# 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

# JUVENILE DIVISION, COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

# JUDGE NICK KUNTZ JUDGE ANTHONY CAPIZZI

### **COURT LOCATIONS:**

### **JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER**

380 West Second Street • Dayton, Ohio 45422

#### CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT SERVICES

333 Access Road • New Lebanon, Ohio 45345

# JUDGE FRANK W. NICHOLAS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER FOR YOUTH

5581 Dayton-Liberty Road • Dayton, Ohio 45418

### **JUVENILE PROBATION**

3501 Merrimac Avenue • Dayton, Ohio 45405

# TO THE CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

During 2009, some of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court accomplishments and changes include:

# START-UP OF THE JCARE (JUVENILE COURT ALTERNATIVE REHABILITATION EFFORT) PROGRAM

In 2009, the Juvenile Court was funded by the Oho Department of Youth Services to begin the Juvenile Cognitive Alternative Rehabilitation Effort (JCARE). JCARE is a secure residential treatment option for young men who may have typically been committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. JCARE is housed at the Juvenile Justice Center and provides Aggression Replacement Training (ART) to youth ordered to complete the program and their families. JCARE opened the first week of December 2009. Its capacity is 24 boys at one time. Thirteen youth have been admitted to the program during the first month of operation. The Court received initial funding for the first year and anticipates that the program's success will bring continued funding.

### START-UP OF THE JCAP (JUVENILE COURT ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM)

Also in 2009, the Juvenile Court received funding from the Office of Criminal Justice Services, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to begin the Juvenile Court Accountability Project (JCAP). This grant funding has allowed the Court to hire 3 new staff and reinstate 1 staff for the JCAP Program. JCAP focuses on youth who have financial obligations to the Court. Its focus is to provide jobs while working with lower risk youth to complete court orders related to court costs and fines. In the first two months of the project the Court has collected over \$2,000 in court costs and fines while successfully closing out cases of over 20 youth from probation supervision. In addition, for youth who have not responded to repeated contacts regarding their outstanding court costs and fines, JCAP referred 30 youth to a Financial Obligation Docket, being held in early March 2010 for possible sanctions.

# START-UP OF THE DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT DIVERSION PROGRAM (DMC/DP)

For 2009, Juvenile Court was awarded an \$83,830 grant by the Ohio Department of Youth Services to reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) within the juvenile justice system. The initial geographical target area was Dayton, Ohio. The DMC Diversion Program combined mediation services, linkages to community services and follow-up tracking on what happened to these youth and their families. The primary referral source was the Dayton Police Department and Dayton Public Schools to a lesser degree. Referrals included minority youth that had little or no previous contact with the juvenile court system and had minor offense and truancy related complaints. These youth were referred to the DMC Diversion Program instead of referring them to the Juvenile Court as unofficial cases. (Program youth were not part of Juvenile Court's unofficial case screening system.) While this program was housed in the Intervention Center, program youth were tracked independently and provided services within the community. The goal of this program was to divert minority youth from becoming identified with the juvenile justice system, creating

linkages between the families and community and reducing the referrals from the Dayton Police Department to the Juvenile Court. Since it inception on March 1, 2009, the program received 229 referrals. Of those 104 who completed the program 88 were successful and 16 were unsuccessful. Seventy-eight were returned to the Court either due to program ineligibility or their refusal to participate.

# PURSUIT OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BY THE NICHOLAS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER (NRTC) FOR TITLE IV-E FUNDING

Juvenile Court is pursuing the licensure of NRTC as a residential facility under the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services in order to qualify for possible Title IV-E certification and reimbursement. The Children Services Division of the Montgomery County Jobs and Family Services Department has been assisting the court in both processes.

# MAINTENANCE OF JUVENILE COURT OPERATIONS IN SPITE OF FUNDING LIMITATIONS

Juvenile Court received a budget cut of \$1,489,901 in County General Funds for 2010. In addition, the Court had a \$736,755 reduction of funding from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. This has resulted in the loss of 54 staff positions at Juvenile Court. In spite of these severe cuts, the Court is challenged to find alternative means to maintain its operations and provide needed programming for the juveniles served by the Court. The Court will continue to apply for grant funding in order to provide necessary programming, such as the JCARE (a secure residential treatment program for youth who would otherwise be sent to the Ohio Department of Youth Services) and JCAP (a program to respond to youth with outstanding court costs and fines).

### A "BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY" COURT

Judge Nick Kuntz and Judge Antony Capizzi invited Phil deVol to speak about the concept of "Bridges out of Poverty" to Juvenile Court staff at Sinclair Community College in April, 2009. "Bridges out of Poverty" focuses on economic diversity, not racial or cultural diversity, but recognizes the influences that these can have on economic status. The Court felt this was important to implement as poverty occurs in all races, and many of those the Court serves have found themselves in situational poverty, due to the current economic conditions. To better understand people from poverty, "Bridges out of Poverty" defines poverty as the extent to which an individual does without resources. It also focuses that while economically, persons may be poor, other resources may be abundant.

Shortly after the court training, Montgomery County Juvenile Court was invited to become a pilot for other juvenile courts. A "Bridges Court" is comprised of three main components. The first is to promote respect and build relationships within the Court as well as the community agencies/partners and the people it serves. The second is for the court to become a place where language barriers are removed. The third and last component is that a court brings the justice system to those in poverty. To undertake this project, Court staff were assigned to a "Bridges" Team. During 2009, team members received initial training in June and completed the Train the Trainer Certification training in December.



# **JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER**

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## **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 through the following:

Be a leader in the effective and cost-efficient utilization of community resources for the treatment of children and families;
Provide for the protection of the community through just and speedy consequences
Be sensitive and responsive to individual victims and their families;
Provide individualized justice for the offenders;
Protect the abandoned, neglected and abused and assess and seek treatment for children in need;
Hold those accountable who fail to meet their obligations as parents, guardians or custodians;
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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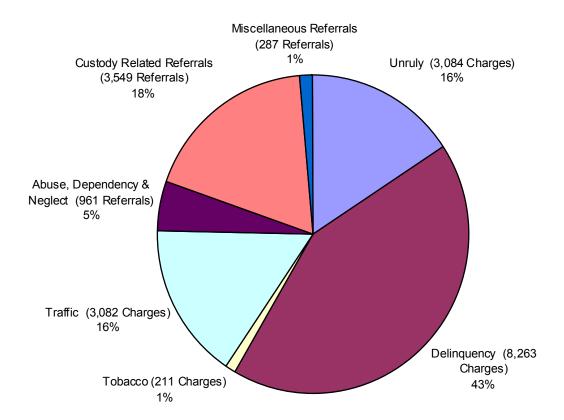
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		DELINQUENCY	UNRULY	TOBACCO	TRAFFIC
L E	Sheriff	508	118	1	
A N	Ohio State Patrol	8	0	0	1
WF	Brookville	74	9	4	
0	Butler Township	60	12	1	
R	Centerville	198	40	35	1
C	Clay Township	26	1	0	
E M	Clayton	53	21	0	
E	Dayton	1,893	1,048	84	
N	Englewood	131	28	0	
Ť	German Township	33	6	0	
•	Germantown	68	23	5	
	Jefferson Township Police	0	0	0	
	Harrison Township Police	0	0	0	
	Huber Heights	549	161	10	
	Jackson Township	5	0	0	
	Kettering Police	253	95	37	
	Miami Township	421	72	2	
ļ	Miamisburg	192	71	7	
f	Moraine	207	46	0	
	New Lebanon	87	27	0	
	Oakwood	19	0	1	
	Perry Township	9	2	2	
	Phillipsburg	0	0	0	
	Riverside	203	62	9	
	Trotwood	353	229	1	
	Union	27	9	4	
	Vandalia	119	12	2	
	Washington Township	0	0	0	
	West Carrollton	163	36	0	
	Five Rivers MetroParks	36	2	0	
	Dayton Airport Police	1	2	0	
	Sinclair Community College Police	27	2	0	
	University of Dayton Police	24	1	0	
5 D	Brookville Schools	2	9	0	
C I H S	Centerville	0	14	0	
) J	Dayton Public Schools	1	190	0	
O R	Huber Heights	6	38	0	
- i	Jefferson Township	0	1	0	
Ċ	Kettering	0	11	0	
T	Mad River Local	1	8	0	
-	Miamisburg	0	56	0	
	Montgomery County	1	16	0	
	New Lebanon	0	10	0	
	Northmont	0	12	0	
	Northridge Local	0	25	0	
ļ	Trotwood-Madison	0	20	0	
	Valley View	0	17	0	
	Vandalia-Butler	1	12	0	
	West Carrollton	0	38	0	
	Charter Schools	1	173	0	
	Other Schools	0	2	0	
0	County Transfer In	471	32	1	
T	Children Services Division, Jobs & Family				
Н	Services	0	7	3	
E	County Prosecuting Attorney	26	0	0	
R	Juvenile Court	1,997	24	0	
ļ	Parents or Relatives	0	230	0	
	Other	9	4	2	
	TOTAL:	8,263	3,084	211	3,

# **JUVENILE CHARGES**

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

## **2009 JUVENILE CHARGES (REFERRALS)**

**Total Referrals: 19,437** 



# **UNRULY YOUTH**

## **UNRULY CHARGES BY AGE AND GENDER**

	11 &	Under	12	-13	14	-15	16 &	Over	TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	М	F	M	F	M	F	М	F	M	F	
Truancy	6	5	44	35	97	97	206	226	353	363	716
Runaway	4	0	9	4	48	42	92	143	153	189	342
Curfew	3	1	2	7	44	32	179	61	228	101	329
Other Unruly Behavior	59	28	110	44	291	273	471	421	931	766	1,697
Total	72	34	165	90	480	444	948	851	1,665	1,419	3,084

# **UNRULY CHARGES BY RACE**

Referral Reason	Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
Truancy	390	301	21	4	716
Runaway	240	90	12	0	342
Curfew	148	173	8	0	329
Other Unruly Behavior	948	705	42	2	1,697
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TOTAL:	1,726	1,269	83	6	3,084

## NON-JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN UNRULY CHARGES

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	85
Work Program Diversion	108
Unofficial Resolution (Dismissed Without Prejudice)	697
Fast Forward Program Referral	1
Homework/Chores Ordered	58
Restitution/Community Service	5
Other Community Service/Restitution	62
Parent Enforced House Arrest	6
Refer to Better Business Bureau's "Life Rules Program"	40
Power Club Referral	17
Probation Referral for Appropriate Action	526
Ordered to Attend School	222
Refer to Mediation	146
Write a Letter of Apology	106
Write an Essay	133
DISPOSITIONS ORDERED (continued):	

Treatment:	
Mental Health Assessments	116
Alcohol or Drug (AoD) Assessments	15
Counseling	225
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	351
Urinalysis Ordered	51

Non-judicial dispositions are made on unofficial charges (referrals). A charge can have more than one disposition.

# **JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN UNRULY CHARGES**

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	177
Dismissed	405
Dismissed Without Prejudice	257
Court Costs	9
Fines	6
Chores Ordered	13
Application Rights or License Suspension	6
Restitution/Community Service	122
Other Community Service/Restitution	16
Ordered to Attend School	275
Parent Enforced House Arrest	6
Transfer to Another County	5
Refer to Mediation	36
Write a Letter of Apology	26
Write an Essay	30
Treatment:	
Mental Health Assessments	116
Alcohol or Drug (AoD) Assessments	78
Counseling	225
Probation Supervision	351
Urinalysis Ordered	81
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	6

This table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court on official charges (referrals). A charge can have more than one disposition.

# **DELINQUENT YOUTH**

# **TOP SIX DELINQUENCY CHARGES (EXCLUDING VIOLATIONS)** IN 2009:

- Theft
- Assaults (Misdemeanor & Felony)
- Drug Abuse
- Domestic Violence (Misdemeanor & Felony)
- Obstructing Justice Related Offenses
- Disorderly Conduct

# **DELINQUENCY CHARGES BY AGE AND GENDER**

CHARGE CATEGORIES	11 & l	JNDER	12 - 13		14 - 15		16 & OVER		TOTAL	TOTAL	GRAND
ONANGE GATEGORIES	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
HOMICIDE											
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RELATED HOMICIDE OFFENSES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT & MENACING											
FELONIOUS & AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	3	0	6	2	7	0	23	8	39	10	49
ASSAULTS (FELONY)	11	5	4	2	15	5	16	23	46	35	81
ASSAULTS (MISDEMEANOR)	30	4	39	15	72	61	132	113	273	193	466
OTHER RELATED ASSAULTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
MENACING & STALKING	6	0	17	3	38	16	76	50	137	69	206
KIDNAPPING & EXTORTION											
KIDNAPPING & RELATED OFFENSES	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	7
EXTORTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL OFFENSES											
RAPE	2	0	10	0	9	0	20	5	41	5	46
SEXUAL ASSAULTS (FELONY)	3	3	15	1	21	0	17	2	56	6	62
SEXUAL ASSAULTS (MISDEMEANOR)	0	0	3	0	4	0	7	2	14	2	16
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
OBSCENITY	0	0	8	3	8	6	4	1	20	10	30
ARSON & RELATED OFFENSES											
ARSON	3	0	4	0	5	0	20	0	32	0	32
RELATED VANDALISM OFFENSES	1	0	5	1	9	4	14	5	29	10	39
RELATED CRIMINAL DAMAGING OFFENSES	19	2	30	8	90	17	130	50	269	77	346
ROBBERY, BURGLARY & TRESPASSING											
ROBBERY	0	0	4	0	25	0	118	6	147	6	153
BURGLARY	1	1	7	1	60	4	167	11	235	17	252
TRESPASSING	3	2	17	2	22	10	130	42	172	56	228
SAFECRACKING	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
THEFT & FRAUD											
GRAND THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	0	10	0	10
THEFT	11	6	55	25	183	124	377	389	626	544	1,170
PASSING BAD CHECKS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS	0	0	1	0	2	2	7	6	10	8	18
FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	5	10	5	15
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# **DELINQUENCY CHARGES BY AGE AND GENDER (CONTINUED)**

DELINGUENT CHARGES BY								/		IIIIOLD)	
CHARGE CATEGORIES		11 & UNDER		12 - 13		- 15	16 & 0	OVER	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE	GRAND TOTAL
		F	М	F	М	F	M	F	WALL	LIMALL	TOTAL
FRAUD	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	9	10
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY (FELONY)	0	0	0	1	6	6	56	8	62	15	77
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY (MISDEMEANOR)	0	0	9	3	28	8	48	15	85	26	111
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE											
INCITING, RIOT & RELATED OFFENSES	1	0	1	1	7	5	11	7	20	13	33
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	8	1	21	2	59	54	148	99	236	156	392
HARASSMENT	0	0	1	0	5	0	11	9	17	9	26
FALSE ALARMS	0	0	1	3	13	7	12	11	26	21	47
CROWD SAFETY	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	3
AGAINST FAMILY											
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (FELONY)	0	0	1	4	17	7	12	11	30	22	52
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (MISDEMEANOR)	14	3	26	13	85	68	147	89	272	173	445
OTHER OFFENSES AGAINST THE FAMILY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	6	7
AGAINST JUSTICE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION											
BRIBERY & INTIMIDATION	0	0	2	0	3	2	7	1	12	3	15
PERJURY	1	0	0	1	4	5	17	16	22	22	44
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE RELATED OFFENSES	4	1	6	8	66	31	197	83	273	123	396
WEAPONS CONTROL											
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS (FELONY)	0	0	0	0	3	0	19	0	22	0	22
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS (MISDEMEANOR)	0	0	2	0	6	1	16	5	24	6	30
POSSESSING CRIMINAL TOOLS (FELONY)	0	0	0	0	3	0	16	4	19	4	23
POSSESSING CRIMINAL TOOLS (MISDEMEANOR)	0	1	2	2	8	3	15	37	25	43	68
OTHER WEAPONS CONTROL OFFENSES (FELONY)	1	0	3	0	14	1	16	5	34	6	40
OTHER WEAPONS CONTROL OFFENSES (MISDEMEANOR)	1	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	10	0	10
PARTICIPATING IN A GANG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG OFFENSES											
DRUG TRAFFICKING	0	0	2	0	6	2	41	3	49	5	54
DRUG ABUSE	1	0	10	1	64	27	352	73	427	101	528
DRUG THEFT/DRUG SAMPLES	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	4
FEDERAL OFFENSES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR VIOLATIONS	0	0	1	0	17	17	209	100	227	117	344
OTHER DELINQUENCY OFFENSES	0	0	2	0	2	2	4	1	8	3	11
LOCAL ORDINANCES	3	0	7	2	32	11	161	28	203	41	244
VIOLATIONS OF COURT ORDER	3	5	121	37	517	199	810	301	1451	542	1,993
TOTALS	130	34	447	141		706	3,620	1,639	5,743	2,520	8,263
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# **DELINQUENCY CHARGES BY RACE**

CHARGE CATEGORIES	Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
HOMICIDE					
MURDER	1	0	0	0	1
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0
RELATED HOMICIDE OFFENSES	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT & MENACING					
FELONIOUS & AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	31	15	3	0	49
ASSAULTS (FELONY)	65	16	0	0	81
ASSAULTS (MISDEMEANOR)	237	216	12	1	466
OTHER RELATED ASSAULTS	0	2	0	0	2
MENACING & STALKING	99	106	1	0	206
KIDNAPPING & EXTORTION					
KIDNAPPING & RELATED OFFENSES	4	2	1	0	7
EXTORTION	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL OFFENSES					
RAPE	20	22	2	2	46
SEXUAL ASSAULTS (FELONY)	17	39	3	3	62
SEXUAL ASSAULTS (MISDEMEANOR)	8	8	0	0	16
PROSTITUTION	1	0	0	0	1
OBSCENITY	1	12	0	17	30
ARSON & RELATED OFFENSES					
ARSON	11	21	0	0	32
RELATED VANDALISM OFFENSES	13	25	1	0	39
RELATED CRIMINAL DAMAGING OFFENSES	139	204	3	0	346
ROBBERY, BURGLARY & TRESPASSING					
ROBBERY	130	18	5	0	153
BURGLARY	133	117	2	0	252
TRESPASSING	129	95	4	0	228
SAFECRACKING	1	1	0	0	2
THEFT & FRAUD					
GRAND THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	6	4	0	0	10
THEFT	637	509	24	0	1,170
PASSING BAD CHECKS	0	0	0	0	0
MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS	13	5	0	0	18
FORGERY	8	6	1	0	15
FRAUD	10	0	0	0	10
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# **DELINQUENCY CHARGES BY RACE (CONTINUED)**

CHARGE CATEGORIES	Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY (FELONY)	48	28	1	0	77
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY (MISDEMEANOR)	43	67	0	1	111
GAMBLING	2	0	0	0	2
AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE					
INCITING, RIOT & RELATED OFFENSES	31	2	0	0	33
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	195	185	11	1	392
HARASSMENT	11	15	0	0	26
FALSE ALARMS	30	17	0	0	47
CROWD SAFETY	1	1	1	0	3
AGAINST FAMILY					
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (FELONY)	28	23	1	0	52
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (MISDEMEANOR)	208	217	20	0	445
OTHER OFFENSES AGAINST THE FAMILY	5	2	0	0	7
AGAINST JUSTICE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION					
BRIBERY & INTIMIDATION	11	4	0	0	15
PERJURY	20	24	0	0	44
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE RELATED OFFENSES	266	121	9	0	396
WEAPONS CONTROL					
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS (FELONY)	20	2	0	0	22
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS (MISDEMEANOR)	17	13	0	0	30
POSSESSING CRIMINAL TOOLS (FELONY)	12	11	0	0	23
POSSESSING CRIMINAL TOOLS (MISDEMEANOR)	31	37	0	0	68
OTHER WEAPONS CONTROL OFFENSES (FELONY)	16	24	0	0	40
OTHER WEAPONS CONTROL OFFENSES (MISDEMEANOR)	3	7	0	0	10
PARTICIPATING IN A GANG	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG OFFENSES					
DRUG TRAFFICKING	28	25	1	0	54
DRUG ABUSE	128	386	14	0	528
DRUG THEFT/DRUG SAMPLES	4	0	0	0	4
FEDERAL OFFENSES	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR VIOLATION	40	293	11	0	344
OTHER DELINQUENCY	5	5	1	0	11
LOCAL ORDINANCES	131	108	5	0	244
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	1,178	777	38	0	1,993
TOTAL:	4,226	3,837	175	25	8,263

## NON-JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN DELINQUENT CHARGES

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	59
Work Program Diversion	161
Unofficial Resolution (Dismissed Without Prejudice)	112
Restitution/Community Service	20
Other Community Service/Restitution	186
Ordered to Attend School	41
Homework/Chores Ordered	75
Referred to Mediation	212
Refer to Better Business Bureau's "Stop Shoplifting Program"	285
Refer to Better Business Bureau's "Life Rules Program"	50
Power Club Referral	9
Transferred to Another Jurisdiction	12
Write a Letter of Apology	270
Write an Essay	403
Treatment:	
Mental Health Assessments	40
Alcohol or Drug (AoD) Assessments	23
Sexual Offender Assessments	3
Counseling	44
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	4
Urinalysis Ordered	182
APA Sexting Diversion Referral	27
Firesetters Program Referral	9

Non-judicial dispositions are made on unofficial charges (referrals). A charge can have more than one disposition.

## JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN DELINQUENT CHARGES

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	494
Application Rights or License Suspension	39
Dismissed	1,155
Dismissed Without Prejudice	500
Fines	53
Court Costs	24
Work Program (Community Service/Restitution)	815
Other Community Service/Restitution	148
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# JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN DELINQUENT CHARGES (CONTINUED)

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Parent Enforced House Arrest	18
Ordered to Attend School	399
Modified Driving Privileges	2
Transferred to Another Jurisdiction	154
Emancipation of Child	14
Write a Letter of Apology	190
Write an Essay	67
Commitment:	
Center for Adolescent Services	38
Corrections Commitment	335
Corrections Commitment, Suspended	840
Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) Commitment	45
DYS Suspended Commitment	432
Placement:	
Legal Custody	33
Temporary Custody	119
Temporary Custody to Children Services	28
Termination of Legal Custody	6
Termination of Temporary Custody	40
To almost	
Treatment:	540
Mental Health Assessments	548
Alcohol or Drug (AoD) Assessments	459
Sexual Offender Assessment	40
Drug Court	98 619
Continued in Drug Court	
Counseling Nicholas Residential Treatment Center	1,281
Nicholas Residential Treatment Center	14 589
Urinalysis Ordered  RAP (Residential Alternatives Program)	589
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Probation Supervision Continued on Probation	1,926 56
Continued on Propation	50

This table includes the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court on official charges (referrals). A charge can have more than one disposition.

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

YEAR	DYS	DYS	DYS	CAS
	COMMITMENTS	<b>REVOCATIONS*</b>	RE-COMMITMENTS**	COMMITMENTS
2009	38	29	0	72
2008	126	42	7	80
2007	106	50	8	83
2006	100	55	11	78
2005	111	80	18	77
2004	132	57	11	56
2003	101	49	15	52
2002	107	56	17	37
2001	117	45	25	15
2000	146	55	23	-

<sup>\*</sup>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.

# 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	AR BINDOVER MO MOTIONS GRA FILED		MOTIONS DENIED OR WITHDRAWN
2009	48	28	20
2008	29	10	19
2007	35	16	19
2006	31	22	9
2005	29	11	18
2004	23	6	17
2003	40	17	23
2002	38	11	27
2001	36	16	20
2000	43	19	24

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.

# FAMILY STATUS OF YOUTH WITH DELINQUENT AND/OR UNRULY OFFENSES BY RACE AND GENDER \*

	BLA	СК	WHI	ΓΕ	ОТН	HER	UNKN	IOWN	TO	TAL	GRAND TOTAL
	М	F	М	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Both Parents	81	64	338	175	20	5	4	0	443	244	687
Mother Only	832	561	617	391	27	27	8	7	1,484	986	2,470
Father Only	93	47	171	73	6	3	6	1	276	124	400
Mother & Stepfather	66	30	119	33	4	3	0	0	189	66	255
Father & Stepmother	10	11	26	17	1	0	1	0	38	28	66
Stepfather Only	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Stepmother Only	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Foster Home, Relative or Non-Relative	98	80	107	58	9	1	1	0	215	139	354
Group Home	35	7	18	6	1	0	0	0	54	13	67
Guardian	143	125	112	53	4	4	1	0	260	182	442
Institution	2	6	4	2	1	1	0	0	7	9	16
Independent Living	8	8	5	6	2	0	0	0	15	14	29
Unknown	21	20	30	18	3	2	2	0	56	40	96
Total	1,390	961	1,549	834	78	46	23	8	3,040	1,849	4,889

<sup>\*</sup> This table reflects the unduplicated number of youth with delinquent and/or unruly offenses according to their family status.

# SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDING BY YOUTH WITH DELINQUENT AND/OR UNRULY OFFENSES BY GENDER\*

SCHOOLS	Male	Female		
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS				
BROOKVILLE	43	8		
CENTERVILLE	106	49		
DAYTON CITY SCHOOLS	1,066	656		
HUBER HEIGHTS	251	102		
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	16	6		
KETTERING	139	82		
MAD RIVER	101	42		
MIAMISBURG	141	86		
NEW LEBANON	35	28		
NORTHMONT	98	50		
NORTHRIDGE	83	70		
OAKWOOD	12	5		
TROTWOOD MADISON	139	76		
VALLEY VIEW	53	16		
VANDALIA-BUTLER	53	45		
WEST CARROLLTON	150	72		
OTHER SCHOOLS				
CHARTER SCHOOLS	302	260		
OTHER	31	23		
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS				
MIAMI VALLEY CAREER TECHNOLOGY	13	13		
OTHER				
OUT OF SCHOOL	11	11		
OUT OF COUNTY	154	130		
UNKNOWN	43	19		
MALE/FEMALE TOTALS:	3,040	1,849		
GRAND TOTAL:	4,889			

<sup>\*</sup> This table reflects the unduplicated number of youth with delinquent and/or unruly offenses according to the school district they attend.

# ZIP CODE OF DELINQUENT AND/OR UNRULY YOUTH BY GENDER\*

ZIP CODE	MALE	FEMALE	
45309	48	11	
45315	18	11	
45322	70	30	
45325	5	4	
45327	48	13	
45342	139	92	
45345	39	31	
45354	4	1	
45377	38	36	
45401	1	1	
45402	124	102	
45403	116	85	
45404	101	52	
45405	299	193	
45406	235	144	
45408	86	72	
45409	16	4	
45410	95	46	
45414	117	94	
45415	31	17	
45416	53	33	
45417	147	93	
45418	48	17	
45419	27	10	
45420	76	46	
45422	3	0	
45424	264	123	
45426	113	79	
45427	81	41	
45429	34	23	
45430	0	2	
45431	53	28	
45439	77	31	
45440	38	20	
45449	78	45	
45458	51	25	
45459	59	27	
OUT OF COUNTY	172	142	
OUT OF STATE	36	25	
MALE/FEMALE TOTALS:	3,040	1,849	
GRAND TOTAL:	4,889		

<sup>\*</sup> This table reflects the unduplicated number of youth with delinquent and/or unruly offenses according to the zip code in which they reside.

# **JUVENILE TRAFFIC OFFENDERS**

### TRAFFIC REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		ТОТ	ΓAL	GRAND TOTAL
М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	
4	0	3	1	70	33	1,902	1,069	1,979	1,103	3,082

### TRAFFIC REFERRALS BY RACE

Black	White Other		Unknown	Total
895	2,103	77	7	3,082

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Attitude Adjustment Driving Program	3
Admonished	402
Application Rights or License Suspension	74
Driving Course Required	7
Drive Alive Program	100
Dismissed	385
Dismissed Without Prejudice	85
Fines	2195
Court Costs	2120
License Suspended In House	41
License to Be Suspended by Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)	315
Temporary Driver's Permit Suspended	10
Modified Driving Privileges BMV	266
Modified Driving Privileges – In House	9
Restricted Driving Privileges	195
Juvenile Court Work Program	2
Transfer to Another Jurisdiction	50
Probation Supervision	59
Counseling	2
Mental Health Assessment	23
AOD Assessment	25

This table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court.

A charge (referral) can have more than one disposition.

# **TOBACCO CHARGES (REFERRALS)**

In 2001, the Tobacco Bill (Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.87) was enacted. This law expanded the offense of illegal distribution of cigarette or other tobacco products to children.

### **TOBACCO CHARGES BY AGE AND GENDER**

11 & 0	Under	12-	13	14-	15	16 &	Over	ТО	ΓAL	GRAND TOTAL
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
0	0	3	0	41	10	124	33	168	43	211

## **TOBACCO CHARGES BY RACE**

Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
76	132	3	0	211

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Admonished	16
Work Program Community Service	8
Smoking Cessation Class	42
Dismissed	55
Dismissed Without Prejudice	27
Fines	92
Court Costs	25

This table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court. A charge (referral) can have more than one disposition.

# ABUSED, DEPENDENT AND/OR NEGLECTED CHILD

REFERRAL REASON	TOTAL
Abuse	134
Dependency	632
Neglect	195
Total:	961

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
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Dismissed	87
Dismissed Without Prejudice	25
Administrative Adjustment Approved	109
Emancipation of Child	90
Motion Granted	66
Motion Denied	27
Motion Dismissed	1
Protective Supervision	179
Terminate Protective Supervision	6
Termination/Suspension of Child Support	43
Updated Case Plan Approved	520
Visitation According to Case Plan	186
Visitation Granted	147
Visitation Denied	8
Visitation As Agreed by Parties	148
Placement:	
Custody Remain With Parent	72
Shared Parenting	4
Permanent Custody	6
Temporary Custody	310
Legal Custody	64
Termination of Legal Custody	25
Termination of Temporary Custody	10
Temporary Custody to Children Services	105
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement Granted	4

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# **CUSTODY RELATED REFERRALS**

"Custody Related" cases include permanent custody, change of custody, temporary custody, visitation, protective supervision, out-of-home placements and foster care.

REFERRAL REASONS		TOTAL
Custody, Change of Custody or Visitation		3,549
Permanent Custody		138
	TOTAL	3,687

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Administrative Adjustment Approved	54
Agreed Entry	57
Dismissed	125
Dismissed Without Prejudice	79
Emancipation of Child	84
Motion Granted	87
Motion Denied	15
Motion Dismissed	7
Motion Overruled	3
Motion Withdrawn	22
Protective Supervision	8
Termination of Protective Supervision	1
Child Support Ordered	90
Termination/Suspension of Child Support	19
Updated Case Plan Updated	8
Visitation According to Case Plan	1
Visitation As Agreed by Parties	203
Visitation Granted	165
Visitation Denied	4
Shared Parenting	53
Placement:	
Custody Remain With Parent	11
Temporary Custody	58
Legal Custody	201
Termination of Legal Custody	17
Termination of Temporary Custody	7

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# **MISCELLANEOUS REFERRALS**

Miscellaneous referrals pertain to matters brought before the court, which ordinarily do not involve offenses. These matters include various types of motions, consent to marry requests, record expungements, writs, and certifications from other courts. These matters also include unofficial Grandparent Powers of Attorney or Grandparent Caretaker Affidavits. These filings are accepted by the Juvenile Court, time stamped and tracked for one year before they expire. The purpose of these filings is to provide grandparents legal authority to enroll grandchildren in school or take them to medical, dental or psychological appointments/treatment. The grandparents have physical custody of the grandchild, but no change in legal custody occurs. These are honored, as per the law of the State of Ohio.

REFERRAL REASONS		TOTAL
Grandparent 130		273
All Others		14
	TOTAL	287

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Dismissed Without Prejudice	3
Grandparent CAA/POA Expired	186
Interstate Transfer In Accepted	5
Interstate Transfer In Rejected	1
Motion Granted	1

This table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court.

# **ADULT COMPLAINTS**

# **CIVIL COMPLAINTS ON ADULTS**

The Court also has jurisdiction over certain civil complaints and motions on adults. This authority includes determining the parentage of and the establishment, modification, enforcement and termination of support for a child. This also 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	486	146	632
Support	2,226	2,257	4,483
U.I.F.S.A.	151	163	314
Total:	2,863	2,566	5,429

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS			
ORDERED:	Parentage	Support	U.I.F.S.A
Ordered:			
Add Father's Name to Birth Certificate	107	3	0
Administrative Adjustment Approved	201	439	9
Agreed Entry	28	10	0
Administrative Support Order Adopted	3	2,019	0
Child's Name Shall Be Changed	43	3	0
Child Support Ordered	100	130	22
Dismissed	147	53	18
Dismissed Without Prejudice	2	22	2
Emancipation of Child	511	250	51
Motion Granted	105	96	7
Motion Denied	5	0	1
Motion Dismissed	12	2	0
Motion Withdrawn	6	5	0
Termination/Suspension of Child Support	34	94	3
Visitation As Agreed by Parties	14	4	0
Visitation Granted	31	5	0
Shared Parenting	12	1	0
U.I.F.S.A Accepted	0	0	69

This table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court.

# **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 or delinquency, failure to send to school, contributing to the neglect of a child charges, etc.

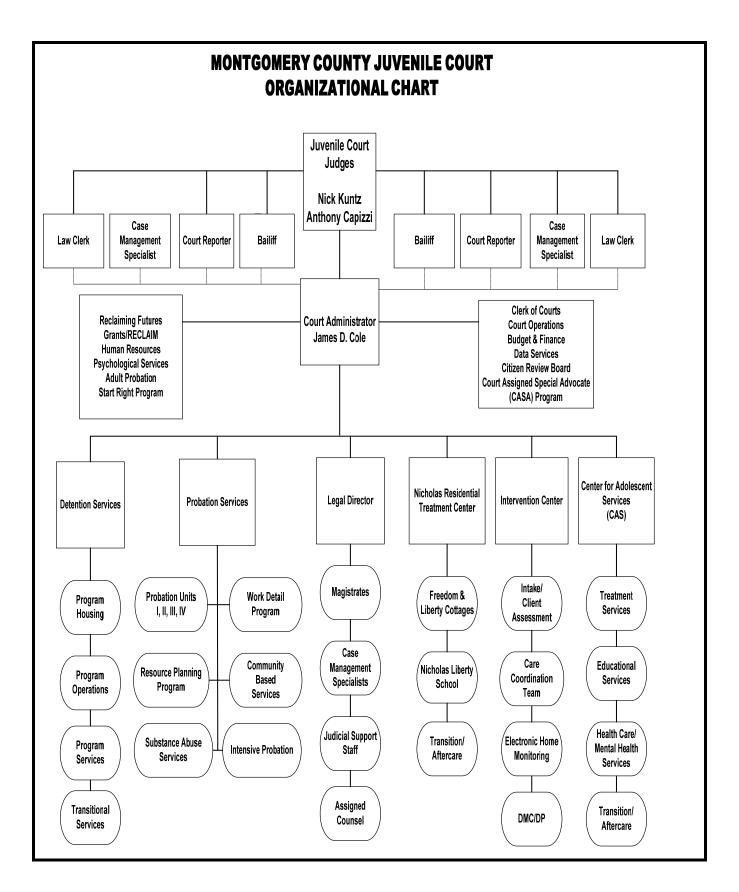
### ADULT CHARGES (REFERRALS) BY TYPE OF CHARGE

CHARGE REASONS:	
Child Endangerment	30
Contributing to Unruliness/Delinquency of a Minor	5
Parental Failure to Send to School (Grades K – 4)	249
Contributing to Education Neglect of a Minor	90
Assault by an Adult	1
Contributing to Neglect	1
Domestic Violence	9
Violation of Probation	23
Total:	408

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Fines	11
Fines Suspended	222
Court Costs	0
Probation Supervision	61
Dismissed	78
Dismissed Without Prejudice	11
Jail Sentence	8
Jail Sentence, Suspended	73
Performance Bond	187
Referred to Project Impact	86

This table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court.

A charge (referral) can have more than one disposition.



# DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

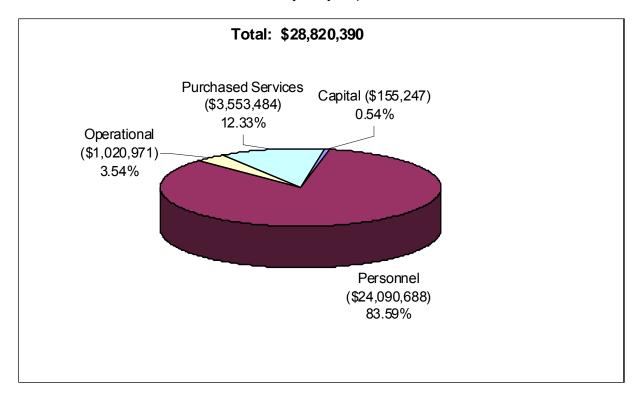
# **COURT ADMINISTRATION**

### JAMES D. COLE, COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Administration includes the two judges, their bailiffs, court reporters and case coordinators. It also includes the Court Administrator and court administration staff. The Judges have oversight responsibility for the judicial processing of cases (delinquency, unruly, dependency, abuse, neglect, traffic, custody, parentage, child support, etc.).

Court Administration is also responsible for overseeing the operation of 6 major departments: the Center for Adolescent Services, Detention Services, the Intervention Center, Legal, the Nicholas Residential Treatment Center, and Probation Services. It also provides direct supervision over Finance/Human Resources, the Clerk's Office, Data Services, Grants Coordination, Adult Probation, Psychological Services, Start Right, the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, the Citizen Review Board, the local Reclaiming Futures Initiative and facility operation.

Presented below are the Court's 2009 yearly expenditures:



### **ADULT PROBATION**

### REBEKKAH BREWER, ADULT PROBATION OFFICER

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.

2009 Investigations: New Investigations Closed Investigations Active at End of Year	21 19 2
2009 Probation Supervision: Beginning Number of Probation Cases New Probation Cases Probation Completed Probation Revoked Total Ending Number of Probation Cases	68 62 67 24 63

2009 Adult Cases Being Monitored Without Probation:	
Beginning Number	4
New Cases	3
Cases Closed	7
Show Cause Filed	1
Total at End of Year	0

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

### GINA FELLER, ESQ., PROGRAM MANAGER

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. The CASA Program has completed its twenty-first year of service to the community.

Number of Children Served	392
Number of Families Served	256
Cases Carried Over From 2008	228
Number of New Cases	189
Number of Cases Closed	177

Outcome of Closed Cases	
Returned to parent	63
Legal custody to relative/non-relative	59
Dismissed	29
Adopted	11
Emancipated	11
Transferred out of County	1
Committed to the Ohio Department of Youth	0
Services	
C.A.S.A. Volunteers	
Active Volunteers	99
Attorneys Providing Pro Bono Services	2

### **CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD**

### SHEILA JENKINS, PROGRAM MANAGER

The Citizen Review Board (CRB) was established as an independent arm of the Court to monitor permanency planning efforts in place for children in out of home care. Its mission is to monitor case practice and service planning to achieve positive foster care outcomes for children and their families. CRB volunteers conduct periodic Formal Reviews, Annual Reviews and Semi-Annual Reviews for children on probation and in out of home placements. CRB's monitoring efforts promote timely judicial services and ensures the safety and the medical, emotional and cultural needs of the child until a permanent plan is achieved.

Total Number of Children Served	1,246
Number of Reports Reviewed by Board	3,482
Total Number of Formal Reviews Held	
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Formal Reviews	54
Annual Permanency Planning Reviews	348
Semi Annual Reviews	<u>64</u>
Total:	466
Doord Valuntoors	
Board Volunteers	
Volunteers	26
Volunteer Hours Provided	3,432

### **CLERK'S OFFICE**

# JENNIFER A. PETRELLA, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ANNA JAUDON, DEPUTY CLERK SUPERVISOR

Under the charge of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court Clerk of Courts, Administrative Judge Nick Kuntz, 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, U.I.F.S.A., Judicial Consent Cases, Grandparent Powers of Attorney, Grandparent Caretaker Authorization Affidavits, Objections, Ohio Department of Youth Service Releases / Re-Entry Filings, Certifications, Transfers and Appeals. A separate journal is maintained to docket Adoption Placement Agreements, Permanent Surrenders, and Fingerprinting and Photographing Motions and Entries as well as Juvenile Court appointments, resignations and terminations.

As part of case processing, the Clerk's Office has several responsibilities to complete prior to the first hearing of many cases. The Clerks file the initial documentation of the case. This includes the time-stamping and journalizing of the documents in the Court's case management system, assigning a Judge and Magistrate to the case, and assigning a case number or motion suffix. All complaints, motions and entries are then imaged upon journalizing the document. Service is prepared to 1) assure legal notification to parties of upcoming hearings; 2) notify persons of required documentation or mandatory appearance at a hearing; or 3) to restrain or detain a person in order for justice to be served. Service documents include summons, subpoenas, warrants, capias', orders of apprehension, and temporary restraining orders. These documents are prepared upon the Judge or Magistrate's setting the hearing on the court docket and are tracked for perfection or failure.

Clerks also perform several on-going, case processing responsibilities. Service production mentioned above may be necessary at several points in an open case. The receipt or failure of service 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 Clerk 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, fingerprints collected, and the number of support cases filed on a monthly basis. There is also daily completion of record requests for private citizens, judicial agencies and military.

The Clerk's Office currently consists of 19 Deputy Clerks, two part-time Clerk assistants, the Deputy Clerk Supervisor and Chief Deputy Clerk. In 2009, the Clerk's Office staff decreased by six, due to the voluntary separation plan offered by the County, as well as retirement or transfers to other Juvenile Court Departments. By the end of the year, four positions were retained, but two positions were permanently removed in order to assist with

budget concerns. The Clerks' Office has a main office area with four windows, to assist clients in person. All but two staff are located in this main office. In addition, official case files from 2002 to present, social history and traffic files are maintained in this space. The two remaining clerks operate a separate mailroom for the entire court. Finally, an adjunct filing area, which is currently housing in-house court documents, will be used for official case jackets as room in the main area has been exceeded.

The Clerk's Office filed over 18,500 new cases and reactivations, including complete case coordination on 2,600 traffic citations and filings. Clerks maintained over 100,000 official case jackets and 10 years of social history case jackets. Over 63,000 pieces of mail were sent from the office and more than 1,800 warrants and capias' were issued. Even with less staff, the office processed an additional 1,500 filings and was able to save the Court over \$2,700 through a bulk mailing process.

### **PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**

### DR. LAURA E. FUJIMURA, COURT PSYCHOLOGIST

Through Psychological Services, evaluations are conducted on youth who are referred by Court staff. The evaluation of adjudicative competence was again the primary reason for referral. However, there was an increase from last year in the number of amenability evaluations in potential bindover cases. In addition to psychological assessments, consultative services are available to assist in disposition planning.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2009	Male	Female
Initial Studies Completed	1	0
Amenability Evaluations	17	0
Competency Evaluations	24	5
Competency Evaluation Updates	1	1
Consultations	4	2
Psychological Reevaluations	1	0

### **START RIGHT**

### REBEKKAH BREWER, PROGRAM MANAGER

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 the more serious Contributing to Educational Neglect. Parental Failure to Send cases arise out of excessive absenteeism of children in grades, kindergarten through fourth grade. In addition, parents who fail to enroll a child in school, regardless of the grade, also get charged with Contributing. Start Right staff prepare these cases for court and complete

follow-up work which may include home or school visits to ensure a positive change. Parents are plugged into community programming to help solve the problems these families are facing.

Out of the 338 cases received in 2009, the Start Right Program served 857 children. The Start Right Program closed 347 cases, of which 87% were closed successfully. (A case is closed successfully when the student has shown improvement in his or her attendance.) 107 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. In addition to community referrals, the Education Advocates also complete several home and school visits every month to ensure communication is taking place with the families and school personnel.

In order to help promote education, the Start Right Program developed a library for infants through age nine. Any child that comes in with their parent is able to pick out an age appropriate book to read while waiting in the program area. They then return the book before leaving for other children to enjoy.

In addition, Start Right distributed school supplies to several clients whose children were in desperate need of them at the beginning of the school year. The program has also been able to provide supplies during the school year, when the situation has presented itself as a major inhibitor for the child's education.

### <u>RECLAIMING FUTURES – MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO</u>

### CHARLOTTE D. MCGUIRE, PROJECT MANAGER

Reclaiming Futures (RF) is now an innovative, tested approach (according to the Urban Institute and University of Chicago's Chapin Hall for Children) to help teens overcome drugs, alcohol and crime. Started in 2001 as a \$21-million, 5-year program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Montgomery County was one of only 10 communities in the nation chosen to pilot this initiative. Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, Reclaiming Futures has transformed from an initiative to a national "Movement" and learning collaborative. Sixteen (16) new communities have been added nationwide with 3 new investors – the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP), the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

In 2009, the Court made major progress in its Reclaiming Futures efforts. With the active leadership of Judges Nick Kuntz and Anthony Capizzi, Reclaiming Futures staff and committed community partners, significant and sustainable gains were made in the quality of juvenile justice and substance abuse treatment services. The shared leadership partners include the:

1) Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board for

- Montgomery County
- 2) Samaritan Behavioral Health, Inc., CrisisCare
- 3) City of Dayton Department of Recreation and Youth Services
- 4) Many faith, civic and business organizations including citizen volunteers known as Natural Helpers

Three **(3)** sustainable goals were set for 2009. They were: 1) to sustain and increase capacity and access to quality community-based treatment; 2) to improve integrated data collection for individualized monitoring and reporting on youth; and, 3) to sustain and expand the Natural Helper Program.

Key 2009 highlights for Reclaiming Futures include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinated RF-MCO Data Collection Project team (including CrisisCare) ongoing
  efforts for continued improvement of integrated data management system to track
  individual youth and detect those with alcohol and other drugs (AOD) issues.
   Screened 3,359 youth entering the system for delinquent/felony charges.
   63.4% had AoD issues.
- Three (3) behavioral health clinicians (1 public and 2 private) received certification in the evidenced-based practice "Family Support Network" (FSN), Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT) Series of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to improve adolescent treatment quality and access.
- Managed community awareness and volunteer citizen support activities for Natural Helping through an ongoing community relations campaign targeting faith, trades, civic, fraternal and community-based organizations.
- Coordinated local activities for the production of a national video for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Vulnerable Populations, *Promise Story* featuring a Drug Court youth.
- Natural Helper Beverly Smith received the 2009 Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award by the Montgomery County Mentoring Collaborative.
- Trained 28 new Natural Helpers for a total of 195 to date.
- Served 99 new youth through Natural Helper linkages, a 15% increase from 2008.
- Coordinated Reclaiming Futures Natural Helper Advisory Board activities for ongoing training.
- Leveraged cumulatively \$17,614 in private sector and individual donations for positive youth development and natural helping activities.
- Continued average show rate at 57% (from low of 35%) for youth initiating treatment services with primary public treatment provider through services coordination by treatment liaison, funded now by the ADAMHS Board for the Court.
- Sponsored and coordinated with the University of Dayton "Name That Place" youth contest for the new youth treatment center – Adolescent Recovery Center for Hope (ARCH). ARCH is operated by the Women's Recovery Center, Inc.

## **CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT SERVICES**

### DAVID D. ROBY, DIRECTOR

The Center for Adolescent Services (CAS) was completed in the fall of 2000 and 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. Currently funded to serve 34 boys and 10 girls, the building is designed with a capacity of 40 boys and 10 girls. During 2009, CAS served 72 youth (62 boys and 10 girls).

This highly structured program provides a safe and secure learning environment for youth adjudicated of a low-level felony. Youth participate in a cognitive-behavioral treatment program stressing pro-social skills, self-discipline, and personal responsibility. Treatment modules target thinking patterns, substance abuse, relapse prevention, understanding one's personal, social and family history, developing new habits of thought and action, values exploration and clarification, community service/restitution and victim empathy. Treatment is delivered through a combination of individual, group and family counseling. In addition, youth must participate actively in a year-round academic program in which credits are earned and transferred to their permanent academic record. Additional services provided for all youth include medical and health services, daily recreation, food services, custodial services, and a program of aftercare.

CAS experienced some significant transitions in 2009. The Center redeveloped its treatment program in an effort to provide for a greater focus and emphasis on evidence-based treatment. Youth progress through four distinct treatment phases that focus on, but are not limited to, the process of change, anger management, pro-social skills, decision making, family dynamics, and release and reintegration back into the community. Youth must demonstrate competency in each treatment curriculum as a condition for advancing to their next treatment phase and eventual release. Similarly, CAS has spent a considerable amount of time developing a reward based system for youth. Youth have opportunities to earn rewards based upon meeting and/or exceeding expectations while undergoing treatment. The addition of a structured reward system increases our ability and provides more tools in working with and creating behavioral changes in youth.

CAS has recently partnered with South Community, Inc. in order to provide individual counseling and psychiatric services to its youth. CAS has a licensed, part-time counselor that conducts individual counseling sessions for youth identified with mental health needs. Similarly, psychiatric services are provided in terms of reviewing and assessing youth with psychopharmacological needs. CAS' collaboration with South Community, Inc. is a benefit to the youth and families it serves.

The average length of treatment is 4.1 months depending upon the needs and responsiveness of each youth. Prior to release each youth enters a transition period during which he or she spends increasing periods of time at home. When released, all youth are required to participate in aftercare for at least 4 weeks.

#### Below are the statistics for Calendar Year 2009:

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Total Admitted	62	10	72
Average Daily Population	33	6	39
	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
			AVERAGES
Average Length of Stay (Days)	135	114	124
Average Length of Stay (Months)	4.5	3.8	4.1

Admissions to CAS	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Age Range:			
12 – 14	3	2	5
15 – 16	18	5	23
17 – 18	41	3	44

## Community Service Hours and Restitution:

Number of youth completing restitution	<u>19</u>
Number of youth completing community service	<u>10</u>
Number of community service hours completed	<u>232</u>
Number of restitution hours completed	<u>654</u>
Total amount of restitution paid out	\$3,918.90

## **DETENTION SERVICES**

## JIMMIE L. CARTER, DIRECTOR

Detention Services provides a comprehensive program for Pre and Post dispositional youth in a safe and secure environment, while protecting the public safety. The youth range in ages from 8 to 18 years. During the youth's stay, staff assists them in developing appropriate coping skills to better deal with daily life situations. Detention Services is a 144-bed facility, which includes an 84-bed short-term detention that houses both male and female youth pending court disposition or transfer to another jurisdiction, a 24-bed residential treatment option (the JCARE Program) for boys who may typically have been committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services and a 36-bed short-term correctional high-impact intervention program.

Below are the housing statistics for the Detention Center during 2009:

DETENTION SERVICES	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Total Detained	1,682	663	2,345
Total Days of Care	22,690	5,769	28,459
Average Daily Population	54.65	13.41	68.06
Average Length of Stay	13.49	8.70	12.14

The Corrections program serves adjudicated youth in need of a short term, high impact intervention program. Its behavioral intervention program is based on a "no excuse" approach and focuses on the present behavior.

Below are the housing statistics for Corrections during 2009:

CORRECTIONS	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Total Admitted	577	232	809
Total Days of Care	7,349	2,816	10,165
Average Daily Population	18.04	6.77	24.81
Average Length of Stay	12.74	12.14	12.56

Upon admission, each youth receives a physical by a contracted physician as well as routine medical care. Youth needs include OB/GYN care for pregnant females, diabetes, seizure disorders, sexually transmitted diseases and injuries. Emergency medical care is also available through contract services with area hospitals. The Registered Nurse (R.N.) and Emergency Medical Technician (E.M.T.) provide pre-physicals, medication distribution

and health education. They also communicate with parents and guardians regarding the medical needs of a youth.

School is mandatory for every youth regardless of his/her status in the home school. Academic education is provided through Detention's chartered educational program. The academic program includes reading, math, social studies, science, life skills, language arts, physical education and health taught by certified State of Ohio teachers. In addition, specialized tutoring for youth functioning significantly below grade level is provided through the Court's Title One program.

The Transition Specialist position was developed to provide support services for youth detained in the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Center. The Transition Specialist serves as a liaison between the youth, the family, the schools, the probation officers and various education and social service agencies. Through the tracking of the Transition Specialist, youth are returning to their home schools at a rate of 68% after being released from detention. The greatest interruption to return to school has been expulsion and pending treatment issues.

An increasing number of youth have mental health needs. Psychiatric consultation is available twenty hours a week and crisis intervention is provided seventy-six hours a week by Crisis Care. Crisis Care provides evaluation, counseling, crisis intervention, and psychotropic medication monitoring.

#### Other 2009 accomplishments include:

- Worked diligently with other departments in the Court to successfully manage a budget deficit of 5.5% through position vacancies and reducing or eliminating discretionary spending without laying staff off.
- Worked diligently with the other departments in the Court to successfully obtain a
  grant to develop and implement a new program called JCARE (Juvenile Cognitive
  Alternative Rehabilitation Effort). The JCARE program allows for children to remain
  in the Juvenile Justice Center and increase the probability of the families' active
  participation in treatment. This program decreases the Court's commitments of
  children to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. In December of 2009, 13 boys
  participated in the JCARE program.
- Developed and implemented a Pet Therapy program to expand the services and programs offered to youth to provide the following: relief of stress, entertainment, socialization and support.
- Continued revising Policies and Procedures to reflect changes in the current practices and trained staff on policy and procedures changes.
- Continued hyper-linking the policies and procedures to the ACA standard to provide accessibility and efficiency to staff.
- Reviewed, revised and developed job descriptions for the department to meet the required needs of the facility.
- Continued to provide control room staff with comprehensive training in the operation of the Integrator security system.

- Requested 176 and received 124 Individual Education Plans from the local school districts (received 70%) for incarcerated youth in which their educational materials were tailored to meet their needs during their detainment.
- Hired and trained 24 new staff members: 19 Youth Leaders, 1 RN Supervisor, 2 Title One Tutors and 2 EMTs.
- Continued to provide a safe, productive working environment for staff that will increase job satisfaction, personal safety and sense of impact while maximizing the youth potential for self-change and self-accountability.
- Continued to work diligently with the Population Control Committee in reviewing all of the youth detained and developing a release list of youth who can be released to help prevent overcrowding in detention.
- Continued to work in partnership with Crisis Care to design and implement system changes and programs to improve mental health care for youth in the Juvenile Justice Center.

## INTERVENTION CENTER

## **DAVID PERKINS, DIRECTOR**

The Intervention Center (IC) is the 24-hour, 7-day a week centralized intake, screening, assessment and case 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. Regardless of how youth arrive at the IC, services are immediately available.

If a youth's case is to be filed officially, IC staff gathers and provides, in a timely manner, detailed information for the magistrate to consider when making a disposition on a case. This information can include a CrisisCare Behavioral Health Screen (BHS), any Montgomery County Jobs and Family Services—Children Services Division (CSD) information, a Dispositional Investigation Report (DIR), a risk/needs assessment (YoLSI), feedback from counselors, information gathered from a home or school 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. An IC Administrative Hearing (unofficial hearing), is usually scheduled within 7 to 14 days of referral to the Court. Approximately 500 cases are handled through mediation via the Dayton Mediation Center each year. 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 (BHS) on all youth admitted to Secure Side IC, and on others when appropriate, after which they may refer the child and family for a full diagnostic mental health and/or AoD (Alcohol or other Drug) assessment. The IC conducts a uniform AoD Questionnaire on all face-to-face contacts with youth having unruly or delinquency referrals. Based upon the responses, a BHS and diagnostic assessment may follow.

The IC also prepares the official delinquency and unruly complaints and case jackets, the sealing of records, and marriage and consent requests. It conducts 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 Intervention Center continues to be a successful working model, demonstrating how system and community wide collaboration coupled with openness to positive system change serves the best interests of the children and the community.

IC PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS: Intake/Admissions

Care Coordination Team Children Services Division

CrisisCare

**DSO Emergency Foster Care Project** 

**Electronic Home Monitoring** 

Disproportionate Minority Contact
Diversion Program (DMC/DP)

Better Business Bureau

## INTAKE/ADMISSIONS

Referrals to the Court on alleged delinquent or unruly youth all come through the IC. All IC services, including but not limited to Administrative Hearings, 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. Other Secure Side Admissions include cases for which warrants have been issued. CrisisCare interviews and conducts a BHS on all Secure Side IC youth, those non-secure side youth who "flag" on the AoD Questions, and any other non-secure side youth for whom staff may request a BHS, such requests arising from information gathered in Administrative Hearings, or walk-ins, or at the request of magistrates or probation officers. Other cases may begin with a police report being "mailed-in" when a youth is released to their parent, in lieu of being brought to IC, or a parent or guardian "walk-in."

Administrative Hearings	1,689
DIR/YoLSI Interviews	1,139
Non-Secure Side "Mail-In" Cases	5,859
Non-Secure "Walk-In" Cases	367
Secure Side Admissions	2,689

## **CARE COORDINATION TEAM**

The Care Coordination Team (CCT), also known as the "10 & Under 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 an IC Care Coordinator Specialist (CCS), as well as representatives from the Children Services Division and CrisisCare. The Team meets with the youth and their families, develops a multi-agency plan of intervention and provides 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.

Number of New Referrals in 2009:

137

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICES-- CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION

The Children Services Division of the Montgomery County Jobs and Family Services is committed to providing staff to handle referrals coming through IC. Referents include CrisisCare, Probation, Judges and Magistrates, the CCT, as well as IC. Its 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 the receipt of 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 Children Services Division referrals to be investigated and acted upon more quickly.

## **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 Court, Probation 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, as well as crisis services to any youth demonstrating emotional disturbance while detained and coordinates with the Detention therapist on how best to stabilize the youth. For 2009, CrisisCare maintains the positions of five (5) mental health therapists, a psychiatric RN, and a halftime psychiatrist to address the expanded needs of court youth.

## DSO EMERGENCY FOSTER CARE PROJECT

The DSO Emergency Foster Care Project [DSO/EFC] identifies status offenders and offenders, where no weapon was involved and no injuries occurred, who are physically brought to the IC and 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.

## **ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING PROGRAM**

The Electronic Home Monitoring Program (EHMP) provides an alternative to secure detention for appropriate youth. Youth are 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 Individual Youth Served	721
Number of Successful Completions During 2009*	583
Number of Unsuccessful Completions During 2009*	138

<sup>\*[</sup>Includes youth on EHM at the end on 2008 who completed the program in 2009.]

# DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT DIVERSION PROGRAM (DMC/DP)

Started in March of 2009, Juvenile Court received a grant by the Ohio Department of Youth Services to reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) within the juvenile justice system. The initial geographical target area was Dayton, Ohio. Housed in the Intervention Center, the DMC Diversion Program combined mediation services, linkages to community services and follow-up tracking on what happened to these youth and their families. Referrals included minority youth that had little or no previous contact with the juvenile court system and have minor offense and truancy related complaints. These youth were referred to the DMC Diversion Program instead of referred to the Juvenile Court as unofficial cases. The goal was to divert minority youth from becoming identified with the juvenile justice system, creating linkages between the families and community, and reducing the referrals from the Dayton Police Department to the Juvenile Court. In 2009, the program received 229 referrals. Of those 104 who completed the program 88 were successful and 16 were unsuccessful. Seventy-eight were returned to the Court either due to ineligibility or refusal to participate.

## **BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU**

During 2009, the IC continued its community partnership with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) through their Stop Shoplifting and Life Rules Classes. These classes are another tool for the diversion of appropriate cases from official action. The goal of Stop Shoplifting Class "is to reduce the occurrence of repeat offenders of shoplifting or theft through information, education and self-evaluation." The Life Rules Class is for children ages 10 and younger, and is designed to help children learn to make better choices. The focus is on character, values and decision-making.

## **LEGAL**

## **GREGORY T. SCOTT, LEGAL DIRECTOR**

The Legal Department is comprised of a legal director - magistrate, 7 civil magistrates, 4 delinquency/unruly magistrates, case management specialists, judicial support technicians and administrative support staff. The Legal Department is responsible for the judicial processing of cases (delinquency, unruly, dependency, abuse, neglect, traffic, custody, parentage, child support, etc.) from the referral to the court through its final disposition and/or resolution of the matter.

In 2009, the Legal Department was re-organized in order to achieve better coordination of its various sections (e.g., magistrates, management specialists, entry specialists and assigned counsel). A Legal Director position was added to the Legal departmental structure. Gregory T. Scott was named the new Director. His responsibility is to provide a more focused approach to the processing of court entries and the uniform flow of cases through the Juvenile Court system.

In 2009 the Legal Department teamed with other departments to seek funding that resulted in the JCARE and JCAP projects.

# THE JUDGE FRANK W. NICHOLAS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER FOR YOUTH

## **DEDRICK HOWARD, SUPERINTENDENT**

The Frank W. Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (N.R.T.C.) is a 24-hour, non-secure residential facility (24-bed capacity) that provides behavioral interventions for boys, 11 through 17 years of age. Its mission is to provide diverse comprehensive treatment and rehabilitative services to the youth and his family and to end the youth's involvement in the juvenile justice system. Each youth upon admittance to N.R.T.C. and his family are engaged in individual, group and family counseling. The youth additionally has an individualized educational program, participates in work and recreational therapy and is monitored continuously for the effectiveness of all behavioral interventions.

Number of Boys Served in 2009	66
Carried over from 2008	25
New Placements	41
Number of Boys in Program at End of Year	24
Number of Successful Program Discharges	18

In 2009 N.R.T.C. continued its Family Reunification Plan aimed at serving the needs of both youth and their families. This phase of the program focuses largely on the Transitional Services provided to families as each youth completes the residential phase of the program and is transitioning back into the community and home. These services include meeting with the boys in their schools and coordinating academic agendas with the school personnel, along with weekly follow-ups on the status and progress of each youth. Family counseling continues in the community and home of each youth, with a focus of continuing to help the families practice the new skills learned while the youth was in placement, with focuses on time-management, problem resolution, and communication. Providing an ongoing support person and a structured transition from placement to the community, and eventually to home full-time is proving to help the youth transition from a successful residential treatment experience to a successful return to the community and finally to a functional family reunification.

26 Boys entered the Transition / Aftercare Phase
18 Boys had a successful Transition Phase. Only 2 boys were unsuccessful.
6 Boys remained in the Transitional Phase at the end on 2009.

## PROBATION SERVICES

## **ERIC J. SHAFER, DIRECTOR**

The primary mission of Montgomery County Juvenile Court Probation Services is to provide effective, quality services to both youth and families of Montgomery County, as well as, to protect the citizens of Montgomery County by providing effective case management to youthful offenders placed on probation supervision.

2009 was a year of challenges including budget cuts, which resulted in a reduction of staff. The Probation Services Department saw ten seasoned staff members accept the County's voluntary separation agreement which resulted in their resignations. As a result of these losses, the department made adjustments to caseload responsibilities and assignment of staff.

As a result of budget cuts the Court and the Department aggressively applied for grant funding to continue to provide the highest quality of services for Court youth and their families. These efforts to pursue grant funding were rewarded by a stimulus grant from the Office of Criminal Justice Services to work with a large group of youth that have financial obligations to the Court and remain on probation. The Juvenile Court Accountability Project (JCAP) began in the fall of 2009 and will continue their efforts into 2010. The Court was also awarded funding from the Ohio Department of Youth Services to begin the Juvenile Cognitive Alternative Rehabilitation Effort (JCARE). This program works with youth who have been adjudicated of a felony offense and would typically be considered for commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). Probation Officers and Detention Services Youth Leaders work with youth while in the Juvenile Justice Center, utilizing cognitive behavioral and aggression replacement therapies. JCARE began in December of 2009 and will continue throughout 2010.

Probation Services has continued its efforts toward providing strength-based, family focused services to the youth and families it serves. As a result of this focus on strengths, Probation staff participated in a series of trainings and team building activities throughout 2009. These efforts are led by our Strengths Committee that ensures that our efforts remain focused on the positive assets in youth whenever possible.

Over the past year the Probation Services Department has continued its efforts to find and provide evidence-based services for the youth and families in its charge. The Learning Independence and Family Empowerment (LIFE) program, which connects probationers to Functional Family Therapy at South Community Inc., has expanded through continued grants from the State of Ohio as well as local funding through the ADAMHS Board. The LIFE program employees are licensed counselors who work with families in their own homes.

In 2009, Probation Services continued to collaborate with community partners in order to provide a broad range of services. A number of community agencies continued to provide services to youth assigned to Probation at the Merrimac site. Daybreak Inc. continued to provide anger management services through their Power Club Program. UMADAOP continued their prevention programming to a wide variety of youth, the YWCA provided their Taking Care of Business programming, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference continued to work with youth conducting their STAR (Straight Talk About Risks) program.

## **2009 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS**

<u>INVESTIGATIONS</u>- are defined as post adjudicated/pre-dispositional cases that are referred to Probation Services for the purpose of preparing a social history report and appropriate recommendations for disposition.

## **Investigations**

Deling	luency	Unruly		Juvenile Traffic		New Investigations in 2009
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
165	47	11	15	0	0	238

**SUPERVISIONS-** are defined as post-dispositional cases that are referred to Probation Services for ongoing probation supervision.

## <u>Supervisions</u>

Deling	luency	Un	ruly	Juvenile Traffic		New Supervisions in 2009
<b>Male</b>	Female	<b>Male</b>	Female	Male	Female	1,489
785	376	149	134	33	12	

AVERAGE DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISIONS\*
AVERAGE DEPARTMENTAL INDIVIDUAL CASELOAD

1,439 YOUTH 33 YOUTH

<sup>\*</sup> THIS FIGURE INCLUDES NEW SUPERVISIONS RECEIVED IN 2009 AND SUPERVISION CASES CARRIED OVER FROM 2008.

## **DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE**

Probation Services is organized into nine units: Geographical Units I, II, and III, Community Based Services (CBS), Resource Planning Program (RPP), Drug Court/Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC), Juvenile Court Work Program (JCWP), Intensive Probation Services Unit, and the Transportation Unit.

## **GEOGRAPHICAL UNITS (Units I, II, and III)**

The Probation Services Department is anchored by three geographic units. On the average, these units provided supervision to 90% of youth during 2009. In addition to involving the youth and families in a wide variety of community resources, many of the units link parents to appropriate programming. The average caseload per probation officer working in a geographic unit in 2009 was 38.

#### **New Supervisions Assigned To Geographical Units**

Delinq	luency	Ui	nruly	Juvenile Traffic		New Supervisions in 2009
<b>Male</b>	Female	<b>Male</b>	Female	Male	Female	1,416
732	356	149	134	33	12	

## **COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (CBS)**

The Community Based Services Unit (CBS) is designed to provide services to youth who are in need of a higher level of supervision. CBS provides casework, work therapy, group-centered activities, job placement, and recreational programming. CBS is able to provide a higher level of supervision as a result of smaller caseloads, which are limited to 25 clients per probation officer. CBS collaborates with a number of community and youth serving agencies. The strongest link is with Building Bridges, Inc., which provides work therapy and a number of other pro-social opportunities for youth. Work therapy consists of groups of about 3-5 youth who work in different areas of the community. Examples of these groups are as follows: feeding the homeless, working with animals, landscaping, playing bingo with nursing home patients, interacting with mentally challenged individuals, and delivering furniture to the needy. The youth are paid a small stipend to perform this type of work, which is designed to give back to the community. Work groups run 6 days a week. CBS operates approximately 30 work groups per week.

#### Youth Referred to CBS in 2009

Delino	quency	Unruly		Total Youth
Male	Female	Male	Female	
43	7	8	3	61

A second component of the Community Based Services Unit is the Residential Alternatives

Program (RAP). RAP employs four therapists that work closely with probation officers to provide home based therapy and interventions with youth and their families.

## Youth Referred to CBS in 2009

Delinquer	псу	Unruly		Total Youth
Male	Female	Male	Female	
14	8	9	9	40

## **INTENSIVE PROBATION SERVICES UNIT (IPSU)**

IPSU is designed to provide intensive supervision and services for at-risk youth who exhibit ongoing delinquent and at-risk behavior at school, home and the community. By providing intensive services to youth, one of the primary goals of the IPSU unit is to prevent a youth from being placed out of the home. IPSU has seven specialists that provide intensive case management services, including home and community outreach services (wrap around), group counseling, parent support/education programming, day reporting, after hour monitoring and family outreach programming. These specialists include the following: (2) Sex Offender Treatment Specialists; (4) Gender (2 female 2 male) Specific Specialist (LIFE); and (1) General Intensive Specialist. The IPSU Specialists use collaborative community resources (i.e. intensive outpatient, standard outpatient, etc.) to specifically target substance abuse, mental health issues, sex offending behavior, and delinquent behavior.

#### **YOUTH REFERRED TO IPSU IN 2009**

Offi	cial	Unofficial		Total Youth
Male	Female	Male	Female	
137	93	0	0	230

## RESOURCE PLANNING PROGRAM (RPP)

RPP is responsible for the probation supervision of all youth placed in out of home treatment facilities, group homes, and out of county foster care homes. On the average, there are approximately 60 youth placed per year in non-county operated residential placements. One of Probation Services' many goals is to better understand the family dynamics relevant to the behaviors exhibited by the youth that may have directly or indirectly caused their Court involvement. RPP is committed to working with families in order to facilitate the transition of youth into placement, ensuring the youth receive the appropriate treatment, and assisting in the transition of the youth back into the community. RPP is responsible for monitoring the milieu and programming component of each

individual placement facility. RPP staff visit these facilities on a monthly basis to meet with

each youth, monitor the youth's progress in treatment, and to inspect the individual facilities. Every effort is made to maintain youth within the community prior to being placed in a treatment facility. As a result, Probation Services utilizes a centralized formal review process. The Formal Review Team serves as the central location for referrals of youth needing specialized services including, but not limited to, out of home placement. This type of integrated review and treatment planning approach encourages early identification of higher risk offenders in order to develop treatment plans that will impact a youth's unlawful behavior with a graduated response, as well as meeting their specific treatment needs.

## Youth Referred to RPP for Supervision in 2009

Delino	Delinquency		ruly	Total Youth
Male	Female	Male	Female	
90	61	4	4	159

2009 RPP Statistics	
Number of Youth Screened for Specialized Services or Out of Home Placement	314
Number of Youth Placed Out of the Home  Types of Placement:	24
Residential (Mental Health)	11
Residential (Sex Offender)	70
Residential (Substance Abuse)	15
Specialized Group Home	10
Treatment Foster Home	
Number of Referrals for Sex Offender Assessments	44
Community Agency Collaboration Involvement:	
Case Reviewed by the Inter-Agency Clinical Assessment Team	
(ICAT) for planning and funding approval	237
Families served by the Montgomery County Family Stability Program-	338
Diversion	

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

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

#### **Drug Court:**

Drug Court, presided over by Judge Anthony Capizzi, is a separate and specialized docket within the Montgomery County Juvenile Court assisting in the rehabilitation of juvenile

offenders who have been adversely affected by drugs and alcohol. Drug Court provides intense services to approximately 100 youth and their families at any given time. The program is individually paced. Depending on the youth's performance and progress, successful completion typically takes nine (9) months, but can take up to two years.

The structure of Drug Court affords an environment in which youth can develop healthy attitudes and values necessary for reducing substance abuse and recidivism. Specifically, Drug Court provides judicially supervised treatment and case management, mandatory random drug testing, community supervision, and the use of appropriate incentives and sanctions. Youth are expected to follow rules of the home, attend school daily, attend all probation meetings, counseling sessions, court hearings, obtain employment (if age appropriate), and become drug free.

By partnering with local agencies, Drug Court connects youth to pro-social activities and programs including sports leagues, summer employment and camps. Furthermore, Drug Court youth are automatically connected to the Natural Helper's program, through Reclaiming Futures. This program uses trained community volunteers as mentors to provide support and encouragement as youth move through the Court and recovery process.

#### Youth Referred to Drug Court for Supervision in 2009

Delir	nquency	Unruly		Total Youth
Male	Female	Male	Female	
105	34	0	0	139

Number of Youth Accepted:	100
Number of Youth Graduated:	47

Number of Youth Who Achieved GED or

Vocational Certification While In Program: 8
Number of Youth Employed At Graduation: 18
Number of Youth Linked to Natural Helper: 28

#### 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	139
Number of SASSI Assessments Conducted	113
Number of Urinalysis Tests Run	11,564
Number of Individuals Tested	2,934

## **JUVENILE COURT WORK PROGRAM (JCWP)**

The JCWP serves youth between the ages of 12-19. This program provides the opportunity for youthful offenders to learn accountability for their behavior and responsibility to the victims and community, while learning positive work values and habits. JCWP facilitates work groups six days a week, providing day, night, and weekend opportunities. There are four components: Diversion, Community Service, Restitution, and the Student Alternative Program (S.A.P.).

The Diversion component involves first-time, non-adjudicated (unofficial) offenders. Youth are directed by Judges, Magistrates, and Intervention Center staff to complete 8 to 24 hours of community service in lieu of more severe, official consequences.

Program staff and parents develop a supervision plan to complete assigned hours. Successful and timely completion of the assigned community service hours results in the youth's offense being closed unofficially with no further Court intervention. Thus, the diversion component serves as an effective means of preventing youth from further involvement with the juvenile system.

The Community Service component serves all youth adjudicated on official delinquent and/or unruly charges. Judges and Magistrates order youth to complete 8 to 24 hours of community service in lieu of paying court costs and fines.

The Restitution component provides youth with the opportunity to repay their victim(s) for damages or losses sustained as a result of a youth's actions. This component empowers youth who cannot afford to pay the restitution to complete community service hours and receive credit at a set hourly rate. Youth are assigned to work details and are ordered to pay up to \$500.00 per offense. JCWP will repay the victim(s) based on the number of hours completed by the youth.

The S.A.P. Program involves the option of probation officers referring either suspended or expelled youth to complete community service hours until the youth returns to school. The maximum allowable time for each occurrence is 80 hours.

## Youth referred to JCWP for Supervision in 2009

Delinq	Delinquency		ruly	Total Youth
Male	Female	Male	Female	Supervised
30	12	3	2	47

2009 Juvenile Court	Work Program Statistics	
	Restitution	Community Service
Referrals Received	279	1,178
Cases Terminated Successfully	293	1,089
Cases Terminated Unsuccessfully	18	114

Average Length of Time in Work Program	5 WEEKS
Community Service Hours Provided	21,356
Restitution Collected For Payment	\$57,457.23
Restitution Paid From Program Funds	\$10,246.48
Total Restitution Paid	\$67,703.71
Average Restitution Paid Per Victim	\$233.46
Number Of Victims Compensated	290

## TRANSPORTATION UNIT

The Transportation Unit consists of (2) Court Service Officers. While being a component of Probation Services Department, the Transportation Unit directly affects and provides services to the entire Court. The duties of the Unit include 1) summons delivery to youth and families providing them with official notification of their pending court dates, 2) transportation of detained youth to medical and counseling appointments, 3) transportation of youth to and/or from placement facilities within and out of state, 4) transportation of youth to and from the airport or bus station, 5) warrant execution for youth locally and/or certified in from other counties/states and 6) coordination of paperwork for committed youth to go to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) institutions.

The Transportation Unit also provides training to Court staff regarding the proper usage of mechanical restraints and proper protocol used in transporting youth to and from various locations. We wholeheartedly subscribe to the credo of providing safe and secure transportation with the safety and dignity of the youth being paramount, coupled with the safety and concern for the community and transportation staff.

#### **TRANSPORTATION UNIT STATISTICS 2009**

Medical Appointments, Warrant Execution, Facility/Placement Transports,	Total Trips
Airport/Bus Station, Youth from Other Counties, DYS Transports	262
Summons Delivery	Total Delivered
	2,478

## **JUVENILE COURT PHONE NUMBERS**

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.

Other important Court numbers include:

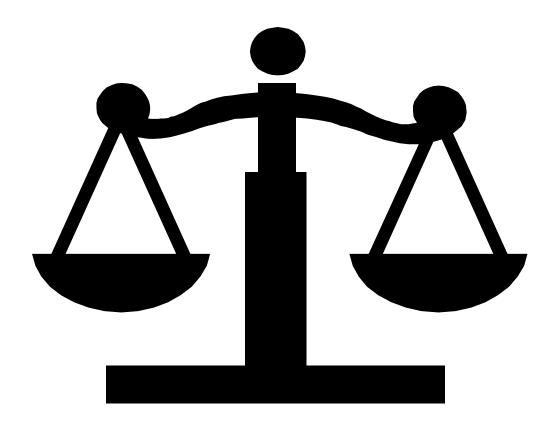
Judge Nick Kuntz (937) 225-4125 Administrative Judge
Judge Anthony Capizzi (937) 496-6602
Court Administration (937) 225-4267
Clerk's Office (937) 225-4198 (937) 225-4199
Legal (937) 225-4250
Center for Adolescent Services . (937) 687-9427
Detention Services (937) 496-7324
Intervention Center (937) 225-4141 (937) 496-6559
Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (937) 496-7196
Probation Services (937) 225-4163

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