



Lucas County Juvenile Court

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COVID-19 Continued Operations & Meeting Cancellations at the Lucas County Juvenile Court:

In the interest of public health during the COVID-19 crisis, Lucas County Juvenile Court has modified its courthouse operations to minimize social spread of the virus and the number of people who need to come to the courthouse. Members of the public are encouraged to follow [guidance from Ohio Department of Health](#) and **stay home if they are in a higher risk group or are feeling sick**. If you have a scheduled hearing, please contact the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at (419) 213-6722 or (419) 213-6744 if you are ill and require a continuance (postponement) of your hearing.

The following Juvenile Court Programs are canceled until further notice:

- Pro Se Legal Clinics
- Safety Council Youth Driving Program
- Car teens
- All CASA trainings held at the Juvenile Court
- Family Navigators/Center for Hope
- VIP (Very Important Parent) classes

Changes to Courthouse Operations until further notice:

Juvenile Detention Center and Youth Treatment Center:

- All in-person visitation with youth is suspended.
- Telephone and Zoom video conferencing is taking place.
- Telephone visitation between youth and parents/guardians is taking place. Youth will place the call to their family from the facilities. This is a free call.
- In addition, video conferencing through Zoom is currently available. Please see Instructions ([click here](#)) at the end of this document.
- Attorneys can contact youth via telephone. Please call (419) 213-6723 or (419) 213-6724 to schedule calls.
- Any outside volunteers, groups, etc., entering either of the facilities are not permitted to enter the facilities.

Juvenile Clerk's Office:

- Please call the Clerk's Office with any questions at (419) 213-6726 or you can also ask on-site Clerk Staff located at the 1st Reception Desk.
- All cases that are being postponed are those in which statutory time frames and public safety are not an issue.
- The following hearings will **NOT** be postponed. Individuals who are not parties or subpoenaed witnesses on these cases will not be permitted into hearings, or to enter the Juvenile Justice Center building.
 - Dependency, Neglect and Abuses cases filed by Lucas County Children Services;
 - Emergency Hearings;
 - Detention Hearings;
 - Domestic Violence Hearings;
 - Community Detention Hearings.

- Attorneys can submit fee motions or requests either by dropping paperwork off at the front doors of Juvenile Court, or by mailing it in.
- All Lucas County Juvenile Court forms and filings are available online at the Juvenile Court website under [Forms, Filings & Various Filing Instructions](#).
- Lucas County Juvenile Court's Filing Fee Schedule is available on the Juvenile Court website.
- If you are financially unable to pay a filing fee you can submit a Motion for Waiver of Filing Fee with Affidavit of Indigency (Form #76710) with your filing.
- If you owe Fines and/or Court Costs, you can pay online at the Juvenile Court website at [www.https://co.lucas.oh.us/204/Juvenile-Court](https://co.lucas.oh.us/204/Juvenile-Court).
- The Lucas County Juvenile Clerk's Office is accepting child support payments. Payments can also be made online **without a fee** at the Child Support Payment Central Internet Payment Website at [www.https://co.smartchildsupport.com/](https://co.smartchildsupport.com/) or by check, money order or cashier's check made out to and mailed to: Ohio Child Support Payment Central (Ohio CSPC), P.O. Box 182372, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2394.

Probation Department: (419) 213-6610

- Probation Officers are working remotely and are on-call. They are available by phone during regular business hours.
- Officers will maintain regular contact with parents regarding court involved youth via phone.
- Home visits with clients are suspended until further notice.
- Office visits are suspended until further notice.
- Interviews/assessments/reports will be conducted over the phone with youth and parents.
- Officers will make contact with assigned youth in JDC or YTC via phone.
- Parents should speak with your child's Probation Officer regarding court hearings, resource staffings, and other programming held at the court.
- If your child is in a treatment home, please speak with your child's Probation Officer for information regarding visits and contact.

Workforce Development Program: (419) 213-6658

- Workforce Development Programming is suspended until further notice. Please contact Amanda O'Neill, Workforce Development Coordinator, if you have any questions.
- Amanda O'Neill and Chalise Morris are working remotely and are on-call. They are available via phone during regular business hours.
- HARBOR YES Program:
 - HARBOR is providing programming for the **YES (Youth Enhancement Services)** remotely, effective 3/23/20. They are currently completing intakes electronically, over the phone.
 - If you have a youth that you would like to refer to this program please email Amanda O'Neill. All court involved youth must be referred to Workforce Development Program. The WFD Coordinator will refer them to the YES Program.
 - The **YES** program is for youth and young adults ages 16-24, intended to assist with education and employment needs. The program provides GED preparation, driver's education classes, vocational assessment, and on-site job support. Guidance and performance incentives are offered throughout the program based on completion of different subsets.
 - To qualify clients must meet one or more of these requirements: low income, foster care, homeless, or court involved.
 - Some of the services HARBOR will provide include: Bring your A Game to Work; Resume and Interview Prep; Incentives can still be earned and will be mailed; Job placement and paid work experience; Group activities using Skype and Zoom.

Misdemeanor Services: (419) 213-6610

- Misdemeanor Services will follow the same protocol as the Probation Department.
- Officers are on-call and are available during regular business hours.

Assessment Center: (419) 213-6670

- The Assessment Center will be opened during regular business hours. (M - F 8:30 am to 12:00 am; Saturday 3:00 pm to 12:00 am. Closed on Sundays)
- Precautionary safety measures will be put into place due to the current health crisis.
- Please call the Assessment Center if you need more information.

Family Violence Intervention Program (FVIP): (419) 213-6984

- Staff with the Family Violence Intervention Program will be available, by phone, during regular business hours to assist with any emergency situations.
- The Step-Up Program sessions will be conducted via video conference.
- Domestic Violence Mediations will take place by video conference.
- Please contact Hans Giller or Debbie Lipson for more information regarding DV detention hearings and safety plans.

Probation Programming:

- At this time the Bike Program, Glass Blowing and Youth Advocate Program are suspended. Please contact your child's assigned Probation Officer for more information.

SBT Program:

- SBT treatment groups are canceled until further notice.
- Harbor therapists will maintain phone and face-to-face contact with clients.
- Harbor Case Managers will work remotely from home and may be reached by phone.
- SBT review hearings are canceled until further notice.
- SBT Probation Officers are available by phone during regular business hours.

Mediation Department:

- Daily Domestic Violence Mediations will take place by video conference.
- The Truancy Prevention through Mediation Program at Toledo Public Schools will continue as usual. Once Toledo Public Schools re-open regularly, scheduled mediations on Wednesdays will resume.
- Civil Mediations that are held at the Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency (LCCSEA) will continue as scheduled as long as LCCSEA is open.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Department:

- The CASA Department will remain operational and CASA Volunteers will continue to serve our community's abused and neglected children.

Aramark Food Services Update for JDC and YTC Meal Services for youth and staff:

- Aramark shall continue to observe correct and frequent cleaning and sanitizing of food service equipment and all kitchen surfaces to prevent the spread of illness amongst both employees and customers.
- Additional prevention measures include: ensuring all employees continue to follow Aramark's Cleaning and Sanitation Standards and Procedures, cleaning and sanitizing objects and surfaces, especially those frequently touched with bare hands; and ensuring proper cleaning of "high touch surfaces" such as tables, handrails, and door handles that can easily spread germs between employees and guests.