

2003 ANNUAL REPORT

JUVENILE DIVISION

COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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JUDGE NICK KUNTZ

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DAYTON, OHIO 45418

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DAYTON, OHIO 45405

TO THE CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

We, at the Court, continue to be impacted by State and Federal funding cuts.

Center for Adolescent Services (CAS)

Due to these funding cuts, the Juvenile Court has not been able to implement the 10 bed Girls Unit and the 10 bed Transitional Services Unit at CAS. During 2003, CAS continued to establish links with community agencies to provide support services for youth returning to the community and their families.

New Detention Facility

The Juvenile Court and County Public Works have completed the final design phase for the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC), our new Detention Facility. The target date to begin construction is scheduled for the second half of 2004. JJC is likely to be completed in 2006. This new facility will service high-risk, pre-adjudicated youth who are not eligible for an alternative to detention. This facility will also serve adjudicated youth who require a short-term, high impact intervention corrections program.

Diversity Training

The Juvenile Court is committed to serving the needs of the community by adjusting the way we deliver services as the needs of the community change. In the Fall of 2003, the Court began a year long Diversity Workshop series to enhance the staff's cultural sensitivity to the diverse backgrounds of the populations that the Court serves in order to improve service delivery and customer satisfaction.

Reclaiming Futures Grant

The Reclaiming Futures Project, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant, continues to thrive. The primary goal of this project is to build a community effort to develop and coordinate a comprehensive system of substance abuse treatment and intervention for youth engaged in Drug Court. This project also incorporates the development of an informal support system, the Natural Helpers, for these youth and their families. Training for the first group of Natural Helpers has been completed in 2003.

Graduated Sanctions Project

In 2003, Juvenile Court was selected as a demonstration site for a National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Juvenile Sanctions (JSC) multi-year technical assistance grant. A two-day training schedule kicked off this effort with an overview of graduated sanctions and the development of goals to be pursued under this project. During 2003, Juvenile Court in conjunction with multiple community agencies focused on three goals and began to develop and enhance service delivery around mental health services and female gender-specific services and to strengthen our current court/community collaborative linkages. Specialized training will begin in early 2004.

MISSION STATEMENT

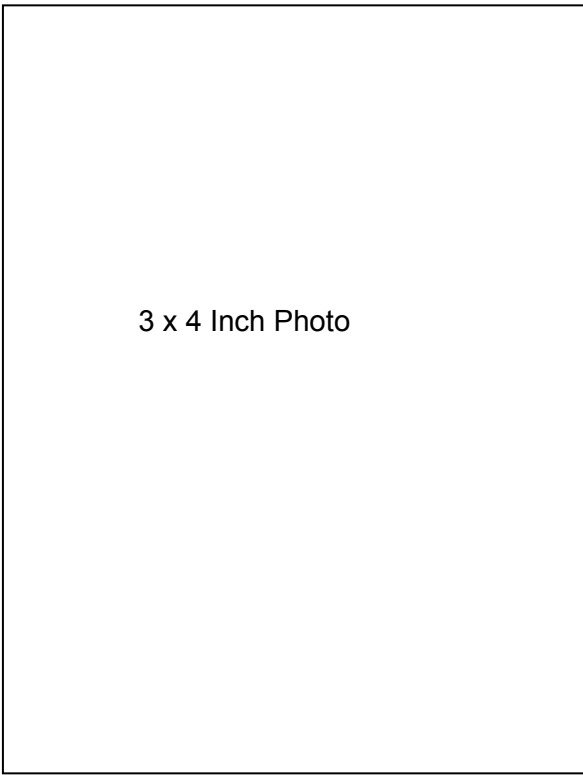
We are a Court of law dedicated to the task of upholding the Constitution and administering the laws of our land in a just and equal manner. We must strive to provide individualized justice for our children and protect our community, carefully balancing the interests of both. We believe there must be consequences for violation of the laws and that treatment begins with legal consequences. These consequences are intended to teach one responsibility and accountability for their actions. Yet our goal is not to punish but to rehabilitate whenever rehabilitation can be effected without endangering the community.

Goals:

We are a Juvenile Court and, although protecting children is everyone's responsibility, we must be the catalyst in rallying the entire community toward that end:

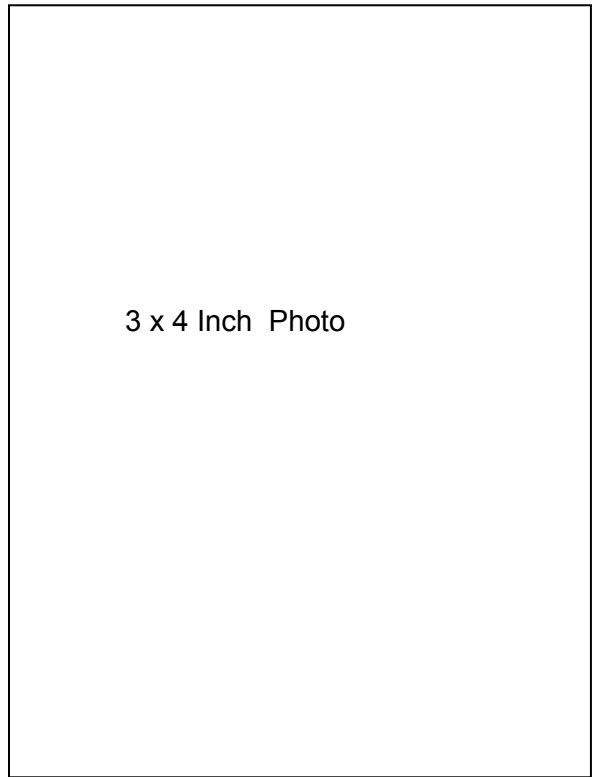
- Provide for the protection of the community through just and speedy consequences;
- Protect the abandoned, neglected and abused and assess and seek treatment for children in need;
- Be sensitive and responsive to individual victims and their families;
- Provide individualized justice for the offenders;
- Hold those accountable who fail to meet their obligations as parents, guardians or custodians;
- Be a leader in the effective and cost-efficient utilization of community resources for the treatment of children and families; and
- Demand high professional standards for ourselves and make every effort possible to demand the same standards from other government agencies and service providers.

We must pursue these goals vigorously and honestly with the utmost respect for the rights of all our citizens.



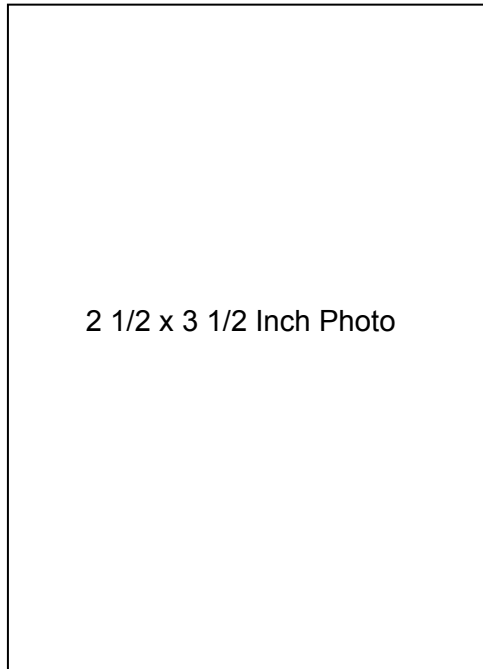
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**JUDGE MICHAEL B. MURPHY
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE**



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**LEE E. TOWNSEL
COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

REFERRAL SOURCES

THE FOLLOWING REFERRAL SOURCE INFORMATION IS DERIVED FROM ALL COMPLAINTS ON CHILDREN EXCEPT TRAFFIC REFERRALS.

Law Enforcement Agencies	Number of Referrals	Law Enforcement Agencies	Number of Referrals
Sheriff	850	Miamisburg	292
Dayton	3,675	Moraine	235
Ohio State Patrol	6	New Lebanon	47
Brookville	49	Oakwood	24
Butler Township	35	Perry Township	12
Centerville	208	Phillipsburg	2
Clayton	78	Riverside	242
Clay Township	20	Trotwood	829
Englewood	131	Union	58
Farmersville	1	Vandalia	142
German Township	25	Washington Township	1
Germantown	44	West Carrollton	199
Harrison Township	3		
Huber Heights	550	Five Rivers MetroParks	9
Jackson Township	0	Dayton Airport Police	10
Jefferson Township	0	University of Dayton Police	12
Kettering Police	550	Wright Patterson Air Force Base Police	0
Miami Township	574		

TOTAL: 8,913

Other Sources	Number of Referrals	Other Sources	Number of Referrals
Agencies:		School Districts (Continued):	
Juvenile Court	2,239	Montgomery County	29
Transferred from Other Counties	485	New Lebanon	2
Children Services Board	906	Northmont	9
County Prosecuting Attorney	1,384	Northridge Local	34
Support Enforcement Agency	44	Oakwood	0
		Trotwood-Madison	67
School Districts:		Valley View	10
Brookville Local	5	Vandalia-Butler	11
Centerville	5	West Carrollton	55
Dayton Public Schools	1,257		
Jefferson Township Local	2	Other Sources:	
Huber Heights	51	Parents or Relatives	225
Kettering	20	Attorneys	430
Mad River Local	12	Other	54
Miamisburg	49	Pro Se	708

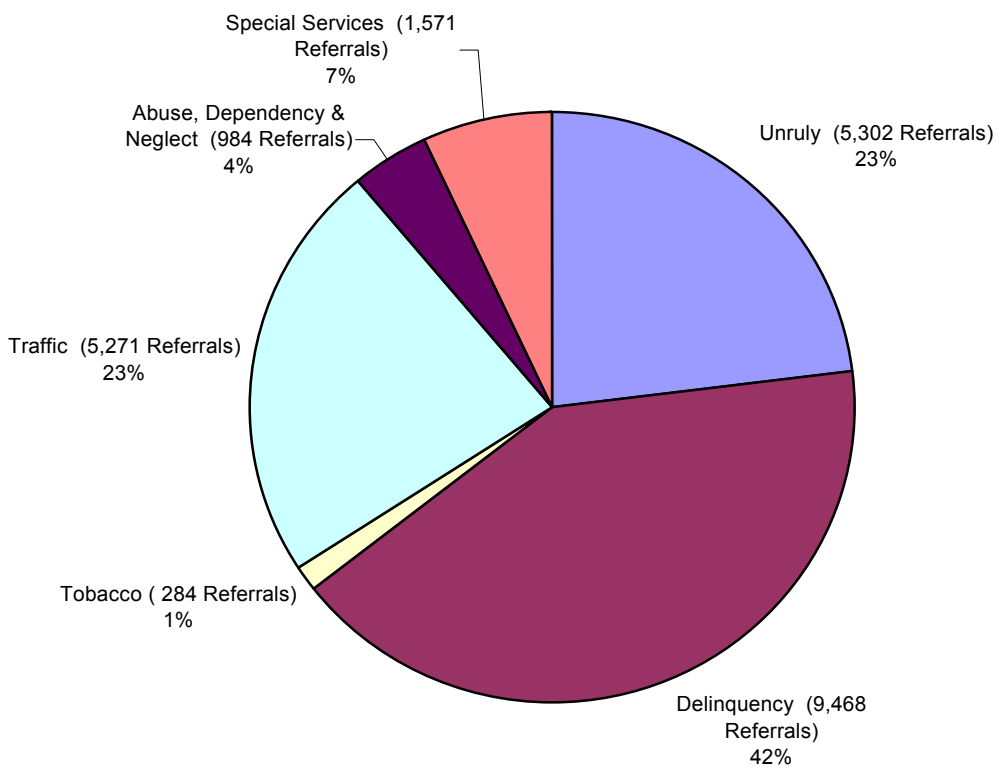
TOTAL: 8,093

REFERRALS ON JUVENILES

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION IS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HANDLING CASES ON DELINQUENT AND UNRULY CHILDREN AS WELL AS THOSE CHARGED WITH TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. THE COURT MUST ALSO MAKE JUDICIAL DETERMINATION RELATING TO DEPENDENT, NEGLECTED AND ABUSED CHILDREN.

2003 JUVENILE REFERRALS

Total Referrals: 22,880



UNRULY CHILD

FAMILY STATUS OF UNRULY YOUTH BY RACE AND SEX

	BLACK		WHITE		OTHER		UNKNOWN		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Both Parents	52	40	151	94	6	9	0	3	209	146	355
Mother Only	588	458	387	309	28	15	39	51	1,042	833	1,875
Father Only	72	31	107	74	8	2	4	8	191	115	306
Mother & Stepfather	27	18	42	33	4	2	1	0	74	53	127
Father & Stepmother	9	2	14	5	1	0	0	0	24	7	31
Stepfather Only	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Stepmother Only	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Foster Home, Relative or Non-Relative	147	123	66	65	5	3	1	6	219	197	416
Group Home	16	5	16	6	1	0	0	0	33	11	44
Guardian	4	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	7	4	11
Other	3	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	8	13
Unknown	37	44	44	38	3	3	7	7	91	92	183
Total	957	727	833	631	56	34	52	76	1,898	1468	3,366

UNRULY REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

	11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Truancy	3	1	54	55	207	171	577	479	841	706	1,547
Runaway	11	1	16	4	104	116	340	340	471	461	932
Ungovernable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conditions Injurious to Morals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew	8	4	28	14	133	53	664	285	833	356	1,189
Other Unruly Behavior	23	3	52	36	199	193	589	539	863	771	1,634
Total	45	9	150	109	643	533	2,170	1,643	3,008	2,294	5,302

UNRULY REFERRALS BY RACE

Referral Reason	Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
Truancy	922	503	16	106	1,547
Runaway	596	322	12	2	932
Ungovernable	0	0	0	0	0
Conditions Injurious to Morals	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew	598	579	8	4	1,189
Other Unruly Behavior	728	869	17	20	1,634
TOTAL:	2,844	2,273	53	132	5,302

NON-JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN UNRULY COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	380
Work Program Diversion	77
Dismissed	0
Dismissed Without Prejudice	2,162
Restitution/Community Service	76
Other Community Service/Restitution	137
Parent Enforced House Arrest	151
Probation Referral for Appropriate Action	118
Ordered to Attend School	174
Refer to Mediation	448
Tour of Detention	117
Tour of Montgomery County Jail	132
Write a Letter of Apology	389
Write an Essay	205
Treatment:	
Crisis Care Assessment	73
Mental Health Assessment	25
Counseling	77
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	27
Urinalysis Ordered	113

Non-judicial dispositions are made on unofficial referrals in case reviews.

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN UNRULY COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	199
Application Rights or License Suspension	41
Dismissed	93
Dismissed Without Prejudice	319
Court Costs	10
Fines	9
Tour of Detention	5
Tour of Adult Jail	5
Refer to Mediation	141
Work Program Detail	6
Restitution/Community Service	61
Other Community Service/Restitution	9
Ordered to Attend School	67
Transfer to Another County	8
Write a Letter of Apology	19
Write an Essay	26
Treatment:	
CrisisCare Mental Health Assessment	107
CrisisCare Alcohol/Substance Abuse Assessment	60
Counseling	262
Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP) for screening	57
Probation for Supervision	355
Urinalysis Ordered	29
Dora Tate Youth Center, Suspended Commitment	109
Dora Tate Youth Center	42

These are the principal final dispositions ordered by the Court on official referrals. A referral can have more than one disposition.

DELINQUENT CHILD

FAMILY STATUS OF DELINQUENT YOUTH BY RACE AND SEX

	BLACK		WHITE		OTHER		UNKNOWN		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Both Parents	81	36	365	166	17	6	0	0	463	208	671
Mother Only	720	365	635	367	33	19	5	6	1,393	757	2,150
Father Only	92	28	215	77	11	2	3	0	321	107	428
Mother & Stepfather	39	23	97	39	4	4	1	0	141	66	207
Father & Stepmother	17	0	21	5	2	0	0	0	40	5	45
Stepfather Only	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	6	3	9
Stepmother Only	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Foster Home, Relative or Non-Relative	182	106	117	64	11	4	6	3	316	177	493
Group Home	24	10	21	6	1	0	0	0	46	16	62
Guardian	11	3	4	2	0	0	1	3	16	8	24
Other	8	6	12	7	1	0	0	0	21	13	34
Unknown	53	31	102	49	3	3	4	1	162	84	246
Total	1,229	609	1,594	787	83	38	20	13	2,926	1,447	4,373

DELINQUENCY REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

	11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	3
Assault & Menacing	29	14	95	33	201	116	530	262	855	425	1,280
Kidnapping & Extortion	0	0	7	0	5	3	23	2	35	5	40
Sexual Offenses	1	0	20	2	41	6	113	11	175	19	194
Arson & Related Offenses	87	16	112	8	178	36	432	55	809	115	924
Robbery, Burglary & Trespassing	13	1	66	3	153	27	448	49	680	80	760
Theft & Fraud	45	2	139	32	307	147	906	496	1,397	677	2,074
Gambling	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	6	0	6
Against Public Peace	3	1	27	8	74	44	312	127	416	180	596
Against Family	9	2	23	8	68	55	291	177	391	242	633
Against Justice & Public Administration	0	1	8	4	31	19	244	84	283	108	391
Weapons Control	2	0	9	0	25	6	116	29	152	35	187
Drug Offenses	1	0	5	0	28	11	452	115	486	126	612
Federal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinances	1	0	3	0	5	1	73	4	82	5	87
Violation of Court Order	0	0	40	8	195	70	627	219	862	297	1,159
Liquor Violation	0	0	2	1	7	9	282	137	291	147	438
Other Delinquency	0	0	0	1	10	2	60	11	70	14	84
Total	191	37	556	108	1,329	552	4,917	1,778	6,993	2,475	9,468

DELINQUENCY REFERRALS BY RACE

Referral Reason	Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
Homicide	1	2	0	0	3
Assault & Menacing	738	526	10	6	1,280
Kidnapping & Extortion	23	17	0	0	40
Sexual Offenses	75	116	1	2	194
Arson & Related Offenses	272	623	17	12	924
Robbery, Burglary & Trespassing	336	400	15	9	760
Theft & Fraud	952	1,078	30	14	2,074
Gambling	6	0	0	0	6
Against Public Peace	265	321	6	4	596
Against Family	238	382	9	4	633
Against Justice & Public Administration	194	193	3	1	391
Weapons Control	109	75	2	1	187
Drug Offenses	148	458	2	4	612
Federal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinances	22	62	3	0	87
Violation of Court Order	710	428	21	0	1,159
Liquor Violation	22	409	6	1	438
Other Delinquency	51	32	1	0	84
Total:	4,162	5,122	126	58	9,468

NON-JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	176
Work Program Diversion	115
Dismissed	0
Dismissed Without Prejudice	261
Restitution/Community Service	171
Other Community Service/Restitution	530
Ordered to Attend School	11
Parent Enforced House Arrest	79
Referred to Mediation	280
Refer to Better Business Bureau's "Stop Shoplifting Program"	256
Power Club Referral	43
Tour of Detention	280
Tour of County Jail	180
Transferred to Another Jurisdiction	10
Write a Letter of Apology	664
Write an Essay	411
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Treatment:	

CrisisCare Assessment	80
Mental Health Assessment	30
SOAP Assessment	5
Counseling	104
Urinalysis Ordered	172
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	10
Fire-setters Program	4

Non-judicial dispositions are made on unofficial referrals.

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	754
Application Rights or License Suspension	335
Dismissed	1,429
Dismissed Without Prejudice	960
Fines	85
Court Costs	157
Work Program (Community Service/Restitution)	1,658
Other Community Service/Restitution	142
Ordered to Attend School	49
Refer to GED	47
Dayton Mediation Center Victim Offender Referral	78
Transferred to Another Jurisdiction	277
Write a Letter of Apology	286
Write an Essay	152
Tour of Detention	4
Tour of County Jail	19
Commitment:	
Center for Adolescent Services	61
Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS)	152
DYS Revocation	55
Placement:	
Legal Custody	7
Temporary Custody	38
Termination of Legal Custody	5
Termination of Temporary Custody	37
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Treatment:	
Crisis Care Mental Health Assessments	498

Crisis Care Alcohol or Drug (AoD) Assessments	387
Drug Court	80
Counseling	1,772
Dora Lee Tate Youth Center	631
Dora Lee Tate Youth Center, Suspended Commitment	931
Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP) Screening	287
Urinalysis Ordered	206
Chemical Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program	3
Chemical Abuse Residential Treatment Program	9
Power Club Referral	4
Probation Supervision	2,146
Continued on Probation	337
Sexual Offender Assessment	71
Fire-setters Program	1

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**YOUTH COMMITMENTS TO
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES (DYS)
AND
THE CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT SERVICES (CAS)**

YEAR	DYS COMMITMENTS	DYS REVOCATIONS*	DYS RE-COMMITMENTS**	CAS COMMITMENTS
2003	101	49	15	52
2002	107	56	17	37
2001	117	45	25	15
2000	146	55	23	-
1999	141	33	27	-
1998	101	28	32	-

*Youth who are on parole with DYS after their release from a DYS institution and are found guilty on a technical violation and returned to DYS for one to three months.

**Youth who are on parole with DYS after their release from a DYS institution and are found guilty of a new felony offense and committed to DYS for a term of six months or longer.

**MOTIONS TO TRANSFER DELINQUENCY CASES
TO ADULT COURT**

The Prosecutor's Office initiates the motions, which request the transfer of delinquency cases to the adult court for prosecution. A case can include more than one referral on a youth.

YEAR	BINDOVER MOTIONS FILED	MOTIONS GRANTED	MOTIONS DENIED OR WITHDRAWN
2003	40	17	23
2002	38	11	27
2001	36	16	20
2000	43	19	24
1999	32	12	20
1998	25	11	14
1997	32	20	12
1996	34	19	15
1995	31	9	22

SCHOOL ATTENDING BY TYPE OF REFERRAL

SCHOOLS	Delinquency		Unruly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
<u>PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>				
BROOKVILLE	39	10	11	8
CENTERVILLE	177	113	28	18
DAYTON CITY SCHOOLS	2,060	752	1,470	1,085
HUBER HEIGHTS	372	116	122	72
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	53	10	18	14
KETTERING	326	116	123	68
MAD RIVER	357	63	56	52
MIAMISBURG	272	129	92	88
NEW LEBANON	32	11	7	7
NORTHMONT	264	66	43	40
NORTHRIDGE	116	77	57	54
OAKWOOD	28	3	5	3
TROTWOOD MADISON	342	113	151	137
VALLEY VIEW	60	27	23	6
VANDALIA-BUTLER	120	35	33	11
WEST CARROLLTON	328	94	84	85
<u>PRIVATE SCHOOLS</u>				
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	47	24	10	16
CHARTER SCHOOLS	226	111	89	129
DAYTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS	10	2	1	2
OTHER SCHOOLS	185	49	73	54
SPECIAL CENTERS	212	22	64	3
<u>VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS</u>				
MIAMI VALLEY CAREER TECHNOLOGY	55	12	13	9
ISUS	238	19	75	18
OTHER VOCATIONAL	8	8	0	1
<u>OTHER</u>				
G.E.D.	25	11	13	6
HOME SCHOOLING	135	48	36	37
NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL	189	76	94	63
OUT OF COUNTY	330	145	86	71
UNKNOWN	387	213	131	137
MALE/FEMALE TOTALS:	6,993	2,475	3,008	2,294
GRAND TOTAL:	9,468		5,302	

JUVENILE TRAFFIC OFFENDER

TRAFFIC REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
0	2	13	0	75	11	3,510	1,660	3,598	1,673	5,271

TRAFFIC REFERRALS BY RACE

Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
1,277	3,850	99	45	5,271

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:

Admonished	480
Application Rights or License Suspension	748
Application Rights Suspended Until Further Notice	248
Defensive Driving School	11
Weekend Intervention Program	2
Attitude Adjustment Driving Program	2
Dismissed	366
Dismissed Without Prejudice	368
Fines	3,588
Court Costs	3,409
License Suspended to Parent	14
License to Be Suspended by Bureau of Motor Vehicles	309
Modified Driving Privileges	257
Juvenile Court Work Program	2
Other Community Service/Restitution	0
Transfer to Another Jurisdiction	142
isher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP)	23
Probation for Supervision	39
Counseling	7
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	0
Dora Tate Program	2
Dora Tate Program, Suspended Commitment	4

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TOBACCO REFERRALS

In 2001, a new Tobacco Bill (Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.87) was enacted. This new law expanded the offense of illegal distribution of cigarette or other tobacco products to children. Effective June 12, 2001, the Court began hearing these cases.

TOBACCO REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
0	1	0	2	22	12	182	65	204	80	284

TOBACCO REFERRALS BY RACE

Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
38	231	2	13	284

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:

Admonished	12
Application Rights or License Suspension	2
Community Service – Not Through Work Program	1
Dismissed	11
Dismissed Without Prejudice	20
Fines	176
Fine Suspended	9
Court Costs	104

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ABUSED, DEPENDENT AND/OR NEGLECTED CHILD

Referral Reason	Total
Abuse	10
Abuse & Dependency	84
Abuse & Neglect	1
Abuse, Dependency & Neglect	55
Dependency	620
Dependency & Neglect	214
Neglect	0
Total:	984

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:

Ordered:	
Dismissed	284
Dismissed Without Prejudice	142
Emancipation of Child	117
Motion Granted	404
Motion Denied	39
Motion Dismissed	19
Protective Supervision	287
Extension of Protective Supervision	0
Termination of Protective Supervision	5
Termination/Suspension of Child Support	108
Visitation According to Case Plan	293
Visitation Granted	200
Visitation Denied	10
Visitation As Agreed By Parties	190
Visitation Suspended	5
Transfer to Another Jurisdiction	0
Referred to Mediation	4
Placement:	
Permanent Custody	35
Temporary Custody	170
First Extension of Temporary Custody	4
Legal Custody	230
Termination of Legal Custody	29
Termination of Temporary Custody	16
Temporary Custody to Children Services	168
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement Granted	6

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SPECIAL SERVICE REFERRALS

The term "special service" pertains to matters brought before the court, which ordinarily do not involve offenses. These matters include various types of motions, record expungements, writs, and certifications from other courts. One subset is the "Custody related" cases, which pertains to matters dealing with permanent custody, change of custody, temporary custody, visitation, protective supervision, out-of-home placements and foster care.

Referral Reasons	Total
Custody Related	1,536
Other	35
Total	1,571

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS

Ordered:	
Dismissed	238
Dismissed Without Prejudice	339
Emancipation of Child	76
Motion Granted	2,010
Motion Denied	226
Protective Supervision	282
Termination of Protective Supervision	26
Termination/Suspension of Child Support	319
Visitation According to Case Plan	303
Visitation Granted	551
Visitation As Agreed By Parties	516
Visitation Denied	20
Visitation Suspended	16
Referred to Mediation	14
Shared Parenting	73
Placement:	
Permanent Custody	17
Temporary Custody	92
First Extension of Temporary Custody	166
Second Extension of Temporary Custody	63
Legal Custody	840
Termination of Legal Custody	137
Termination of Temporary Custody	321
Temporary Custody to Children Services	78
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (PPLA) Granted	30
Termination of PPLA	53

The above table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court. A referral can have more than one disposition.

REFERRALS ON ADULTS

CIVIL COMPLAINTS ON ADULTS

The Court also has jurisdiction to determine the parentage of and support for a child. Support cases pertain to the establishment, modification, enforcement and termination of support. This includes U.I.F.S.A. (Uniform Inter-State Family Support Act) which pertains to out-of-state support collections.

TYPE OF REFERRAL	NEW COMPLAINTS FILED	MOTIONS FILED	TOTAL
Parentage	357	1,088	1,445
Support	461	1,664	2,125
U.I.F.S.A.	455	1	456
Total:	1,273	2,753	4,026

ADULT MISDEMEANOR COMPLAINTS

Lastly, the Court deals with misdemeanor complaints involving adults in offenses against a juvenile or with a juvenile. This can include such reasons as incest, physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, contributing to unruliness, failure to send to school, contributing to the neglect of a child charges, etc.

ADULT REFERRALS BY TYPE OF CHARGE

REFERRAL REASONS:	
Child Endangerment	32
Contributing to Unruliness/Delinquency of a Minor	1
Contributing to Neglect	2
Parental Failure to Send to School (Grades K – 4)	325
Parental Contributing	5
Contributing to Education Neglect of a Minor	52
False Report of Child Abuse/Neglect (Adult)	1
Giving Liquor to Minor	1
Illegal Distribution of Tobacco Products	0
Permitting Drug Abuse	1
Total:	420

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ON ADULT COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Bond Suspended	52
Fines	1
Fines Suspended	319
Court Costs	0
Probation Supervision	20
Dismissed	3
Dismissed Without Prejudice	161
Jail Sentence	3
Jail Sentence, Suspended	65
Performance Bond	276
Referred to Project Impact	93

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DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

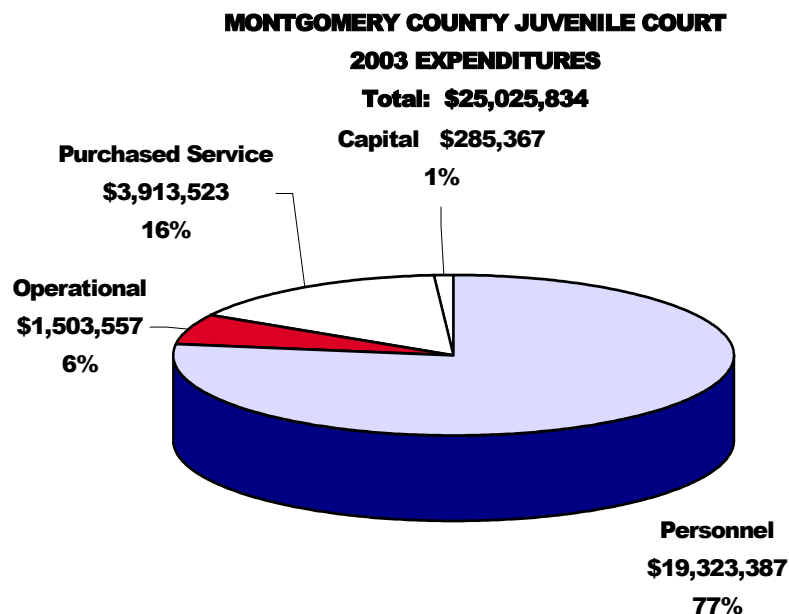
COURT ADMINISTRATION

LEE E. TOWNSEL, COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Under the direction of the Juvenile Court Judges, Court Administration houses the magistrates and their support staff. They are responsible for the judicial processing of cases through their final disposition. There are eleven magistrates who preside over cases. The type of cases handled includes delinquency, unruly, dependency, abuse, neglect, traffic, custody, parentage and child support actions. The Magistrates are located in both the Family Court Center and the Reibold Building.

Court Administration is also responsible for overseeing the operation of six (6) major departments (Ancillary Services, Center for Adolescent Services, Detention Services, Intervention Center, Nicholas Residential Treatment Center, and Probation Services). In addition, this department provides direct supervision over Budget and Finance, the Clerk of Courts Office in the filing of official documents, Management Information Systems, public information and community relations, Human Resources, Staff Development and Training, Caseload Management, Grants and RECLAIM Coordination, Adult Probation, Psychological Services, Start Right and facility operation. This office also serves as the primary contact and linkage with the ADAMHS Board, the Montgomery County Children Services, and County Administration and for legislative issues relating to juvenile justice.

Presented below are the Court's Year 2003 expenditures:



SERVICES:

- Adult Probation
- Budget and Finance
- Clerk’s Office
- Human Resources
- Information Systems
- Psychological Services
- Start Right Program

ADULT PROBATION

The Adult Probation Officer is responsible for all adult cases involving an adult in an offense against a juvenile or with a juvenile. This officer conducts pre-sentence investigations, monitors the progress of adults placed on probation by the Court and links those adults with needed community services. Such services can include drug and alcohol counseling, sexual abuse counseling, parenting classes, etc.

For 2003, 474 Web checks were conducted. Sixty-nine percent (326) of these were for conducting background checks for Pro Se Custody filings. The remainder was for employment (96), volunteers (26) and interns (26). This averages approximately 40 background checks per month. In addition, thirteen background checks were completed manually on 13 volunteers.

<u>2003 Investigations:</u>	
Beginning Number of Cases	425
New Investigations	41
Closed Investigations	31
Show Cause	0
Active at End of Year	435
<u>2003 Probation Supervision:</u>	
Beginning Number of Probation Cases	11
New Probation Cases	24
Probation Completed	16
Probation Revoked	0
Active at End of Year	19

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Under the general direction of Administration, Budget and Finance prepares and administers the Court budget and monitors, reviews and analyzes financial data for compliance to County and State budgetary guidelines. This area also prepares and administers payroll, performs bookkeeping for the Clerk Office’s receipts and disbursements and handles the Accounts Payable function.

CLERK'S OFFICE

The Clerk's Office is responsible for processing all official filings for the Court. Documents requiring filing are received via mail or in person from several sources. These sources include private citizens, law enforcement, attorneys representing private or agency parties, appointed counsel, and agencies themselves.

The Clerk's Office processes Delinquency, Unruly, Tobacco, Traffic, Adult Misdemeanor, Parentage, Support, Custody, Dependency, Neglect, Abuse, Permanent Custody, Visitation, UIFSA, Judicial Bypass Cases, Objections, Transfers and Appeals. A separate journal is maintained to docket Adoption Placement Agreements, Permanent Surrenders, and Fingerprinting and Photographing Motions and Entries.

As part of case processing, the Clerk's Office performs the time-stamping and journalizing of the documents in the official Court Docket and prepares service documents, including summons, subpoenas, warrants, capiases, and restraining orders. Service production may be necessary at several points in an open case. The receipt or failure of services is also journalized in the Court's docket, along with all official documents in a case, including all Judges' and Magistrates' entries and orders.

Other duties include mailing the majority of official case documents for the Court and acting as a receiving area for payments of filing fees, bonds, court costs, fines and restitution. Clerks also maintain the 'hard-copy' case files for the Court, complete agency reporting for traffic violations and fingerprints collected, and complete record requests.

The Clerk's Office consists of 20 Deputy Clerks, the Deputy Clerk Supervisor and Chief Deputy Clerk. In 2003, the Clerk's Office filed over 14,500 new cases and reactivations. Clerks maintained over 71,000 official case jackets and 10 years of social history case jackets. Over 75,000 pieces of mail were sent from the office and more than 2000 warrants and capiases were issued.

In addition to the daily work completed by the Clerks, 2003 resulted in several highlights and accomplishments for the office. A new procedural manual was developed by staff and completed by Clerk's Office Administration and the Court's Case Flow Coordinator. Fee schedules were updated to reflect current court costs and filing fees. Sending certified mail in bulk to employers was refined and provided a financial savings to the Court. An audit was completed of all official case jackets. Clerks continued to cross-train and adopted the infrastructure of 'working teams'.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources function practices in the areas of compensation management,

recruitment, organizational development, orientation and training and benefits administration.

The Court's recruiting and hiring process was defined through the establishment of consistent procedures used throughout all Court departments. In an effort to ensure the employment of the most-qualified applicants, Human Resources directs the pre-employment process which includes background checks for employees, volunteers and student interns.

A recorded job-line is maintained to allow 24-hour access to employment opportunities available within the Juvenile Court. The Job-Line phone number is (937) 496-6882.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Information Systems (IS) is responsible for the day-to-day management and support of the Court's Local and Wide-Area Network, Personal Computers, Printers, Servers, all Database management and the Juvenile Court System (JCS). Functions of IS include system development and planning; evaluation, implementation and support of new hardware and software; computer and technical training for the Juvenile Court employees and also "Help Desk" support. Information Systems is in the process of implementing a Juvenile Court Intranet for collaboration of Court-wide data and information. We are also implementing a battery back-up system for the new Juvenile Court server room for safety and reliability.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

DR. LAURA E. FUJIMURA, COURT PSYCHOLOGIST

The department is responsible for providing psychological evaluation services to referred youth to aid Court staff in selecting the best possible dispositional alternatives. Clinical interviews as well as cognitive and personality testing results serve as a solid basis, from which treatment recommendations can be made.

SERVICES	Male	Female
Initial Studies Completed	3	0
Certifications	22	0
Competency Evaluations	32	4
Educational Assessments	3	4
Consultations	7	7
Personality Assessments	0	0

START RIGHT

The Start Right Program, under the direction and administration of Judge Nick Kuntz, is designed to facilitate and monitor all cases referred to the court for Parental Failure to Send and Contributing to Educational Neglect. These cases arise out of excessive absenteeism of children in grades, kindergarten through fourth grade. Start Right staff prepare these cases for court and complete follow-up work to ensure a positive change. Parents are plugged into community programming to help solve the problems these families are facing.

Out of the 358 cases received in 2003, the Start Right Program served 574 children. The Start Right Program closed 578 cases, of which 89% were closed successfully. (A case is closed successfully when the student has shown improvement in his or her attendance.) Over 200 referrals were made to community agencies for assistance. The Start Right Program is committed to connecting families to service providers who can help parents deal with the issues that are affecting their ability to send their children to school.

As a result of the narrowing of the grade levels (previously kindergarten through sixth grade) for cases, the Start Right Program has been able to work much closer with its families and provide better service to its clients.

ANCILLARY SERVICES

DOMINA MATTHEWS, ASSISTANT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

This department includes programs and services that assist the Juvenile Court in maintaining case flow and daily court operation. It also includes specialized programs which provide alternative methods of case resolution in lieu of official judicial involvement, ongoing review of children placed outside of the home, guardians ad litem for children, substance abuse services and assistance in pro se filing.

PROGRAMS:

- C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocate)
- Citizen Review Board
- Court Operations
- Community Court
- Mediation Unit
- Substance Abuse Services

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (C.A.S.A.)

The Court Appointed Special Advocate Program trains and supervises adult volunteers to serve as Guardians Ad Litem (GAL) for neglected, dependent and abused children. These volunteers conduct independent investigations, provide written reports to the Court and monitor the child's case as long as it remains in the court system. Half of the children served were boys. Half of the children were African-American and 47% were Caucasian. Sixty-five percent of the children were eleven years of age or younger.

Number of Children Served	420
Number of Cases Closed	175

<u>Outcome of Closed Cases</u>	
Returned or remained with biological parent	76
Legal custody to relative/non-relative	52
Dismissed	15
Reassigned to an attorney GAL	4
Adopted	12
Emancipated	10
Child's death	0
Transferred out of County	6
Transitioned to MR/DD	0
<u>C.A.S.A. Volunteers</u>	
Active Volunteers	87
Attorneys Providing Pro Bono Services	9

CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD

The Citizen Review Board acts as an arm of the court to monitor permanency planning efforts for children in foster care or other out-of-home placements and in-home care where protective supervision has been ordered by the Montgomery County Juvenile Court. To ensure timeliness of services to children and their families, the Citizen Review Board conducts Formal Reviews and Annual Review/Permanency Planning Reviews to monitor progress. Volunteers conduct on-going independent reviews of each case plan to ensure methods are in place to achieve targeted goals in the best interest of the child and the family.

Total Number of Children Served	3,866
<u>Number of Reports Reviewed by Board</u>	
Children Services Board Reports	4,289
Lutheran/Catholic Social Services Reports	10
Resource Planning Program Reports	97
Total:	4,396
<u>Total Number of Formal Reviews Held</u>	
Formal Reviews	95
Annual Permanency Planning Reviews	582
RPP Semi-Annual Reviews	91
Total:	768
<u>Volunteers</u>	
Volunteers	20
Volunteer Hours Provided	3,120

COMMUNITY COURT

The Montgomery County Juvenile Community Court Program consists of three components: Night Court, Tobacco Court and the Weekend Detained Court. Components of the Community Court are presided over by Juvenile Court Magistrates.

Night Court:

The Community Court was implemented in August 1999. This program is a diversionary process for first time and low-level youth offenders. The Community Court allows youth,

who commit certain misdemeanor offenses, unruly offenses, and local ordinance violations, to have a hearing in the geographical area where the offense was committed. The offense must have occurred within Montgomery County and involve no serious injury or weapons. Participation in the Community Night Court is voluntary and the juvenile defendants must admit responsibility. A parent or guardian must be present at all hearings.

Youth referred to the Community Night Court will have a hearing conducted within 30 days of receipt of their case from the Juvenile Court's Intervention Center. Dispositions and sanctions should be completed within 60 days of their hearing. The Community Night Court locations include: Dunbar High School, Trotwood Community Center, Huber Heights Government Center, the City of Riverside and Harrison Township Government Center. Hearings are conducted in the evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The dispositions and sanctions used include community service (up to 24 hours), letters of apology, essay assignments, parent enforced house arrest, restitution for damages up to \$500, mediation, tours of the Juvenile Detention Center, urinalysis, the Residential Alternative Program (RAP), CrisisCare Triage, Partnership for Youth, and tours of the Montgomery County Adult Jail. Youth, who successfully complete their dispositions and sanctions, shall have their records remain unofficial and thus avoid an official record with the Juvenile Court.

The purpose and goals of the Community Court are to deter future delinquencies and to provide immediate sanctions for law violations. These juveniles learn to take full responsibility for their actions and work hand in hand with the community.

Number of Cases Received:	2,139
Number of Cases Closed Successfully:	1,433

Tobacco Court:

Effective June 12, 2001, the Community Court began conducting Tobacco hearings, each Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. at the Family Court Building. As of November 12, 2002, the number of Tobacco Court hearings has been reduced to once per month, on the second Tuesday of each month. The reduction in court hearings is due to the decrease in the number of Tobacco citations being written by the various Law Enforcement Agencies. The goals of these hearings are to deter the use of tobacco among youth under the age of 18. The Tobacco Court is the Montgomery County Juvenile Court's response to O.R.C. Section 2151.87, which forbids anyone younger than 18 from buying, using or possessing cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff or rolling papers. Dispositions may include a fine of not more than \$100 and court costs or attendance in a Court approved youth smoking cessation/education or smoking treatment program. The dispositions must be successfully completed within 30 days. If not, the youth and the parent/guardian will be ordered to return to court for violation of a court order. Imposed sanctions can then include increased fines with court costs, community service hours (not to exceed 20 hours)

and 30 day suspension of the youth's driver's license. Failure to comply with the court appearance can result in the issuance of a warrant.

Weekend Detained Hearings:

Another component is the Weekend Detained Hearings. These hearings are conducted on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays starting at approximately 10 a.m. To make a determination regarding detainment, the Magistrate will consider the charge/offense for which the youth was detained, the youth's incident history, his/her involvement with the court and the youth's family circumstances. The Magistrate may order the youth to remain detained or release the youth and possibly place the youth on Electric Home Monitoring. (In order to be placed on Electronic Home Monitoring, the parents must be willing to assume increased responsibility for the supervision and monitoring of the youth's behavior.) This component assists in alleviating the overcrowding conditions in the Juvenile Detention Center and decreases the number of detained hearings held on Monday or after a holiday.

MEDIATION UNIT

Mediation provides an alternative to litigation and provides an opportunity for parties to converse with each other in a constructive manner. Mediation provides third-party neutrals that help the parties have their conversation. The mediation process supports the needs of all parties to have clarity about whatever brought them to court. The parties manage the process and control the outcome by making decisions together and creating their own court order (agreement).

The Child Protection Mediation Unit was downsized in March 2003. The Montgomery County Juvenile Court continues to offer quality Child Protection Mediation services through its collaboration with the Dayton Mediation Center. The Dayton Mediation Center also provides Diversion, Post Adjudication Victim/ Offender and Truancy Mediation services. The Juvenile Court provides one staff mediator / case manager to assist with mediations.

In 2003 the Montgomery County Juvenile Court along with the Dayton Mediation Center conducted the following mediations: 60 child protection; 283 truancy; 19 Post Adjudication Victim / Offender and 155 Diversion.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

This section contains two programs, Drug Court and F.C.A.P. (Fisher Chemical Abuse Program).

Drug Court:

Drug Court was implemented in January 1998. This program, under the direction and administration of Judge Murphy, provides intensive intervention and supervision of those adjudicated youth at-risk of having alcohol and drug problems. The target population is adjudicated youth, ages 14 – 17 years of age, who are non-violent, charged with an felony three offense or less and who have been screened and assessed to be in need of alcohol/drug treatment. This is performed through the Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP)). F-CAP also provides urinalysis monitoring. The Drug Court has a supervision component, called T.A.S.C. (Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime). This unit closely monitors the Drug Court participants through strength-based family treatment and case management and works with the schools, community and drug treatment providers with a holistic approach to breaking the cycle of addiction.

Drug Court is changing and improving its existing program. This year Drug Court received a \$300,000 Enhancement grant from the United States Department of Justice. This grant will increase service delivery by adding Drug Specialists, as a treatment component of TASC. This component of TASC will act as liaison prior, during and after treatment to ensure the youth’s success in drug treatment. Drug Court is also establishing a court wide paperless system for urinalysis monitoring so that at the discretion of court staff, qualitative urinalysis data will be available. New collaborative efforts are being made to increase the success of youth and families through CADAS Adolescent Services as well as linking with the “Natural Helpers” mentors from the Robert Wood Johnson’s Reclaiming Future Project.

Number of Youth Accepted:	102
Number of Youth Graduated:	69
Number of Youth Who Achieved GED or Vocational Certification While In Program:	23
Number of Youth Employed At Graduation:	45

Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP):

F-CAP is the Court's substance abuse unit. Services include: Screening, referral and urinalysis monitoring.

Number of Youth Screened	1,165
Number of SASSI Assessments Conducted	601
Number of Urinalysis Tests Run	77,996
Number of Individuals Tested	26,432

CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT SERVICES

RICHARD R. HAMNING, DIRECTOR

The Center for Adolescent Services (C.A.S.) was completed in the fall of 2000 and was officially dedicated on May 16, 2001. The facility is located in the Village of New Lebanon, Ohio and is a co-educational secure residential correctional/treatment facility. It is designed to serve, at full capacity, forty boys and ten girls, ranging in ages from twelve through seventeen years of age. Currently, the facility is funded to serve a maximum of 30 boys.

This highly structured program provides a safe and secure learning environment for the adjudicated low-level felony youth in its care. These youth receive a behavioral management and treatment program stressing pro-social skills, self-discipline, and law-abiding principles in an active learning environment. A cognitive-behavioral approach is used to reduce and/or eliminate their delinquent behavior. Available services include individual, group and family counseling, a year-round educational program, medical and health services, activity/recreational services, food services, maintenance/custodial services, administrative services and a required program of aftercare services.

The length of treatment averages 7 months but can extend significantly beyond that if a youth has extreme needs that require more treatment time or if a youth presents a high level of resistance to the efforts of the treatment staff. Prior to release from the program there is a period of time during which staff focus on the youth's impending transition back into the community. When released, all youth are required to participate in the Aftercare component of our program for a minimum period of 10 weeks.

Below are the statistics for 2003:

	BOYS
Total Admitted	61
Total Days of Care	11,073
Average Daily Population	30.33
Average Length of Stay	182 days

	BOYS
Age Range:	
12 – 14	4
15 – 16	35

DETENTION SERVICES

JIMMIE L. CARTER, DIRECTOR

It is the philosophy of the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Services to provide a safe and secure environment for youth who are placed in its facilities for their protection or the protection of the community. Detention Services consists of the 66-bed secure detention facility and the Dora Lee Tate Center, a staff-secure 24-bed corrections residential facility. Overcrowding at the Juvenile Detention Center is a primary concern. This facility is overcrowded over 90% of the time.

PROGRAMS:

- Program Housing
- Program Operations
- Program Services

HOUSING

Housing consists of those services related directly to providing daily care to the youth housed in the downtown Detention facility and those sentenced to the corrections program at the Dora Lee Tate Center.

The primary goal of the Detention Center facility is to provide a safe and secure environment for youth placed in this facility for either their protection or the protection of the community. The youth ranging in ages from 8 to 18 years old are held pending court disposition or transfer to another jurisdiction or agency. During a youth's stay, staff assist the youth in developing appropriate coping skills in order to better deal with the daily life situations one may encounter both within and outside the facility.

The downtown facility is set up so that each child has his own sleeping room. In the event all rooms are in use, the overflow would go on sleeping mats in the unit area. Children are under close supervision 24 hours a day.

Below are the housing statistics for the Detention Center during 2003:

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Total Detained	1,808	558	2,366
Total Days of Care	27,954	5,822	33,778
Average Daily Population	76.59	15.95	92.54

Average Length of Stay	15.46	10.43	14.28
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The Dora Lee Tate Youth Center is the Detention Services' corrections residential program located at 581 Infirmary Road. This facility is designed to house up to 24 youth, 12 boys and 12 girls, each having their own room. Its program is for adjudicated youth who have demonstrated by their court history that they are in need of a short-term, high impact intervention program. The youth, ranging in ages from 10 to 17 years old, are sentenced to Dora Tate for one of its program tracks consisting of a weekend track and three additional tiers of 10, 20, and 30 days. Its behavioral intervention program is based on a "no excuse" approach and focuses on the present behavior.

The primary goal is to provide the youth with skills to make appropriate choices and to reinforce positive behaviors. This is accomplished with dedicated staff who emphasize structure, accountability, and relationships with the youth.

Below are the housing statistics for the Dora Lee Tate Youth Center during 2003:

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Total Admissions	371	144	515
Total Days of Care	5,398	1,499	6,897
Average Daily Population	14.79	10.41*	18.90
Average Length of Stay	14.59	5.45	13.39

* The girls' average daily population is based upon the number of days set aside for girls for 2003.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Program operations consist of activities and services related to the daily operation at both the downtown Detention Center and Dora Lee Tate Youth Center facilities. Areas of operations include housekeeping, custodial, food services, building maintenance and related areas.

PROGRAM SERVICES

Programming consists of the activities and services provided to meet the needs of the youth at both sites. Areas of programming include a chartered educational program, recreation, chaplaincy, medical services and other services.

The youth participate in a behavior modification system in which they earn points for positive behavior. Negative behavior is dealt with through fines and room time. Under this system, the youth is totally responsible for his or her own behavior. These youth

are also exposed to activities and situations that will enable them to experience as many positive situations as possible in the hopes of building self-confidence and increasing their self-concepts.

The medical department provides sixteen hours of medical services that begin at the time of admission into the facility. A physician visits the facility five days a week to perform physicals on each newly detained youth. A registered nurse and emergency medical technician assess and treat medical problems of the youth that may arise.

Academic education is provided at both sites through Detention's chartered educational program. Seven teachers are employed on a full-time year round basis and the principal is employed on a part-time basis year round. School is conducted five days a week, 51 weeks each year. Small groups of twelve youth attend classes from 9:00 a.m. until 4:20 p.m., Monday – Friday. The academic educational program includes reading, math, social science, science, life skills, physical education, and health. GED preparation and testing is available. In addition specialized tutoring for youth functioning significantly below grade level is provided through the Title One program.

Counseling services are also provided by a full-time master's degree level therapist and a part-time licensed psychiatrist. The therapist provides individual counseling to those youth that have been identified as having special needs. The psychiatrist provides clinical supervision and provides medication assessments for the youth.

INTERVENTION CENTER

GREGORY T. SCOTT, DIRECTOR

The Intervention Center (IC) is the 24-hour, seven day a week centralized intake, screening, assessment and processing department for all children referred to the Court for delinquency and unruly behavior. Referrals come from a variety of sources including law enforcement, schools and parents. The IC assists law enforcement by providing a place to bring juveniles who may not be released outright and allows the police officers to return to duty more quickly. For youth brought to the Center, services are immediately available.

If a youth's case is to be filed officially, IC staff gathers more detailed information in a timely manner. This can include a CrisisCare report, any Montgomery County Children Services (MCCS) information, a Dispositional Investigation Report (DIR), a risk/needs assessment (YoLSI), home visit, drug test results and hearing recommendations. Throughout this process, referrals for services can be made.

The same information gathering is available for cases handled unofficially. Such cases may be referred out for services including diversion programs, mental health or drug and alcohol counseling and/or treatment, work groups, individual and family counseling and mediation. Most unofficial cases are handled by Community Court, Mediation or an IC Case Screening, usually scheduled within seven to fourteen days of referral to the Court. The service provider to which a youth and family is referred, reports back to IC as to the cooperation, success or failure of the child and family so that the case may be closed or moved on for further action, as appropriate. In addition, CrisisCare conducts behavioral health screens when appropriate and may refer the child and family for a full diagnostic mental health and/or AoD (Alcohol or Drug) assessment.

The IC also prepares all of the official delinquency and most of the unruly complaints and case jackets, sealing of records, and marriage and by-pass requests. It can conduct voluntary drug screenings and is responsible for the Electronic Home Monitoring Program (EHMP). The IC is also home to the Care Coordination Team (CCT) and the DSO (Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders) Emergency Foster Care Project (DSO/EFC). The CCT is designed to address the needs of unruly and delinquent youth ten years of age or younger and other pre-teens, while the DSO/EFC Project is designed to avoid secure detention of status offenders while providing these youth a safe residential placement where necessary services can be implemented until they can return home. In 2004, IC will expand the DSO/EFC Project to include non-injury/non-weapon involved first time domestic violence cases.

PROGRAMS:

- Intake/Admissions
- Care Coordination Team
- Children Services
- CrisisCare
- DSO Emergency Foster Care Project
- Electronic Home Monitoring

INTAKE/ADMISSIONS

Referrals to the Court for alleged delinquent or unruly youth all come through the IC. All IC services, including but not limited to Case Screenings, CrisisCare assessments, drug test sampling, counseling, mediation and work program referrals may be available to any youth depending upon the nature of the referral and the particular case. A new case may start with a youth being physically brought in by the police to the Secure Side of IC. (Approximately 40% of these youth brought in on new case in 2003 were released by IC and not placed in secure detention.) Other Secure Side Admissions are for warrants or youth detained from a hearing. CrisisCare interviews all Secure Side IC youth and any others upon request. A "red-flag" screening is available for CrisisCare counselors and MCCS staff. Other cases may begin with a police report being "mailed-in" when a youth is released to their parent or guardian or a "walk-in" or phone-in by an interested party.

Case Screenings	2,379
DIR/YoLSI Interviews	1,952
Non-Secure Side "Mail-In" Cases	10,036
Non-Secure "Walk-In" Cases	426
Secure Side Admissions	2,628

CRISISCARE

CrisisCare is an Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board funded branch of Samaritan Behavioral Health, Inc. (SBHI) established to provide crisis services to the residents of Montgomery County. CrisisCare provides a multitude of services to youth seen through the Intervention Center. These youth typically have a variety of identified needs that may include mental health, drug, alcohol, and abuse/neglect and dependency issues. If an initial screening identifies a need, a therapist conducts an interview and obtains collateral information from many sources including family, school, past treatment providers and court records. Based upon these findings, CrisisCare may refer the child for a full diagnostic mental health and/or AoD assessment.

In certain cases, these assessments are done at the Center or in detention. This expedites the youth being linked to services and provides additional information for Judges and Magistrates hearing the case.

CrisisCare also provides case management services to overcome barriers families may face when trying to engage in treatment. CrisisCare also provides crisis services to any youth demonstrating emotional disturbance while detained and coordinates with the Detention therapist on how best to stabilize the youth.

Behavioral Health Screens Conducted	2,614
Family/Professional Contacts	2,405
Assessment Completed (Mental Health and AoD)	700
Psychiatric Appointments	145
Mental Health Referrals	499
Chemical Dependency Referrals	392
Continued Treatment Referrals	451

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES (MCCS)

The Montgomery County Children Services (MCCS) is committed to providing staff to handle referrals coming through IC. Referents include CrisisCare, Probation, Judges and Magistrates, the CCT, as well as IC. MCCS intake staff interviews all detained juveniles identified as being in need of their services at the Court, Monday through Friday, and are available by telephone at all other times for active agency involvement and to receive alerts about juveniles needing service. For non-detained juveniles, an in-depth investigation is initiated on the first business day following a referral from the IC. This allows MCCS referrals to be investigated and acted upon more quickly. MCCS handled 376 referrals through IC during 2003.

ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING PROGRAM

The Electronic Home Monitoring Program (EHMP) provides an alternative to secure detention for appropriate youth. The youth is constantly monitored, subject to urine sampling to monitor drug use and managed via telephone and personal contact, as well as by agreement with certain school systems.

Number of Youth Served	601
Number of Successful Completions	396
Number of Unsuccessful Completions	165

CARE COORDINATION TEAM

The Care Coordination Team (CCT), also known as the "10 & Under/Pre-Teen Program", is a specialized intervention/prevention program designed to keep non-adjudicated youth under the age of ten from penetrating further into the juvenile justice system. The CCT consists of an IC Assessment Specialist and a Care Coordinator Specialist (CCS), as well as representatives from MCCA and CrisisCare. The Team meets with the youth and their family, develops a multi-agency plan of intervention and monitors the progress through case management. The Team's pro-active approach takes full advantage of the processes already established since the opening of the IC and enhances the ongoing inter-agency collaboration. It also affords the best opportunity to see that each child and family is engaged in appropriate programs and services with ongoing follow-up for as long as it takes to get the job done. In sampling 576 cases served by CCT since 2001, less than 20% of these youth had a subsequent delinquency (misdemeanor or felony) adjudication.

Number of Referrals in 2003: 190

DSO EMERGENCY FOSTER CARE PROJECT

The DSO Emergency Foster Care Project [DSO/EFC] identifies status offenders physically brought to the IC who are not in need of and/or not appropriate for secure detainment. This process allows immediate (within six hours) release of these youth to appropriate emergency foster care or therapeutic intervention placements, or home with in-home service referrals. Court "detainment" hearings are held within twenty-four hours. On the rare occasion a child is detained prior to the hearing, this project initiates the release of the child into an alternative placement within twenty-four hours of admission to the IC. This process allows the Court to comply with Federal guidelines for status offenders as to detention. These placement services include emergency foster care and therapeutic intervention placements, which provide more intense services dealing with problems from drug alcohol to mental health to dysfunctional family situations, as well as in-home services when returned home. Of the 137 youths brought to Secure Side IC during 2003 on unruly only matters, none were held more than 24 hours and, after assessment, 88 were released home, 15 were released to MCCA and 34 were placed in EFC.

THE JUDGE FRANK W. NICHOLAS

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER FOR YOUTH

WANDA MILLS, SUPERINTENDENT

The Frank W. Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (NRTC) is a twenty-four hour non-secure residential facility (24 bed capacity) that provides behavioral interventions for boys, 11 to 17 years of age. NRTC is located on 60 acres of land in the Jefferson Township community in Montgomery County. The facility, which consists of two cottages, houses the dormitory, a chartered educational program and the administrative offices. The facility is adjacent to the Arthur O. Fisher Park of 200 acres, which is utilized to extend the recreation and socialization skill building components of the program.

The mission of the Frank W. Nicholas Residential Treatment Center for Youth is “to assist each youth in becoming a productive, responsible citizen, through diverse comprehensive treatment and rehabilitative services to the youth and his family, and to end the youth’s involvement in the juvenile justice system.” To meet this mission each youth upon admittance and his family are engaged in individual, group and family counseling. The youth additionally has an individualized education program, participates in work and recreational therapy and is monitored continuously for the effectiveness of all identified behavioral interventions.

Number of Boys Served	59
Carried over from 2002	20
New Placements	39
Number of Boys in Program at End of Year	24
Number of Successful Program Discharges	7

In an effort to be more supportive to the changing needs of the court, NRTC has accepted adjudicated delinquent and/or unruly males who have exhibited more extensive involvement with the court as well as a broader variety of social and behavioral problems.

The Family Reunification Project came into existence in 2003. This project was funded by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. It was an extension of the Family Stability project offered in the previous year. The staff began working with the youth and their families prior to their entrance into the Transition phase of the program. The primary focus was a support system for the youth so that he would have a better chance for success as he returned home and to the community at large.

PROBATION SERVICES

DAVID E. LYONS, DIRECTOR

The most significant endeavor of this past year has been to support the Court's participation as a selected Graduated Sanctions demonstration site for the Juvenile Sanction Center. The Center is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice and is a freestanding center of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. As a part of the Court's strategy, Probation Services has focused on Gender Specific programming for female offenders with community collaboration to achieve a sense of balance for female offenders. Without any new funding, Juvenile Court, UMADAOP (Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Program), Project Impact, the K-12 Art Gallery, Children Services, Daybreak, Girls Scouts, Combined Health District and other local service providers have formed a collaborative to develop and enhance female gender specific services. A second focus of this project is to enhance service delivery around mental health services for juvenile offenders. A subcommittee of representatives from Juvenile Court, Prosecutor's Office, Children Services, Mental Health providers, etc. are meeting to address this strategic outcome. Both projects will continue into 2004, with several trainings being planned for the entire Community Collaborative.

Another primary focus of Probation Services during 2003 was to improve service delivery to the juvenile offenders and their families. As a first step, the department arranged a Probation Officer to be available to meet with families immediately following their appearance in Court, so that all orders of community control (probation supervision) could immediately be implemented. The Probation Officer immediately prepares and files a Probation Contract, responding to questions and concerns of both the youth and parents, linking the family to the appropriate Unit Supervisor and immediate scheduling for Court ordered Restitution and Community Service are some of the benefits for our clients and the department.

Probation Officers continue to engage assigned juvenile offenders in varied activities that were designed to strengthen and enhance skills, reward positive efforts to change behavior and encourage parents to participate in the on-going process.

PROGRAMS:

- Community Based Services Program
- Juvenile Court Work Program
- Geographic Probation Supervision Units (4)
- Resource Planning Program
- Volunteers in Probation

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

The Community Based Services (CBS) Program utilizes an array of Dayton area community resources in rehabilitating troubled youth. College students, volunteers, private business, service clubs, churches and collaboration with other youth serving agencies are instrumental. The program provides casework, work therapy, group-centered activities, job placement and recreation programming. An employment experience is emphasized. In addition, CBS houses the Residential Alternatives Program (RAP) that provided intensive, in-home services utilizing a vast array of community resources to 96 youth during 2003. The following summary includes both services.

Total Youth Served: 276
 Boys: 197
 Girls: 79
 **Unofficial Youth Served: 66
 *Official Youth Served: 210

*Official youth refers to those youth that are on probation and are supervised by CBS.
 **Unofficial youth refers to those youth that are deemed at-risk and who are the siblings of or closely associated with the officially assigned youth.

<u>Status of Official Youth at Termination of Year</u>	
Still Active	108
Employed	30
Foster or Group Home	14
Residential Treatment Center	4
Relative Placement/Moved out of County	4
Student	26
Unsuccessful	11
Commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services	10
Drug Court/Drug Treatment	3

JUVENILE COURT WORK PROGRAM

The Juvenile Court Work Program continues to provide a dispositional option based upon an accountability model. The objective of the Juvenile Court Work Program is to hold youth accountable for the offenses committed by having the youth work off their restitution. Youth are placed in supervised work groups to complete a court-ordered number of community service hours (up to 24 hours) or to compensate victims for up to \$500.00 per offense. Youth are credited at the rate of \$6.00 per hour. This program also maintains records on court-ordered restitution, which is being paid directly from the offender.

The Juvenile Court Work Program has a Victim Advocate and a Work Program Liaison component. The Victim Advocate works with the victims where restitution has not been

determined and ensures that victims of juvenile crime receive their compensation. The Work Program Liaison works with youth that are first time unruly and misdemeanor offenders. It is designed to keep youth out of the juvenile justice system while still providing an immediate response to their behavior and working with the parents on ways to prevent their child from having further involvement with the Juvenile Court.

Additionally, the collaboration between the Montgomery County Juvenile Court and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office continues to demonstrate success through shared resources, increased community visibility and acceptance, and the number of youth who have completed the program.

	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Community Service</u>
Referrals Received	635	1,167
Cases Terminated Successfully	428	819
Cases Terminated Unsuccessfully	73	81

Average Length of Time in Work Program	5 weeks
Community Service Hours Provided	28,266.01
Restitution Collected for Payment	\$30,474.50
Restitution Paid from Program Funds	\$76,065.67
Total Restitution Paid	\$106,540.17
Average Restitution Per Victim	\$244.92
Number of Victims Compensated	435

PROBATION SUPERVISION UNITS

The Probation Department continues to be anchored by the four geographic units. On the average, these units provided supervision to 80% of the cases during 2003. In addition to involving the youth and families in a wide variety of community resources, many of the units set up parent orientation programs, parent information and resource programs and other activities designed to involve and empower the parents in achieving the goals set for their youth.

Average Caseload Per Probation Officer: 36.59
(Average Caseload of the four Geographic Units)

RESOURCE PLANNING PROGRAM (RPP)

The Resource Planning Program (RPP) serves as a specialized unit in the Probation Services Department approving, facilitating and monitoring out-of-home placement services. In addition the unit provides the following:

- ◆ Case screening and recommendations for higher risk/need youth not responding to probation supervision and/or identified as being in need of out-of-home placement.
- ◆ Collection of financial information from parents to assess resources and prepare child support computations.
- ◆ Probation supervision and case management activities for youths placed in residential, group and treatment foster homes.
- ◆ Annual inspections conducted on contracted treatment providers.
- ◆ Reports for the Citizen Review Board, semi-annual and annual reviews for youth in the custody of the Court.
- ◆ Coordination of parent education classes and home based counseling services.
- ◆ Court representation for the Interagency Clinical Assessment Team (ICAT), Diversion Team and the Service Broker Group.
- ◆ Review and processing of referrals for Juvenile Sex Offender assessments.

Number of Youth Screened for Out-of-Home Placement	400
Number of Youth Placed Out of the Home	103
Type of Placement:	
Residential	58
Specialized Group Homes	42
Treatment Foster Homes	3
Status of Cases at Time of Closing:	
Satisfactory	72
Unsatisfactory	11

Number of Referrals for Sex Offender Assessments	50
Number of Youth Placed for Diagnostic Evaluations	11
Number of Youth Placed for Short Term Treatment of Substance Abuse or Behavioral Issues	28

Community Agency Collaboration Involvement:	
Cases reviewed by ICAT for planning and funding approval	198
ICAT cases in which the Court participated in funding	39

VOLUNTEERS IN PROBATION

The Probation Department's Volunteer Program is an internship opportunity that hosts students from a number of universities. These opportunities have proven to be a valuable learning experience for future professionals. In 2003, 24 students participated in the Volunteer/internship Program. Students experienced hands-on supervision and investigation of court involved youth. The department has a large number of volunteers that participate in individual events, tutoring and programming. These volunteers assist on a more informal basis through our Community Based Services Unit.

PROBATION SERVICES SUMMARY (All Units)

2003 INVESTIGATIONS

	Delinquency		Unruly		Juvenile Traffic	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Beginning	52	16	2	2	0	0
New Investigations	317	80	12	17	1	1
Ending	52	16	2	2	0	0

2003 SUPERVISIONS

	Delinquency		Unruly		Juvenile Traffic	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Beginning	684	234	69	57	7	3
New Supervisions	1,094	338	152	85	11	9
Ending	738	222	106	57	7	6

Additional Investigations through Initial Hearing Process: 15
(Includes all cases transferred intrastate & Interstate)

DEPARTMENTAL PHONE NUMBERS

Court Administration	225-4267
 Clerk's Office	225-4198 or 225-4199
Ancillary Services/Legal	225-4250
Center for Adolescent Services . . .	687-9427, Extension 222
Detention Services	496-7324
Intervention Center	496-6559
Nicholas Residential Treatment Center	496-7196
Probation Services	225-4163

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