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JUVENILE COURT JUDGES



**Denise Navarre Cubbon,
Administrative Judge**



**Linda M. Knepp,
Judge**



JUDGE ROBERT J. JONES, JR.

**Robert J. Jones, Jr.,
Judge**

MESSAGE FROM THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

SAID M. ORRA, ESQ., COURT ADMINISTRATOR

In 2023, the Lucas County Juvenile Court continued to successfully collaborate with local, state, and national partners and community agencies to safeguard our community, to more efficiently and effectively serve our children and families, and to better rehabilitate youth offenders.

The Court continues to be at the very forefront of national and statewide innovation in civil and delinquency practices and procedures and in juvenile justice reform. Nationally, regionally, and locally, our Court is a renowned leader and partner in these efforts.

On September 30, 2023, after serving for 20 years, Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon retired from the Juvenile Court. We thank her for her wonderful service to the youth and families of Lucas County and for her amazing contributions to the Juvenile Court by instituting numerous cutting edge juvenile justice reforms (like the creation of the Lucas County Juvenile Court Youth Assessment Center, Community Treatment Center Program, Reentry Support Services Program), and her commitment to serving the best interest of children in all her cases. Congratulations and best wishes to Judge Cubbon on her retirement!

Upon Judge Cubbon's retirement, Judge Linda M. Knepp, as the most senior Judge in the Juvenile Court, became Administrative Judge for the Court. We are excited and look forward to Judge Knepp's continued leadership, vision, and service of the Court's mission of serving the children and families of Lucas County! Congratulations, Judge Knepp!

In late fall 2023, we also welcomed Judge Robert J. Jones, Jr., to the Juvenile Court Team. On November 30, 2023, Governor Mike DeWine appointed Judge Jones to serve as Juvenile Court Judge starting on December 18, 2023. Judge Jones at the time was serving as a Magistrate in the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division and had done so since 2013. Prior to that, Judge Jones had served as a hearing officer for the Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency, general legal counsel for a private company, and an assistant prosecutor for the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office. Judge Jones also brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position, and we are excited to have him join the Team as Judge. Welcome, Judge Jones!

In 2023, our Court processed an incredible volume of 11,609 cases. Delinquencies (2,385 cases), traffic (971 cases), contributing to the delinquency of a minor (340 cases), and unruly (480 cases) comprise approximately 4,176 cases; 36% of the total case numbers at the Juvenile Court. Most of our caseload (the remaining 7,433 cases; 64% of our cases, approximately) is comprised of civil case matters. These civil cases include, but are not limited to, matters such as custody (2,438 cases), paternity (1,215 cases), child support (2,227 cases), and matters involving dependent, neglected, and/or abused children (625 cases).

In 2023, we continued to significantly upgrade our case management system. These upgrades included significant system updates to our internal data collection and reporting structure. These improvements allowed us to significantly improve how we report data to the community in our annual reports and to our grant funders like the Ohio Department of Youth Services and Job and Family Services. Year over year, we continue to build on our data improvements and use that information to improve our programming and services. Other



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improvements included starting to work on the following upgrades:

- a. E-subpoena / E-Service with agencies (e.g. Sheriff's Office, Children Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency) (will launch in late 2024 for beta testing);
- b. Case Record Search – allowing parties and attorneys on cases to see their cases online electronically (will launch in late 2024 for beta testing);
- c. Online E-payment module for case filings (will launch in late 2024 for beta testing);
- d. E-filing (will launch in late 2024 for beta testing);
- e. Food allergy and other allergy tracking safety system and policies created for detained youth (the first in the state to do so);
- f. And, Paperless System Management (will launch in late 2024 for beta testing).

In 2023, we also overhauled our phone tree map system. This system is what a person calling the court encounters when trying to reach a certain department. This new system allows for faster access to the corresponding court department you are trying to contact.

In 2023, we also undertook a significant effort to redraft and streamline our local court rules to make them easier to understand and easier to navigate. The refreshed set of local rules were released in late 2023. We hope you find both our phone system and local rules much easier to use and navigate.

We also were very excited to hold our first ever career fair in November 2023 and it was a huge success! Over 70 applicants joined us in seeking Juvenile Court employment opportunities.

In 2023, Juvenile Court continued to rebuild staffing levels up from its large 2020 COVID19 pandemic budget cuts. Seventeen Court staff were promoted or participated in a lateral move within the Court itself, thirty-three new hires from outside of the Court joined the Team, and staff turnover for 2023 totaled twenty-nine positions (nineteen resignations, eight terminations, and 2 retirements). The Human Resources Department received and processed almost 2,000 employment application in 2023.

I am especially proud of our staff, their exceptional hard work and dedication, and their top-notch quality of services. They are truly exemplary examples of public service at its finest.

The children and families of our community seek care, justice, understanding, compassion, guidance, and our expertise to assist them in their daily lives. It is a great honor and privilege for us to answer their call and to serve and safeguard our children, our families, and our community. We are proud to share this report of our hard work and dedication with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,
-Said

Said M. Orra, Esq.
Court Administrator

DESCRIPTION & JURISDICTION OF THE JUVENILE DIVISION



The Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, was created by statute in 1977 to decide cases involving juveniles. The establishment of a separate, distinct Juvenile Division within the Lucas County Common Pleas judicial system was an acknowledgment of the specialization and greater community emphasis on juvenile justice.

The courts of common pleas, the only trial courts created by the Ohio Constitution, are established by Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution. The jurisdiction of courts of common pleas is outlined in Article IV, Section 4.

There is a court of common pleas in each of Ohio's 88 counties. Courts of common pleas have original jurisdiction in all felony cases and all civil cases in which the amount of controversy exceeds \$500. Most courts of common pleas have specialized divisions created by statute to decide cases involving juveniles, probate matters, and domestic relations matters. Lucas County is one of only 11 other courts in Ohio that has exclusive juvenile jurisdiction.

Juvenile divisions hear cases involving persons under 18 year of age, and cases dealing with unruly, abused, dependent and neglected children. They also have jurisdiction in adult cases involving paternity, child abuse, non-support of dependents, visitation, custody and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The sections in 2151 of the Ohio Revised Code, with the exception of those sections providing for the criminal prosecution of adults, shall be liberally interpreted and construed so as to effectuate the following purposes:

- A) To provide for the care, protection and mental and physical development of children subject to 2151 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- B) To protect the public interest in removing the consequences of criminal behavior and the taint of criminality from children committing delinquent acts and to substitute therefore a program of supervision, care and rehabilitation;
- C) To achieve the foregoing purposes, whenever possible, in a family environment, separating the child from its parents only when necessary for his welfare or in the interests of public safety;
- D) To provide judicial procedures through which Chapter 2151 of the Ohio Revised Code is executed and enforced, and in which the parties are assured a fair hearing, and their constitutional and other legal rights are recognized and enforced.

MISSION STATEMENT



The Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, is Mandated and Governed by Law. In fulfilling its Mandate, the Juvenile Court's Mission is to:

- Ensure fairness, equity, and access to justice to all children and families regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, gender or sexual orientation.
- Ensure public safety.
- Protect the children of the community.
- Preserve families by supporting parents and intervening only when it is in the best interest of the child and/or the community.
- Work with the community to develop and enforce standards of responsible behavior for adults and children.
- Ensure balance between consequences and rehabilitation while holding offenders accountable for their actions.
- Efficiently and effectively operate the services of the Court.



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The goal of the Juvenile Court is to ensure that the children and people who come before it receive the kind of care, protection, guidance and treatment that will service the best interest of the community and the best welfare of the child.

The Judges and staff have concern not only for resolving cases in Court, but also for improving family life, personal relationships, education, and treatment for children, youth and families within the community.

2023 RETIREMENTS



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE
YOUTH AND FAMILIES OF LUCAS COUNTY.
YOU WILL BE MISSED!**



PAMELA M. FIELD
16 Years of Service



DALE FRANTZ
8 Years of Service

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER



ROGER W. KERNER, JR., JDC ADMINISTRATOR

The Lucas County Juvenile Detention Center (**JDC**) provides temporary and secure detention for delinquent youth until their case is disposed. As outlined in the Ohio Revised Code, JDC 1) provides temporary, secure detention for youth who present a danger to themselves or the community or who may abscond pending the disposition of cases, and; 2) coordinates social, psychological, or psychiatric evaluations to assist and advise the court in dispositional recommendations; ultimately finding the right service for the youth at the right time.

Lucas County Juvenile Court and Detention Center continue to follow the principles outlined in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (**JDAI**) framework to ensure that youth are served in the most appropriate yet least restrictive environment.

The eight-core strategies in this framework include community collaboration, data-driven decision making, objective admissions into secure confinement, alternatives to detention, expedited case processing, serving the needs of special populations, addressing racial and ethnic disparities, and improving conditions of confinement. In concert with protecting the community, JDC residents learn a set of skills that help them identify thinking patterns that guide feelings and behaviors. Rational Behavioral Training (**RBT**) is the cognitive-based program utilized, with staff facilitating three groups a day. Lucas County remains committed to continually assessing and improving juvenile justice services.

Lucas County Juvenile Court offers three (3) levels of detention: 1) Secure detention, 2) home detention, and 3) electronic monitoring. The Surveillance Program monitors level 2 and level 3 youth. Please see the index for more information and data about the Surveillance Program.

It is essential to clarify how JDC defines admissions and bookings. A booking is when a youth enters secure detention intake, separate from the general population. At this time, JDC intake staff gather demographic information, complete the Detention Screening Instrument (**DSI**), process the complaint, and set a later court date. An admission is when a youth gets booked in and is admitted, joining the detention population until their court date.

As a result of JDAI and the court's efforts to develop safe alternatives, bookings into secure detention have continued to decrease. In 2023, detention bookings with releases were 254. Admissions to Juvenile Detention were 610. Of those youth being admitted into secure detention 157 were females and 453 were males. Out of the 610 residents admitted, 458 were African American, 23 were Latino, 115 were Caucasian, 1 was Asian and, 13 were other unspecified races. Likewise, the Average Daily Population (the average number of youth in JDC on a given day) in 2023 was 36. The average length of stay for the 610 residents admitted into detention was 24.67 days. Please see the index for more information on the Lucas County Assessment Center.

We view visitation as a critical component of our program to strengthen pro-social skills and enhance family support. Juvenile Detention offers visitation Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the evenings with the exception of Federal Holidays.

The youth also participate in summer school for eight weeks. Individual GED and OGT preparation is also provided for residents through tutoring. An educational specialist helps youth transition out of detention back into their home school environment, assisting with any needs throughout the process. With our lead teacher's assistance, out-of-district youth can stay on task with their coursework by delivering educational materials to complete in detention.

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ROGER W. KERNER, JR., JDC ADMINISTRATOR

With the successful partnership of JDC and Toledo Public Schools, JDC offers a mix of online educational material to be completed at one's own pace and traditional learning style classes. Youth receive over six hours of education every weekday, year-round. In 2023, JDC had two youth earn their final credits in detention, successfully graduating from Toledo Public Schools.

After school hours, youth participate in psycho-educational groups conducted by the Juvenile Detention Officers that use RBT pro-social skills, effectively learning how to make healthy and safe decisions. RBT also provides the fundamental basis for the cognitive-based behavior management system utilized in JDC. This approach, which incorporates praise, logical consequences, and dis-involvement, dramatically reduces the need for seclusion. In 2023, JDC continued to revise the behavioral management system to include less restrictive consequences for identified behaviors. Every youth admitted into JDC receives a pamphlet on behavioral expectations, their rights, and what they can expect from staff.

Moreover, each youth's pamphlet clarifies what appropriate behavior is desired for each youth to earn positive incentives and what consequences are earned if inappropriate behavior is displayed. The youth in JDC spend their days learning in school, engaged in the common areas in the units, or participating in programming. To reinforce self-respect and positive incentives, youth who reach level 3 in the RBT program can even earn a haircut by a certified barber at no cost to the youth. Residents are engaged all day with programming, only confined to their rooms during sleeping hours or earned consequences consistent with the program.

JDC staff continued to work diligently in 2023 to comply with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (**PREA**). Safety for both staff and youth in the facility is of the utmost importance. All Lucas County Juvenile Detention staff have been PREA certified. The Lucas County Juvenile Court recognizes how imperative safety is by prioritizing equipment purchases and policy reviews, resulting in a safer, cleaner environment. JDC utilizes a systematic sign-in/out procedure for all assigned keys, court employees, and visitors entering detention. This protocol ensures the residents are safe and accounted for while visiting our facility.

JDC continues to work on updating the digital camera recording system. Coupled with mirrors throughout JDC to enhance eyes on supervision, the recording system offers a safer setting for staff and residents. With safety remaining the priority, residents, staff, and visitors are taught multiple ways to report sexual abuse in the facility. Each youth entering the facility signs for and receives a PREA informational pamphlet with all pertinent material printed on it for their reading. The Juvenile Court website was also updated, per policy, for any interested party to file a concern about sexual abuse in a Lucas County Juvenile Court Facility: <https://www.co.lucas.oh.us/FormCenter/PREA-8/PREA-Sexual-Misconduct-Reporting-Form-43>. We proudly report that The Lucas County Juvenile Detention Center had 0 PREA incidents in 2023.

Zepf Mental Health staff are on-site to work with youth daily. Our current assigned Zepf counselor is trauma-trained, and crisis intervention is a significant portion of the responsibility.

JDC residents also have access to medical care, with nurses available seven days a week and weekly physician/nurse practitioner visits. In 2023, our physician/N.P. completed approximately 203 full health physicals for our residents.

In 2023, JDC received 100% compliance from the State of Ohio Department of Youth Services with all applicable mandatory standards under the Ohio Administrative Code 5139-37. The Lucas County Juvenile Detention Center also strived to meet the highest quality conditions of confinement. ■

COMMUNITY DETENTION/ SURVEILLANCE



MARY NIEDERHAUSER, PROGRAM MANAGER

Community Detention / Surveillance's primary purpose is to provide a safe alternative to secure detention for low to moderate risk youth awaiting trial, and/or disposition or a definable event. A successful termination from CD/S occurs when a youth does not commit a new charge while awaiting a hearing or a definable event.

Lucas County Juvenile Court offers four (4) levels of detention: 1) Level 1 Secure Detention, 2) Level 2 Community Detention Reporting Center, 3) Level 3 House Arrest, and 4) Level 4 Electronic Monitoring. Levels 2, 3, and 4 are monitored by the Community Detention program.

- ◆ Level 2 Community Detention Reporting Center services are provided to the Court through a services contract with the East Toledo Family Center (**ETFC**). When school is not in session youth attend programming from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm. If youth are attending school they report to ETFC from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Coupled with ETFC services, youth are also on house arrest with daily surveillance checks. ETFC staff arrive at the court Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm and at 4:00 pm to transport youth back to ETFC programming. Youth engage in community service work, cognitive group discussions, and positive recreational activities. ETFC also recognizes the importance of positive social interaction collaborating with many agencies in the community. (Closed 3/14/23)
- ◆ Level 3 is House Arrest in conjunction with daily surveillance checks.
- ◆ Level 4 is GPS Electronic Monitoring.

In 2023, Community Detention served 320 referrals from a Magistrate or Judge. Of the 320 referrals, 292 were terminated and 28 were carried over into 2024. The goal of Community Detention is to have a 75% success rate. In 2023, CD/S did not meet their goal and successfully terminated only 73% of their Judge/Magistrate referrals. The table below is a breakdown of Community Detention events by levels. If an event had multiple levels of CD/S involvement, it is in the "**other**" section shown below.

	Successful	Unsuccessful	Other	Total
Level 2	5	2	1	8
Level 3	70	18	10	98
Level 4	139	25	22	186
Total	214	45	33	292

In 2023, CD/S hired a daytime Surveillance Officer. ■

YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER



STEVE FRUCHEY, YTC ADMINISTRATOR

The Lucas County Youth Treatment Center's (YTC) mission is to rehabilitate juvenile offenders and their families by developing pro-social attitudes, values, beliefs, and skills, increasing community safety, reducing victimization, and supporting youth reintegration with opportunities to demonstrate accountability and responsibility. YTC is American Correctional Association (ACA) accredited and 100% Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliant. The Youth Treatment Center underwent a PREA audit in June of 2023 and was found compliant with all established standards.

YTC uses a cognitive-behavioral and systems-based approach to corrections, believing, *"Everything together is treatment."* Thoughts, feelings, behaviors, moral development, social skills, substance abuse, relationship issues, and traumatic histories are addressed in individualized treatment planning. Residents have staff assigned to their units facilitating six groups per week. Residents of the Youth Treatment Center are also assigned primary therapists who facilitate individual counseling sessions, family counseling sessions, and groups. The residential specialists facilitated 4697 total groups in 2023. The four primary therapists conducted 314 family sessions, 642 substance abuse groups, and 805 individual treatment sessions in 2023.

All residents work to identify and correct criminal thinking errors. They participate in individual and family therapy and attend school. The group counseling curricula used are: Thinking for a Change; Aggression Replacement Training's Skill Streaming, Advance Practice in Skill Streaming, Anger Control, and Moral Reasoning components, Gang Intervention, Voices for female residents, and Boosters Skill Streaming for residents as they reenter the community. Substance abuse is addressed through youth participation in the Seven Challenges curriculum. Residents also participate in group activities such as a developing a public service announcement during YTC's annual Film Camp, the Ridge Project's TYRO character-building curriculum, and recording of pro-social music as part of the Sing Don't Fight program. Residents are also presented with the opportunity for individual music lessons. Public service and completing any court-ordered restitution help residents address the harm caused to their victims and the community. In 2023, YTC residents completed 70 hours of community service.

YTC served 55 youth and families in 2023, with 34 being new admissions. The makeup of the 34 residents admitted was 24 males and 10 females. Out of the 34 residents admitted, 23 were African American, four were Caucasian, and seven self-identified as other/Bi-Racial. YTC had 31 total discharges as well. Out of the 30 discharges, 23 were successful, for a 77% success rate. The average length of stay for residents in 2023 was 203 days, with the average daily population being 20. Of the 34 residents admitted in 2023, all were admitted into YTC for committing a felony. Eight residents had an F-1, nine had an F-2, four had an F-3, six had an F-4, and seven had an F-5.

Residents also participate in summer school for eight weeks. Individual GED and OGT preparation are also provided. An educational specialist helps youth transition out of YTC back into their home school environment, assisting with any needs. With 4 Toledo Public School teachers, over 6 hours of daily education is offered for the residents. The teachers are trained and implement the behavior management program, but the lead teacher also ensures all 504's are accommodated and all IEPs are valid and supported. Residents at YTC earned 52 credits and one diploma in 2023. A great measuring tool to indicate how hard our residents and teachers work is that 78% of our residents improved their reading level and math level from the pre-test to the post-test while here at YTC. Our Toledo Public School teachers are an

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STEVE FRUCHEY, YTC ADMINISTRATOR

integral part of the team working with our residents.

Each resident is aware of what appropriate behavior is desired for each youth to earn positive incentives and what consequences are earned if inappropriate behavior is displayed. All residents receive a handbook that outlines expectations and procedures. They also receive a manual that details the behavior management system, including consequences and point earning. With appropriate behavior and goal achievements, residents earn commissary, meals with staff, haircuts by a licensed barber, extra phone calls, and extra visits at no cost to the resident.

Lastly, residents are educated on the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (**PREA**). Safety for both staff and residents in the facility is of the utmost importance. Lucas County Court and the Department of Youth Services recognize how imperative safety is by prioritizing equipment purchases and policy reviews, resulting in a safer, friendlier environment. In 2023, YTC continued to update the digital camera recording system as needed. Coupled with mirrors throughout YTC to enhance eyes on supervision, the recording system offers a safer setting for staff and residents. With safety remaining a priority, residents are taught multiple, unimpeded ways to report sexual abuse in the facility. Each resident entering the facility signs for and receives a PREA informational pamphlet with all pertinent material printed on it for their reading. The Juvenile Court website was also updated, per policy, for any interested party to file a concern about sexual abuse in a Lucas County Juvenile Court Facility: <https://www.co.lucas.oh.us/FormCenter/PREA-8/PREA-Sexual-Misconduct-Reporting-Form-43>. We proudly report that The Lucas County Youth Treatment Center had 0 PREA incidents in 2023.

YTC residents also have access to medical care at the facility. The medical team consists of a full-time registered nurse, a nurse practitioner, and a physician. In 2023, our RN conducted 576 sick calls, prioritizing the health and safety of our residents. In 2023, the nurse also trained staff on medication dispensing and educated the residents on HIV/AIDS. YTC also continued an initiative working with The University of Toledo College of Medicine. First-year pre-med students come into YTC and run educated, interactive groups with our youth. The medical students cover various topics, such as how the human heart functions, the cardiovascular system, the effects of drugs and alcohol, and mental health and wellbeing. For this one-hour group, youth have the opportunity to learn and ask any related medical questions to our student medical guests. The residents complete post and pre-test with their answers reviewed to ensure they comprehend the subject matter. The pre-test also allows them to provide their feedback on the presentation and facilitators.■

REENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES



CHERYL BATH, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Re-entry Support Services (RSS) began in May of 2011. It is an initiative from the Ohio Department Youth Services Targeted RECLAIM Fund Initiative and Annie E. Casey Foundation Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative assessment (**JDAI**) to implement evidence-based community programming for youth being released from our local community correctional facility (**CCF**): the Youth Treatment Center (**YTC**). Youth transitioning back to the community are at risk for commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Youth range in age from 12 to 21. Based upon the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative to engage local community supports, the court contracted with the University of Cincinnati and The Youth Advocate Program (**YAP**) to provide a highly structured, nonresidential, community-based program to support successful reentry that focuses on Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (**CBI**), such as Pathways to Self-Discovery, skill streaming, and the Effective Practice in Community Supervision (**EPICS**) model of probation supervision

Reentry Support Services are individualized and family driven. Youth are assigned a Reentry Advocate through the Youth Advocate Program during the third phase (reentry preparation) of treatment at YTC. Advocates meet with each assigned youth an average of 10 hours per week upon reentering the community. The 10 hours per week are individualized and based on the case plan. Once released, youth are placed on GPS monitor to support their transition home as youth are not being able to leave on home visit during their third phase (this occurred in response to COVID-19 pandemic), family team meetings are held to address and support youth and family's work on the case plan. Family meetings are either conducted in the family's home or at designated place in the community of family's choice. Youth are held accountable through the court's graduated responses process, which includes but is not limited to family accountability, Reentry Support Advocate hours increased (temporarily as an intervention), review hearings, violation being filed, community detention (house arrest) and detention.

YOUTH AND FAMILIES SERVED: 26

SEX	# OF YOUTH
Male	24
Female	2
TOTAL	26

RACE	# OF YOUTH
African American	21
Caucasian	2
Latino	1
Other	2
TOTAL	26

REENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES



CHERYL BATH, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

TERMINATIONS	# OF YOUTH
Successful	11
Unsuccessful	6
Other	3
TOTAL	20

ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR 2023:

- ♦ RSS provided strong case management.
- ♦ RSS assigned its own Probation Officer.
- ♦ Maintain a strong collaboration with the Youth Advocate Program and utilizing a team approach to serving RSS youth individually in the community.
- ♦ RSS continues on-going coaching from the University of Cincinnati to maintain fidelity to cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- ♦ Youth entering RSS have an increasingly higher level of risk than youth entering the program in the past.

GOALS FOR 2024:

- ♦ Maintain our strong collaboration with the Youth Advocate Program and utilizing a team approach to serving RSS youth individually in the community.
- ♦ Implementing a process for disbursement and tracking of RSS funds for incentives, educational support and short-term emergency housing.
- ♦ Continue on-going coaching from the University of Cincinnati to maintain fidelity to cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- ♦ Youth return to having home visit again while in residential placement (**YTC**) during their Third Phase transition back to the community with their families and RSS.■

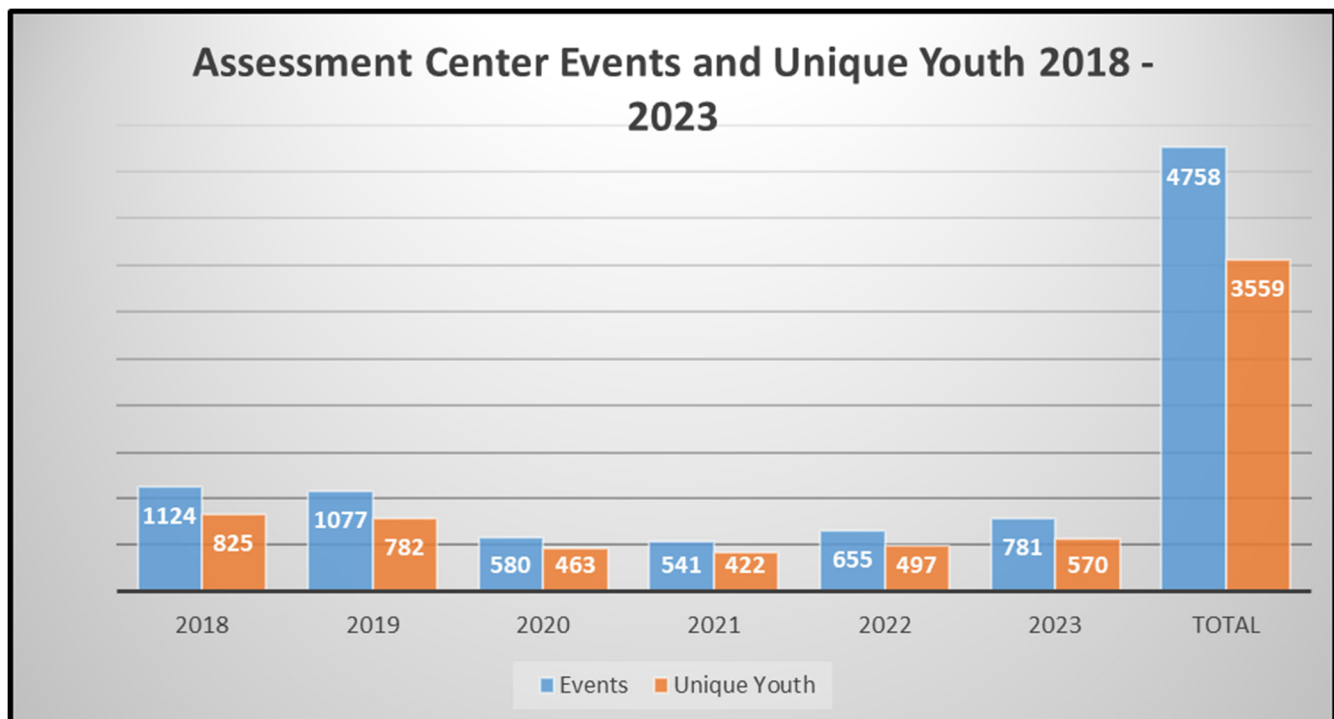
YOUTH ASSESSMENT CENTER

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The Juvenile Assessment Center was developed to divert low risk offenders from further involvement with the juvenile justice system and to provide community-based services for low level offenders. The Center's main goal is to ensure **the right youth receive the right service(s) at the right time and place.** The Assessment Center and Court are committed to keeping the community safe through evidenced-based screenings, assessments, and meaningful interventions for each child and family. Research demonstrates that more harm can result when a youth is exposed to detention and high-risk offenders. Such exposure results in raising the risk level of the offender. The Assessment Center seeks to reduce or eliminate that potential harm through its referrals, linkage to services, and case supervision.

The Assessment Center is a non-secure diversion alternative to detention for low-risk offenders. Youth charged with offenses such as status offenses (unruly, alcohol, etc..) and other drug related misdemeanors, minor domestic violence/family conflict, simple assaults, property offenses, criminal trespass, and safe school ordinance violations (SSOs), are transported by police officers to the Assessment Center for processing. Each youth is screened by trained staff utilizing evidenced-based tools. The youth and family are linked to community-based services that meet the need of the youth and family. If the youth successfully engages in the required services, these cases can be diverted from official court proceedings.

In 2023, the Juvenile Court Assessment Center screened **570** unique youth while having **781** events. The Center continues to divert a majority of youth from detention while ensuring appropriate interventions and responses, while keeping community safety as our primary mission. This response continues to provide youth with a continuum of resources and opportunities that minimize a youth's involvement with the juvenile justice system.



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TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

October 1, 2023 marked the 10 year anniversary of the opening of the Assessment Center. During this period of time over 7,800 events (total number of youth processed) have been screened while 50% of those cases have been diverted from being formally processed. A majority of these youth have been diverted from entering detention by returning them home, to an alternative family member or friend, or Safety Net, a local runaway/youth shelter. Additionally many families have been connected or reconnected with supportive services within the community.

Upon hearing the news of the 10 year anniversary, Scott Sylak, Executive Director of the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County, and a member of the initial executive team for the Assessment Center stated, *"Since its inception, Lucas County Juvenile Court's Assessment Center has been a tremendous resource for youth, their families, and our community. Evaluating and diverting youth from detention when appropriate ensures they connect rapidly with needed services while holding them accountable. The Assessment Center is a cost-effective use of the Court's resources that positively impacts our entire community."* Moving forward the Assessment Center will continue the directive of diverting youth from detention and linking them to community services while utilizing two key principles. One, the "My Child" principle, ensuring that youth brought to the Assessment Center are treated with respect and dignity as if they were our own children. And secondly addressing community safety and the needs of each unique youth consistently determining "The right youth, at the right time, at the right place."

The Assessment Center continues to use the following screening tools to guide case officers in working with youth and families in a collaborative process to strengthen existing resources and identify individual or family needs. These screening tools include: the Ohio Youth Assessment System (**Diversion OYAS**), Global Appraisal of Individual Needs Short Screener (**GAIN-SS**), Lucas County Juvenile Court Public Health Screener (**LCPHS**), Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression Screener (**SOGIE**), and the FOCUS Human Trafficking screening tool.

Assessment Center staff have also processed **60** referrals from Judges and Magistrates using the same aforementioned screening tools. This process allow staff to link youth and families to community based services that may assist in addressing youth and family needs, while also strengthening existing resources and positive community connections.

GOALS FOR THE ASSESSMENT CENTER IN 2024:

- 1) To continue to build upon our relationships with our community partners such as, The Toledo Police Department, The Lucas County Sherriff's Department, Lucas County Children Services, Safety Net Runaway Shelter, Lucas County Jobs and Family Services, Spring Green Diversion Services, Toledo Public Schools, and other community stakeholders;
- 2) Staff training continues to be a focus specifically in restorative justice, JDAI, trauma, family violence, mental health and substance abuse disorders. Additionally, Assessment Center staff participated in community-based trainings that provide updated information on services within the community.■

JUVENILE CLERK'S OFFICE

MARIA JIMENEZ-ARRIAGA, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

The mission of the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office is to effectively and accurately manage the case flow of the Court by preparing and maintaining the official records. Our philosophy is that "we are dedicated to supporting and serving the public, court staff and agencies with clear and accurate information and doing so in a professional and courteous environment. Our goal is to promote public trust and confidence in the Clerk's Office with compassion, empathy, and understanding. We hope to create a positive experience with the juvenile court system."

We are proud of our working partnerships with local entities. One of these partnerships includes working with the Toledo Bar Association (TBA). The TBA hosts a "Free Clinic" for the public. The Clerk's Office provides the filing forms and the Attorneys on hand help the public fill out the forms and answer any legal questions. One highlight was when one of our staff was commended by a customer who wrote a letter of appreciation about them.

In 2023, the Clerk's Office concentrated on initiatives aligned with our mission statement. New case filings totaled **8,601**. Court Costs, fines and fees collected totaled **\$35,738.16**.

Throughout the year, staff completed 8 trainings that concentrated on the integrity of our mission. They ranged from Introduction to the Courts to Legal Advice -vs- Legal Information to Ethics. In June, 6 staff attended the Juvenile Court Clerk's Conference hosted by The Judicial College and Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Clerks. The two day event helped clerks to learn new ways to increase their ability to effectively serve our local community.■

CASE TYPE CODE	CASE TYPE DESCRIPTION	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
A	Delinquency	2456	2734	2722	2280	1336	1620	1703
B	Traffic	1222	1432	1215	1126	1604	1349	1424
C	Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	624	566	549	572	430	461	429
D	Unruly	533	553	495	343	403	337	611
E	Contributing	754	238	263	169	184	147	338
F	Permanent Custody	166	161	158	176	122	71	90
G	Custody, Visitation	2221	2135	2186	1850	1791	1089	1284
H	Support	2968	2876	2948	2255	1394	1553	2042
I	Parentage	863	770	705	583	460	439	559
J	UIFSA	185	202	125	124	63	86	82
K	Misc./CPO/All Others	61	68	78	42	25	36	39
TOTAL		12053	11735	11444	9520	7812	7188	8601

COURT FAMILY SERVICES



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Our Court Family Services Department incorporates the following civil court programs and sections: Mediation, Custody Evaluation, Civil Court Programming, Home Studies, the Toledo Bar Association Free Clinic, and the Justice for Families grant services we operate in conjunction with Legal Aid of Western Ohio that provides victims of domestic violence referrals for supporting case services.

CUSTODY EVALUATION is a tool courts use to aid in evaluating the best interest of a child in a contested custody or parenting visitation case. Cases can be referred for custody evaluation either by a judge or magistrate. Custody evaluators will listen to parties, create an information file, and prepare a written report of their evaluation. When a custody evaluation is filed, all parties receive a copy of the custody evaluation.

Court Family Services employs two impartial mental health professionals to perform custody evaluations. The custody evaluation process consists of a custody evaluator meeting with individuals to identify child-related issues and concerns about other parties. The evaluator interviews the children and parties, gathers information from outside sources, and prepares a report close in time to a scheduled hearing. When a custody evaluation is filed, all parties receive a copy of the evaluation. *250 custody evaluations were completed in 2023.*

MEDIATION is a voluntary process where parties come together with a mediator in an attempt to settle a dispute. While a mediator controls the mediation process, parties control the conversation and the outcome. It is a useful tool for parties to share concerns, interests, and values so that they can create a plan tailored to their specific needs. Mediation case types include Civil, Access to Visitation, Toledo Public Schools (“**TPS**”) Truancy Prevention, Child Protection, Permanent Custody, Family Conflict, Truancy, and Contributing.

While Mediations were conducted in person during 2023, Court Family Services also utilized video conferencing when a party lived significant distance from the court or was ill. Having the ability to be in person or virtual allowed parties to address issues and reach agreements flexibly.

CIVIL MEDIATION is a means for co-parents who were not married to one another at the time the child or children were born to fashion a parenting plan and address legal issues. Sole custody or shared parenting plans are tailored to address distinct family needs such as custody, decision making, living arrangements, holidays, vacations, transportation, clothing, school, financial support, medical and dental care, insurance, tax exemptions, child support, moving, respect, religion and time spent with extended families. 621 cases were referred for civil mediation; 6 were dismissed and 16 were screened out. Parties failed to appear for 208 mediations and 124 mediations resulted in no agreement. *Mediations resulted in 35 partial agreements and 232 full agreements.*

ACCESS TO VISITATION mediations are funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and they are conducted virtually as well as at the Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency (“**LCCSEA**”) facility. This grant connects non-custodial parents with children to preserve family relationships and encourages child support. 63 Access to Visitation Mediations were scheduled in 2023. Parties failed to appear for 7 mediations, 8 were either cancelled or screened out and 10 resulted in no agreement. *Mediations resulted in 38 full agreements.*

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TPS TRUANCY PREVENTION MEDIATIONS are funded through an ODJFS grant with a goal to improve students' on-time, daily attendance. The grant is a collaboration between Toledo Public Schools and the Lucas County Juvenile Court with financial support from Lucas County Job and Family Services. The program goal is to reduce truancy and increase educational success for elementary students. In total, 1,107 mediations were scheduled, parties failed to appear 574 times, 50 cases did not go forward because of school matters, and no agreement was reached 1 time. *Parties showed for 478 mediations and those resulted in 477 agreements.*

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST INTERVENTIONS are scheduled as an alternative to adjudication when Toledo Public Schools' truancy and contributing complaints are filed at court. During these interventions, families and an Educational Specialist discuss barriers to attendance, solutions to challenges, and available community resources. 301 Interventions were scheduled in 2023 and while 217 parties failed to appear, *84 families were engaged and worked with the Educational Specialist to create a plan supporting attendance.*

FAMILY CONFLICT MEDIATIONS are designed to help children and parents create a plan that allows the family to stay safe while the case proceeds through the court. Agreements often include designs to utilize safety plans and address conflict. In 2023, 65 family conflict cases were scheduled for mediation; 4 did not reach agreement, 8 were screened out, and *53 reached agreement.*

IN-COURT BASED CONTRIBUTING AND TRUANCY MEDIATIONS occur as an alternative to adjudication following the filing of a truancy or contributing complaint. During these mediations, a mediator and families discuss barriers to attendance, solutions to challenges, and available community resources. In 2023, there were 196 contributing cases scheduled for mediation; parties appeared for 71 mediations and *69 resulted in a full agreement.* In 2023, 247 Truancy mediations were scheduled; parties appeared for 111 mediations and *98 mediations resulted in a full agreement.*

CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATIONS are a collaborative process where an impartial, neutral mediator facilitates negotiation and communication among parties. Child Protection mediations seek to bring all parties together to fashion agreements addressing parties' questions, concerns, and needs while likewise working towards safe and permanent agreements for children. 19 child protection mediations took place in 2023. *Mediations resulted in 7 agreements.*

JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES is a multidisciplinary initiative federally funded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women. This program is a collaboration between the Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Lucas County Juvenile Court, The Children's Rights Collaborative of Northwest Ohio, and Bethany House. The grant provides funding for specialized intake staff, legal services, guardian ad litem, supervised visitation, safe parenting exchanges, multidisciplinary team exchanges, supportive services, outreach, and ongoing training. Staff was hired and trained in 2023 and referrals started in November. 583 cases were assessed and *75 of those assessed requested domestic violence services.* Families were referred to the following specific services: *65 legal, 11 housing, 43 supervised visits, 39 counseling and 39 case management.*

TOLEDO BAR ASSOCIATION JUVENILE CLINIC is a service the Toledo Bar Association provides at juvenile court. This clinic assists folks who are filing pro se in Juvenile Court. 15

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attorneys and 15 law school students volunteered at the clinic in 2023. This amazing program is made possible by the hard work of the Toledo Bar Association and the dedication of local attorneys and students. The TBA clinic assisted *372 participants during the 17 clinics held throughout the year.* ■

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The Lucas County Juvenile Court (**LCJC**) Probation Department strives to ensure that youth under its supervision receive services that are strength-based, individualized, and fair using the Balance And Restorative Justice (**BARJ**) Model approach; taking into account that probation service should be rendered to ***the right youth at the right time***. In doing so, we continue to build upon our core principles while developing new goals and objectives to promote equity, inclusion, respect, collaboration, public safety, support, and success. The purpose of probation is to provide community based supervision and support to assigned youth, with a strong emphasis on treatment planning that adheres to the fundamental principles of the BARJ Model; Community Safety, Accountability, Victim Reparation, and Competency Development. Probation works within the context of the Positive Youth Justice (**PYJ**) Model to reduce the likelihood of continued delinquent behavior.

While serving youth within the community the probation department works diligently to partner with community stakeholders to provide quality services to youth and families while maintaining our position of applying best practices and evidence-based programming to reduce delinquency, improve outcomes, and enhance community safety. Probation partnerships have included:

- ◆ The Toledo Arts Commission.
- ◆ The Toledo Symphony.
- ◆ The Toledo Museum of Art.
- ◆ The Junction Coalition/419 Junction.
- ◆ Above & Beyond Care.
- ◆ Toledo Bikes!
- ◆ Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- ◆ Harbor.
- ◆ Unison.
- ◆ The Sophia Quintero Art and Cultural Center.
- ◆ The Youth Advocate Program (YAP).
- ◆ The National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP).

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The Probation Department remains committed to using probation only as a purposeful intervention to support growth, behavior change and long-term success for youth with serious and repeat offenses. Probation services **should not** be deficit-based and only focus on what a youth is doing wrong, but should focus on the youth's strengths and their ability to make positive changes. The Probation Officer's approach to supervising youth within the community must be rooted in best practices and informed by research in order to encourage favorable outcomes. As such, it is important that Probation Officers are equipped with fundamental skills such as a) supportive skills; b) limit setting skills; c) modeling skills; and d) advocacy skills. Probation Officers are tasked with the responsibility of maintaining caseloads of youth under its supervision, nurturing relationships with youth and families by engaging with them in their homes, neighborhoods, and school; teaching youth cognitive intervention skills, linking youth and families to services and programs based on individual needs, developing and implementing case plans, while holding youth accountable.

In 2023, the probation department experienced significant staff turnover and staffing

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challenges. As such, this created larger caseload numbers for officers. To maintain adequate staffing numbers, the department began searching for people within the community who have a passion for working with at-risk youth. People with the heart of a teacher and coach that is not only willing to teach skills but will do it with compassion and care. The probation team will continue its search for qualified candidates until its team is complete.

LCJC's Probation Officers are trained in Effective Practices In Community Supervision (**EPICS**), Motivational Interviewing (**MI**), Adolescent Brain Development, and Trauma-Informed Care. Graduated responses are implemented to address noncompliance to supervision. Youth assigned to probation are screened, during the intake process, using the following: Ohio Youth Assessment System (**OYAS**), Global Appraisal of Individual Needs Short Screener (**GAIN-SS**), Public Health Screener, and the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression (**SOGIE**). These tools are used to determine risk to recidivate, to identify internal and external factors including health disorders, to screen for immediate needs related to the social determinates of health, and to assure that culturally responsive care is being rendered to youth with diverse sexual orientations.

For more information regarding effective probation practices and probation transformation please click on the links below.

Resources:

<https://www.goodjuvenileprobationpractice.org>

<https://www.aecf.org/resources/the-desktop-guide-to-good-juvenile-probation-practice>

BALANCE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Balance and Restorative Justice (**BARJ**) is a set of values and principles that guide the responses of the juvenile justice system. These principles include:

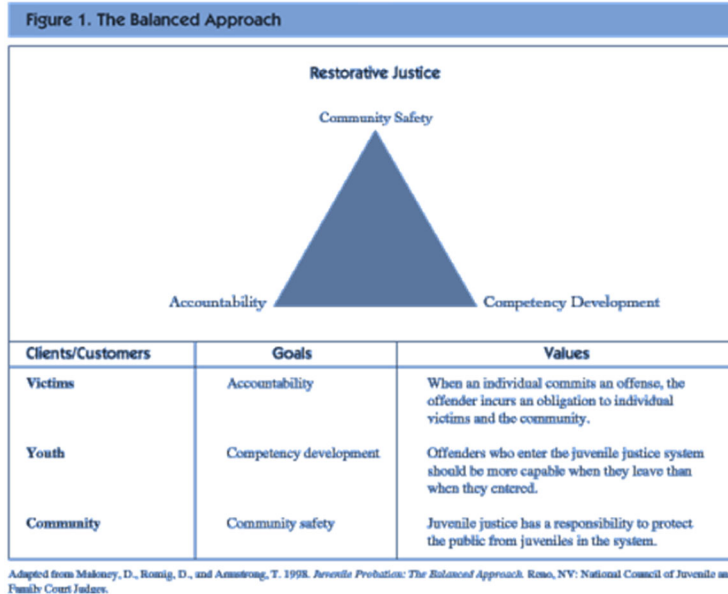
- ♦ Crime causes harm to victims, community, and juvenile offenders;
- ♦ Crime creates an obligation to repair the harm done;
- ♦ All parties have an important role to play in repairing the harm done;
- ♦ Repairing harm to all parties is the primary goal of restorative justice practices.

The BARJ model accomplishes repairing the harm by developing action steps for all parties involved under 3 domains:

- 1) **Accountability**: the youth takes responsibility for harm done to the victim and community;
- 2) **Competency Development**: the youth leaves the juvenile justice system more capable than when they entered;
- 3) **Community Protection**: the juvenile justice system is responsible for protecting the public from further harm.

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Resource: www.ojjdp.ojp.gov

POSITIVE YOUTH JUSTICE

Positive Youth Justice (**PYJ**) is an intentional, pro-social approach that engages youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a manner that is productive and constructive; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances youths' strengths; and promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships, and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths. It's a framework that views youth as a resource and seeks to engage them in variety activities to "Learn & Do" new skills and experiences and also Attach & Belong to their community.

PYJ is a strength-based approach to helping youth, service providers, youth leaders, programs, and communities become focused on developing the natural gifts, talents, and assets of youth. PYJ encourages building skills in decision-making, cooperation, reciprocity and giving to others, as well as setting high expectations for themselves and other peers. The PYJ model includes 12 key components. It focuses on two key assets needed by all youth: learning/doing and attaching/belonging. Each asset should be developed within the context of six life domains: work, education, relationships, community, health, and creativity.



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MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

Motivational Interviewing is a person-centered, directive method of communication for enhancing intrinsic motivation to change by exploring and resolving ambivalence. www.buildmotivation.com

The most current version of MI is described in detail in Miller and Rollnick (2013) *Motivational Interviewing: Helping people to change* (3rd edition). Key qualities include:

- ♦ MI is a **guiding** style of communication that sits between **following** (good listening) and **directing** (giving information and advice).
- ♦ MI is designed to **empower** people to change by drawing out their own meaning, importance and capacity for change.
- ♦ MI is based on a **respectful** and **curious** way of being with people that facilitates the natural process of change and honors client autonomy.

It is important to note that MI requires the clinician to engage with the client as an equal partner and refrain from unsolicited advice, confronting, instructing, directing, or warning. It is not a way to "get people to change" or a set of techniques to impose on the conversation. MI takes time, practice and requires self-awareness and discipline from the clinician. (Miller & Rollnick, 2009)

While the principles and skills of MI are useful in a wide range of conversations, MI is particularly useful to help people examine their situation and options when any of the following are present:

- ♦ **Ambivalence is high** and people are stuck in mixed feelings about change.
- ♦ **Confidence is low** and people doubt their abilities to change.
- ♦ **Desire is low** and people are uncertain about whether they want to make a change.
- ♦ **Importance is low** and the benefits of change and disadvantages of the current situation are unclear..

<https://motivationalinterviewing.org/understanding-motivational-interviewing>

EFFECTIVE PRACTICES IN COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Effective Practices in Community Supervision (**EPICS**) is an evidenced-based program developed by the University of Cincinnati which emphasize the need to build a strong working relationship with youth offenders while focusing on reducing criminogenic factors. EPICS challenges the traditional methods of probation supervision, moving from a compliance-based model to a change-based approach. This program provides a structured approach to client/officer interactions, with four different steps, including 1) Check-in 2) Review 3) Intervention and 4) Homework. The "Intervention" step allows the officer, in partnership with high-risk clients, to develop a plan of action which addresses criminal thoughts, feelings and behaviors through positive role modeling, skill building practice, role playing, and positive reinforcement. The emphasis is on teaching youth concrete, simple skills they can use to improve their daily lives while reducing their risk of committing new criminal offenses. The skills taught include

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Structured Skill Building, Cognitive Restructuring, Cost-Benefit Analysis and Problem Solving.

The Lucas County Juvenile Probation Department has since fully integrated this model into how it interacts with probationers and their families. Probation officers are doing EPICS sessions with all youth determined to be of moderate to high risk to reoffend according to the Ohio Youth Assessment System (**OYAS**). The EPICS model is being applied with youth during every contact, with the exception of a few situations where it might not be practical to do so. As probation officers become more and more practiced in the EPICS model they are continuing to find new and creative ways to integrate it into their daily practice.

IN 2024, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AIMS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

- ♦ Training and staff development in the following areas:
 - The Purpose of Probation
 - Adolescent Brain Development & Trauma-Informed Care
 - Family-Centered Case Planning
 - Motivational Interviewing
 - Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Youth
- ♦ Establish more community partnerships and resources for youth and families.
- ♦ Create Quality Assurance measures for the probation department.
- ♦ Update probations policy and procedures manual.■

2023 PROBATION DEPARTMENT NUMBERS:

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH REFERRED BY SEX IN 2023	
Males	82
Females	12
TOTAL	94

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH REFERRED BY RACE/ETHNICITY IN 2023	
Black	67
Latino	6
Other	4
Unknown	5
White	12
TOTAL	94

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AGE AT THE TIME OF REFERRAL IN 2023	
11 years old	2
12 years old	3
13 years old	5
14 years old	11
15 years old	18
16 years old	17
17 years old	27
18 years old	9
19 years old	1
20 years old	1
TOTAL	94

TOP OFFENSES IN 2023
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH POLICE
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

COMMUNITY TREATMENT CENTER



CHERYL BATH, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Community Treatment Center Program (**CTC**) began in October of 2013. This program has been implemented through the Ohio Department of Youth Services (**ODYS**) Targeted RECLAIM Fund Initiative to intervene in a youth's delinquent behavior without removing a youth from their home. Eligible youth have been found delinquent for felony 3, felony 4, or felony 5 offenses, score moderate or high on the court's risk assessment, have not experienced success through other community based programming, and are in need of interventions that target pro-criminal attitudes, values, and beliefs. The Court contracts with The Youth Advocate Program (**YAP**) to provide highly structured and nonresidential program that focuses on Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (**CBI**), such as Pathways to Self-Discovery, skill streaming, and Effective Practice in Community Supervision (**EPICS**) Model of probation supervision.

Youth report to CTC 6 days a week and receive approximately 200 hours of treatment targeting criminogenic needs. Youth attend school through Toledo Public Schools on the APEX Virtual Learning School and also provided tutoring after school as well. Parents or guardians also participate in programming through once a month Family meeting to address youth progress in school and CTC programming. Parents also attend bi-weekly meetings and are educated on the skills youth are learning as well. Youth are also provided a wide variety of pro-social community activities, including but not limited to: recreation time, tending a community garden, Mud Hens and Walleye games, visiting museums and colleges. The youth also can complete community services hours.

Through ongoing consultation, the University of Cincinnati monitors program effectiveness in addressing criminogenic needs as it was designed by the model and providing ongoing oversight of groups and coaching of CTC staff. Youth are held accountable through the court's Graduated Responses process, which includes, but is not limited to family accountability, review hearings, violation being filed, community detention (house arrest) and detention.

The Court applied for and was awarded a 2019 Juvenile Reentry Grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (**OJJDP**). The goal of the grant is to develop enhancements to CTC programming. The Juvenile Reentry Grant from the OJJDP has ended.

YOUTH AND FAMILIES SERVED: 16

SEX	# OF YOUTH
Male	16
Female	0
TOTAL	16

RACE	# OF YOUTH
African American	14
Caucasian	1
Other	1
TOTAL	16

COMMUNITY TREATMENT CENTER



CHERYL BATH, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

TERMINATIONS	# OF YOUTH
Successful	1
Unsuccessful	7
Other	4
TOTAL	12

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023:

- ♦ CTC provided strong case management.
- ♦ CTC assigned its own Probation Officer.
- ♦ Maintain a strong collaboration with the Youth Advocate Program and utilizing a team approach to serving youth.
- ♦ CTC continues on-going coaching from the University of Cincinnati to maintain fidelity to cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- ♦ Maintain a strong relationship with Toledo Public School (TPS).
- ♦ School hours increased to 5 days a week (APEX).
- ♦ Maintain a collaboration with The Arts Commission and The Toledo Art Museum.

GOALS FOR 2024 (MOVING FORWARD WITHOUT OJJDP GRANT FUNDING):

- ♦ Restructure CTC program schedule.
- ♦ Increase referrals.
- ♦ Continue using CBI-Y(Cognitive Behavioral Intervention model for Youth).
- ♦ Continue substance abuse programming (Seven Challenges).
- ♦ Continue on-going coaching from the University of Cincinnati to maintain fidelity to cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- ♦ Continue to collaborate with community Mental Health Services.
- ♦ Increase public safety and reduce recidivism among moderate-to-high risk youth.
- ♦ Integrate family strengthening practices.
- ♦ Reevaluate discharge criteria. ■

CROSSOVER/RESOURCE STAFFING/PLACEMENT



LISA DEMKO, LSW, LCCS LIAISON/RESOURCE STAFFING MANAGER

In 2011, Lucas County Children Services and the Juvenile Court partnered together to implement Georgetown's Crossover Practice Model. The process is a collaborative effort to address the special circumstances and needs of those youth that are involved dually with Lucas County Juvenile Court and Lucas County Children's Services. It includes the incorporation of formalized procedures to increase communication between agencies, working together to identify available resources, the application of strength based treatment and most importantly including the youth's voice and input in the process and decision making.

Desired outcomes of the Crossover Youth Practice model include:

- ♦ Reduction in the number of out-of-home placements.
- ♦ Reduction in the disproportionate representation of minority children.
- ♦ Reduction in the number of youth being dually adjudicated.
- ♦ Reduction in placement changes.
- ♦ Improvement in intra-agency communication and information sharing.
- ♦ An increase in youth and family participation.
- ♦ An increase in access to resources.
- ♦ An increase in joint case management.
- ♦ An increase in Youth and Parent satisfaction with the Court Process.
- ♦ An increase in staff satisfaction regarding the Practice Model.

The Lucas County Crossover Youth Practice model includes the following:

- ♦ Early identification of youth who are between the ages of 10-17 years old that are dually involved with Lucas County Juvenile Court and Lucas County Children Services.
- ♦ Crossover Youth Conferences for joint case planning purposes.
- ♦ Joint visits in the home or community with the youth, family and other service providers involved.
- ♦ Joint participation and recommendations to the Court.
- ♦ Identification of appropriate services or programs.
- ♦ Coordinator from both Lucas County Juvenile Court and Lucas County Children Services to ensure timely communication, facilitate continuity of care and problem solving.
- ♦ The key to successful Crossover Youth Practice Model is communication. Both agencies have done a great job in communicating with one another in regards to court hearings, case information and treatment planning. The Teams have worked together to ensure that the Youth's voice is being heard to garner the best possible outcome of the case.

The Crossover process has worked with 32 youth in 2023. Of those 34, youth, 17 were male and 16 were females. The LCJC and LCCS were able to revert back to face-to-face Team Meetings, Case Reviews and Court Hearings collaborating together to find placements for youth, linking them to the appropriate service or prosocial activity, advocating for them and listening to their voice. We worked with the LCCS in training informing them of the Crossover Process as well as various other Court programs.

CROSSOVER/RESOURCE STAFFING/PLACEMENT



LISA DEMKO, LSW, LCCS LIAISON/RESOURCE STAFFING MANAGER

The LCCS Liaison/Resource Staffing Manager continued her role as a member of the Park Place Apartment development team. This was a collaborative effort between LCJC, LCCS, LMH and Harbor. Moreover, the LCCS Liaison/Resource Staffing Manager also participated in the PATH/FOCUS on Runaways Wraparound and Quarterly meetings, the Youth Task Force, as well as the Lucas County Family Council's Inter-System Resource Team.

RESOURCE STAFFING:

Resource Staffings are conducted in an effort to develop recommendations for court hearings, and/or for treatment planning purposes. The staffing process is designed to look at the totality of the youth's case while taking a strength based approach. In addition to past interventions, the youth's juvenile justice history (including community safety), along with the Balance And Restorative Justice (**BARJ**) model and the Structured Decision Making (**SDM**) tool helps to guide the team in developing the best recommendation possible. The Resource Staffing team consists of Resource Staffing Manager, Probation Officer, Probation Manager, Probation Administrator, Assistant Administrator of Probation, a representative from the Youth Treatment Center, Educational Specialist, Resource Specialist, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Coordinator, and the Parent/Guardian. The parents/guardians are encouraged to bring community supports with them. The team is not limited to or inclusive of these representatives.

In 2023 there were **36** Resource Staffings held in the probation department.

SEX	# OF YOUTH
Male	35
Female	1
TOTAL	36

RACE	# OF YOUTH
African American	29
Caucasian	3
Latino	4
Other	0
TOTAL	36

CROSSOVER/RESOURCE STAFFING/PLACEMENT



LISA DEMKO, LSW, LCCS LIAISON/RESOURCE STAFFING MANAGER

ZIP CODE	# OF YOUTH
43605	3
43607	4
43608	3
43609	6
43613	1
43612	9
43604	1
43606	0
43611	0
43615	0
43610	3
Other	6
TOTAL	36

PLACEMENTS:

The Lucas County Juvenile Court utilizes out-of-home placements for the purpose of treatment to prevent further delinquent behavior. The Court requires that recommendations to remove a youth from home be made only after all efforts to work with the parents/youth within the home setting have been exhausted. Once a decision to place has been made, the least restrictive alternate placement will be considered.

Further, the youth and parents/guardians are to be involved in deliberations leading to the decision to recommend removal from the home and in the placement process itself. Residential Placement: Refers to any private, state-certified residential program which provides post dispositional care and/or treatment for delinquent youth. A residential placement usually consists of a minimally secure campus environment where supervision is provided by 24 hour awake staff. A group home placement is a less restrictive environment that provides post-dispositional care and/or treatment for delinquent youth. A group home is typically a single-family dwelling where supervision is provided by live-in staff.

In 2023, the Lucas County Juvenile Court had **7** youth in 4 different out of home placements. Three of those youth were in a group home placement and 4 youth were placed in an out of county community corrections facility due to the Youth Treatment Center being full. Two of the group placed in a group home placement were successfully discharged and reunified with their parents. The other youth remain in a group home placement. The 4 youth placed in an out of county community corrections facility remain in their perspective placements. All the youth in placements in 2023 were males. Three of the youth placed are Caucasian, 3 are African American and 1 is Hispanic. ■

HEALTHY BABY COURT



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Healthy Baby Court (**HBC**) is a therapeutic dedicated docket at Lucas County Juvenile Court (**LCJC**). HBC began implementation in August 2016, as a collaboration between LCJC and Lucas County Children Services (**LCCS**), to address the complex needs of our birth to three population (infant/toddler) involved in both systems. HBC is modeled after Zero to Three's Safe Babies Court Teams (**SBCT**) and is a part of the Infant-Toddler Court Program's (**ITCP**) national network as an active implementation site. This link provides documents referenced to guide our practices and develop this docket's programming, ITCP Resources [ITCP Resources • ZERO TO THREE](#)

HBC focuses on developing parental supports to preserve families, the developmental milestones of the infant/child(ren), and reunification or permanency of the infant/child(ren). Criteria for entering HBC includes an adjudicated case of neglect, abuse and dependency resulting in the out of home placement of an infant 0-3 years of age. The parent(s) voluntarily request to be entered into HBC and the HBC Community Coordinator begins to build a team of support focused on the wellbeing of the child and supports for those involved in their life. Infant-Toddler Court Program's focus on strategic collaboration with courts, state, county, or tribal child welfare systems, and other agencies to expand and build infrastructure capacity for infants, toddlers, and families access to services to encompass comprehensive, high-quality, evidence-based parenting, child development and behavioral health sciences. HBC utilizes these philosophies and models to best serve Lucas County's infants, toddlers, families, service providers and community when it comes to the safety, health and well-being of the birth to three year old population. Our HBC docket transitioned through 3 judicial leadership positions in 2023 and is currently under the oversight of the Honorable Judge Linda Knepp. HBC's FFY2024 goal will be to increase families served.

The purpose of the HBC program is to provide support and structure for cross-sector teamwork functioning at two levels:

- 1) **FAMILY SUPPORT MEETINGS (FSM's)** is an individualized team of professionals who focus on the infant/toddler(s) needs in relation to their overarching well-being and their reunification or permanency occurring within one year. The Family Support Team includes: HBC Community Coordinator, HBC Co-Parenting Mentor, LCCS Caseworker, Bio-parent(s)/ Primary Parents, Foster/Kinship Caretakers/Resource Family, CASA or GAL, and any other supportive service providers established throughout the process. Each case's Family Support Meetings are coordinated by the HBC Community Coordinator and meets at a minimum of once a month, although may meet more frequently. Family Team meetings utilize a trauma-informed lens while working with infant/toddler and their bio-parent(s) and foster/kinship caretakers to ensure they receive expedited, comprehensive services and supports while in the HBC program. The Family Team's goal is to: foster the infant/toddler's physical and mental well-being; prevent children's removal and placement in foster care; promote reunification and other lasting permanency outcomes; strengthen family protective factors; and protect and build safe, stable and nurturing early relationships for the infant/toddler.
- 2) **0-3 ACTIVE COMMUNITY TEAM (ACT)** brings stakeholders together to address the complex needs of children and families involved in dependency court and the child welfare system. This interdisciplinary team focuses on reducing disparities, addressing gaps in

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systems coordination, and driving improvement through new practices and policies. The services should be comprehensive and equitable with a focus on preventing child abuse and neglect, and should include two-generation programs and services that address the social determinants of health. This group meets bi-monthly and commonly includes: Early Intervention, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services, Early Head Start, Adult Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment and other child and family prevention and intervention services and supports.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ◆ Served 9 families, 12 Parents, 13 infants/children:
 - 5 children reunified with primary parent(s),
 - 1 children custody awarded to a family member,
 - 0 children awarded custody to LCCS, and
 - 5 families continued services into 2023.
- ◆ 6 Outreach Events and Educational Trainings on HBC.
- ◆ HBC Co-parenting Mentor program conducted 33 educational outreach presentations and began to develop programming that is broadened to serve families identified and referred by LCCS workers with families who are not involved with our HBC or Family Treatment program.
- ◆ 2 Trainings provided:
 - “Substance Exposed Infants and Toddlers: Interventions to Promote Long-term Success” on 8/8/2023, presented by Dr. Steph Weber, Associate Professor and clinical psychologist at the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, with 94 workforce and community members in attendance.
 - “Supporting Respectful Partnerships: The Broad Reach of Co-parenting” on 9/11/2023, presented by Dr. James McHale, Ph.D, Professor of Psychology and Director of University of South Florida Family Study Center, with 37 Foster / LCCS Staff / Community Providers in attendance.
- ◆ 0-3 Active Community Team Accomplishments:
 - 30 Members from 28 different supportive services sectors.
 - Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health.
 - Located funding to train 20 Local Therapists from 5 Community Mental Health Organizations in Child Parent Psychotherapy, which will begin to be offered in 2024.
- ◆ Plans of Safe Care:
 - Developed and piloting a Community Plan of Safe Care to be implemented by our workforce in Lucas County, with Substance Using Mothers who are pregnant or have given birth.
- ◆ Data and Resource Sharing:
 - Developed a community wide Resource document for HBC Community Coordinator to present to families and is also being piloted at Help Me Grow’s Central Intake and United Way’s 211 who are Lucas County’s main resource contacts for children and families in need of support.■

FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM



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OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM:

The Lucas County Juvenile Court Family Violence Intervention Program (**FVIP**) provides support, intervention and education to families, youth and the community aimed at reducing violence and aggression in the home.

Youth perpetrated Domestic Violence (DV) is among the top delinquency charges filed against youth in Lucas County. Unlike in adult court, where DV charges involve intimate partner violence, these cases usually involve a youth who is charged for violence or threats against a family member, usually a parent or guardian. These cases are unique from other delinquency matters which occur outside of the home because in these cases, the victim and perpetrator not only live together, but the victim (parent/guardian) is legally responsible to care for the perpetrator. As a result, it is important to provide interventions for the whole family, not just the youth.

FVIP provides support and interventions to every family after a youth has been charged with Domestic Violence (DV) or related offense such as, criminal damaging, menacing, disorderly conduct, etc. The FVIP team also receives referrals arising out of unruly charges from the Assessment Center, Misdemeanor Services and Probation. FVIP is committed to decreasing the incidence of family violence by developing family-specific interventions that promote community and family safety, victim restoration and creating healthy relationships through education, skill building, family support and conflict resolution.

The Court has been utilizing the Step-up Curriculum for the last fifteen years. It is a nationally recognized program designed specifically to address adolescent family violence. It is a strength-based educational program, used to create individualized safety plans and teach communication skills to build healthy and respectful family relationships. Family Violence Counselor, Hans Giller offers individual Step Up sessions to any interested families.

The Family Violence Intervention Team and Assessment Center staff provide the following crisis management, support and service referrals to the **youth, parents and family members**:

- ♦ Contacts the parent to obtain background information on all underlying issues which may have led to the youth's violent and/or aggressive behaviors.
- ♦ Meets with youth to establish trusting relationship and complete the following screening tools:
 - Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN): an evidenced-based screener to determine mental health and substance abuse needs of youth.
 - OYAS Diversion tool to determine the youth's risk to the community.
 - Public health screening instrument to determine if the family's basic needs are being met (ie. food, housing or medical).
- ♦ Shows Family Safety Video (a whiteboard animation video created by the FVIP team in collaboration with The Draw Store in 2016) which teaches families how to resolve conflicts peacefully.

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- ◆ Completes Individualized Safety Plan based on the information learned in the video.
- ◆ Screens the parent and youth for participation in a Family Conflict Mediation. This is an opportunity for the youth and parent to sit down together, with a neutral third party, and safely discuss the underlying issues which led to the youth's aggression, review the individualized safety plan and develop a plan of action to improve safety in the home.
- ◆ Accompanies families and youth to every court hearing and administers a safety screening tool at each hearing screening to assess safety concerns and monitor the youth's behaviors.
- ◆ Makes recommendations to the Magistrate or Judge regarding detention, compliance with the safety plan and services, as needed to address safety in the home.
- ◆ Offers families the opportunity to participate in Step up program individual sessions with family counselor, Hans Giller, or in group sessions with community partner, Sofia Center.
- ◆ Refers parents and youth to a wide variety of local community services, based on the needs and interests of the family.
- ◆ Partners with Zepf Center's Safety Net Shelter to offer parents a short-term (3-5 day) respite until safety is restored and services are in place. FVIP staff transports youth to and from Safety Net for court hearings and mediation.
- ◆ Collaborates with families and community service providers such as Ohio Rise, Family Council's Inter Resource Team, Lucas County Children Services, Department of Developmental Disabilities, Safety Net Shelter, local human trafficking services and other local mental health agencies, by setting up and attending team meetings.
- ◆ Promotes and refers youth to prosocial activities, such as classes at the Toledo Art Museum, sports activities, voice lessons, yoga, and music programs as well as court opportunities, such as the bike program at Toledo Bikes.
- ◆ Offers parents and youth the opportunity to participate in the free Crafting to Calm program. This innovative program offers individualized family centered wellness through the arts. Local textile artist and designer, Michelle Atkinson, teaches interested FVIP families a new skill, such as knitting, crocheting or painting which helps with self-calming and confidence building. Additionally, it is an opportunity for families in crisis to spend to spend conflict-free time together, building and restoring family relationships.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2023:

The Team worked with 249 new families with youth who were either charged with a family violence offense and/or exhibited abusive behaviors in the home.

- ◆ 225 (90% of the total DV charges filed in 2023) were handled **officially** and the youth appeared before a Magistrate or Judge. Many of these cases were dismissed at later court proceedings with court orders to follow through with the safety plan and community services.
- ◆ Of the 225 official cases only 3 youth (1.3%) were placed on further court supervision (Probation or Misdemeanor Services) as a result of the DV charge.

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- ♦ 23 (10% of **unofficial** DV complaints) in 2023 were diverted from the court system altogether and the FVIP team provided safety planning and follow up support.

The Team attended over 460 court hearings—to provide support to parents, continually evaluate safety, assess the youth’s progress and needs, request court orders and make referrals for the Step-Up Program, and other community services.

Family Violence counselor, Hans Giller, held 107 individual Step up sessions to teach and reinforce healthy communication skills within the family.

REFORM AND IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2023:

IDENTIFYING MORE FAMILY VIOLENCE CASES

In an effort to identify additional youth who may benefit from FVIP supportive services, Community Detention Manager, Mary Niederhauser, now reviews every complaint filed for youth prior to their detention hearing. If the complaint alleges any family violence issues, she notifies the FVIP team to attend the hearing and offer safety planning and services. As a result of this change, more family violence cases are now being identified and referred to FVIP.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Through this process, there have also been more teen dating violence cases identified. These cases can come in under a variety of delinquency charges, such as telephone harassment, menacing, disorderly conduct, assault, trespass.

FVIP created a teen dating violence safety plan several years ago, but several additional procedures and programs have been implemented in 2023. Hans Giller is now providing a one-time healthy dating education class for every youth either adjudicated on a teen dating violence charge or referred to FVIP for this purpose. Probation officers have referred youth who are in unhealthy intimate relationships for this intervention, even if they haven’t been charged with teen dating violence.

FVIP has also created a new written protocol on how to address teen dating violence with input from the Juvenile Court’s Public Defenders and Prosecutors. Because intimate partner violence is so different that family violence and safety of the victim is paramount, it is not appropriate for victims and perpetrators to participate in services together. The prosecutor’s office (victim’s advocate) contacts and works directly with the victims of intimate partner violence in compliance with Marsy’s Law. FVIP then works with the teen perpetrator and parent to assist with safety planning, service referrals and education.

CRAFTING TO CALM FUNDING

Longer-term funding for Crafting to Calm has now been secured through the Department of Youth Services. This will ensure that more FVIP families can benefit from this program.■

MISDEMEANOR SERVICES



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OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM:

Misdemeanor Services was created in 2016 in an effort to reduce the number of adjudicated low to moderate risk from being placed on probation and thus decreasing their likelihood of penetrating further into the Juvenile Justice system. This program was designed to offer a shorter term strength and relationship-based supervision program with a focus on building resilience using a Positive Youth Justice (**PYJ**) framework. The program was designed to last 90 days, with an option to extend for an additional 30 day period. However, each youth is different and the program is designed to meet the youth and families where they are and some youth may be ordered to continue in Misdemeanor services for a longer period of time. Youth who need access to services and activities, minimum supervision, and who would benefit from a short term relationship with a positive adult, may be appropriate candidates for Misdemeanor Services. Youth adjudicated on either low-level, non-violent felonies or on misdemeanor/s have successfully completed the Misdemeanor Services program.

Misdemeanor Services seeks to ensure public safety, support families and motivate youth to reach their full potential. Youth are referred by a Magistrate or Judge to the Misdemeanor Services program and assigned to a Case Officer.

The case officer meets with the parent and youth for an intake appointment and then meets regularly (minimum of 2x per month) with the youth. Each youth has a case plan which is created in collaboration with the guardian and case officer and covers all four components of the Misdemeanor Services program. The four components of the program are as follows:

- 1) Youth Services and Needs (includes court orders, if applicable).
- 2) Restorative Justice.
- 3) Positive Youth Activities.
- 4) Relationship-building with a positive adult.

Every youth in the Misdemeanor Services program is screened for mental health and substance abuse issues using the Strength-based GAIN short-screener. In addition, youth and families are screened for basic needs (ie. food, shelter, health) using the public health screener. All youth at risk for human trafficking also complete a FOCUS assessment and are referred for local human trafficking support services, if needed.

Each youth is also encouraged to complete at least one Restorative Justice activity as a way of making amends for their delinquent behavior. If at all possible, the restorative justice component should be logically related to the incident which led to the referral to Misdemeanor Services. Some examples of restorative justice activities are: Empathy letter- asks youth to think about the impact of their behavior on the victim/community; Community Service hours- allows youth to learn how to support and restore their community.; Educational opportunity- youth reads a book, watches a movie, video or listens to a podcast and completes a related activity with their case officer.

Next, youth are encouraged to participate in at least two positive activities. They are asked to

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complete an interest and career goal survey and case officers help the youth identify specific activities which teach youth a new skill and/or offer the youth an opportunity to do something to further their career goals. Case officers have taken youth to the following: meetings with a college counselor, Crafting to Calm art sessions, Boxing, Toledo Bikes, Toledo Art Museum classes, gym workouts, teen support groups, library activities and hair braiding sessions.

Case officers are encouraged to meet the youth where they are, remain strength-focused and think outside the box to come up with meaningful activities and community services. The final component of the program is for the youth to develop a healthy positive relationship with their case officer and every effort is made to achieve this goal.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2023:

- ♦ 61 youth were active in the Misdemeanor Services program during 2023.
- ♦ Of these youth, 45 were terminated successfully*, 9 were unsuccessful** and 1 was terminated other***. 6 youth were continued in the program for 2024.

*A youth who was terminated successfully has “substantially” complied with the program and has not been placed on a higher level of court supervision (ie. Probation, YTC or CTC)

**A youth who has was terminated unsuccessfully has not “substantially” complied with the program and has been placed on a higher level of court supervision.

***A youth who was terminated other was unable to complete the program because they moved out of the court’s jurisdiction.

REFORM AND IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2023:

The improvements made in 2023 to this program are as follows:

- ♦ A third case officer, Jessica Militzer was added to the team. She has brought some fresh ideas which have already improved family and youth engagement.

New Program forms have been created and are now in use:

- ♦ New Program flyer for families.
- ♦ Strength-based Parent Survey.
- ♦ Youth Interest and Career Survey.

Program case officers have also identified more community members, agencies and businesses who are willing to offer diverse options for job shadowing, skill building and competency development.■

JUVENILE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR TREATMENT



TIMOTHY BAUERSCHMIDT, PROGRAM MANAGER

The Lucas County Juvenile Sexual Behavior Treatment program (**JSBT**) is committed to developing community partnerships which promote public safety, victim restoration, education, and treatment for youth and families in an effort to reduce the incidence of sexual abuse. This approach will enhance healthy relationships, hold youth and parents accountable, and ensure an effective continuum of care for both survivors, and youth who sexually offend. The Lucas County Juvenile Courts (LCJC) approach promotes collaboration, community education, valid and reliable assessment tools, effective treatment, competency development, supervision, and transition to different levels of care. LCJC has worked to be a leader in the area of treatment of adolescents who have sexually offended through the use and understanding of the latest research.

Efforts continued as the Court applied best practices in managing cases throughout the pandemic in 2021. The hybrid approach to supervision and services continued which included a combination of phone calls, zoom meetings, and face-to-face meetings while utilizing safety protocols to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus. April of 2021 brought the reconvening of treatment groups that had previously been halted because of Covid-19. The number of Zoom counseling sessions were also significantly reduced. In August of 2021, Bill Weis, the long-time program manager for the JSBT program retired and JSBT Probation Officer Tim Bauerschmidt was promoted to JSBT Program Manager. Tim brings more than 26 years of probation and JSBT experience to the position and almost 40 years of experience working with juveniles.

In 2021, JSBT Probation Officers maintained an average of nearly 20 cases monthly. 16 new referrals were received with 11 cases being assigned and made active. The 5 remaining cases were either deferred, or given alternate dispositions through assessment and support from the JSBT program. 27 cases were closed that were carried over from the prior years. 22 were successfully terminated, including 2 youth that transferred in from other states. Probation Officers continued work on 7 existing cases that had been placed in residential or group placements. 6 of the youth that were placed in an out-of-home placement returned to their homes after successfully completing treatment.

Prior to 2021, it became even more apparent that it was necessary to change the program name to reflect a better understanding of the work being done with the youth in our community. The Juvenile Sexual Behavior Treatment Program (JSBT) name change reflects the understanding that many individuals who come to the court's attention through a sex offense are not necessarily sex offenders by intention, but did so, by not truly understanding how to navigate pro-social sexual relationships. Their choice to sexually act out are issues that are quite often treatable in the mental health realm. Due to the adolescents' developmental processes not being fully developed, juveniles appear to be very responsive to the program's Mastery Learning, and the wraparound approach that starts with the youth's lowest level needs and helps them to work up from there. This begins in most cases at adjudication, where the JSBT Probation Officer will utilize multiple valid and reliable assessment tools to get a better understanding of the individual's risk factors, needs, ownership of offense, understanding of the overall impact of their choice, comprehension level, and skill level in multiple domains including cognitive, social, emotional, and may also include physical skills. These assessment tools are what the JSBT Probation Officer uses to write a social history and a sex offender assessment report that provide recommendations to the jurist for best practice outcomes for the individual. Once the legal case is disposed of and a treatment provider is identified by the family, the youth is given a mental health assessment in the community and the JSBT probation officer works with the mental health team to develop a plan that will aid in developing this youth to be a productive, pro-social member of the community.

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The needs are addressed through a treatment team that includes the specialized JSBT probation officer that had followed the youth through the legal process, interviewed the family, and wrote the reports and recommendations for disposition. It also includes an individual therapist and a group therapist and a case manager when possible. The Court/Harbor cases are staffed with the case managers and therapists weekly to discuss progress and strategy to support this progress. The program partnership with Harbor Behavioral Health goes back to 2007 when we understood the need to enhance the range of treatment interventions offered to our youth and families. These interventions can include a wide range of populations including, pre-adolescent, adolescent, young adult offenders, and lower functioning offenders of all genders by using individual, group, and family therapy. The bulk of the cases are referred to Harbor Behavioral Health Care for the youth to complete The Court/Harbor JSBT Program. The JSBT probation officer also works closely with individual community therapists that can provide JSBT counseling and education for individuals and their families that are not able to complete the work through the Court/Harbor JSBT Program. Each case is reviewed monthly in court unless otherwise indicated by Magistrate Pam Field, Our assigned JSBT Program Specialized Docket Magistrate.

As outlined above, the additional goal of the JSBT Program has been to develop best practices that fit within the goals of Lucas County Juvenile Court's mission statement to:

- ◆ Ensure fairness, equity, and access to justice to all children and families regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation.
- ◆ Ensure Public Safety.
- ◆ Protect the Children of the Community.
- ◆ Preserve Families by Supporting Parents and Intervening only when it is in the Best Interest of the Child and/or the Community.
- ◆ Work with the Community to Develop and Enforce Standards of Responsible Behavior for Adults and Children.
- ◆ Ensure Balance Between Consequences and Rehabilitation while Holding Offenders Accountable for Their Actions.

The JSBT approach works with the Juvenile Court's mission statement through a focus on community safety, competency development, pro-social skill-building, and accountability in an effort to transition youth to the least restrictive environment based on the individual client's ability to develop pro-social skills and safety in the community. The JSBT program will continue to execute these goals through management, treatment, and education of juveniles, young adult, their families, and the community about a best practice approach for children with problematic sexual behavior. The JSBT Program has been on the leading edge in helping youth to manage their needs and learn to develop meaningful pro-social change. The treatment team's focus continues to be collaboration between the JSBT probation officers and the mental health providers has resulted in building a foundation for a highly successful holistic approach. This approach has helped develop and strengthen client protective factors.■

FAMILY TREATMENT COURT



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According to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, between 60% and 80% of substantiated child abuse and neglect cases involve substance abuse by a custodial parent or guardian. Family Treatment Courts serve children, parents and families involved in the child welfare system due to parental substance use as a contributing factor to child abuse or neglect. The purpose of a family treatment court is to protect child safety, ensure a permanent care-giving environment and promote children's well-being through family recovery. Each year, FTCs assist approximately 30,000 children across the country. Family Treatment Court is a voluntary program that provides intensive judicial monitoring and equal access to family-focused interventions, services and supports using a multidisciplinary approach to meet the comprehensive needs of these families.

Family Treatment Court works collaboratively, drawing on community partners' expertise in child welfare, substance use disorder treatment and other community services to address the needs and build on the strengths of each family member.

The vision of the Lucas County Family Drug Court program began in 1998, when the Juvenile Court received a planning grant from the Ohio Department of Drug Addiction Services to start a Drug Court in our community. The initial implementation advisory committee was led by Family Drug Court Judge James A. Ray and Chief Magistrate Donna P. Mitchell. The current and longest presiding Judge, Judge Connie F. Zimmelman, has presided over the program since 2007. Throughout the program's history, the Lucas County Family Drug Court served as a host site for the Family Drug Court Planning Initiative (**DCPI**), as well as the Supreme Court of Ohio's Specialized Dockets. As a host site, the Lucas County Family Drug Court assisted with numerous visits from courts across the United States who were in the process of planning a dependency treatment court.

The Lucas County Family Treatment Court program is a family dependency treatment court that began in March of 2000 and was granted final certification by the Specialized Docket Section of the Supreme Court of Ohio effective August 13, 2014 and received re-certification on December 22, 2016 and September 17, 2019. The mission of the program is to strengthen, support and encourage families by providing coordinated family-centered services that promote a lifestyle of recovery and wellness resulting in keeping families together.

There were some transitions in 2023 with Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon retiring. Magistrates rotated to cover Judge Cubbon's Tuesday docket until a final decision was made on who would take over. Judge Linda M. Knepp was named as Administrative Judge and presides over the Thursday docket. The program served 44 parents and 90 children who were either in the protective supervision or temporary custody of Lucas County Children Services due to their parent's substance abuse issues. There were 24 families that carried over from 2022 and 20 new entries in 2023. Of the 20 new entries, 55% chose fentanyl/opiates as their number one drug of choice. Followed by crack cocaine 20%, heroin at 10% and alcohol at 1%.

While most of Family Treatment Court referrals still come from Lucas County Children Services, attorneys and treatment providers have also been contacting the Family Treatment Court Coordinator to refer their clients.

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FAMILY DRUG COURT ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2023:

- ◆ The Lucas County Family Treatment Court successfully graduated 12 participants.
- ◆ Of the 12 parents who successfully graduated from the program in 2023, 31 children were re-unified with their parents and 6 children remained at home with their parents under protective supervision during the family dependency case.
- ◆ There were 2 drug free babies born to mothers in the Family Treatment Court Program.
- ◆ Family Treatment Court was asked to participate in an Overdose Prevention Court Study through Nationwide Children's Hospital. Court Study Staff from Nationwide Children's Hospital come to court once a month and meet with parents after court that would like to participate anonymously. They receive gift cards for each survey they complete regarding current/past drug use, the use of Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and other harm reduction methods.
- ◆ In collaboration with Nick Corbin Productions Family Treatment Court was able to complete a short 10 minute documentary about participants in Family Treatment Court. This emotional and impactful documentary is shown to the Lucas County Children Service training units, perspective participants, and in other training settings.
- ◆ Several Family Treatment Court team members were able to attend the All Rise Family Treatment Court Conference in Houston Texas.
- ◆ While in Houston members attended a training on updating the Phases in the program. Upon our return back to Toledo, several team members met to discuss the training and make our own updates to the Phases. The Phases were increased from 3 to 5 per suggestion by Supreme Court of Ohio.
- ◆ In a push to get more Family Treatment Court Alumni to remain engaged and connected, Candace Robinson from TASC and Katie Mangold, Family Treatment Court Coordinator started a group called Each One, Teach One. This is a group for current Family Treatment Court participants and Alumni to offer support and resources for each other. At the first group held in October 2023, there were 7 past Family Treatment Court Alumni in attendance. The group is held at Ebeid Center downtown, which acts as a neutral space away from the court setting.
- ◆ In November 2023 the team had a Team Building Retreat held at Glass City Park. Amy Leigh, from Amy Leigh Coaching facilitated this and helped the team members to see each other's roles on the team and how each of these different roles are valuable.
- ◆ There were several "Sober Celebration" events throughout the year. The yearly picnic where participants were encouraged to bring their children and/sober supports. Participants were able to make up "goody bags" for their children with back to school supplies, snacks and other items. A Recovery Celebration to celebrate National Recovery Month, a Spring Fling where participants were able to make Easter baskets for their children, and a Holiday Party were also held. Past alumni volunteer to speak at all of the events and share their story of being involved with Family Treatment Court.
- ◆ As a way to help "give back" to the community, Family Treatment Court team members and participants volunteered at the Lucas County Canine Care and Control (LC4). As volunteers everyone helped make treats for the dogs as well as were educated on the importance of spay and neutering pets and the various low cost and/or free pet care

FAMILY TREATMENT COURT



LINDA M. KNEPP, JUDGE

KATIE MANGOLD, FAMILY TREATMENT COORDINATOR

programs they have available. LC4 staff got out several dogs so participants could pet, play, and walk them while there. LC4 encouraged parents in the program to continue to volunteer as something to do with their children as well as look for job openings there.

- ♦ Family Treatment Court hosted a Narcan Training at Ebeid Center for case workers, treatment providers and participants. Educational information and statistics about fentanyl use in Lucas County and how to use Narcan and fentanyl test strips was presented by staff from the Lucas County Health Department.

FAMILY DRUG COURT GOALS IN 2024:

- ♦ Improve the integration of parenting and therapeutic interventions within Family Drug Court while transitioning from parent-focused to a family-centered approach.
- ♦ Implement and fully develop the new phases for participants.
- ♦ Continue to seek training and resources for best practices to work with participants with fentanyl addiction.■

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ABOUT CASA



Court Appointed Special Advocates (**CASA**) are citizen volunteers and attorneys who are trained to serve in the role of Guardian ad Litem (**GAL**) and advocate in the best interests of abused, neglected, and dependent children involved in the juvenile justice system. Upon appointment, each CASA/GAL conducts an independent and thorough investigation of the child's circumstances, including the reasons the child was brought to the attention of the Court, the child's social and emotional background, and any other relevant information. The CASA/GAL then submits a written report to the Court that encapsulates the investigation and includes recommendations made in the best interests of the child. Foremost of these recommendations is who should have custody of the child, followed by recommendations for placement and visitation, as well as for services to family members to help remedy the risks that originally brought the family to the Court's attention. The CASA/GAL thereafter monitors the child and continues to advocate for the child's best interests in both courtroom proceedings and the child welfare and social service systems until that child is no longer involved in the Court process.

Since 1980, Lucas County CASA has remained focused and dedicated to the recruitment and training of well-qualified CASA volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children involved in the Lucas County Juvenile Court. In 2023, a total of 1731 abused, neglected, or dependent children were served by CASA volunteers and attorney/guardians ad litem in the Lucas County Juvenile Court. CASA volunteers advocated for 616 (36%) of these children and donated nearly 11,500 hours. The remaining 64% were served by paid attorney/guardians ad litem who are trained together with the CASA volunteers in the same 40-hour CASA/GAL pre-service training.

DECREASE IN CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY: For the past four years from 2019 to 2023, the simultaneous impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the opiate epidemic caused dramatic increases in child abuse, neglect, and dependency cases brought to Court. On top of the 22% increase in child abuse, neglect, and dependency cases brought to Court in 2020 as compared to 2019, a 7.8% increase was experienced in 2021 from the prior year, and another 5% increase was experienced in 2022 as compared to 2021. For the first time in the past four years, the numbers decreased. The total number of **new** abused, neglected, and dependent children that entered the Juvenile Court in 2023 was 609. This is a decrease of 16% from 2022.

NEW CASA STAFF HIRED: In December of 2023, Lucas County CASA hired Wittenberg University graduate and Juvenile Court Probation Officer, Aislynn Ward, to be a full-time CASA Coach and promoted CASA Clerk III, Breanne Vincent, to be a full-time CASA Coach. Aislynn's hiring and Breanne's promotion means that the CASA Department is closer to the CASA Coach staffing level of 2020 when budget cuts caused the lay-off of three full-time CASA Coaches. CASA Coaches perform the following important tasks:

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- ♦ Provide intensive support for the CASA volunteers who work independently in the field, contacting each CASA volunteer at least quarterly by phone and annually for a face-to-face case conference;
- ♦ Contact each CASA volunteer about two weeks before the Court report due date to remind volunteers of the report filing due date and to ascertain that the CASA has interviewed/observed each child on the case, interviewed each parent, and observed each child with the parents and caregivers; and
- ♦ Contact each CASA volunteer when a case has been open for eighteen months to prepare for the statutory two-year permanency deadline.

CASA/GAL PRE-SERVICE TRAINING: A total of 40 new CASA volunteers and attorney/GALs were trained to become CASA/GAL in 2023. Participants were trained in two 40-hour CASA pre-service training classes using a highly interactive curriculum created by the National CASA Association with revisions to reflect state and local laws and procedures. The curriculum is half online using Google Classroom and half in person. The members of the training classes gave the training very high evaluations.

CASA/GAL ON-GOING TRAINING: In 2023, the CASA department directly provided a total of 36 hours of ongoing CASA/GAL training. Eight of these hours were CASA Core Training on Court Report Writing, Testifying in Court, Best Practices for CASA/GAL, and Blurry Lines: CASA/GAL Boundaries. These well-attended and well-received training opportunities were live webinars that were recorded. The recordings were available to all CASA volunteers on demand. In 2023, we kicked off the *Coffee with CASA* initiative for volunteers to speak with each other and build community. We invited engaging speakers to talk about important subjects relevant to CASA/GAL work.

With grant funds, we sponsored the cultural awareness training “Knowing Who You Are” which received rave reviews. The sixteen-hour training is a research-based training curriculum created by the Casey Family Foundation and designed to raise awareness about the importance of developing a healthy sense of racial and ethnic identity. The training is designed to first assist CASA/GAL in understanding their own racial and ethnic identity and then to explore how best to assist children in foster care living apart from their cultures to connect to their racial and ethnic identities. The development of a healthy racial and ethnic identity is important in helping youth establish consistency in their lives concerning how they view themselves. A healthy identity can be an important anchor from which positive outcomes are possible. For youth in care, this aspect of identity is often overlooked.

The CASA office further advertised a panoply of ongoing training sessions relevant to CASA work that various community groups held. In addition to the training opportunities offered locally by the Northwest Ohio Regional Training Center, the YWCA, and other local agencies, Lucas County CASA also advertised ongoing training virtually from other Ohio CASA programs, the Ohio and National CASA Associations, the Ohio Supreme Court, the National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC), the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, and others.

VOCA GRANT: The Ohio Attorney General’s office awarded Lucas County CASA \$97,116.42 in federal VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funds in 2023. The grant funded one-half of one CASA Staff Attorney’s salary, the comprehensive recruitment advertising campaign for new CASA volunteers, staff travel to national and state conferences, and special speakers to travel

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to Toledo to train the Lucas County CASA staff and CASA volunteers.

GREATER TOLEDO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT:

The Greater Toledo Community Foundation granted Lucas County CASA a total of \$40,000 in 2023 to fund CASA/GAL training and specifically the recruitment of attorney/GALs in 2023 and 2024. The Oswald Supporting Fund contributed \$30,000 and an additional \$10,000 was funded by the James Halapleus Fund. The goal of the funds in 2023 was to recruit and train ten new attorneys to serve as GALs since the number of attorneys taking GAL cases has dwindled from 47 in 2019 to 22 in 2023, a 53% decrease. Ten attorneys completed the training, nine of whom took cases. Each of the nine attorneys participating in the grant took two CASA/GAL cases in the first year after being sworn in. The first case was an unpaid CASA volunteer case and the second case could be either a CASA volunteer or a paid attorney case. Each year thereafter that the attorney takes a paid GAL case, the attorney will be asked to take at least one unpaid CASA volunteer case.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION: Lucas County CASA implemented a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan in January 2023. Lucas County CASA is committed to having CASA volunteers, advisory board members, and staff members represent not only the diverse Lucas County population but, equally importantly, the child welfare population. Since October 2022, our target marketing/recruitment campaign targeted African-American, Hispanic/Latinx, and males. Compared to 2022, the Lucas County CASA Program has more than doubled the number of African American CASA volunteers. Of the 40 CASA/GAL trained in 2023, 22.5% were African American or multi-racial, 7.5% were Hispanic/Latinx, 10% were males, 67.5% were White, and 7.5% identified as other.

CASA VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT: Recruiting, screening, and selecting volunteers is an ongoing Lucas County CASA program process. Since community volunteers are the backbone of the CASA program, our director and CASA staff spend a great deal of time focusing on recruiting the most qualified volunteers into the program and keeping them once they are screened and trained. In 2023, we experienced a 36% increase in inquiries received. The increase can be attributed to the following recruitment activities. In 2023, we launched an inclusive marketing campaign targeting men, African Americans, and the Hispanic/Latinx community. The marketing campaign included billboards, radio campaigns with Glass City Radio station and NPR on WGTE, and ads in The Blade, The Sojourner's Truth, and La Prensa newspapers. We also used innovative marketing products to promote our program such as Search Engine Marketing (SEM), Over-the-Top TV ads, and WGTE Livestream ads.

Our inclusive marketing campaign is bringing a diverse group of applicants. In 2023, the number of volunteer applications increased by 48%. In 2023, the number of men who applied to become CASA volunteers increased by 30%, and we received 43% more applications from African American applicants. We received only one application from a Hispanic/Latinx community member, compared to seven applicants the prior year. We also experienced an increase in the number of multi-racial applicants.

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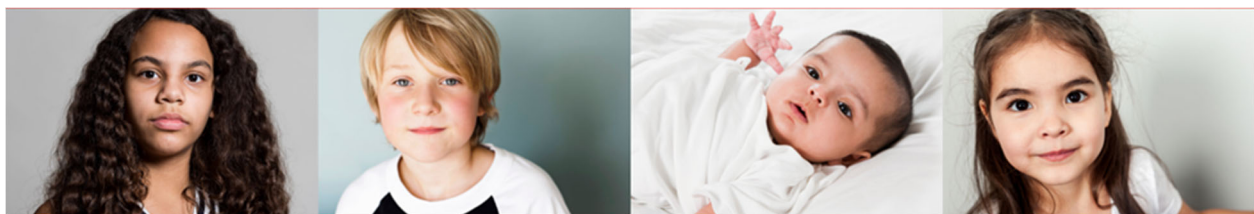


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In 2023, our goal was to spend more time in the community. We hosted six information meetings at the Sanger Branch Library and one at the Oregon Branch Library. The CASA Staff members attended several community events to increase awareness of CASA's mission, including the Community Brunch at the Greater New Psalmist Church, the Toledo Police Department 40th Annual National Night Out event, one of the Metro Parks Toledo's Jazz in the Garden concerts, and The Sisters of Notre Dame Annual SHINE Women's Summit. We also participated in the monthly meeting of the United Pastors for Social Empowerment (UPSE) and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) groups.

FAITH-BASED RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE: Inspired by the "*Clergy, CASA and Community*" initiative by Texas CASA, in 2023. Lucas County CASA formed the Lucas County CASA Faith-Based Recruitment Team for our program. Many of our CASA volunteers are well-connected with their faith congregation. A Google survey was sent to ask our volunteers for help with connecting us with their congregation and thirty-four CASA volunteers participated, eight of whom are members of the Team now. Our goal is to encourage faith-based communities and clergy leaders to live out their calling, be a voice for abused and neglected children in Lucas County, and develop a rich network that engages new volunteers and supporters for the CASA mission. In December 2023, the CASA Director spoke about CASA at a Sunday service at Mount Zion Church, a predominantly Black church.

CASA VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: In July 2023, Lucas County CASA began a CASA Volunteer Spotlight Campaign. Once a month a brief spotlight about a CASA volunteer is posted on Facebook. The Facebook post includes a link to the CASA website where a more in-depth description of the CASA volunteer is posted. In addition to photographs of the CASA volunteer, the post includes how long the person has been a CASA volunteer, the number of children the CASA volunteer has served, their thoughts about the CASA program and experiences as a CASA/GAL, and also information about their family and interests. The two goals of the CASA Volunteer Spotlight are to honor the chosen CASA volunteer and to increase community awareness to increase the number of CASA applications received.



NEW WEBSITE DESIGN: The Lucas County CASA website (www.casakids.net) was redesigned and updated in 2023 to create a better experience for current and prospective volunteers. The new website design is mobile phone friendly and enables using Google Forms. Now, prospective volunteers can submit a CASA application using Google Forms directly from the website. They can also RSVP for upcoming CASA Information Meetings. Since the new application link was embedded on our website, we have received 39 applications via the website in six months. CASA volunteers regularly use the website to easily access 24/7 court report forms, the release of information forms, sample letters to schools and counselors, and other CASA/GAL forms. Each of the 37 forms listed on the website was carefully reviewed and updated in 2023.

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CASA TOOL KITS: Local grant awards enabled Lucas County CASA to deliver a CASA Tool Kit to each new CASA volunteer who completed the 40 hours of CASA pre-service training in 2023. A CASA Tool Kit is filled with games, puzzles, playing cards, crafts and other activities that encourage play and conversation with children. The CASA Tool Kits serve as an excellent aid in interviewing children.



500 DUFFEL BAGS FOR YOUTH MOVING HOMES: At the suggestion of a former Lucas County CASA Advisory Board member, Lucas County CASA partnered with Lucas County Children Services, Friends of Lucas County Children Services, Safety Net, and a coalition of donors to improve the lives of children involved in the child protection system or who are coming in off the streets. Many of these youth lacked basic belongings and what they did have they carried in garbage bags.



The group purchased 500 duffel bags, each containing a small packet of basic toiletries, a journal, colored markers, and a small stuffed animal. Each bag had a luggage tag so the youth could label it as their own to provide a sense of ownership and permanency. To ensure that the youth are not further stigmatized the bags did not display any logos or branding and became the youths'

personal property.

These bags were distributed by law enforcement, the Safety Net runaway shelter, and Lucas County Children Services caseworkers, so they are available anytime a youth is moving to avoid using garbage bags for their belongings, which sends a negative implicit message about their worth. As one former foster youth put it, "Moving from home to home with my belongings in a garbage bag made me feel like garbage." Lucas County CASA was proud to be the impetus to fund the duffel bag project and help remove this horrible stigma.

WORKING WITH LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES: While recognizing and maintaining different entity roles, responsibilities, and duties, Lucas County CASA works hard to maintain a professional and excellent working relationship with Lucas County Children Services. To this end, the new Director of Lucas County Children Services and the Lucas County CASA Director met on August 28, 2023. Additionally, every other month, a CASA Staff Attorney meets with representatives from Lucas County Children Services to discuss innovative ways to improve communication, share and process procedural information, and strengthen working relationships between caseworkers and CASA volunteers. Throughout the year, CASA Staff Attorneys host training sessions for all new caseworkers on the role, scope, and practices of the CASA/GAL. Additionally, Lucas County CASA was privileged in 2023 to assist in celebrating the accomplishments of all foster youth who were graduating high school by providing posters, car

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decorations, and balloons to congratulate these amazing youth with a socially distant downtown parade.

OHIO CASA STUDY: Lucas County CASA participated in a study conducted in 2023 by the Ohio Colleges of Medicine, Government Resource Center (GRC), located at The Ohio State University. This first-of-its-kind study revealed the detailed, positive impact that CASA volunteers have on children. The purpose of the GRC study was to determine whether children who have a CASA volunteer experience better outcomes than children who have a GAL who is not a CASA volunteer. The research revealed that within counties that had a CASA volunteer program, assignment of a CASA volunteer was associated with:

- ◆ Spending less time in an out-of-home placement;
- ◆ Lower likelihood of re-entry into an out-of-home placement following discharge;
- ◆ Higher likelihood of being reunified with family; and
- ◆ Higher likelihood of permanent placement.

CASA COURAGE AWARDS BANQUET: The Lucas County CASA Advisory Board, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation that supports the Lucas County CASA program and CASA volunteers and provides those items that are not able to be provided by Lucas County as a governmental entity. For example, the Board provides food and beverages at CASA training, special recognition and thank you gifts to the CASA volunteers, and a separate Lucas County CASA website. Biennially, the Board holds a special recognition dinner called the CASA Courage Awards whose main purpose is to publicly honor the CASA volunteers and to educate the public about CASA to recruit new CASA volunteers. The CASA Courage Awards banquet held in October 2023 was a huge success, drawing over 350 people and raising over \$45,000. Additionally, five people asked for CASA applications as a result of the banquet.



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- ◆ Lucas County CASA volunteers advocated for 616 abused, neglected, and/or dependent children in 2023. The total number of new abused, neglected, and dependent children that entered the Juvenile Court in 2023 has decreased by 16% from 2022. Still, it remains a significant increase since the COVID-19 pandemic began when we experienced a 22% increase in 2020, an additional 7.8% increase in 2021, and another 5% increase in 2022.
- ◆ Lucas County CASA hired two new full-time CASA Coaches in 2023. Both positions were filled by promoting current Court employees.
- ◆ A total of 40 new CASA volunteers and Attorney/GALs were trained to become CASA/GAL in 2023.
- ◆ In 2023, the CASA department directly provided a total of 36 hours of ongoing CASA/GAL training and additionally advertised to all Lucas County CASA/GAL a panoply of

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CASA/GAL ongoing training sessions including virtual training by renowned state and national organizations.

- ◆ With grant funds, Lucas County CASA sponsored in 2023 the “Knowing Who You Are” cultural awareness training, a sixteen-hour, research-based training curriculum created by the Casey Family Foundation and designed to raise awareness about the importance of developing a healthy sense of racial and ethnic identity. The training received rave reviews.
- ◆ Lucas County CASA received a \$97,116.42 VOCA grant in 2023 which funded half of our Staff Attorney’s salary, our recruitment advertising campaign, and staff and CASA volunteer training opportunities.
- ◆ The Greater Toledo Community Foundation granted Lucas County CASA a total of \$40,000 in 2023 to fund CASA/GAL training and specifically the recruitment of attorney/GALs in 2023 and 2024. The goal of the funds in 2023 was to recruit and train ten new attorneys to serve as GALs since the number of attorneys taking GAL cases has dwindled from 47 in 2019 to 22, a 53% decrease. The grant led to nine new attorney/GALs being trained and taking cases in 2023.
- ◆ Lucas County CASA implemented a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan in January 2023. Compared to 2022, the Lucas County CASA Program has more than doubled the number of African American CASA volunteers.
- ◆ Inspired by the “Clergy, CASA and Community” initiative by Texas CASA, in 2023, Lucas County CASA formed the Lucas County CASA Faith-Based Recruitment Team to help recruit CASA volunteers from the faith-based community.
- ◆ In July 2023, Lucas County CASA began a CASA Volunteer Spotlight Campaign on Facebook. The two goals of the campaign are to honor the chosen CASA volunteer and to increase community awareness to increase the number of CASA applications received.
- ◆ The Lucas County CASA website (www.casakids.net) was redesigned and updated in 2023 to create a better experience for current and prospective volunteers, and all 37 CASA/GAL forms on the website were carefully reviewed and updated.
- ◆ Each newly trained CASA volunteer in 2023 received a CASA Tool Kit filled with games, puzzles, playing cards, crafts, and other activities that encourage play and conversation to aid in interviewing children.
- ◆ In cooperation with a network of donors, funds were raised for the provision of 500 duffel bags each containing a small packet of basic toiletries, a journal, colored markers, a small stuffed animal, and a luggage tag so that youth moving homes could label it as their own to provide a sense of ownership and permanency.
- ◆ The Lucas County Staff Attorneys further trained new Lucas County Children Services caseworkers on the role of the CASA/GAL, and Lucas County CASA assisted in organizing the downtown graduation parade for graduating foster youth.

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- ♦ The CASA Courage Awards banquet held in October 2023 by the non-profit, tax-exempt, Lucas County CASA Advisory Board, Inc. was attended by over 350 people, publicly honored the CASA volunteers, resulted in five requests for CASA volunteer applications, and raised over \$45,000 to train and support the CASA volunteers.■

FISCAL DEPARTMENT / BUSINESS OFFICE



AMY MATUSZEWSKI, FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Lucas County Juvenile Court Fiscal Department's purpose is to oversee all fiscal transactions for the Juvenile Court, Juvenile Detention Center and the Youth Treatment Center. The Fiscal Department is responsible for the following:

- ♦ the preparation of all division budgets;
- ♦ payroll management;
- ♦ accounts payable;
- ♦ disbursements of all collected fees and court costs;
- ♦ development and/or maintenance of all financial reports and records;
- ♦ fiscal management of all local, state and federal grants;

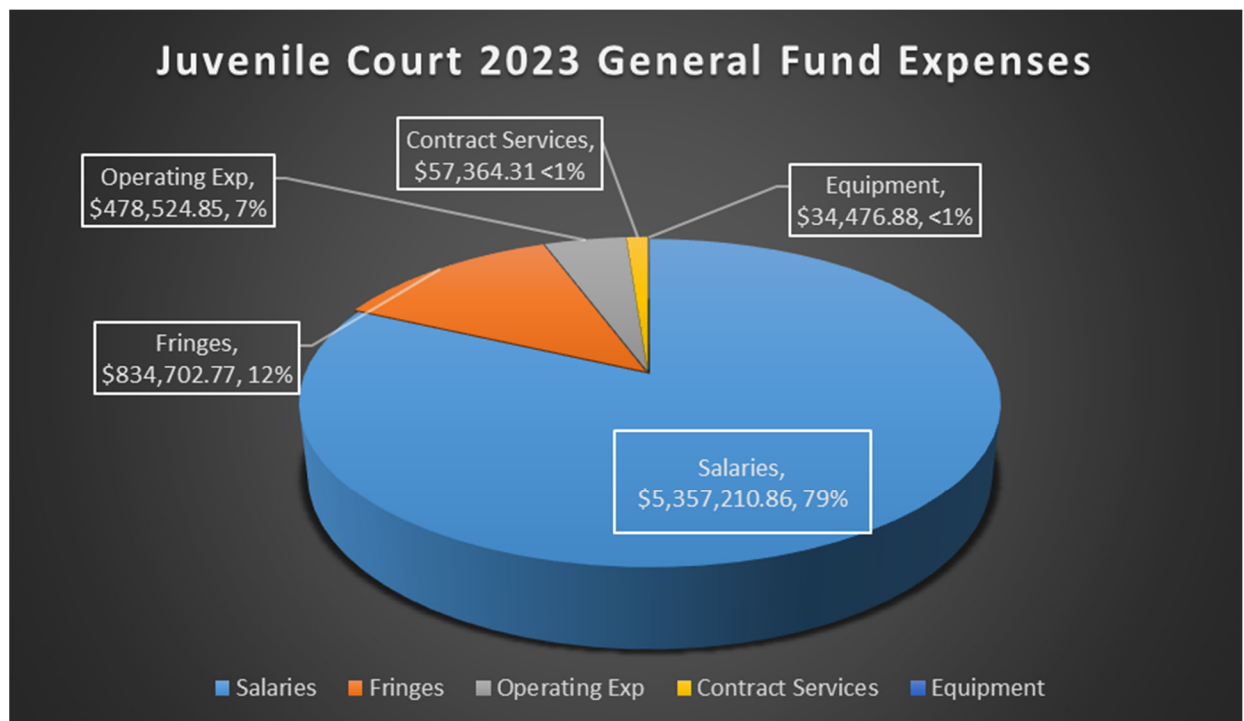
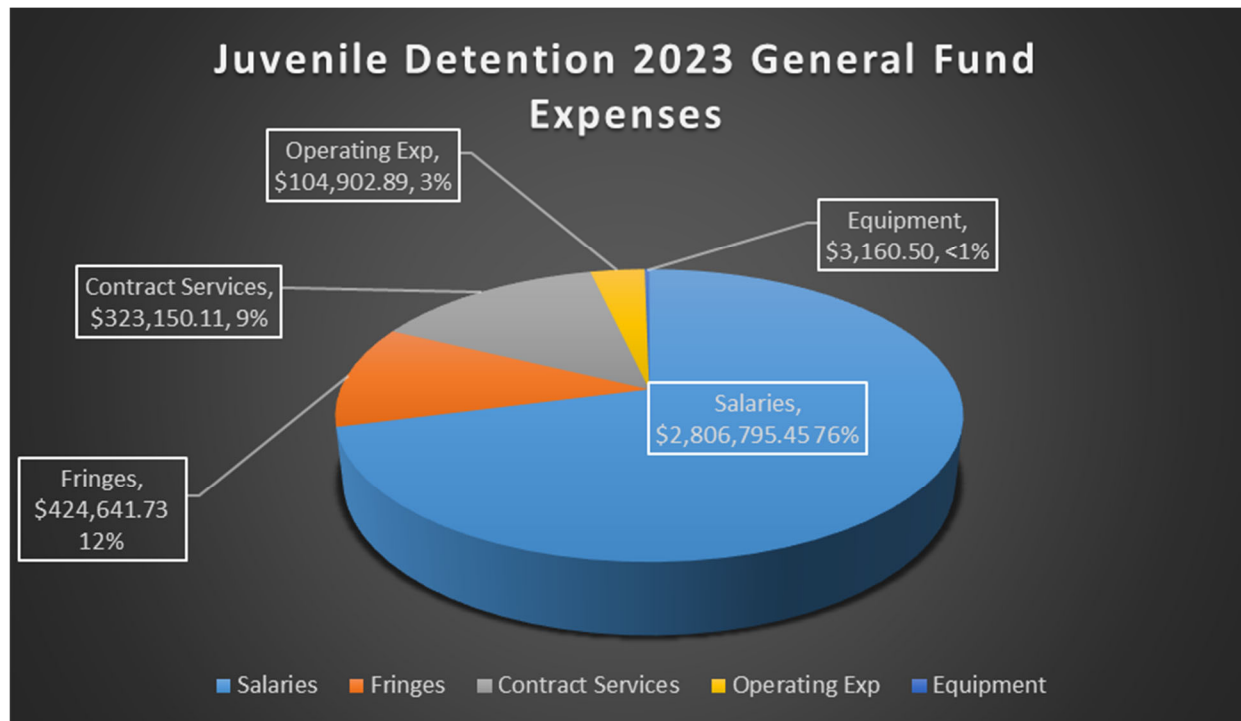
FISCAL – BUSINESS OFFICE 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS / ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS:

- ♦ Managed 17.3 million in funding for the Juvenile Court, Juvenile Detention and the Youth Treatment Center:
 - \$10.5 million in General Fund and Trust Account funds;
 - \$1.5 million in Youth Subsidy and Reclaim funds;
 - \$3 million in CCF (Youth Treatment Center) funds;
 - \$500,000 in Title IV-E and Title IV-D funds;
 - \$1.8 million in Miscellaneous State and Federal Grants.
- ♦ Disbursement of the fine and court costs collected by the Clerk's Office.
- ♦ Processed payments to our providers and vendors in a quick and efficient manner.
- ♦ Assisted in the preparation and submission of several state and federal grant applications bringing additional funding to the court.
- ♦ Passed several Audits and Monitoring visits by local and state agencies from which the Juvenile Court receives funding.■

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JUVENILE COURT & JUVENILE DETENTION EXPENSES		
LINE ITEM ACCOUNT	JUVENILE	DETENTION
Salaries (Elected Officials)	\$ 24,969.89	\$ -
Salaries (Employees)	\$ \$5,332,240.97	\$ 2,806,795.45
TOTAL SALARY ACCOUNT	\$ 5,357,210.86	\$ 2,806,795.45
OPERS	\$ 757,553.51	\$ 384,544.95
FICA	\$ 77,149.26	\$ 40,096.78
Contract Services	\$ 57,364.31	\$ 323,150.11
Contract Repairs	\$ 38,560.63	\$ 21,100.03
Professional Services (Medical)	\$ -	\$ 5,661.77
Visiting Judges Expenses	\$ 1,813.86	\$ -
Visiting Judges Per Diem	\$ 2,432.95	\$ -
Transcripts	\$ 32,310.55	\$ -
Witness Fees	\$ 1,465.25	\$ -
Gasoline	\$ 5,869.60	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 98,170.50	\$ 56,987.03
Medical Supplies	\$ -	\$ 4,913.25
Drug Testing	\$ 27,787.39	\$ -
Postage	\$ 78,647.62	\$ -
Advertising / Printing	\$ 612.00	\$ -
Motor Vehicles	\$ -	\$ -
Copying	\$ -	\$ -
Emergency Transportation	\$ 2,623.21	\$ -
Telecommunications	\$ 97,030.76	\$ 16,240.81
Training	\$ 56,929.00	\$ -
Membership Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 34,271.53	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 34,476.88	\$ 3,160.50
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,405,068.81	\$ 855,855.23
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$ 6,762,279.67	\$ 3,662,650.68

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DESCRIPTION OF COURT COSTS, FINES AND FEES COLLECTED	
Fines and Court Costs	\$ 35,738.16
State Reparation Paid	\$ 18,049.75
Traffic Law Library	\$ 1,250.00
Traffic Cty. Highway	\$ 1,004.64
Sheriff Fees	\$ 79.00
Restitution Cash Payments	\$ 10,627.43
Public Defender	\$ 300.00
Children's Rights Collaborative	\$ 5,582.50
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 652.00
Township Fees	\$ 70.00
Juvenile Court - Legal Research Fees	\$ 3,375.00
Juvenile Court - Computer Automation Fees	\$ 11,250.00
Juvenile Court - Postage Fees	\$ 5,421.00
Juvenile Court - Mediation Court Cost Fees	\$ 55,545.00
Juvenile Court - Special Projects Fees	\$ 71,611.00
Juvenile Court - Case Management	\$ 16,045.00
Juvenile Court - Family Services	\$ 19,292.00
TOTAL COURT COSTS/FINES/FEES	\$ 255,892.48

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER REVENUE	
Juvenile Assistance Trust Interest & Deposits	\$ 13,626.00
Ohio Indigent Driver Alcohol Drug Treatment	\$ 62,671.57
Indigent Driver Alcohol Drug Treatment	\$ 59.46
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$ 76,357.03

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DESCRIPTION OF GRANT & SUBSIDY FUNDS RECEIVED	
Department of Youth Services Reclaim Ohio	\$ 271,334.79
Department of Youth Services 510 Funds	\$ 566,971.00
Department of Youth Services Targeted Reclaim	\$ 544,725.00
Department of Youth Services BHJJ	\$ 147,368.99
Department of Youth Services 403 Funds (YTC)	\$ 3,003,193.42
JAG - Community Detention/Electronic Monitoring	\$ 32,459.80
HRSA - Healthy Baby Court	\$ 84,020.78
JAG - Community Detention/Electronic Monitoring	\$ 11,897.85
JFS - Access & Visitation	\$ 28,837.50
JFS - Truancy Mediation	\$ 261,802.36
JFS TANF - Case Management	\$ 803,409.26
JFS TANF - Healthy Baby Court	\$ 49,182.49
LAWO - Justice for Families	\$ 34,794.96
ODOT - Highway Crews	\$ 25,972.80
OJJDP - Second Chance Act Re-Entry	\$ 155,164.37
OMHAS - Family Drug Court	\$ 65,874.46
OMHAS - Specialty Docket	\$ 55,000.00
OMHAS - ATP	\$ 10,680.00
Supreme Court of Ohio - System of Care	\$ 37,130.70
VOCA - CASA	\$ 85,555.06
Zero to Three - Healthy Baby Court	\$ 609.76
TOTAL GRANT & SUBSIDY FUNDS RECEIVED	\$ 6,268,525.55

DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT AND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS	
Title IV-D Program Cost Center Reimbursement	\$ 42,785.14
Title IV-E Foster Care Placement Reimbursement	\$ -
Title IV-E Administrative Reimbursement	\$ 2,777.35
National School Lunch/Breakfast/Snack Program	\$ 74,273.60
TOTAL CONTRACT & STATE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 709,836.09

HUMAN RESOURCES



DIANA J. MILLER, HR ADMINISTRATOR

The Human Resources Department is committed to being a strategic, proactive partner of the Court. Human Resources (**HR**) acts as a liaison between employees and management, monitors compliance with employment laws and manages the Courts human resources to ensure Court goals and objectives are met. The primary mission of the Human Resources Department is to design and implement legally sound HR policies that will support Court goals and fulfill workforce needs as conditions change.

Core Human Resources Department responsibilities include:

- ♦ Design and delivery of Human Resources programs, practices and processes that meet the needs of the Court and its employees.
- ♦ Support line supervisor efforts to achieve Court goals through effective management of employees.
- ♦ Contribute to organizational development and strategic planning through developing Human Resources practices that enhance overall efficiency and competency.

2023 HIRING AND STAFFING RELATED STATISTICS:

Statistics for hiring and staffing related concerns for the year 2023 are as follows:

- ♦ 17 Court staff were promoted or participated in a lateral move within the Court itself.
- ♦ 33 new hires from outside the Court.
- ♦ Turnover for the year 2023 totaled 29 positions: 19 resignations, 8 terminations, and 2 retirements.

The Human Resources Department received and processed nearly 2000 employment applications.

In 2024, Human Resources will continue to focus on the staffing and training needs of all departments within the Lucas County Juvenile Court. ■

COURT TRAINING



CHRISTIAN SHEPHARD, TRAINING MANAGER

LUCAS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT TRAINING POLICY: SECTION 3-6 OF THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:

The Lucas County Juvenile Court recognizes that developing and maintaining job related knowledge and skill sets is essential to the efficiency of Court functions. To keep employees' skills current, and to the extent of available funding, the Court offers training to all eligible personnel. Training may include, but is not limited to, a combination of pre-service or orientation, on the job, in service, continuing education, seminars, and/or industry-related conferences.

Special training objectives may include improving each employee's job performance through training in all phases of Court processes and modern job-related techniques. Individualized self-improvement programs may be offered to enhance career development of Court personnel.

All newly hired personnel will receive the minimum number of hours of new employee orientation and/or on-the-job training within their first year of employment with the Court. All personnel will also receive the minimum number of required in-service training hours per year following their first year of employment. Any training requests shall be pre-approved by the employee's immediate supervisor or Department Head. Each Juvenile Court employee will notify the Court Administrator or his/her designee, in writing, along with a Certificate of Completion/Attendance, of all training completed so that training hours may be properly documented. It is the responsibility of each individual employee to complete all required training within specified time frames.

LUCAS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT POSITION STATEMENT ON TRAINING:

The Lucas County Juvenile Court has a long and consistent history of providing our employees with a wide range of training opportunities. The purpose of training is to enhance and develop skills that are necessary to perform daily job responsibilities, as well as to support the philosophical framework inherent to the overarching goals and mission of the Court.

Furthermore, we are committed to provide opportunities for staff to share their training experiences with others as part of post-training integration at team meeting, case conferences, supervision meetings, as well as daily interaction with other colleagues.

Aligned with the mission, staff members are encouraged to identify training that will enhance their cultural competency skills. In addition, the Court is committed to training that will promote cultural diversity and sensitivity.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS:

We were focused on continuing with our goal to keep our staff up to date on new policy, procedures and programming expectations. Training is essential to every department and we, here at LCJC, are focused on providing our team with the skills needed to perform their responsibilities to the best of their abilities.

COURT TRAINING



CHRISTIAN SHEPHARD, TRAINING MANAGER

Over the 2023 Calendar Year, Lucas County Juvenile Court held All Staff Trainings on:

- ♦ Ethics;
- ♦ Mutual Respect and Diversity .

We also held several additional Department Specific trainings including:

- ♦ Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) trainings;
- ♦ SOGIE Training for new staff;
- ♦ CPR/AED/First Aid;
- ♦ PREA Training;
- ♦ Lexipol – Corrections 1 Academy – Juvenile Detention Center Staff.

We look forward to 2024 and continuing our course of providing tools and opportunities to help all employees and community members reach their highest potential. Our goals for 2024 include continuing with all staff training on important topics such as: Ethics, Sexual Harassment, Civil Rights, Trauma Response, SOGIE/LGBTQIA+ and Cultural Diversity.■

LEGAL DEPARTMENT



MARCIE GARLICK, ESQ., GENERAL COUNSEL
JOSHUA D. DRAUGHON, ESQ., STAFF ATTORNEY

DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2023:

- ◆ Drafted and negotiated contracts, memoranda of understanding, and other agreements for services for youth/families, implementation of court programs, and funding requirements.
- ◆ Drafted over 257 judgment entries for the Juvenile Court Judges' rulings on objections and motions.
- ◆ Received, reviewed and responded to over 840 requests for records.
- ◆ Continual revision and simplification of procedures and forms for pro se litigants.
- ◆ Continual revision and simplification of judgment entry and decision language.
- ◆ Ongoing regular meetings with Lucas County Children Services and the Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency regarding procedures and processing of cases.
- ◆ Review and revision of sealing and expungement procedures.
- ◆ Review and revision of public records requests procedures.
- ◆ Ongoing work on records destruction pursuant to established records retention schedules.
- ◆ Contracted with local organization for youth mental health and crisis services.
- ◆ Revisions to the contract for medical support provided for Medical Clinic for the Juvenile Detention Center and Youth Treatment Center.
- ◆ Contract renewal of RFPs for Court food services.

The Court's General Counsel drafts and negotiates contracts for services from community providers and placement agencies and also maintains knowledge of relevant rules, legislation, and case law to manage implementation of changes in the law. This year we worked on updating our local rules and developed internal procedures to ensure compliance with Marsy's Law changes that went into effect. Additional highlights include responding to records requests from the public and the media for information and access to Court records, handling public complaints, working with Human Resources concerning employment law issues and investigations, advising Court administration and departments, coordinating with Magistrates on the resolution of matters before the Court, and providing research and writing support for the Juvenile Court Judges.

The Court's Staff Attorney primarily researches and drafts judgment entries for the Juvenile Court Judges. Additionally, the Staff Attorney provides assistance to the General Counsel with special projects and contract drafting and editing. The Staff Attorney also performs research and writing support for the Juvenile Court Judges.

Members of the Legal Department also perform in various leadership roles by serving on or chairing committees within the Court and providing training/education for Court staff and for judicial officers. ■

MAGISTRATES



MARCIE GARLICK, ESQ., GENERAL COUNSEL

The Court's Magistrates are part of the Legal Department. Juvenile Court has nine (9) Magistrates, who are responsible for handling a wide range of both civil and delinquency court hearings.

In 2023, our Administrative Magistrate, Pam Field retired and a new Magistrate, Jennifer Lambdin, joined the team.

Juvenile Court Magistrates issue orders and decisions, orders do not require judicial approval, whereas, decisions are recommendations that are submitted to the assigned Judge for final approval.

In 2023, the Juvenile Court Magistrates had **17,043 hearings scheduled.**

Magistrates are assigned to cover either delinquency or civil matters. Magistrates are also assigned to a rotating duties week. Duties coverage consists of handling those matters that come before the court on an emergency/ex parte basis, in addition to reviewing requests to waive filing fees, and handling warrants and body attachments.■

MAGISTRATES:

Pam Field, Administrative Magistrate (Retired in 2023)

Carmille Akande

Robert Jones

Laura Restivo

Linda Sorah

Matthew Mundrick

Rochelle Abou-Arraj

Amy Stoner

Brad Smith

Jennifer Lambdin

STATISTICAL REPORT



SAID M. ORRA, ESQ., COURT ADMINISTRATOR

ABOUT OUR DATA:

In 2022, Lucas County Juvenile Court undertook massive efforts to overhaul and improve its digital and case management data collection and reporting structure. The entire data reporting system was rebuilt from the ground up. This has resulted in far more accurate, timely, and consistent data reporting for Lucas County Juvenile Court. All data reported in annual reports produced from 2021 onward reflect far more accurate data and will show different year over year statistical totals when compared to our prior annual reports. This means that the new annual reports from 2021 onward provide more accurate past historical data.

Please rely on these newer annual reports for the most accurate data available.

Thank you.

- Said

Said M. Orra, Esq.

Court Administrator

I. TRAFFIC STATISTICS



TABLE A1:

2023 TRAFFIC CHARGES ~ BROKEN DOWN BY RACE

CHARGE	ASIAN
Failure to Control	1
Failure to Yield	2
Illegal Plates	0
Lane Violation	0
License Violation	0
Obstructed View	0
Other	0
OVI	0
Safety	0
Speeding	2
Total	5

CHARGE	BLACK
Failure to Control	68
Failure to Yield	52
Illegal Plates	17
Lane Violation	20
License Violation	104
Obstructed View	6
Other	5
OVI	1
Safety	44
Speeding	42
Total	359

CHARGE	INDIAN
Failure to Control	0
Failure to Yield	1
Illegal Plates	0
Lane Violation	0
License Violation	0
Obstructed View	0
Other	0
OVI	0
Safety	0
Speeding	0
Total	1

CHARGE	LATINO
Failure to Control	0
Failure to Yield	2
Illegal Plates	5
Lane Violation	0
License Violation	5
Obstructed View	0
Other	0
OVI	0
Safety	1
Speeding	3
Total	16

CHARGE	UNKNOWN
Failure to Control	4
Failure to Yield	4
Illegal Plates	0
Lane Violation	0
License Violation	1
Obstructed View	1
Other	0
OVI	0
Safety	1
Speeding	4
Total	15

CHARGE	OTHER
Failure to Control	5
Failure to Yield	0
Illegal Plates	2
Lane Violation	2
License Violation	1
Obstructed View	0
Other	0
OVI	0
Safety	0
Speeding	1
Total	11

I. TRAFFIC STATISTICS



TABLE A1: (CONTINUED)

2023 TRAFFIC CHARGES ~ BROKEN DOWN BY RACE

CHARGE	PACIFIC ISLANDER	CHARGE	WHITE
Failure to Control	0	Failure to Control	204
Failure to Yield	1	Failure to Yield	114
Illegal Plates	0	Illegal Plates	18
Lane Violation	0	Lane Violation	36
License Violation	0	License Violation	47
Obstructed View	0	Obstructed View	5
Other	0	Other	5
OVI	0	OVI	7
Safety	0	Safety	16
Speeding	0	Speeding	173
Total	1	Total	625

I. TRAFFIC STATISTICS



TABLE A2:

2023 TRAFFIC CHARGES ~ 5 YEAR TREND

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Failure to Control	289	201	257	241	282	1270
Failure to Yield	188	144	171	155	176	834
Illegal Plates	37	22	31	35	42	167
Lane Violation	87	64	76	61	58	346
License Violation	157	163	176	172	158	826
Obstructed View	9	9	22	11	12	63
Other	23	16	16	10	10	75
OVI	8	6	6	5	8	33
Parking	1	1	0	0	0	2
Safety	99	55	74	80	62	370
Speeding	266	165	270	225	225	1151
TOTAL	1164	846	1099	995	1033	5137

I. TRAFFIC STATISTICS



TABLE A3:

2023 INDIVIDUAL YOUTH ~ CASES & CHARGES ~ BROKEN DOWN BY SEX & RACE

SEX / RACE	INDIVIDUAL YOUTH	COMPLAINTS FILED	CHARGES FILED
FEMALE - ASIAN	3	4	4
FEMALE - BLACK	75	90	147
FEMALE - INDIAN	1	1	1
FEMALE - LATINA	1	1	3
FEMALE - UNKNOWN	3	3	4
FEMALE - OTHER	5	5	6
FEMALE - PACIFIC ISLANDER	1	1	1
FEMALE - WHITE	218	233	249
FEMALE TOTAL	307	338	415
MALE-ASIAN	1	1	1
MALE - BLACK	124	133	212
MALE - INDIAN	0	0	0
MALE - LATINO	8	9	13
MALE - UNKNOWN	9	9	11
MALE - OTHER	4	5	5
MALE - WHITE	301	331	376
MALE TOTAL	447	488	618
GRAND TOTAL	754	826	1033

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE A4:

2023 INDIVIDUAL YOUTH ~ CASES AND CHARGES ~ 5 YEAR TREND

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
# OF INDIVIDUAL YOUTH	850	590	794	744	754
CASES FILED	953	638	882	767	826
CHARGES FILED	1164	846	1099	995	1033

TABLE B1:

2023 CASES RECEIVED ~ BROKEN DOWN BY SEX & RACE

SEX	RACE	UNOFFICIAL	ADJUDICATED	NOT ADJUDICATED	TOTAL
FEMALE	ASIAN	1	0	1	2
FEMALE	BLACK	252	31	356	639
FEMALE	LATINA	11	0	16	27
FEMALE	UNKNOWN	88	0	149	237
FEMALE	OTHER	16	1	10	27
FEMALE	WHITE	120	2	115	237
FEMALE TOTAL		488	34	647	1169

MALE	ASIAN	1	0	1	2
MALE	BLACK	230	103	586	919
MALE	INDIAN	0	0	0	0
MALE	LATINO	20	5	31	56
MALE	UNKNOWN	82	6	180	268
MALE	OTHER	13	0	21	34
MALE	WHITE	140	21	238	399
MALE TOTAL		486	135	1057	1687

GRAND TOTAL		974	169	1704	2847
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II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



Table B2:

2023 Cases Received ~ Broken Down by Sex & Race ~ 5 Year Trend

SEX	RACE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
FEMALE	ASIAN	1	2	2	0	2	7
FEMALE	BLACK	348	197	173	415	639	1772
FEMALE	INDIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEMALE	LATINA	15	9	11	19	27	81
FEMALE	UNKNOWN	14	7	33	51	234	339
FEMALE	OTHER	11	20	14	7	27	79
FEMALE	WHITE	119	99	75	142	237	672
FEMALE TOTAL		508	334	308	634	1166	2950

MALE	ASIAN	0	3	3	4	2	12
MALE	BLACK	758	616	608	762	919	3663
MALE	INDIAN	1	0	1	0	0	2
MALE	LATINO	29	20	23	33	56	161
MALE	UNKNOWN	12	13	29	53	271	378
MALE	OTHER	39	25	38	29	34	165
MALE	WHITE	283	177	213	283	399	1355
MALE TOTAL		1122	854	915	1164	1681	5736

GRAND TOTAL		1630	1188	1223	1798	2847	8686
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II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE B3:

2023 CASES RECEIVED ~ BROKEN DOWN BY ZIP CODE

ZIP CODE	FEMALE - ASIAN	FEMALE - BLACK	FEMALE - LATINA	FEMALE - UNKNOWN	FEMALE - OTHER	FEMALE - WHITE	MALE - ASIAN	MALE - BLACK	MALE - LATINO	MALE - UNKNOWN	MALE - OTHER	MALE - WHITE	TOTAL
43558	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	14
43601	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	5	14
43602	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	7
43603	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43604	0	64	0	8	0	9	0	91	1	14	4	18	209
43605	0	56	3	27	6	33	0	78	8	29	2	48	290
43606	0	34	0	4	2	5	2	67	0	6	4	11	135
43607	0	59	2	16	3	32	0	106	5	15	2	21	261
43608	0	83	0	27	1	5	0	103	7	20	2	18	266
43609	0	62	1	13	3	9	0	105	7	22	3	31	256
43610	0	19	8	3	0	2	0	29	2	3	1	14	81
43611	0	26	4	13	0	9	0	25	0	18	1	14	110
43612	0	45	2	31	0	8	0	84	3	34	7	25	239
43613	0	16	0	19	3	12	0	48	8	22	1	29	158
43614	0	31	1	14	1	8	0	21	2	12	1	7	98
43615	0	56	0	17	1	18	0	59	0	15	2	15	183
43620	0	29	0	3	1	1	0	32	1	4	0	1	72
43623	0	4	1	3	3	5	0	9	0	9	0	25	59
43624	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Non-Toledo Lucas County	2	40	5	25	2	56	0	27	6	41	2	98	304
Out of County	0	8	0	8	1	20	0	25	4	5	2	14	87
Lucas County	2	639	27	234	27	237	2	919	56	271	34	399	2456
TOTAL	4	687	32	267	30	313	2	971	66	317	38	511	2847

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE B4:

2023 CASES RECEIVED ~ BROKEN DOWN BY ZIP CODE ~ 5 YEAR TREND

ZIP CODE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
43558	11	11	12	11	11	56
43601	2	5	2	5	14	28
43602	4	1	1	4	7	17
43603	0	0	0	0	0	0
43604	77	68	45	108	209	507
43605	170	85	133	205	290	883
43606	72	60	70	90	135	427
43607	183	123	117	176	261	860
43608	117	147	116	129	266	775
43609	209	107	107	177	256	856
43610	48	56	43	66	81	294
43611	77	45	49	66	110	347
43612	153	108	89	145	239	734
43613	106	61	60	90	158	475
43614	44	36	52	59	98	289
43615	102	72	96	114	183	567
43620	26	28	22	54	72	202
43623	26	5	16	30	59	136
43624	0	1	3	4	4	12
Non-Toledo Lucas County	168	134	150	217	307	976
Out of County	35	35	40	48	87	245
Lucas County	1427	1019	1033	1533	2453	7465
TOTAL	1630	1188	1223	1798	2847	8686

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE B5:

2023 CASES RECEIVED ~ BROKEN DOWN BY AGE AT THE TIME OF FILING

AGE	FEMALE - ASIAN	FEMALE - BLACK	FEMALE - LATINA	FEMALE - UNKNOWN	FEMALE - OTHER	FEMALE - WHITE	MALE - ASIAN	MALE - BLACK	MALE - LATINO	MALE - UNKNOWN	MALE - OTHER	MALE - WHITE	TOTAL
7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
11	0	17	0	2	1	1	0	5	0	3	2	2	33
12	0	64	1	9	2	6	0	31	3	3	2	29	150
13	0	76	4	44	5	33	0	74	5	39	4	39	323
14	0	102	1	30	6	46	0	110	20	54	5	85	459
15	0	134	6	53	6	46	0	196	7	51	5	82	586
16	1	133	12	44	1	47	2	233	11	64	7	82	637
17	1	110	3	48	6	56	0	248	8	49	9	76	614
18	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	18	1	5	0	3	33
19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	2	639	27	234	27	237	2	919	56	271	34	399	2847

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE B6:

2023 CASES RECEIVED ~ BROKEN DOWN BY AGE AT TIME OF FILING ~ 5 YEAR TREND

AGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
4	0	0	1	0	0	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	1	0	2	0	3
7	0	0	0	0	2	2
8	0	0	0	0	1	1
9	0	0	0	0	1	1
10	8	1	2	4	3	18
11	30	22	10	28	33	123
12	83	39	48	66	150	386
13	194	109	140	248	323	1014
14	261	223	202	287	459	1432
15	305	212	293	388	586	1784
16	364	285	235	419	637	1940
17	368	278	271	335	614	1866
18	12	16	17	16	33	94
19	2	2	3	4	4	15
20	1	0	1	0	1	3
21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Over 21	2	0	0	1	0	3
TOTAL	1630	1188	1223	1798	2847	8686

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE C1:

2023 TRUANCY CHARGES ~ BROKEN DOWN BY SEX & RACE

SEX	RACE	ADJUDICATED	DISMISSED	NOT ADJUDICATED	UNOFFICIAL	TOTAL
FEMALE	BLACK	15	56	51	57	179
FEMALE	LATINA	2	11	4	6	23
FEMALE	UNKNOWN	16	111	57	110	294
FEMALE	OTHER	0	3	1	2	6
FEMALE	WHITE	14	30	23	32	99
MALE	BLACK	2	35	14	33	84
MALE	LATINO	0	2	2	1	5
MALE	UNKNOWN	5	65	27	45	142
MALE	OTHER	1	3	1	0	5
MALE	WHITE	2	23	9	19	53
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	0	14	15	17	46
Total		57	353	204	322	936

2023 HABITUAL TRUANCY DATA OVERVIEW:

- 813 habitual truant cases were handled informally, including those youth who were diverted prior to the filing a habitual truant complaint.
- 423 habitual truant complaints were filed during 2023.
- 423 youth were placed in alternatives to adjudication under R.C. 2151.27(G); All truancy complaints are referred to mediation **or an educational specialist intervention** (and thus, offered an alternative to adjudication). Mediation **and educational specialist interventions are the court's official alternatives** to adjudication for truant youth. Therefore, there were 423 youth were placed in alternatives to adjudication.
- 193 youth successfully completed alternatives to adjudication.
- 278 youth failed to complete alternatives to adjudication.

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE D1:

2023 COMMITMENTS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

	MALES	FEMALES
NEW COMMITMENTS	18	0
RE-COMMITMENTS	1	0
PRIOR COMMITMENTS	0	0
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	19	0
PAROLE REVOCATIONS	1	0
JUDICIAL RELEASE VIOLATIONS	0	0
TOTAL	20	0

TABLE D2:

2023 COMMITMENTS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES ~ BROKEN DOWN BY FELONY LEVEL

	COMMITMENTS	REVOCATIONS / JUDICIAL RELEASE VIOLATIONS	TOTAL
FELONY 1	4	0	4
FELONY 2	8	0	8
FELONY 3	3	0	3
FELONY 4	1	1	2
FELONY 5	1	0	1
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	2	0	2
TOTAL	19	1	20

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE D3:

2023 COMMITMENTS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES ~ BROKEN DOWN BY RACE

BLACK	18
WHITE	2
TOTAL	20

TABLE D4:

2023 COMMITMENTS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES ~ 5 YEAR TREND

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
NEW COMMITMENTS	10	13	11	12	18
RE-COMMITMENTS	0	1	1	0	1
PRIOR COMMITMENTS	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	10	14	12	12	19
PAROLE REVOCATIONS	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	10	14	13	12	20

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE D5:

2023 COMMITMENTS & REVOCATIONS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES ~ 5 YEAR TREND BROKEN DOWN BY SEX & RACE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
BLACK	7	11	13	11	18
WHITE	2	2	0	1	2
OTHER	1	1	0	0	0
MALES	10	14	13	12	20
FEMALES	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	14	13	12	20

TABLE D6:

2023 REVOCATION OF COMMITMENTS THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES ~ 5 YEAR TREND BROKEN DOWN BY SEX

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
MALES	0	0	1	0	1
FEMALES	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	1	0	1

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE D7:

2023 COMMITMENTS & REVOCATIONS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES ~ 5 YEAR TREND

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	10	14	12	12	19
TOTAL REVOCATIONS	0	0	1	0	1
Total	10	14	13	12	20

TABLE E1:

2023 PLACEMENTS AT THE YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER ~ BROKEN DOWN BY SEX

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
NEW PLACEMENTS	23	11	34
DYS STEP-DOWN PLACEMENTS	0	0	0
TOTAL	23	11	34

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE E2:

2023 PLACEMENTS AT THE YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER ~ BROKEN DOWN BY FELONY LEVEL

	PLACEMENTS	STEP DOWN	TOTAL
FELONY 1	8	0	8
FELONY 2	6	0	6
FELONY 3	5	0	5
FELONY 4	7	0	7
FELONY 5	6	0	6
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	2	0	2
TOTAL	34	0	34

TABLE E3:

2023 PLACEMENTS AT THE YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER ~ BROKEN DOWN BY RACE

BLACK	23
UNKNOWN	7
WHITE	4
TOTAL	34

II. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS



TABLE E4:

2023 PLACEMENTS AT THE YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER ~ 5 YEAR TREND

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
NEW PLACEMENTS	25	26	21	30	34
PRIOR PLACEMENTS	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL PLACEMENTS	25	27	21	30	34
DYS STEP-DOWN	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	25	27	21	31	34

TABLE E5:

2023 PLACEMENTS AT THE YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER ~ BROKEN DOWN BY RACE & SEX ~ 5 YEAR TREND

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ASIAN	1	0	0	0	0
BLACK	23	24	16	22	23
LATINO	0	0	0	2	0
OTHER	0	0	1	3	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	2	7
WHITE	1	3	4	2	4
TOTAL	25	27	21	31	34

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
MALE	20	26	20	23	23
FEMALE	5	1	1	8	11
TOTAL	25	27	21	31	34

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TABLE F1:

2023 TOTAL GUN RELATED OFFENSES WITH GUN SPECIFICATION ~ BROKEN DOWN BY RACE

# OF CHARGES	ASIAN	BLACK	LATINO	OTHER	UNKNOWN	WHITE	TOTAL
HOMICIDE	0	23	0	0	0	5	28
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	0	16	2	2	1	2	23
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	0	48	1	0	3	5	57
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	0	65	2	2	6	3	78
FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	14	0	1	0	5	20
WEAPONS UNDER DISABILITY	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	1	175	5	5	10	20	216

# OF INDIVIDUAL YOUTH CHARGED	ASIAN	BLACK	LATINO	OTHER	UNKNOWN	WHITE	TOTAL
HOMICIDE	0	10	0	0	0	2	12
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	0	10	2	1	1	2	16
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	0	38	1	0	2	5	46
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	0	61	2	2	5	3	73
FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	13	0	1	0	5	19
WEAPONS UNDER DISABILITY	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	1	140	5	4	8	17	175

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TABLE F2:

2023 GUN RELATED OFFENSES WITH GUN SPECIFICATIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY SEX

# OF CHARGES FILED	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
HOMICIDE	3	25	0	28
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	1	22	0	23
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	3	54	0	57
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	3	73	2	78
FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	1	19	0	20
WEAPONS UNDER DISABILITY	0	7	0	7
DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL	0	3	0	3
TOTAL	11	203	2	216

# OF INDIVIDUAL YOUTH CHARGED	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
HOMICIDE	1	11	0	12
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	1	15	0	16
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	3	43	0	46
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	3	68	2	73
FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	1	18	0	19
WEAPONS UNDER DISABILITY	0	6	0	6
DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL	0	3	0	3
TOTAL	9	164	2	175

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TABLE F3:

**2023 GUN RELATED OFFENSES WITH GUN SPECIFICATIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY
REVISED CODE (CHARGES FILED)**

	TOTAL # CHARGES FILED
MURDER	24
AGGRAVATED MURDER	3
ATTEMPTED MURDER	1
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	23
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	57
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	61
ILLEGAL CONVEYANCE OF A WEAPON	5
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON ON SCHOOL GROUNDS	12
FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	6
IMPROPER HANDLING OF A WEAPON IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	14
POSSESSION OF WEAPON DETENTION	1
WEAPONS WHILE UNDER DISABILITY	6
DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL	3
GRAND TOTAL	216

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TABLE F3: (CONTINUED)

2023 GUN RELATED OFFENSES WITH GUN SPECIFICATIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY REVISED CODE (INDIVIDUAL YOUTH)

	# OF INDIVIDUAL YOUTH CHARGED
MURDER	11
AGGRAVATED MURDER	2
ATTEMPTED MURDER	1
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	16
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	46
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	56
ILLEGAL CONVEYANCE OF A WEAPON	5
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON ON SCHOOL GROUNDS	12
FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	6
IMPROPER HANDLING OF A WEAPON IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	14
POSSESSION OF WEAPON DETENTION	1
WEAPONS WHILE UNDER DISABILITY	5
DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL	3
GRAND TOTAL	178

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TABLE F4:

2023 GUN RELATED OFFENSES WITH GUN SPECIFICATIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY REVISED CODE ~ 4 YEAR TREND (CHARGES FILED)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
MURDER	5	8	9	24	46
AGGRAVATED MURDER	1	0	2	3	6
ATTEMPTED MURDER	0	0	23	1	24
COMPLICITY TO MURDER	0	0	11	0	11
RECKLESS HOMICIDE	0	1	0	0	1
SERIOUS YOUTH OFFENDER (2ND)	0	1	0	0	1
SERIOUS YOUTH OFFENDER (3RD)	0	1	0	0	1
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	40	20	26	23	109
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	22	49	71	57	199
ATTEMPTED FELONIOUS ASSAULT	2	0	1	0	3
COMPLICITY TO FELONIOUS ASSAULT	0	0	11	0	11
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	35	39	37	61	172
CARRY CONCEAL	1	0	0	0	1
ILLEGAL CONVEYANCE OF A WEAPON AT SCHOOL	0	2	0	0	2
ILLEGAL CONVEYANCE OF A WEAPON	1	4	2	5	12
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON AT SCHOOL	3	6	11	12	32
IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	2	4	9	6	21
IMPROPER HANDLING OF A WEAPON IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	12	37	18	14	81
HAVING WEAPONS WHILE UNDER DISABILITY	5	7	8	6	26
POSSESSION OF WEAPON DETENTION	0	0	0	1	1
IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL	5	14	8	3	30
TOTAL	134	193	247	216	790

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TABLE F4: (CONTINUED)

2023 GUN RELATED OFFENSES WITH GUN SPECIFICATIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY REVISED CODE ~ 4 YEAR TREND (INDIVIDUAL YOUTH)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
MURDER	3	5	5	11	24
AGGRAVATED MURDER	1	0	2	2	5
ATTEMPTED MURDER	0	0	3	1	4
COMPLICITY TO MURDER	0	0	1	0	1
RECKLESS HOMICIDE	0	1	0	0	1
SERIOUS YOUTH OFFENDER (2ND)	0	1	0	0	1
SERIOUS YOUTH OFFENDER (3RD)	0	1	0	0	1
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	33	14	22	15	84
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	21	40	44	43	148
ATTEMPTED FELONIOUS ASSAULT	2	0	1	0	3
COMPLICITY TO FELONIOUS ASSAULT	0	0	1	0	1
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	34	36	34	51	155
CARRY CONCEAL	1	0	0	0	1
ILLEGAL CONVEYANCE OF A WEAPON AT SCHOOL	0	2	0	0	2
ILLEGAL CONVEYANCE OF A WEAPON	1	4	2	5	12
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON AT SCHOOL	3	6	10	11	30
IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	2	4	9	6	21
IMPROPER HANDLING OF A WEAPON IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	12	32	15	12	71
HAVING WEAPONS WHILE UNDER DISABILITY	5	4	5	5	19
POSSESSION OF WEAPON DETENTION	0	0	0	1	1
IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL	4	8	7	3	22
GRAND TOTAL	122	158	161	166	607

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TABLE F5:

2023 GUN RELATED OFFENSES WITH GUN SPECIFICATION ~ BROKEN DOWN BY RACE & SEX ~ 4 YEAR TREND

HOMICIDE:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
BLACK	6	5	10	12	33
LATINO	0	0	1	0	1
WHITE	0	0	1	4	5
OTHER	0	3	0	0	3
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	8	12	16	42

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
MALE	5	8	12	13	38
FEMALE	1	0	0	3	4
TOTAL	6	8	12	16	42

AGGRAVATED ROBBERY:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
BLACK	32	22	22	18	94
LATINO	0	0	1	2	3
WHITE	5	0	3	2	10
OTHER	0	0	0	1	1
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	37	22	26	23	108

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
MALE	34	22	25	22	103
FEMALE	3	0	1	1	5
TOTAL	37	22	26	23	108

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TABLE F5: (CONTINUED)

FELONIOUS ASSAULT:	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
BLACK	20	33	44	44	141
LATINO	1	0	4	1	6
WHITE	1	3	6	5	15
OTHER	1	6	0	1	8
UNKNOWN	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	23	42	55	51	171

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
MALE	21	39	44	48	152
FEMALE	2	3	11	3	19
TOTAL	23	42	55	51	171

CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON:	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
BLACK	31	38	42	67	178
LATINO	0	0	1	2	3
WHITE	7	4	3	3	17
OTHER	0	1	0	2	3
UNKNOWN	0	1	2	1	4
TOTAL	38	44	48	75	205

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
MALE	33	40	44	71	188
FEMALE	5	4	4	4	17
TOTAL	38	44	48	75	205

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TABLE F5: (CONTINUED)

IMPROPER HANDLING OF WEAPON IN A MOTOR VEHICLE:	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
BLACK	12	37	24	14	87
LATINO	1	0	0	0	1
WHITE	0	4	3	4	11
OTHER	1	0	0	1	2
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	14	41	27	19	101

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
MALE	14	40	27	18	99
FEMALE	0	1	0	1	2
TOTAL	14	41	27	19	101

WEAPONS UNDER DISABILITY:	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
BLACK	4	7	7	6	24
LATINO	0	0	1	0	1
WHITE	1	0	0	0	1
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	7	8	6	26

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
MALE	5	7	8	6	26
FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	7	8	6	26

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TABLE F5: (CONTINUED)

IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM:	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
ASIAN	0	0	0	1	1
BLACK	8	10	5	2	25
LATINO	0	0	2	0	2
WHITE	2	1	1	0	4
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	11	8	3	32

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
MALE	10	11	8	3	32
FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	11	8	3	32

TABLE G1:

2023 CERTIFICATION CHARGES ~ YOUTH TRANSFERRED TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT

CHARGE	COUNTS
ABUSE OF CORPSE	1
AGGRAVATED MURDER	4
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	3
ATTEMPTED MURDER	1
DISCHARGE FIREARM	3
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	13
MURDER	15
PART IN CRIMINAL GANG	2
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE	1

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TABLE G2:

**2023 CERTIFICATION CHARGES (YOUTH TRANSFERRED TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT) ~
BROKEN DOWN BY SEX**

SEX	COUNTS
MALE	12
FEMALE	1

TABLE G3:

**2023 CERTIFICATION CHARGES (YOUTH TRANSFERRED TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT) ~
BROKEN DOWN BY RACE**

RACE	COUNTS
WHITE	2
BLACK	11

TABLE G4:

**2023 CERTIFICATION CHARGES (YOUTH TRANSFERRED TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT) ~
BROKEN DOWN BY AGE**

AGE	COUNTS
16	2
17	6
18	3
19	1
20	1

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TABLE H1:

2023 DETENTION BOOKINGS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY SEX AND RACE ~ 5 YEAR TREND

SEX	RACE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
FEMALE	ASIAN	1	0	0	0	1	2
FEMALE	BLACK	222	145	99	180	197	843
FEMALE	LATINA	15	9	6	7	9	46
FEMALE	OTHER	13	20	19	8	6	66
FEMALE	WHITE	74	58	29	48	72	281
FEMALE TOTAL		325	232	153	243	285	1238

SEX	RACE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
MALE	ASIAN	0	3	2	3	0	8
MALE	BLACK	559	416	379	381	416	2151
MALE	LATINO	17	10	10	16	28	81
MALE	UNKNOWN	2	3	0	2	3	10
MALE	OTHER	36	17	28	38	13	132
MALE	WHITE	145	85	92	86	118	526
MALE TOTAL		759	534	511	526	578	2908

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	1084	766	664	769	863	4146

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TABLE H2:

2023 DETENTION BOOKINGS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY AGE ~ 5 YEAR TREND

AGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
10	2	0	0	1	0	3
11	3	5	0	4	2	14
12	55	32	30	21	42	180
13	116	64	52	109	76	417
14	184	145	108	106	148	691
15	193	154	181	174	187	889
16	249	187	128	193	203	960
17	258	172	152	156	194	932
18	19	5	10	5	11	50
19	3	1	3	0	0	7
20	2	1	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	1084	766	664	769	863	4146

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TABLE H3:

2023 DETENTION BOOKINGS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY OFFENSE AT BOOKING ~ 5 YEAR TREND

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Abduction	0	1	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Arson	2	3	6	3	3	17
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	4	0	5
Aggravated Burglary	3	4	7	2	6	22
Aggravated Drug Possession	2	0	0	1	0	3
Aggravated Drug Trafficking	0	0	1	1	0	2
Aggravated Menacing	34	19	23	33	42	151
Aggravated Murder	0	1	0	1	1	3
Aggravated Riot	37	4	3	8	16	68
Aggravated Robbery	19	19	15	16	15	84
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	0	0	0	0	1	1
Arson	1	1	0	0	0	2
Assault	54	18	27	41	52	192
Assaulting a Police Officer	4	4	5	11	11	35
Attempted Aggravated Menacing	0	0	0	1	0	1
Attempted Assault	0	0	0	0	2	2
Attempted Burglary	0	1	1	0	0	2
Attempted Drug Trafficking	0	0	1	1	0	2
Attempted Murder	0	0	2	1	1	4
Attempted Petty Theft	0	1	0	0	0	1
Breaking & Entering	3	8	13	17	14	55
Burglary	17	9	7	17	13	63
Carrying Concealed Weapon	32	19	23	29	45	148
Being in a Casino Under Age of 21	0	0	0	1	0	1
Complicity	1	1	2	1	5	10
Complicity to Commit Murder	0	0	1	0	0	1
Complicity to Commit Robbery	0	2	0	0	0	2
Conspiracy to Commit Robbery	0	3	0	0	0	3
Consuming Underage	1	0	0	3	1	5
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	0	0	1	0	0	1
Conveyance Detention	0	1	1	0	0	2
Criminal Damage	11	12	5	0	19	47
Criminal Mischief	1	2	0	1	0	4

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TABLE H3: (CONTINUED)

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Criminal Trespass	9	15	3	2	5	34
Disturbing Public Service	1	1	1	0	1	4
Complicity to Discharge of a Firearm	0	1	0	0	0	1
Discharge of a Firearm on School Grounds	0	5	8	6	2	21
Discharge Firearms	0	3	0	0	0	3
Disseminating Material Harmful to Juveniles	0	0	0	2	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	7	4	1	4	8	24
Domestic Violence	131	126	96	104	122	579
Drop Mtrl/Road	1	0	0	0	0	1
Drug Abuse	15	3	2	5	0	25
Drug Paraphernalia	0	1	0	0	3	4
DUI - Alcohol/Liquor	0	0	0	1	0	1
Escape	3	4	11	8	10	36
Extortion	0	0	0	0	1	1
Failure to Comply with a Police Officer	5	7	17	17	18	64
Failure to Control	0	0	0	1	0	1
Failure to Disclose	2	0	1	2	0	5
Failure to Disperse	0	0	0	1	0	1
False Alarm	1	1	0	0	0	2
Falsification	5	4	1	0	2	12
Felonious Assault	20	11	19	24	28	102
Felony Warrant	57	9	0	0	0	66
Firearm Motor Vehicle	4	2	3	7	2	18
Fleeing & Eluding a Police Officer	3	3	1	1	4	12
Furnishing False Information	1	1	3	0	0	5
Grand Theft	0	2	4	8	5	19
Grand Theft Auto	2	0	0	3	3	8
Gross Sex Imposition	2	0	1	1	0	4
Harassment with Body Fluid	0	0	1	3	2	6
Identity Fraud	0	1	0	0	0	1
Illegal Convey on School Grounds	0	0	1	1	2	4
Improper Discharge of a Firearm	0	0	1	0	0	1
Improper Handling Weapon in a Motor Vehicle	3	6	20	8	9	46
Inciting Violence	1	0	0	0	0	1
Inducing Panic	5	0	3	15	9	32

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TABLE H3: (CONTINUED)

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Complicity to Inducing Panic	0	0	0	1	0	1
Intimidate Victim or Witness	0	0	1	1	0	2
Littering	1	0	0	0	0	1
Loitering	0	1	0	0	0	1
Menacing	10	9	6	8	4	37
Misconduct at an Emergency	1	0	0	0	1	2
Misdemeanor Warrant	7	3	0	1	0	11
Misuse of Credit Card	1	0	0	0	0	1
Misuse of Food Stamps	2	0	0	0	0	2
Motion Show Cause	11	6	6	4	8	35
Motion to Show Cause - ODYS	0	0	0	0	2	2
Murder	5	3	7	6	9	30
No Operator's License	0	1	4	3	3	11
No Tail Lights	0	0	1	0	0	1
No Temporary Permit	0	0	0	1	0	1
Obstructing Justice	3	1	2	3	7	16
Obstructing Official Business	27	27	29	26	27	136
Petty Theft	9	4	3	8	3	27
Complicity to Petty Theft	1	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of Cigarettes	0	0	1	0	0	1
Possession of Criminal Tools	0	0	0	1	2	3
Possession of Drugs	1	0	2	1	0	4
Possession of Fentanyl	0	0	0	1	0	1
Probation Violation	0	1	4	6	2	13
Property List	0	1	0	0	0	1
Purchase of a Firearm	0	0	0	1	0	1
Rape	9	7	3	5	3	27
Receiving Stolen Property	26	36	31	36	48	177
Red Light	0	0	1	0	0	1
Resisting Arrest	7	3	5	11	9	35
Retaliation	0	1	0	0	0	1
Riot	0	2	0	0	1	3
Robbery	7	16	9	16	11	59
Safe School Ordinance	7	2	3	3	4	19

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TABLE H3: (CONTINUED)

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Safecracking	0	0	0	0	1	1
Safekeeping	6	9	7	2	5	29
Smoking Minor	0	0	0	0	1	1
Soliciting	0	2	1	1	1	5
Strangulation	0	0	0	0	1	1
Swatting	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tampering with Evidence	7	7	6	2	3	25
Tampering with VIN	0	0	0	0	1	1
Telecommunication Fraud	1	0	0	0	0	1
Terrorist Threat	0	0	0	1	3	4
Theft	24	27	24	12	38	125
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	0	0	1	2	0	3
Trafficking in Drugs	8	2	1	0	1	12
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	1	1
Trespassing in a Habitation	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	2	2	5	5	3	17
Unruly	104	92	60	75	64	395
Unruly/Curfew	38	20	9	20	16	103
Unruly/Runaway	2	2	15	11	8	38
Unruly/Truancy	0	0	2	0	2	4
Vandalism	3	4	5	3	3	18
Violation of Community Detention	0	0	4	0	0	4
Violation of Court Order - YTC	0	0	0	1	0	1
Vehicular Vandalism	0	0	2	0	0	2
Violate of Court Order	61	39	29	39	45	213
Violate of Curfew	0	0	0	0	1	1
Violation of Probation	1	1	0	0	1	3
Violation of Probation - Warrant	12	6	2	2	4	26
Warrant	5	1	0	1	1	8
Warrant - Green	42	20	2	0	0	64
Warrant - Red	59	19	0	1	0	79
Warrant - Runaway	9	6	1	0	1	17
Weapon on School Grounds	1	0	3	5	3	12
Having Weapons While Under Disability	2	1	4	2	4	13
GRAND TOTAL	1022	729	643	745	840	3979

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TABLE H4:

2023 DETENTION BOOKINGS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY ZIP CODE ~ 5 YEAR TREND

ZIP CODE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
43558	2	3	5	5	4	19
43601	0	0	1	7	4	12
43602	1	1	1	1	3	7
43603	0	0	0	0	0	0
43604	80	60	57	79	66	342
43605	101	71	70	98	90	430
43606	70	48	50	37	54	259
43607	140	81	79	79	89	468
43608	95	73	65	63	81	377
43609	103	67	55	80	93	398
43610	29	28	15	30	26	128
43611	38	39	16	27	22	142
43612	89	62	65	67	67	350
43613	66	28	23	26	58	201
43614	22	22	25	26	26	121
43615	78	55	38	39	43	253
43620	28	36	21	23	21	129
43623	15	7	9	8	14	53
43624	0	0	0	2	2	4
NON-TOLEDO LUCAS COUNTY	68	54	41	47	54	264
OUT OF COUNTY	59	31	28	25	46	189
LUCAS COUNTY	957	681	595	697	763	3693
TOTAL	1084	766	664	769	863	4146

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TABLE H5:

2023 DETENTION ADMISSIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY SEX AND RACE ~ 5 YEAR TREND

SEX	RACE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
FEMALE	ASIAN	1	0	0	0	1	2
FEMALE	BLACK	170	91	61	86	116	524
FEMALE	LATINA	13	5	4	6	5	33
FEMALE	OTHER	10	16	10	4	3	43
FEMALE	WHITE	55	39	19	21	32	166
FEMALE TOTAL		249	151	94	117	157	768

MALE	ASIAN	0	2	2	2	0	6
MALE	BLACK	471	329	308	307	342	1757
MALE	LATINO	14	8	9	13	18	62
MALE	UNKNOWN	1	1	0	2	2	6
MALE	OTHER	27	14	23	29	8	101
MALE	WHITE	117	61	63	66	83	390
MALE TOTAL		630	415	405	419	453	2322

GRAND TOTAL		879	566	499	536	610	3090
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III. DETENTION STATISTICS



TABLE H6:

2023 DETENTION ADMISSIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY AGE ~ 5 YEAR TREND

AGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
10	2	0	0	0	0	2
11	2	4	0	4	1	11
12	37	18	19	10	28	112
13	84	42	36	75	56	293
14	154	109	69	71	98	501
15	162	110	138	107	126	643
16	202	140	105	147	152	746
17	215	137	121	118	141	732
18	16	5	9	4	8	42
19	3	0	2	0	0	5
20	2	1	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	879	566	499	536	610	3090

III. DETENTION STATISTICS



TABLE H7:
2023 DETENTION ADMISSIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY OFFENSE AT ADMISSION ~ 5
YEAR TREND

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Abduction	0	1	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Arson	2	3	6	3	3	17
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	3	0	4
Aggravated Burglary	3	4	7	2	6	22
Aggravated Possession of Drugs	2	0	0	1	0	3
Aggravated Drug Trafficking	0	0	1	1	0	2
Aggravated Menacing	34	17	21	30	41	143
Aggravated Murder	0	1	0	1	1	3
Aggravated Riot	27	4	3	8	10	52
Aggravated Robbery	19	19	15	16	15	84
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	0	0	0	0	1	1
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Assault	41	9	23	26	30	129
Assault of a Police Officer	4	4	5	9	11	33
Attempted Aggravated Menacing	0	0	0	1	0	1
Attempted Assault	0	0	0	0	2	2
Attempted Burglary	0	1	1	0	0	2
Attempted Trafficking in Drugs	0	0	1	1	0	2
Attempted Murder	0	0	2	1	1	4
Attempted Petty Theft	0	1	0	0	0	1
Breaking & Entering	1	7	4	6	9	27
Burglary	17	9	7	16	13	62
Carrying a Concealed Weapon	30	17	23	28	45	143
Complicity	1	1	2	1	5	10
Complicity to Commit Murder	0	0	1	0	0	1
Complicity to Commit Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	1
Conspiracy to Commit Robbery	0	3	0	0	0	3
Consuming Underage	0	0	0	2	1	3
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	0	0	1	0	0	1
Conveyance Detention	0	1	1	0	0	2
Criminal Damage	5	8	3	0	6	22
Criminal Mischief	1	1	0	1	0	3

III. DETENTION STATISTICS



TABLE H7: (CONTINUED)

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Criminal Trespass	3	4	0	0	0	7
Disturbing Public Service	1	1	1	0	1	4
Complicity to Discharge of a Firearm	0	1	0	0	0	1
Discharge of a Firearm at School	0	5	8	5	2	20
Discharge of a Firearm	0	3	0	1	0	4
Disseminating Material Harmful to Juveniles	0	0	0	2	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	3	1	1	1	1	7
Domestic Violence	127	105	83	92	103	510
Drug Abuse	10	2	2	1	0	15
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	0	0	1	1
Escape	3	4	11	8	10	36
Extortion	0	0	0	0	1	1
Failure to Comply with Police Officer	6	5	15	16	17	59
Failure to Disclose	0	1	1	1	0	3
False Alarm	1	1	0	0	0	2
Falsification	1	2	0	0	0	3
Felonious Assault	20	11	18	24	25	98
Felony Warrant	55	9	0	0	0	64
Firearm in a Motor Vehicle	4	2	3	7	2	18
Fleeing & Eluding a Police Officer	3	2	1	1	4	11
Furnishing False Information	0	1	1	0	0	2
Grand Theft	0	2	3	7	5	17
Grand Theft Auto	2	0	0	3	3	8
Gross Sex Imposition	2	0	1	0	0	3
Harassment with Body Fluids	0	0	1	1	2	4
Identity Fraud	0	1	0	0	0	1
Illegal Convey on School Grounds	0	0	0	1	2	3
Improper Discharge of a Firearm	0	0	1	0	0	1
Improper Handling of Weapon in Motor Vehicle	3	6	20	8	9	46
Inciting Violence	1	0	0	0	0	1
Inducing Panic	5	0	3	15	9	32
Intimidate Victim or Witness	0	0	1	1	0	2
Littering	1	0	0	0	0	1
Loitering	0	1	0	0	0	1

III. DETENTION STATISTICS



TABLE H7: (CONTINUED)

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Menacing	9	5	3	3	1	21
Misconduct at an Emergency	1	0	0	0	0	1
Misdemeanor Warrant	5	3	0	0	0	8
Misuse of a Credit Card	1	0	0	0	0	1
Misuse of Food Stamps	2	0	0	0	0	2
Motion Show Cause	11	6	6	5	8	36
Motion to Show Cause - ODYS	0	0	0	0	2	2
Murder	5	3	7	6	9	30
No Operator's License	0	1	2	1	1	5
Obstructing Justice	3	1	1	1	0	6
Obstructing Official Business	13	12	9	7	6	47
Petty Theft	4	2	1	2	1	10
Possession of Criminal Tools	0	0	0	0	1	1
Possession of Drugs	2	0	2	0	0	4
Probation Violation	0	1	4	7	2	14
Property List	0	1	0	0	0	1
Purchase of Firearm	0	0	0	1	0	1
Rape	9	7	3	6	3	28
Receiving Stolen Property	23	32	31	36	47	169
Resist Arrest	5	1	0	1	2	9
Retaliation	0	1	0	0	0	1
Riot	0	1	0	0	0	1
Robbery	7	16	9	16	7	55
Safe School Ordinance	4	0	1	3	1	9
Safecracking	0	0	0	0	1	1
Safekeeping	2	10	7	2	3	24
Soliciting	0	2	1	1	1	5
Strangulation	0	0	0	0	1	1
Swatting	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tampering with Evidence	7	7	6	2	3	25
Tampering with VIN	0	0	0	0	1	1
Terrorist Threat	0	0	0	1	2	3
Theft	14	15	21	10	20	80
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	1	1	0	2

III. DETENTION STATISTICS



TABLE H7: (CONTINUED)

CHARGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Trafficking Drugs	8	2	1	0	1	12
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	1	1
Trespassing in a Habitation	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	2	0	3	3	0	8
Unruly	64	39	17	4	7	131
Unruly/Curfew	18	3	1	4	1	27
Unruly/Runaway	2	0	2	2	1	7
Vandalism	2	2	3	3	3	13
Violation of Community Detention	0	0	4	0	0	4
Violation of Court Order of YTC	0	0	0	1	0	1
Vehicle Vandalism	0	0	2	0	0	2
Violate Court Order	61	38	28	38	44	209
Violation of Probation	1	1	0	0	1	3
Violation of Probation Warrant	12	6	2	2	4	26
Warrant	4	0	0	0	0	4
Warrant - Green	23	12	0	0	0	35
Warrant - Red	58	19	0	1	0	78
Warrant - Runaway	7	4	0	0	0	11
Weapon at School	0	0	3	2	3	8
Having Weapons While Under Disability	2	1	4	2	4	13
GRAND TOTAL	830	538	487	526	591	2972

III. DETENTION STATISTICS



TABLE H8:

2023 DETENTION ADMISSIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION ~ 5 YEAR TREND

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION	37	33	29	34	40

TABLE H9:

2023 DETENTION ADMISSIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS) ~ 5 YEAR TREND

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY	12.65	17.65	19.37	19.46	19.80

III. DETENTION STATISTICS



TABLE H10:

2023 DETENTION ADMISSIONS ~ BROKEN DOWN BY ZIP CODE ~ 5 YEAR TREND

ZIP CODE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
43558	2	3	2	5	4	16
43601	0	0	1	3	3	7
43602	1	0	0	1	2	4
43603	0	0	0	0	0	0
43604	66	50	45	51	41	253
43605	79	52	51	74	70	326
43606	51	33	40	24	39	187
43607	117	61	64	52	59	353
43608	82	55	51	41	62	291
43609	77	49	39	61	67	293
43610	19	23	10	18	21	91
43611	28	23	13	18	12	94
43612	76	44	46	47	42	255
43613	58	17	15	21	39	150
43614	16	14	17	20	18	85
43615	67	46	27	24	30	194
43620	24	28	17	19	16	104
43623	7	6	7	5	4	29
43624	0	0	0	2	1	3
NON-TOLEDO LUCAS COUNTY	58	38	29	29	42	196
OUT OF COUNTY	51	24	25	21	38	159
LUCAS COUNTY	770	504	445	486	530	2735
TOTAL	879	566	499	536	610	3090

IV. 2023 OHIO SUPREME COURT REPORT



DENISE NAVARRE CUBBON, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

FORM D

BETWEEN 1/2023 AND 12/2023

LUCAS COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	T	V
	Delinquency	Traffic	Dependency, Neglect or Abuse	Unruly	Adult Cases	Motion for Permanent Custody	Custody, Change of Custody, Visitation	Support Enforcement or Modification	Parentage	U.I.F.S.A.	All Others	Total	Visiting Judge
Pending Beginning of Period	388	99	173	99	65	84	306	536	12	15	8	1901	x
New Cases Filed	589	844	136	197	101	30	243	150	81	33	13	2417	1
Cases Transferred In, Reactivated, or Redes-	104	15	17	61	20	2	89	331	66	3	1	709	x
Total Cases	1081	958	326	357	186	116	638	1017	275	51	22	5027	1

Terminations By:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	T	V
Trial By Judge	6	0	3	0	0	33	5	1	1	0	0	49	
Trial by Magistrate	7	73	173	0	16	0	263	301	10	2	5	943	
Dismissal by Party, Judge or Prosecutor	377	399	11	161	75	5	199	274	53	1	9	1564	
Admission to Judge	80	4	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	90	
Admission to Magistrate	202	7	0	5	8	0	71	7	5	0	0	305	
Certification/Waiver Granted	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	
Unavailability of Party for Trial	148	398	12	100	34	0	4	283	90	2	1	1072	
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	
Referral to Private Judge	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Interlocutory Appeal or Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Terminations	28	0	2	0	0	4	33	10	2	33	4	116	
Total Terminations	856	881	202	269	133	42	577	878	255	38	19	4150	0
Pending end of Period	225	77	124	88	53	74	61	139	20	13	3	877	1

Time Guideline (months)	6	3	3	3	6	9	9	12	12	3	6	X	X
Cases Pending beyond Time Guideline	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Number of Months Oldest Case Coverage	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	
Number of Informal Cases	250	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	250	

IV. 2023 OHIO SUPREME COURT REPORT



LINDA M. KNEPP, JUDGE

FORM D

BETWEEN 1/2023 AND 12/2023

LUCAS COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	T	V
	Delinquency	Traffic	Dependency, Neglect or Abuse	Unruly	Adult Cases	Motion for Permanent Custody	Custody, Change of Custody, Visitation	Support Enforcement or Modification	Parentage	U.I.F.S.A.	All Others	Total	Visiting Judge
Pending Beginning of Period	542	58	198	71	91	61	457	863	21	17	12	2586	
New Cases Filed	668	468	199	231	147	35	485	321	16	30	22	2771	2
Cases Transferred In, Reactivated, or Redes-	125	22	28	59	31	1	147	746	11	13	0	1289	
Total Cases	1335	548	425	361	269	97	1089	1930	498	60	34	6646	2

Terminations By:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	T	V
Trial By Judge	0	0	5	0	0	32	7	1	1	0	3	49	
Trial by Magistrate	4	26	191	1	13	3	258	324	11	7	6	948	
Dismissal by Party, Judge or Prosecutor	355	308	13	162	75	0	197	310	77	2	12	1511	
Admission to Judge	63	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	66	
Admission to Magistrate	191	3	2	3	9	0	66	5	8	0	0	287	
Certification/Waiver Granted	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	5	
Unavailability of Party for Trial	111	166	10	97	43	0	6	296	98	4	0	831	
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Referral to Private Judge	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Interlocutory Appeal or Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Terminations	32	0	4	1	0	1	66	8	3	27	3	145	
Total Terminations	761	503	225	264	140	36	602	945	302	41	24	3843	0
Pending end of Period	574	45	200	97	129	61	487	985	196	19	10	2803	2

Time Guideline (months)	6	3	3	3	6	9	9	12	12	3	6	X	X
Cases Pending beyond Time Guideline	21	3	7	13	7	2	36	16	4	1	2	112	
Number of Months Oldest Case Coverage	12	1	1	9	8	1	7	9	4	0	1	x	
Number of Informal Cases	497	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	497	

IV. 2023 OHIO SUPREME COURT REPORT



ROBERT J. JONES, JR., JUDGE

FORM D

BETWEEN 1/2023 AND 12/2023

LUCAS COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	T	V
	Delinquency	Traffic	Dependency, Neglect or Abuse	Unruly	Adult Cases	Motion for Permanent Custody	Custody, Change of Custody, Visitation	Support Enforcement or Modification	Parentage	U.I.F.S.A.	All Others	Total	Visiting Judge
Pending Beginning of Period	42	12	20	6	2	6	56	73	25	2	2	246	
New Cases Filed	174	70	38	39	30	24	234	162	93	1	3	868	
Cases Transferred In, Reactivated, or Redes-	43	5	15	24	9	0	74	331	37	2	0	540	
Total Cases	259	87	73	69	41	30	364	566	155	5	5	1654	0

Terminations By:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	T	V
Trial By Judge	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Trial by Magistrate	0	4	9	0	0	1	13	14	5	0	0	46	
Dismissal by Party, Judge or Prosecutor	11	11	0	7	4	1	2	10	6	0	0	52	
Admission to Judge	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Admission to Magistrate	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	
Certification/Waiver Granted	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	
Unavailability of Party for Trial	6	22	0	12	2	0	0	17	0	0	0	59	
Transfer to Another Judge or Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Referral to Private Judge	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Interlocutory Appeal or Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Terminations	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Total Terminations	30	37	9	20	6	7	18	41	11	0	0	179	0
Pending end of Period	229	50	64	49	35	23	346	525	144	5	5	1475	0

Time Guideline (months)	6	3	3	3	6	9	9	12	12	3	6	X	X
Cases Pending beyond Time Guideline	18	7	7	25	22	1	21	12	10	0	0	123	
Number of Months Oldest Case Coverage	4	7	2	9	5	7	9	10	4	0	0	X	
Number of Informal Cases	76	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	76	

2023 JUVENILE COURT STAFF

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Denise Navarre-Cubbon, Administrative Judge (Retired Effective 9/30/23)

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Keesha James Senior Clerk

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Sarah Ingram	Probation Manager
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Hayley Kobie	Probation Officer
Kristen McClain	Q/A Manager
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Ebony Porter	Educational Specialist
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Iris Wright	Probation Officer

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Timisha Butler	Residential Specialist
Dayshah Cartlidge	Residential Specialist
Gregory Copeland	Residential Specialist
Daviana Estis	Residential Specialist
Andrea Fisher	Supervisor
Diamond Foster	Residential Specialist
Tomica Gibson	Residential Specialist
Darlene Harris	Control Booth Operator
Tre Hutchinson	Residential Specialist
LeeAnn Macklin	Residential Specialist
Chris Martinez	Primary Counselor
Tammy McArthur	Control Booth Operator
Devon McCreary	RS/Shift Leader
Tanya Meyers	Control Booth Operator
Matthew Naugle	Residential Specialist
Diana Ottney	Primary Counselor
Dorcus Person	Auditor Assistant Specialist
Justine Rice	Residential Specialist
Shayla Rice	Residential Specialist
Trena Rice	Residential Specialist
Courtney Robbins	Residential Specialist
Eunice Russell	Residential Specialist
Sheirrod Singleton	Residential Specialist
Mia Spidell	Residential Specialist
Jennifer VanPelt	Residential Specialist
Charlton Wallace	Primary Counselor
Les'lie White	Residential Specialist
Daryl Wilson	RS/Shift Leader
Tahjeri Wilson	Residential Specialist
Clarence Winfield	RS/Shift Leader
Alisha Yeager	RS/Shift Leader
Stacy Young	Treatment Specialist