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Miami County Juvenile Court Miami County Probate Court 2023 Annual Report

Judge Scott Altenburger



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HONORABLE SCOTT ALTENBURGER



Serving as the Judge of Miami County, Juvenile and Probate Courts is a privilege. My primary objective is to prioritize community safety while also supporting families through various services aimed at assisting youth, parents/caregivers and guardians. Collaborating with community partners, the court strives to establish and uphold standards of appropriate conduct for both adults and youth. Ohio law mandates a delicate balance between consequences for deviant behavior and rehabilitation, ensuring accountability for juveniles and adults alike.

Victims of crimes are afforded the utmost respect, compassion, and fairness. Under the recent Amendment to the Ohio Constitution, victims or their representatives, now receive more information about court hearings and increased opportunities to have a voice in all court proceedings. Victims have a fundamental right to restitution for damages resulting from a juvenile's actions.

I take great pride in working alongside our dedicated court staff. Without their commitment, the Miami County Juvenile and Probate Courts would not be as effective in safeguarding the mental and physical well-being of children and ensuring community safety. As we move forward into 2024, our collective dedication remains unwavering. We are steadfast in our resolve to provide access to justice and essential services for children and families, fostering improvements in their lives and contributing positively to community safety.

Biography of Judge

Judge Scott Altenburger was first elected in 2018 to fill an unexpired term, to serve as Judge of the Miami County Juvenile and Probate Courts. He was re-elected Judge in 2020. 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 of Ohio teaching license for 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 courts. 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 these roles, he personally handled in excess of 30,000 family law cases. For more than 18 years, he was 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.

Since being elected, Judge Altenburger has secured over 1.5 million dollars in state grants for the operation of the court and court programs. He secured an \$85,000.00 grant from the Ohio Supreme Court for courtroom video equipment to effectively and efficiently handle cases during the Covid-19 pandemic. He and his court have handled over 3,500 probate cases and 12,500 juvenile cases. Judge Altenburger believes experience, integrity and fairness are the hallmarks of an effective judge. He pledges to give each case the 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 Domestic Relations Judges, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and past member of the Ohio Magistrates Association.

He has been married for over 36 years to Kay Altenburger, a registered nurse and retired school treasurer. They have two daughters: Dr. Lauren Altenburger Hastings, graduate of The Ohio State University and an assistant professor at Penn State University, and Dr. Kristen Altenburger, graduate of Stanford University and senior research scientist at Meta.

Miami County Juvenile Court Judges

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

Current Magistrates

Katherine Severt



D. Andrew Venters



Hillary Jaqua



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 and responsibilities for children whose parents were never married.

Juvenile Court becomes involved in the lives of persons 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 whose circumstances require orders of paternity, custody, visitation, and child support

The Court also hears cases involving adults who contribute to the unruliness or delinquency of a minor, and those parents who fail to send their children to school as required by law.

The Court protects the interests and rights of 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, Miami County Child Protective Services Agency, and Miami County Prosecutor's office.

Under the direction of Judge Scott Altenburger and with the support of three full-time magistrates, the Court provides a broad range of preventative 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 2023.

2023 Updates

New Staff to the Court

In 2023, the Court continued to have staffing changes. In Probation, the department hired one new probation officer.



Andrew Austria

The Juvenile and Probate Clerk's offices has added the following staff:



Krista Godwin-Juvenile



Melissa Smith-Probate

New Probation Study Area

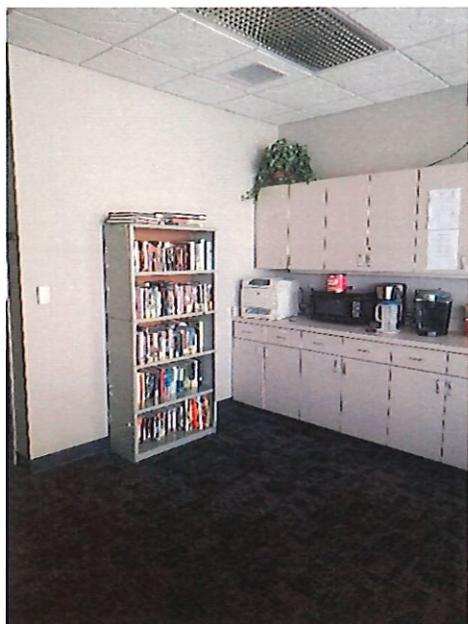
In 2023, the common area in the probation department was revamped to include a study area where youth can complete school work, court orders, reading and writing assignments, and apply for employment. It also provides an area for youth and staff to come together for mentorship opportunities in a relaxed atmosphere.



Before



After



Before



After

Courtroom 1 Upgrades

After more than five decades, Courtroom 1 underwent a significant transformation, blending tradition with technological advancements to redefine the space's functionality and aesthetics. Gone is the worn-out fabric seating, replaced by sleek, minimalist designs crafted from sustainable materials that are easy to clean. The layout embraces accessibility, with wider aisles and adjustable seating to accommodate diverse needs. The design also includes permanent seating for jury trials. A cutting-edge audiovisual system was replaced a couple years earlier through an \$82,000.00 grant from the Ohio Supreme Court. The new design allows for video hearings when the need arises. The atmosphere retained its solemnity, yet now resonates with innovation, embodying a new era of justice where tradition is harmonized with progress. The space is now well-suited to address the unique needs that juveniles present, as well as provide versatility to address important probate matters, such as adoptions, guardianships, and estate matters.



Before



After

Probate Clerks Office Upgrade

The Probate Clerks Office also received a facelift this year with new cubicles and office furniture.



Before



After

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 2023 charges:

Charges	
Agg Vehicular Homicide	1
Arson	0
Assault Misdemeanor	65
Assault Felony	1
Curfew	0
Breaking & Entering	5
Burglary & Agg Burglary	0
Carry/Concealed Weapon	0
Conspiracy	0
Contempt of Court Order	139
Convey Drugs	0
Criminal Damaging	16
Criminal Mischief	3
Cruelty to Animals	0
Discharge Fireworks	2
Disorderly Conduct	53
Disseminating Harmful Material	1
Domestic Violence	28
Drug Abuse	11
Drug Paraphernalia	18
Drug Possession	7
Drug Trafficking & Agg. Drug Trafficking	0
Failure to Comply	2
Falsification	2
Inducing/Inciting Panic or Violence	0
Harassment	2
Illegal Use of a Minor	2
Littering	0
Making False Alarm	3
Menacing & Agg. Menacing	9

No O.L.	1
Obstructing Official Business/Justice/Failure to Disclose	4
Open Container	2
Other Weapons Charges	0
OVI	1
Pandering	17
Parole Violation	2
Robbery	0
Possession of Alcohol/Underage Consumption	14
Probation Violation	44
Rape	13
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Resisting Arrest	3
Sexual Imposition & Gross Sexual Imposition	3
Skateboard on a Sidewalk	1
Strangulation	1
Tobacco Violation	1
Tampering w/ Evidence/Property	0
Theft/Grand Theft Auto/Misuse of Credit Card/Identity	42
Consent Required	0
Park Hour Viol	0
Trespassing/Criminal Trespassing	13
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle/Property	3
Unruly	2
Vandalism	3
Furn Alcohol Minor	0
Weapon on School Grounds	1
Total Delinquency Charges	542
Total Delinquency Cases Filed or Reactivated	441

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 a Community Control Facility (felony only)
- ◆ Place the child in foster care or in a residential center
- ◆ Require 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 Court 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 2023 unruly charges:

2023 Unruly Charges Filed

Truancy	57
Curfew Violations	26
Incorrigible	136
Behavior that injures health or morals	7
Tobacco Law Violations	4
Total Charges	230
Total Unruly Cases	389
Total dispositions entered	407

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

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Require the child to attend a specific community program

Juvenile Traffic

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 2023 included:

2023 Traffic Charges Filed

Speeding	165
Fail To Control/Reckless Operation	27
Failure to Maintain Distance	36
Seatbelt/Child Restraint	6
Disregarding Traffic Control Device (Sign/Lights)	33
Fail To Yield	29
Improper Backing, Turn or Lane Change	4
No OL/Permit/Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive	32
Driving Under Influence & Related	6
Driving Under Suspension	10
Fictitious/Expired/Missing	0
Plate/Registration/insurance	6
Probationary or temporary license restriction	6
No Head or Tail Lights	6
Leaving the Scene	3
Failure to stop for School Bus	9
Drag Racing	0
Squealing Tires/Noise Ordinance	0
Motorcycle Helmet	0
Off Road Vehicle	0
Speed in School Zone	2
Passing Within 100 Feet	0
Distracted Driving/Texting	0
Marked Lanes	8
Unsafe Vehicle	1
Turn Signal Violation	3
Other	9
Total Traffic Bureau Charges	54
Total Traffic Charges	401
Total Traffic Cases	356

Possible dispositions for juvenile traffic offender include:

- ◆ 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 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

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 Child Protective Services, law enforcement, and other social agencies.

2023 Abuse, Neglect & Dependency Charges Filed

Abuse, Neglect and Dependency	89
Motion for Permanent Custody	18
Bridges Program	2
Permanent Planned Living Arrangement	1
Case Plan	105
Voluntary Agreement of Temporary Custody	1

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 concerning abused, neglected, and dependent children including:

- ◆ Order protective supervision by Miami County Child Protective Services
- ◆ Remove the child from the home on a temporary basis and give custody to Child Protective 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 Child 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 and enforcement cases involve working with the Miami County Child Support Agency.

2023 Paternity, Custody, Visitation & Child Support Charges Filed

Custody/Visitation	580
Support Enforcement/Modifications	458
Admin cases with no hearings	580
Parentage	50
Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	9

Caretaker Authorization	0
Grandparent Power of Attorney	14
Contempt (Child Support)	216
Contempt (Non-Child Support)	64
Imposition (Child Support)	26
Imposition (Non-Child Support)	0
Other	0

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, failure to send a child to school and contempt of court regarding orders made by the Juvenile Court.

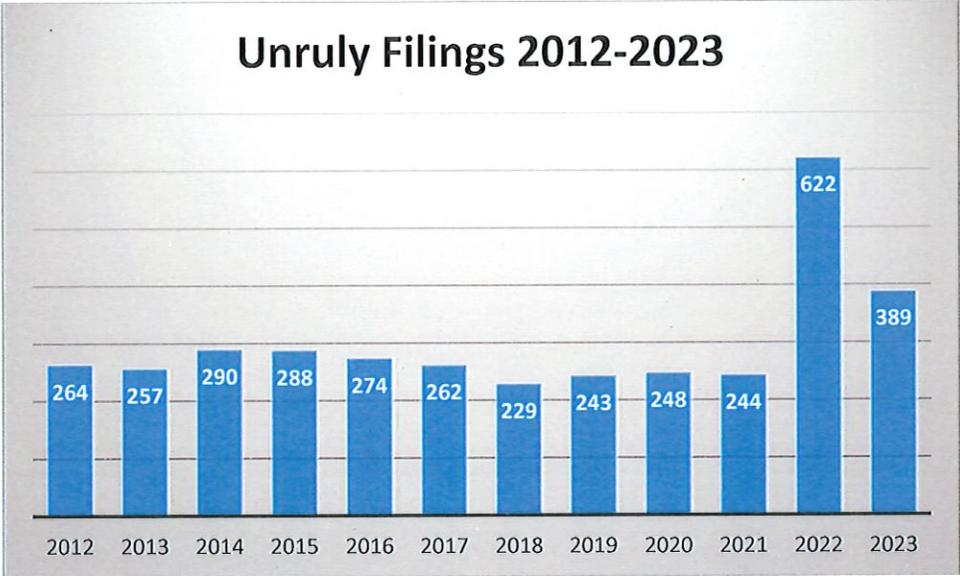
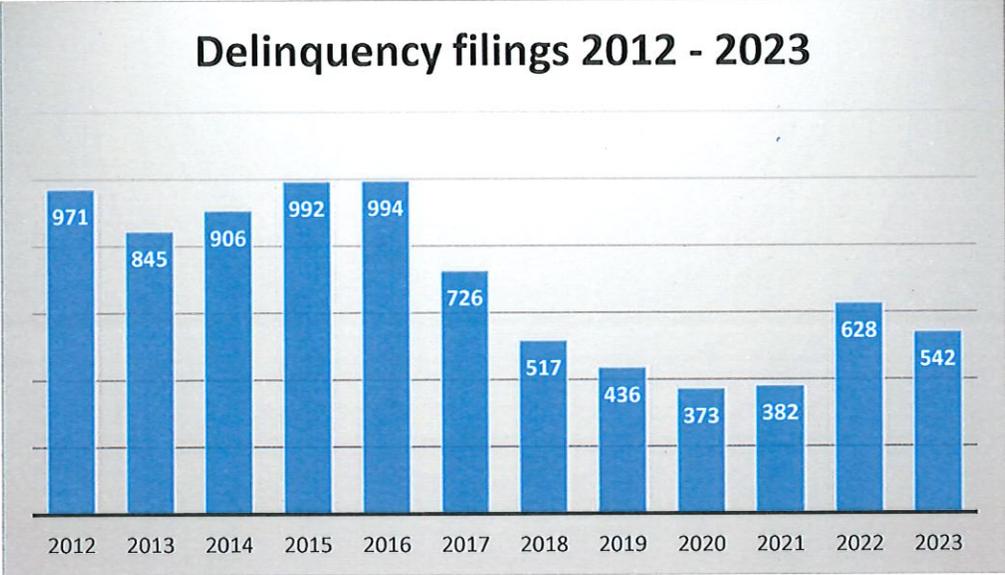
2023 Adult Charges Filed

Child Endangering	0
Contempt of Court	50
Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor	2
Failure to send to school	42
Imposition of sentence	1
Adult charges filed	95
Total Adult Criminal Cases Filed and Reactivated	75

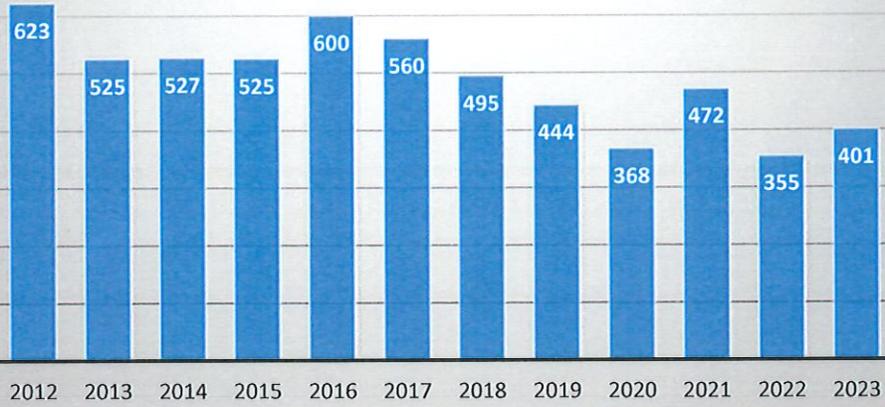
Miscellaneous Cases

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, and civil protective orders. In 2023, the court handled 9 such filings, which were nine civil protection cases.

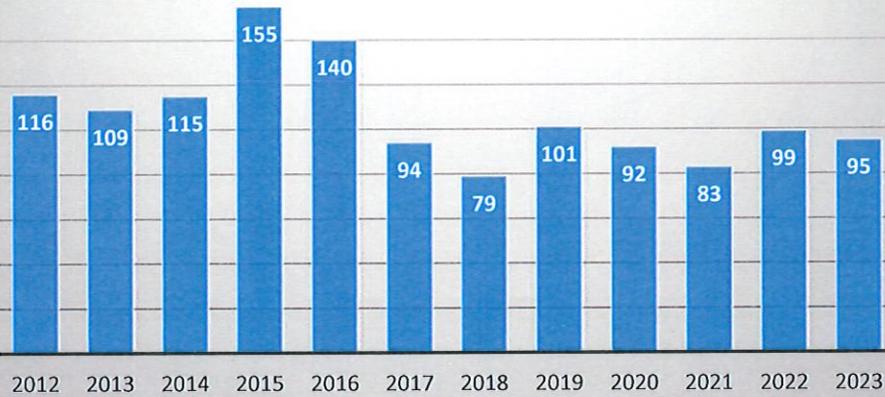
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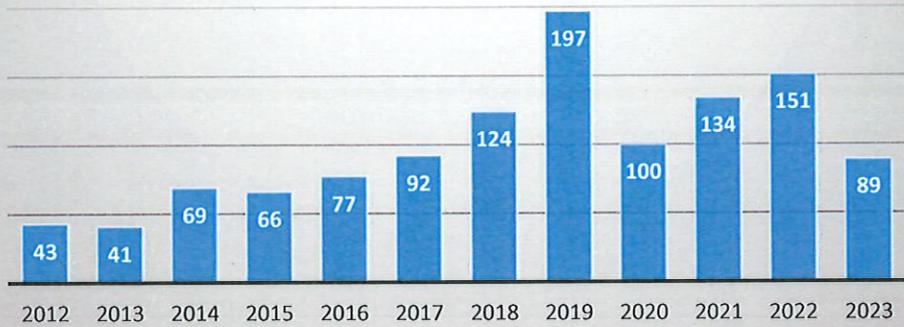
Traffic Filings 2012-2023



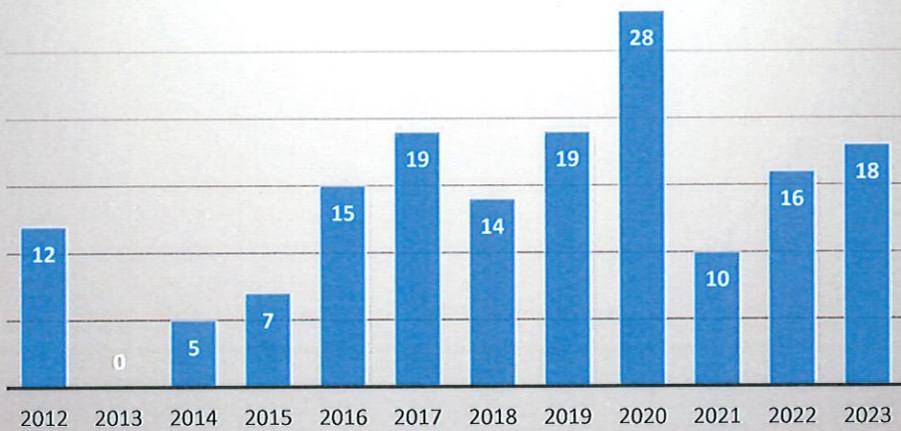
Adult Filings 2012 - 2023



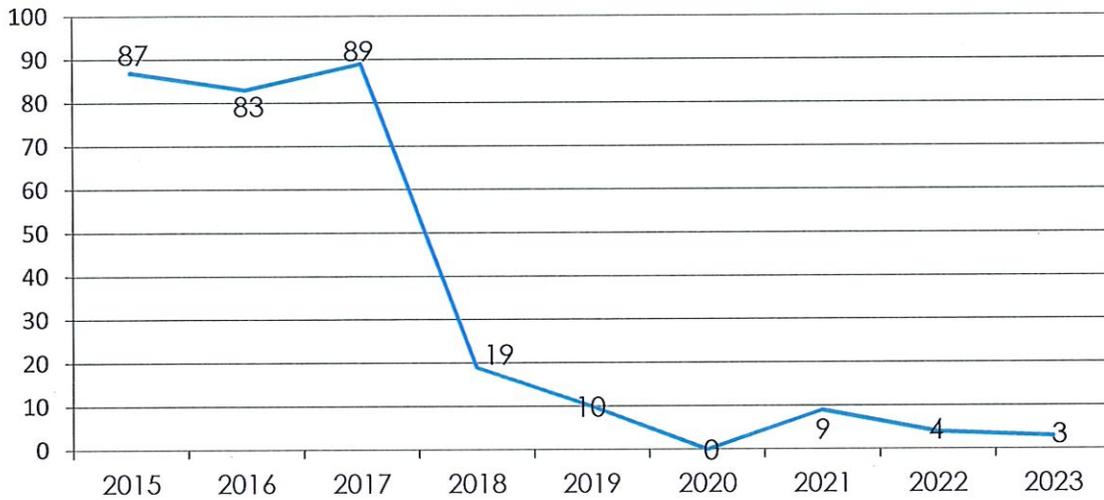
Abuse/Neglect/Dependency 2012-2023



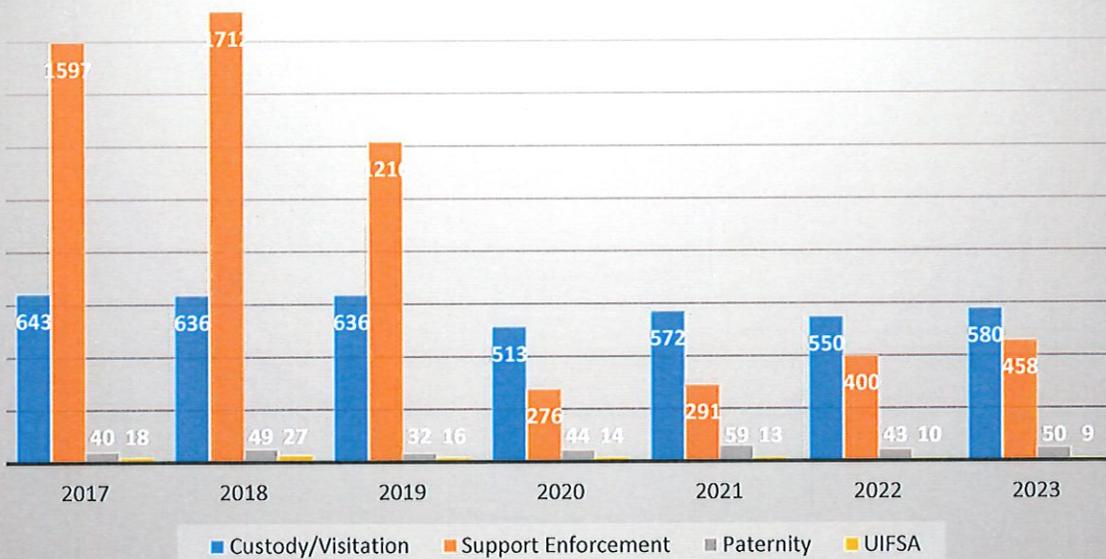
Permanent Custody 2012-2023



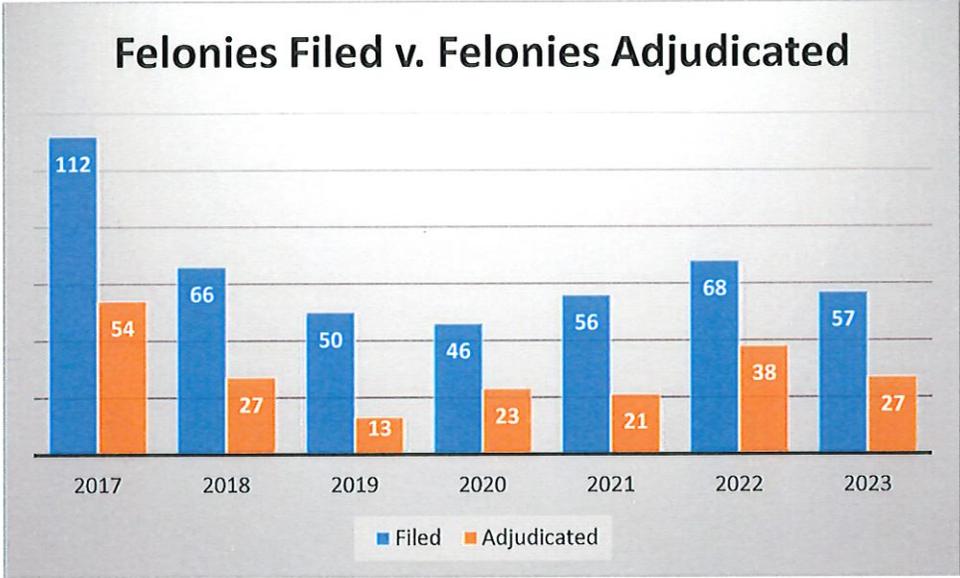
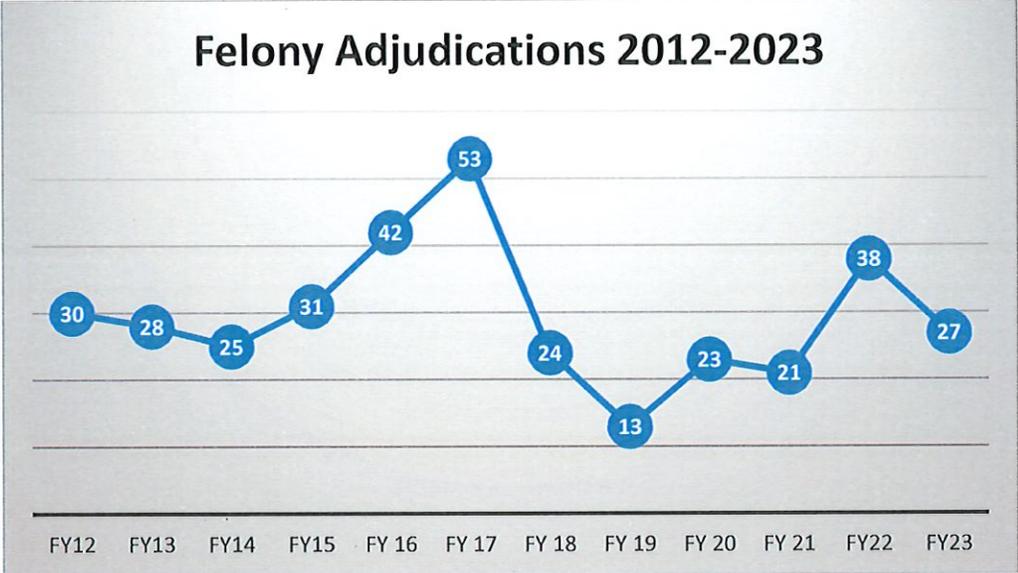
Number of Cases Pending Beyond Supreme Court Time Guidelines



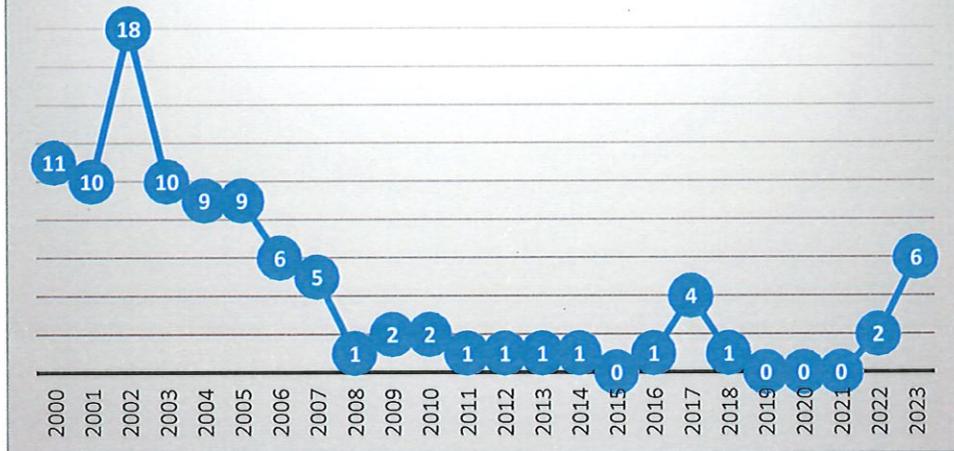
Custody/Visitation, Child Support and Paternity



Adjudication Trends

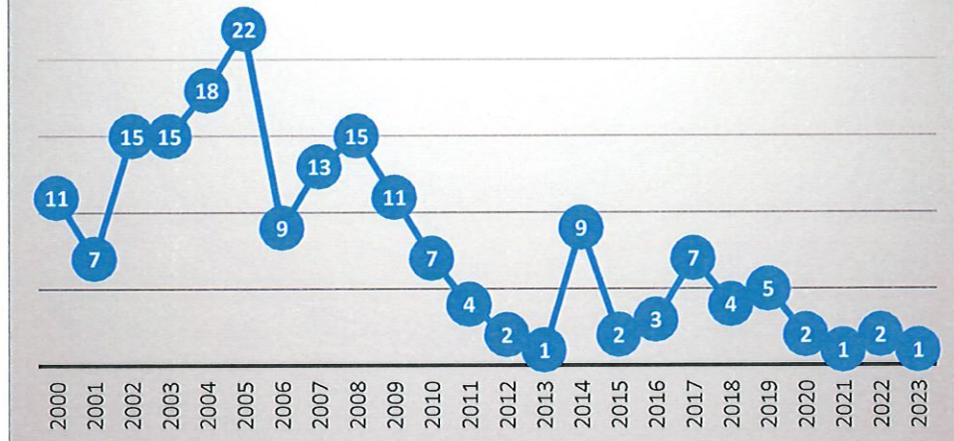


DYS Commitments 2000-2023



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

CCF Commitments 2000-2023



Community Control Facilities house youth that have committed felonies for generally a period of six to nine months.

The Ohio Department of Youth Services operates 11 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



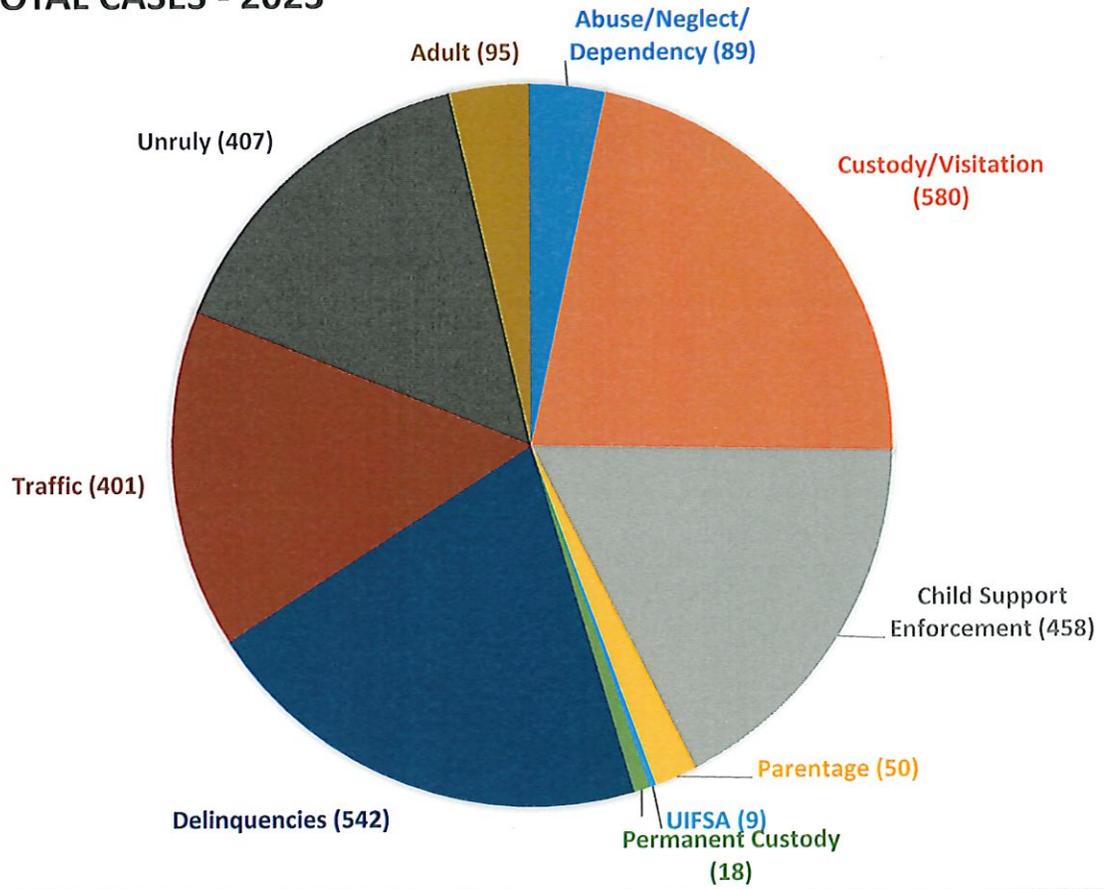
Nicole Rodriguez – Chief Deputy Clerk

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 six full-time clerks, the office serves all the clients of the Court.

2023 Court Activity

Total Cases Filed	2487
Total Cases Terminated	2417

TOTAL CASES - 2023



Juvenile Probation



Elizabeth Harshbarger – Chief Probation Officer

The Miami County Juvenile Probation Department's mission is to encourage youth to behave responsibly, and ensure the community's safety through the enforcement of court orders and terms of probation. The department engages youth through the combination of evidence-based practices, incentivized goals, and collaborations with local agencies and schools. Skill streaming groups for parents and youth on probation are offered. These groups allow families to gain knowledge and skills that will make youth 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.

In 2023, the probation staff consisted of six full-time probation officers and one probation assistant/community service supervisor. The staff serves the needs of the youth and their families by utilizing a team-based approach. Additionally, the probation department offers 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 set forth above, 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.
- A variety of assessments of the youth's level of risk, trauma history, and thought process to develop 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 ensure accountability.
- House Arrest Monitoring Program which supervises youth placed on house arrest and Electronically Monitored House Arrest.
- **YEI!** (Youth Enhancement Initiative) formally our community service program, which gives youth the opportunity to participate in supervised work projects which benefit the community. This includes a focus on Educational Empowerment, Social Empowerment, and Personal Empowerment.
- 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 in partnerships with community agencies, which serve as beneficial interventions for both youth and parents.

2023 Assessment Statistics

Miami County Juvenile Court utilizes the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) risk assessments, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), Child & Adolescence Needs and Strengths (CANS), and How I Think (HIT) assessments to guide staff. Any youth adjudicated on a first degree misdemeanor offense or higher will undergo one or more of these assessments. The assessments provide the court with the level of risk that a youth poses, history of trauma, the families' strengths and needs, and insight into possible cognitive distortions. Following assessments, probation staff uses the information gathered to make dispositional recommendations and individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention.

Assessment Demographics	
Total	67
Males	46
Females	21

Offense Type	
Misdemeanor	55
Felony	10
Unruly	2
Traffic	0

City of Residence	
Piqua	27
Troy	22
Tipp City	7
West Milton/Laura	2
Bradford	0
Covington	4
Other	5

Disposition	
Probation	38
Other	23
DYS	1
Lived out of county	0
Pending	5

Charges placed on Probation

	Theft	3
Misuse of credit card	1 Resisting Arrest	2
Criminal Damaging	2 Menacing	1
Assault	6 Drug Possession(or	
Contempt	1 attempted)/Drug Paraphernalia	4
UAC/Possession	2 Domestic Violence	2
Disorderly Conduct	4 Gross Sexual Imposition/Attempt	1
B & E	1 Disseminating Harmful Material	1
Vehicular Vandalism	2 Attempted Felonious Assault	1
Rape	1 Illegal Use of a Minor	1
Vehicular Homicide	1 Making False Alarms	1
	Total	38

2023 Probation Department

Probation Assignments

Males	25
Females	12
African American	5
Caucasian	32
Other	0
Felony	7
Misdemeanor	30
Unruly	0
Total Youth Ordered	37
Total Youth from Previous Year	40
TOTAL SERVED	77

Probation by City

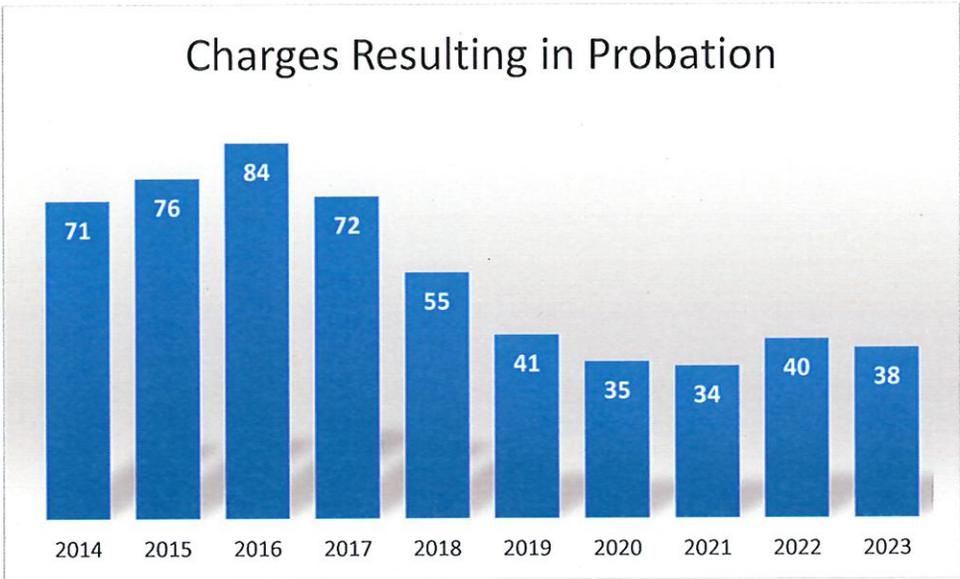
Tipp City	3
Bradford/Covington/Pleasant Hill	0
West Milton/Ludlow Falls/Laura	1
Piqua	17
Troy	15
Other	1

Probation by Age

11- Under	0	14 & 15	15
12 & 13	4	16 & Up	21

School Attended	
Homeschooled	0
Miami East High	2
Milton Union High	3
Milton Union Middle	1
Piqua High	9
Piqua Jr. High	5
Troy Jr. High	1
Troy High	4
Upper Valley Career	3
Other	12

Felony Charges	
Agg Assault	2
Felonious Assault	1
Breaking Entering	6
Drug Offense	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	4
Pandering	1
Weapons	1
Theft	1
Total Charges	17



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 preventive measures 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 these 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.

2023 Care & Control Statistics

Released from custody during year to:				Placed in Care & Control	
Parental Home		2		Males	4
Relative Placement		0		Females	0
Miami Co. Child Protective Services		0		Caucasian	3
Other Custodian		0		African American	1
				Other	0
Age at time of placement				IV(e) eligible	0
12 & 13	0	16 & Up	2		
14 & 15	2				

Alternatives to Detention

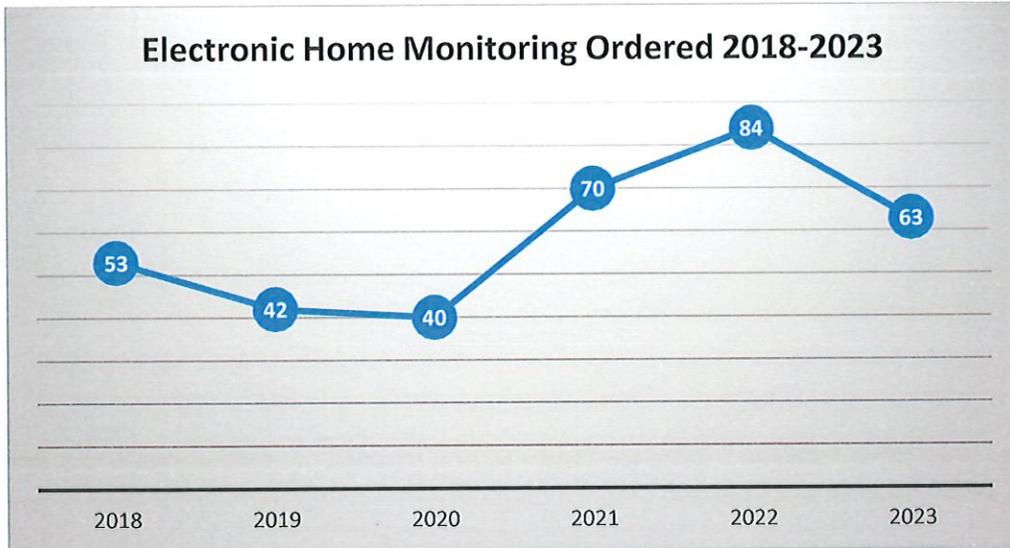
House arrest and electronic home monitoring are two alternatives that allow a youth to remain in the community yet restrict a youth's movement within the community. These strategies allow a youth to continue to live at home and attend school, work, counseling, and other approved activities. These programs serve as a short-term sanction and remind juveniles that they need to follow 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.

2023 Electronic Home Monitoring

Males	44	Terminated Unsuccessfully	10
Females	7	Terminated Successfully	43
Caucasian	44	Carryover from 2022	12
African American	7	Still Active	10
Other	0		
Felony	30	TOTAL YOUTH SERVED	63
Misdemeanor	21		
Total Youth Ordered	51		

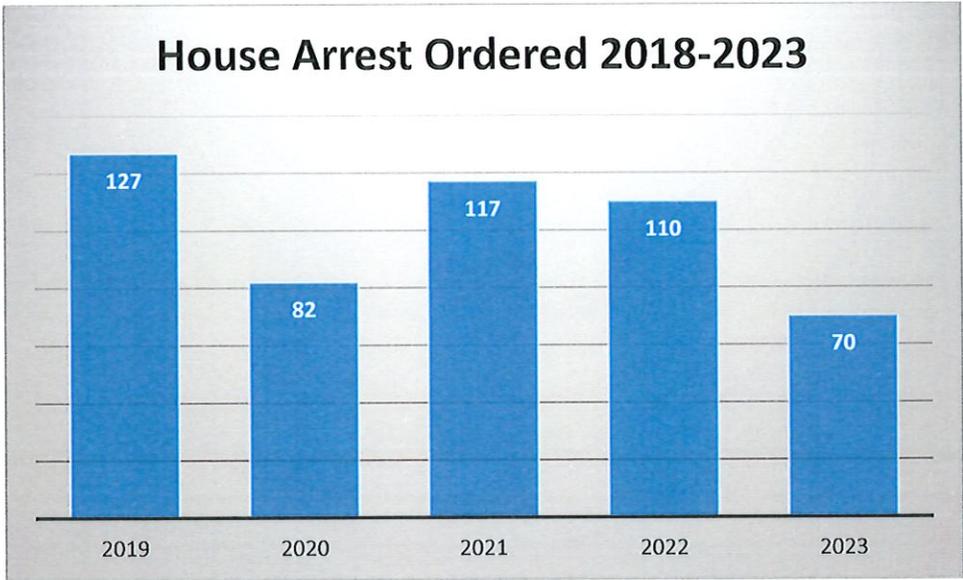


House Arrest Monitoring Program

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 in order to determine their compliance with the Court's order. 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.

2023 House Arrest Monitoring

Males	53	Felony	34
Females	17	Misdemeanor	36
		Unruly	0
Caucasian	58	Terminated Unsuccessfully	15
African American	11	Terminated Successfully	51
Other	1		
TOTAL YOUTH ORDERED	70		
Average length of time on HA			52 days



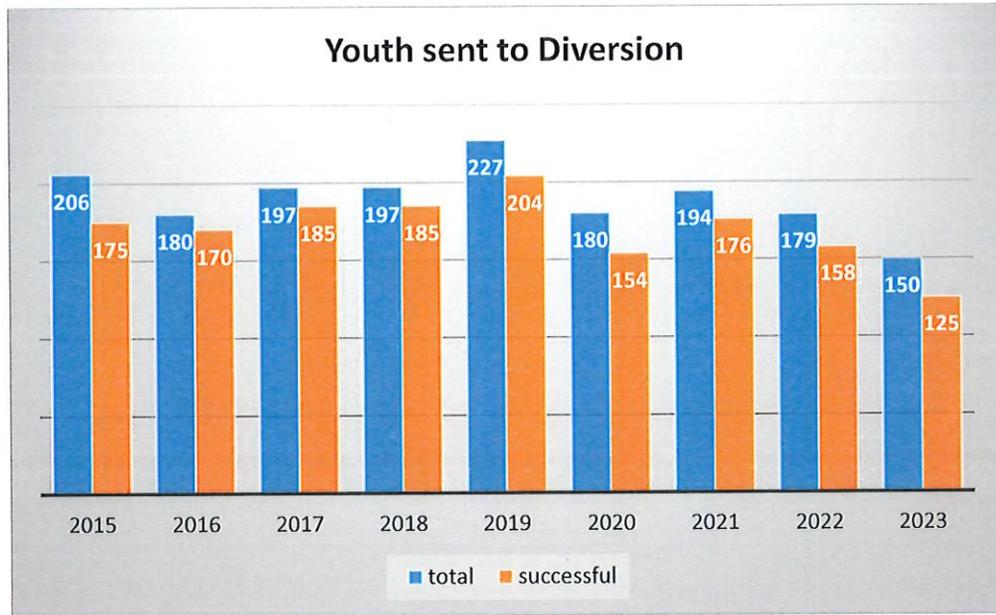
Diversion Services

The Diversion Program is an alternative to formal court proceedings. All charges against first-time offenders are reviewed by Diversion Coordinator, Andrew Austria, 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.

2023 Diversion Program

Diversion	
Retained from Previous Year	48
Filed in 2023	150
Successfully Completed	124
Unsuccessful	24
Total Pending at end of Year	43
TOTAL SERVED	198

Truancy Charges	
Sent to Diversion	44
Successful	22
Unsuccessful	12
Dismissed	1
Adjudicated charges	18
Pending	25



Diversion – Outcomes/Status

	Successful	Unsuccessful	Pending
Criminal Damaging	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	6	1	0
Criminal Trespassing	9	0	1
Curfew	6	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	12	0	4
Drug Abuse	7	0	1
Drug Paraphernalia	5	0	0
Drug Possession	2	0	0
Fireworks	1	0	0
Theft	7	4	2
Tobacco	1	1	0
Truancy	22	12	25
Underage Consumption	4	0	0
Unruly	43	7	8
TOTALS	125	25	42

Community Service/Restitution

The **YEI!** Program (Youth Empowerment Initiative), formally our Community Service Program, is designed for youth who have been ordered by the Court to perform community service hours as a consequence for their behavior. This program was revamped in September 2023 to focus not only on consequences for negative behaviors, but to also create an environment of empowerment for our youth. The key components include:

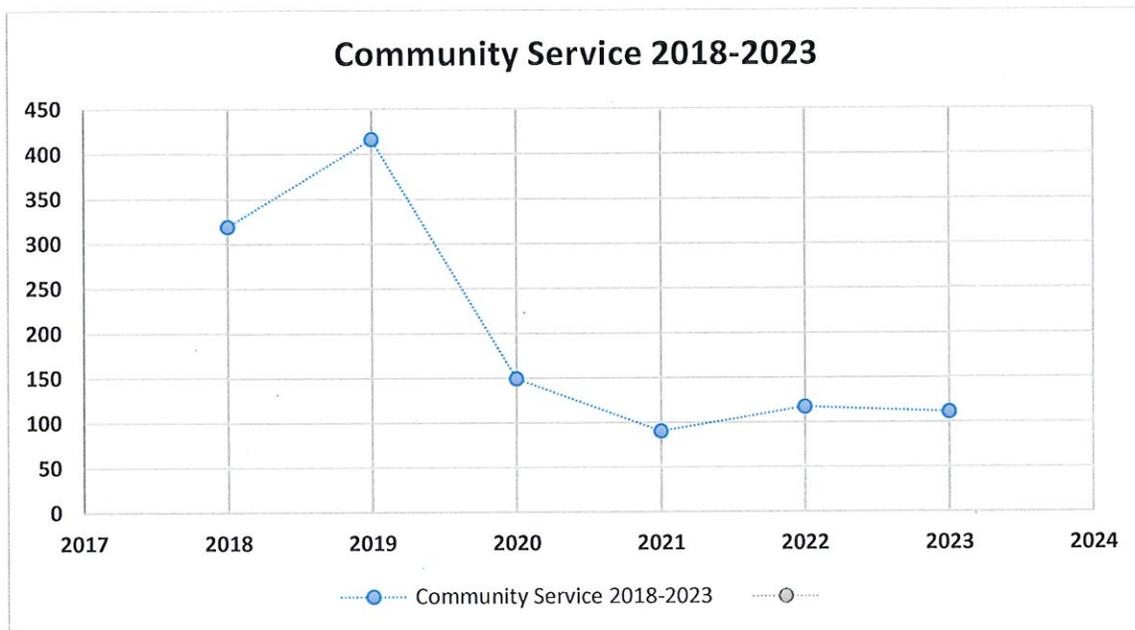
- **Educational Empowerment:** Offering quality education and educational resources to individuals, allowing them to acquire knowledge and skills that enhance their decision-making abilities and opportunities.
- **Social Empowerment:** Promoting inclusivity and social justice, ensuring that all individuals have equal rights and opportunities regardless of their background, gender, race, or other factors.
- **Personal Empowerment:** Boosting an individual's self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-belief, so they feel capable of making choices and taking action in their own lives.

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. All youth involved with the Court can be enrolled in the program, whether they are on probation, participating in diversion and/or have a charge before the court without other supervision.

Youth work at sites in the community and are supervised by a Community Service Supervisor. Work is scheduled so as not to interfere with school, occurring late afternoon, during summer break, and on school vacations. Efforts are made to enroll youth in sites within their home communities. The program has several sites including city and county municipal buildings, food pantries, the animal shelter, and YMCAs/recreational facilities. In 2023, 117 youth provided 878 hours of service to the community.

2023 Community Service Program

Program Admissions	
Males	81
Females	30
TOTAL	111



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.



Probation Department Programs

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 32 classes that are offered on a wide variety of topics including, but are not limited to, drug and alcohol education, bullying, and parenting support. These courses are predominately offered to youth that are in our diversion program. In total, Miami County Juvenile Probation/Court had youth and families access 168 classes in 2023.

R Rules Class

In the fall of 2022, Miami County Juvenile Court and Partners in Hope collaborated to develop a new program. The R Rules class strives to teach youth that all people have resources, all people are problem solvers, and all people use their resources to face challenges and live well. This 8-week course is geared toward our most at risk youth to provide additional skills and supports that will help them make better decisions in the future.

Incentive Program

In 2023, 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 incentives to motivate youth to change behaviors. 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, drawing materials, to gift cards. The number and frequency of these rewards are determined 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 youth and their parents. Juveniles are ordered into these programs according to their needs.

Educational Groups

- HEALTH class is provided by contract with TCN. This program works with first time offenders who have come before the Court on an alcohol or substance abuse charge. The program includes a 3 hour educational session, a substance use assessment, and a parent component. In 2023, 16 youth were referred to this program. A total of ten (10) groups were held, once monthly.
- 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 to adulthood. The program is geared toward youth ages 15-18. Skills covered in these groups include health and safety, housing and meal preparations, job readiness, financial management, life decisions and responsibilities, and personal and social relationships. In 2023, four (4) groups were held, educating 16 youth.
- Outreach is provided by contract with TCN 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 to increase knowledge of personal use patterns, decrease or eliminate the use of substances, and decrease the risk of addiction and future substance abuse related offenses. In 2023, 19 youth were referred to 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 8 weeks in length with 16 hours total classroom time, facilitated by Partners in Hope. In 2023, 20 families were referred to this program.
- 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.

Mental Health Services

- In 2023, Miami County Juvenile Court continued to contract with a licensed therapist. Kari Higgins completes assessments, evaluations as well as individual and family counseling. Ms. Higgins is also licensed in sex offender treatment. Youth adjudicated of a sexual offense received an assessment and possibly out-patient individual treatment by Ms. Higgins. These appointments occur at our Piqua Probation office, West Central Juvenile Detention Center and virtually. Ms. Higgins completed the following in 2023:
 - Diagnostic assessments - 11
 - Counseling – 20
 - Sex Offender assessments – 7
 - Sex Offender counseling - 5

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 2023, 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 2023, 55 volunteers served 205 children, which is a decrease from 2022, when 59 volunteers served 254 children. The Court also may provide an attorney to represent the child.

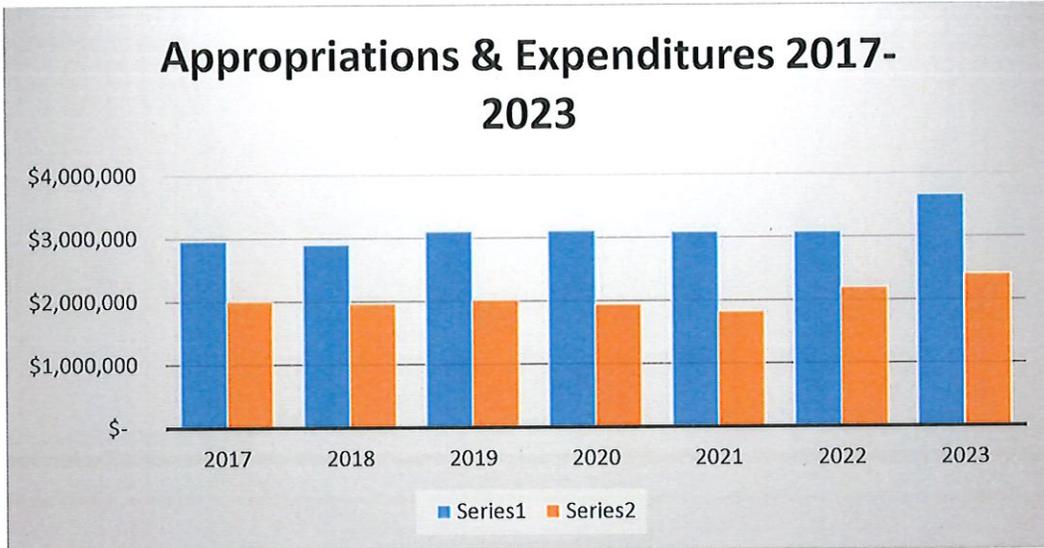
Financial Report



Hannah Parshall – Fiscal Director

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.

	2023 Appropriations & Carryover		Expenditures
General Fund - Juvenile Court	\$	1,692,076.75	\$ 1,349,177.92
General Fund - Juvenile Probation	\$	784,695.64	\$ 459,505.87
General Fund - Juvenile Probation (Special Int. Pr	\$	1,154.76	\$ -
Felony Delinquent Care and Custody	\$	417,136.04	\$ 450,181.45
Juv. Probation Title IV-E Administration	\$	243,955.36	\$ 76,746.89
Juv. Probation Title IV-E Maintenance	\$	315,943.76	\$ 48,080.58
Juv. Court Child Support Fund	\$	2,000.00	\$ -
Juv.Computerization	\$	9,330.00	\$ 1,492.95
Special Projects - General	\$	183,598.78	\$ 17,637.82
Legal Research	\$	3,000.00	\$ 1,258.86
Indigent Driver Fund	\$	1,000.00	\$ -
Youthful Driver Safety	\$	9,200.00	\$ 6,750.00
Totals	\$	3,663,091.09	\$ 2,410,832.34



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. 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.

2023 FINES & COURT COSTS COLLECTED

COURT COSTS	44,894.83
COMPUTER FEES	12,004.85
LEGAL RESEARCH	2,367.00
SHERIFF FEES	1,421.00
LAW LIBRARY	1,250.00
COUNTY FINES	6,472.31
MOTOR VEHICLE FINES	1,131.21
COUNTY DRUG FINES	50.00
MISC COSTS	0.00
COPY SERVICE	63.80
WITNESS FEES	48.00
SPECIAL PROJECT - GEN	24,908.00
DRUG TESTING	730.00
P.D. APPLICATION FEE	1,476.00
P.D. RECOUP FEES	0.00
TOBACCO FEES	0.00
IDAT	382.50
STATE OF OHIO	15,406.45
BOARD OF PHARMACY	75.00
ARRESTING AGENCY	30.00
SUNDRIES	9,366.39
BONDS RECEIVED	7,191.61
DEPOSIT RECEIVED	-3,591.92
TOTALS	122,281.29



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 males and females 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 2023, the center had revenue of \$2,160,803.52 and operational expenses were \$2,149,888.94. All revenue comes from the counties utilizing the facility with no contribution from the Miami County General Fund.

West Central JDC provides youth with the basic necessities. The residents receive three meals per 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, 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 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 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 2023

2023 Stats

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Intakes	86	71	95	61	68	52	58	65	59	72	65	46	780
Female	23	14	30	17	20	19	13	17	23	24	17	11	228
Male	45	57	65	44	48	33	45	48	36	48	48	34	551
Non Conf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Days in Det.	1035	1160	1258	1092	1135	900	940	887	844	862	902	840	11855
Avg. Daily Pop	33.39	41.43	40.58	36.40	36.61	30.00	30.32	28.61	28.13	27.81	30.07	27.10	32.54
Avg. Stay Days	10.67	10.55	9.18	10.40	10.81	10.84	10.44	9.64	9.27	8.89	9.30	12.00	10.17
School Days	653	820.5	934.0	722	865	671	627	661	581	604	637	556	8331.5

Totals per County in 2023

	Auglaize	Clinton	Darke	Mercer	Miami	Preble	Shelby	Van Wert	Other	Total
Intakes	240	41	54	133	114	90	52	50	6	780
Total Days in Det.	1957	1153	1306	1626	1709	1016	1308	718	1092	11885
Avg. Length of Stay	8.15	28.12	24.19	12.23	14.99	11.29	25.15	14.36	182.00	35.61
Average Age	15.61	16.04	15.86	15.3	16.13	15.71	15.05	15	16.6	15.70

2023 Annual Report Statistical Summary

Cases Filed in 2023

Cases Filed/Transferred In	
Delinquent	441
Traffic	356
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	66
Unruly	389
Adult	75
Permanent Custody	18
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	629
Support Enforcement/Modifications	451
Parentage	48
UIFSA	5
Other	9
Total Cases Filed	2487

Cases Terminated in 2023

Cases Terminated by Case Type	
Delinquent	423
Traffic	341
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	74
Unruly	407
Adult	79
Permanent Custody	9
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	580
Support Enforcement/Modification	446
Parentage	41
UIFSA	8
Other	9
Total	2417

Cases Terminated by Type of Termination	
Trial by Judge	6
Trial by Magistrate	234
Dismissal	475
Admission by Judge	116
Admission by Magistrate	1113
Certification/Waiver Granted	1
Unavailability of Party for Trial	288
Transfers to another Court	64
Interlocutory Appeal	0
Other Terminations	120
Total	2417

Types of Dispositions for Youth in 2023

Types of Dispositions

- Detention
- Suspended commitment and/or placement in a residential facility
- Suspended commitment and/or placement in a CCF
- Suspended commitment and/or placement in DYS
- Probation Supervision
- Electronic Home Monitoring
- House Arrest
- Random Drug Screens
- Individual and/or family counseling
- Substance Abuse Groups
- Employability Group
- Independent Living Group
- Conflict Management Group
- Online classes
- Parent Project Group
- Suspended Driver's License and/or limited driving privileges
- YEI! Program (Community Service)
- Extra Chores
- CROPS Program
- Essays
- Letters of Apology
- Curfew
- No Contact orders
- Restitution/Fines/Court Costs
- Bind Over to Adult Court
- Protective Supervision CPS
- Permanent Custody CPS
- Jail Sentence (Adults)

Miami County Juvenile Court Contact Information

Judicial Assistant/Fiscal Officer – Hannah Parshall.....	440-3503
Juvenile Court Clerk's Office (general information)	440-5970
Chief Deputy Clerk –Nicole Rodriguez.....	440-3533
Chief Probation Officer – Elizabeth Harshbarger.....	440-5985
West Central Detention Center - Lance Ray (Director).....	440-5428

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Miami County Probate Court

2023 Annual Report

Judge Scott Altenburger



Magistrates:

Katherine Kemp Severt

D. Andrew Venters

Hillary A. Jaqua

Chief Deputy Clerk/Fiscal Director:

Hannah Parshall

History of the Court

Probate Courts existed in the Northwest Territory prior to Ohio's statehood. They had authority in probate, testamentary, and guardianship cases, although the Probate Judge and two Common Pleas Judges issued all final judgments. In 1802, Ohio's first constitution abolished separate Probate Courts and transferred their authority to the Common Pleas Courts. Separate Probate Courts reappeared in 1851, when Ohio drafted a new constitution. This gave Probate Court the powers to grant marriage licenses and control land sales by appointed executors, administrators, and guardians. As a result of a 1912 constitutional amendment, county voters can decide by referendum whether or not to combine the Probate Court with the Court of Common Pleas. In 1969, the Probate Court became a division of the Court of Common Pleas.

The Probate Court has original jurisdiction in the settlement of estates. The Court held limited jurisdiction in minor criminal offenses from 1851 – 1932. The Probate Judge maintained a permanent record of births and deaths from 1867 to 1908. Since the 1850's, the Court has had jurisdiction over the appointment of guardians for minors and the mentally ill; the Judge can also commit the mentally ill to institutional care. The Probate Court exercised jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings in the last half of the nineteenth century until 1906, when the federal government assumed this power. The Probate Judge serves a six-year term and must be a licensed attorney who has practiced law for at least six years prior to election.

Miami County Probate Judges

Judge	Term
Hon. Benjamin F. Powers	1852 - 1856
Hon. Joseph Pearson	1856 - 1861
Hon. Samuel S. Davis	1861 - 1867
Hon. W. N. Foster	1867 - 1873
Hon. A. S. McKinney	1873 - 1879
Hon. William Johnston	1879 - 1885
Hon. W. J. Clyde	1885 - 1891
Hon. John C. Geyer	1891 - 1897
Hon. William Freshour	1897 - 1903
Hon. J. Harrison Smith	1903 - 1906
Hon. E. W. Maier	1906 - 1913
Hon. Lewis E. St. John	1913 - 1921
Hon. E. M. Bell	1921 - 1923
Hon. Raymond Kerr	1923 - 1924
Hon. Harry Powell	1924 - 1925
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	1997 - 2009
Hon. W. McGregor Dixon, Jr.	2009 - 2018
Hon. Scott Altenburger	2018 - Present

2023 PROBATE COURT STAFF

HEARING OFFICERS:

Chief Magistrate – Katherine Kemp Severt

Magistrate – D. Andrew Venters

Magistrate – Hillary Jaqua

DEPUTY CLERKS

Chief Deputy Clerk/Fiscal Director – Hannah Parshall

Deputy Clerk – Lisa Dotson

Deputy Clerk – Sara Gregg

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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
PROBATE DIVISION
2023

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2101.15

JANUARY	\$13,039.76
FEBRUARY	\$15,262.90
MARCH	\$21,014.15
APRIL	\$14,698.53
MAY	\$16,066.75
JUNE	\$17,572.27
JULY	\$12,335.92
AUGUST	\$16,796.90
SEPTEMBER	\$15,281.55
OCTOBER	\$15,941.54
NOVEMBER	\$10,877.65
DECEMBER	\$11,616.94
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$180,504.86

**IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
PROBATE DIVISION
2023**

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2101.15**

RECEIPTS APPLIED	\$139,116.45
DISBURSEMENTS APPLIED	\$136,473.67
FEE FUND (General Fund)	\$89,867.06
COMPUTER LEGAL RESEARCH FUND	\$1,980.00
COMPUTER FUND	\$12,530.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$14,800.00
INDIGENT GDSP. FUND	\$14,000.00
SHERIFF	\$1,111.80
SUNDRIES	\$20,170.22
LEGAL AID ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	\$130.52
LEGAL AID FUND	\$12,921.48
SHELTER FUND	\$10,081.00
PUTATIVE FATHER FUND	\$270.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$180,504.86

Ohio Supreme Court Case Statistics

2023

		<i>Quarter</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
Decedent's Estates	Filed During Quarter		148	131	111	98
	Closed During Quarter		139	117	123	145
	Pending at the End of Quarter		470	484	472	425
Guardianships of Minors	Filed During Quarter		1	3	0	3
	Closed During Quarter		6	2	1	2
	Pending at the End of Quarter		41	42	41	42
Guardianship of Incompetents	Filed During Quarter		6	15	7	22
	Closed During Quarter		6	8	8	10
	Pending at end of Quarter		394	401	400	412
	Emergency Filed		0	3	2	0
Conservatorships	Filed During Quarter		1	3	0	0
	Closed During Quarter		0	0	0	1
	Pending at end of Quarter		5	8	8	7
Testamentary Trusts	Filed During Quarter		2	2	0	3
	Closed During Quarter		2	3	0	6
	Pending at end of Quarter		105	104	104	101
Civil Actions	Filed During Quarter		1	2	1	2
	Closed During Quarter		1	0	1	0
	Pending at end of Quarter		5	7	7	9
Adoptions	Filed During Quarter		11	8	5	7
	Closed During Quarter		15	2	10	9
	Pending at end of Quarter		11	17	12	10
Mental Health and Civil Commitments	Filed During Quarter		0	2	0	0
	Closed During Quarter		0	2	0	0
	Pending at end of Quarter		0	0	0	0
Minors' Settlements	Filed During Quarter		2	5	1	1
	Closed During Quarter		1	5	3	4
	Pending at end of Quarter		49	49	47	44
Wrongful Death	Filed During Quarter		0	0	0	0
	Closed During Quarter		0	0	1	1
	Pending at end of Quarter		4	4	3	2
Changed Name	Filed During Quarter		11	18	15	19
	Closed During Quarter		12	15	21	15
Delayed Birth/Birth Correction	Filed During Quarter		0	0	1	0

Marriage Applications	Filed During Quarter	85	185	212	120
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TOTAL CASES FOR 2023

January – December 2023

Decedent's Estates	Filed During Year	488
	Closed During Year	524
	Pending at the End of Year	425
Guardianships of Minors	Filed During Year	7
	Closed During Year	11
	Pending at the End of Year	42
Guardianship of Incompetents	Filed During Year	50
	Closed During Year	32
	Pending at end of Year	412
	Emergency Filed	6
Conservatorships	Filed During Year	4
	Closed During Year	1
	Pending at end of Year	7
Testamentary Trusts	Filed During Year	7
	Closed During Year	11
	Pending at end of Year	101
Civil Actions	Filed During Year	6
	Closed During Year	2
	Pending at end of Year	9
Adoptions	Filed During Year	31
	Closed During Year	36
	Pending at end of Year	10
Mental Health and Civil Commitments	Filed During Year	2
	Closed During Year	2
	Pending at end of Year	0
Minors' Settlements	Filed During Year	9
	Closed During Year	13
	Pending at end of Year	44
Wrongful Death	Filed During Year	0
	Closed During Year	2
	Pending at end of Year	2
Changed Name	Filed During Year	63
	Closed During Year	63
Delayed Birth/Birth Correction	Filed During Year	1

Marriage Applications

Filed During Year

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-04-452

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF 2023 ANNUAL REPORT
JUVENILE COURT AND PROBATE COURT

Mr. Mercer introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. 2151.18, not later than June of each year, the court shall prepare an annual report covering the preceding calendar year showing the number and kinds of cases that have come before it, the disposition of the cases, and any other data pertaining to the work of the court that the juvenile judge directs, and shall file copies of said report with the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Juvenile Court Judge, Scott Altenburger, has filed such report with the Board of Miami County Commissioners on April 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 2151.18 states, with approval of the board, the court may print or cause to be printed copies of the report for distribution to persons and agencies interested in the court or community program for dependent, neglected, abused, or delinquent children and juvenile traffic offenders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Miami County Commissioners, to acknowledge receipt of Juvenile Court and Probate Court's 2023 Annual Report and authorize Juvenile Court to print the condensed version of said Annual Report for distribution to the community.

Mr. Simmons seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Absent.

DATED: April 23, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Janelle S. Barga, Clerk to the Board of Miami County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of action taken by the board under the date of April 23, 2024.



Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

Cc: Journal
Files
Juvenile Court – Judge Altenburger c/o Hannah Parshall ✓



MIAMI COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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Judge Scott Altenburger

April 17, 2024

Miami County Commissioners
201 West Main Street
Troy, Ohio 45373

Re: Miami County Juvenile Court and Probate Court 2023 Annual Report

Dear Miami County Commissioners,

Enclosed herein are five copies of the Miami County Juvenile and Probate Court 2023 Annual Report for your review. This report is being submitted for filing with the County Commissioners in accordance to O.R.C. 2152.71 (D) and 2151.18 (B).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Hannah Parshall

Hannah Parshall
Fiscal Director

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