symptomatic.
3. Employees shall take their own temperature before leaving their home for work, and if their temperature is above 100.4 or if they feel ill they shall immediately notify their supervisor and they must not come into work that day.

4. Employees are required to take regular breaks to thoroughly wash their hands.
5. Hand sanitizer shall be placed in high-contact locations.
6. Effective May 4, 2020, and until further order of the Court, face masks shall be worn by the public entering the Juvenile/Probate clerk of courts, Juvenile probation offices and the Juvenile/Probate courtrooms. This applies to attorneys, litigants, witnesses, press, victims, etc.
7. Social distancing [6 feet apart where possible] will be required in courtrooms and in all common areas;
8. Signs shall be placed in locations to assist the public in complying with this order and to educate the public and employees on health safety guidelines.
9. Courtrooms and common areas shall be cleaned/disinfected daily and frequently consistent with the schedule provided by the Miami County Commissioners.
10. The Court highly recommends those attending or participating in Court proceeding or trial to wear gloves.
11. Attorneys and litigants are encouraged to continue to file documents by FAX/Email. Marriage license applications should continue to be made through the Court's website portal.
12. If there is a confirmed case the individual will be isolated and medical care will be sought. The Court shall work with the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
13. The Court continues to authorize the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.
14. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.
15. The Court will continue to follow HB 197 and the Ohio Supreme Court Tolling Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


SCOTT ALTENBURGER, JUDGE

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