

Miami County Juvenile Court

2016 Annual Report



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Our Purpose

The Juvenile Court of Miami County is a division of the Miami County Common Pleas Court. Our purpose is to protect the Miami County community from juvenile crime, assist the victims of that crime, counsel and rehabilitate youth who commit crimes, protect children from abuse, neglect, and dependency and provide allocation of parental rights for children whose parents were never married.

Juvenile Court becomes involved in the lives of our children under 18 who:

- ❖ Do not obey their parents, school officials, and other custodians
- ❖ Do not attend school, who violate curfew, who drink alcohol and use drugs
- ❖ Commit violations of traffic laws
- ❖ Commit criminal acts
- ❖ Are victims of abuse, neglect or dependency
- ❖ And who's circumstances require orders of paternity, visitation, and child support

The Court also hears cases of adults who contribute to the unruliness or delinquency of a minor. Consistent with our purpose to provide safe and appropriate homes to the children of Miami County, Juvenile Court handles paternity, child support, child custody and visitation cases.

The Court protects the interests and rights of our children and the public by rehabilitating and holding youth and their families accountable for their actions. The Court strives to strengthen the family and empower parents to actively provide the balance of love, structure, supervision, and responsibility so that their children will develop the self-control and independence needed to become productive, self-sufficient, law abiding adults.

Referrals reach the Court through various channels, including parents, school officials, law enforcement authorities, neighbors, Children Services representatives, and the Prosecutor's office.

Under the direction of Judge W. McGregor Dixon, Jr. and with the support of two full-time magistrates, the Court provides a broad range of community based, residential treatment and prevention services. This report is intended to help you understand the children we serve and give you an overview of the services we provided in 2016.

The Youth We Serve

Juvenile Delinquency

In Ohio, a juvenile delinquent is defined as “.... any child who violates any law of this state, the United States, or any ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision of the state, which would be a crime if committed by an adult; except that any child who violates any traffic law, ordinance, or regulation shall be designated as a juvenile traffic offender.” This definition also includes any child who violates any lawful order of the Juvenile Court. Each year the Court handles many types of delinquency charges, some are considered misdemeanors and others are felonies. The following is a summary of some of the 2016 charges:

| Charges | 2016 |
|--|-------------|
| Arson | 4 |
| Assault Misdemeanor | 55 |
| Assault Felony | 4 |
| Breaking & Entering | 12 |
| Burglary | 10 |
| Aggravated Burglary | 3 |
| Carry/Concealed weapon | 1 |
| Chronic Truancy | 42 |
| Conspiracy | 0 |
| Contempt of Court Order | 103 |
| Contributing to Delinquency/Unruliness of a Minor | 2 |
| Criminal Damaging | 35 |
| Criminal Mischief | 25 |
| Curfew | 35 |
| Deception to Obtain drugs | 2 |
| Discharging Air gun/BB/Pellets/Firearm | 1 |
| Disobeying Police Officer/Resisting Arrest/Fleeing | 12 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 56 |
| Disseminating | 1 |
| Domestic Violence | 53 |
| Drug Abuse | 35 |
| Drug Paraphernalia | 56 |
| Drug Possession | 38 |
| Drug Trafficking | 2 |
| Escape | 0 |
| Falsification | 2 |
| Forgery | 1 |
| Illegal conveyance of drug | 1 |
| Importuning | 1 |
| Inducing/Inciting Panic or Violence | 3 |

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| Making False Alarms | 4 |
| Menacing/Aggravated Menacing | 12 |
| Obstructing Official Business/Justice | 18 |
| Other weapons charges | 1 |
| Pandering Obscenity | 3 |
| Parole Violation (from Dept. of Youth Services) | 1 |
| Possession of Alcohol/underage consumption | 62 |
| Possession of Criminal Tools | 7 |
| Possession of Fireworks | 1 |
| Probation Violation | 73 |
| Public Indecency | 0 |
| Rape | 13 |
| Receiving Stolen Property | 18 |
| Riot | 0 |
| Robbery/Aggravated Robbery/ complicity | 8 |
| Sexting | 0 |
| Sexual Imposition & Gross Sexual Imposition | 5 |
| Tobacco violation | 8 |
| Tampering with Evidence/Property | 1 |
| Harassment | 4 |
| Theft/Grand Theft Auto/Misuse of Credit Card/Identity | |
| Theft | 102 |
| Trespassing/Criminal Trespassing | 24 |
| Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle/Property | 13 |
| Unruly | 14 |
| Vandalism | 5 |
| Weapon on school grounds | 3 |
| Total Delinquency Charges | 994 |
| Total Delinquency Cases Filed or Reactivated | 856 |

The Court has many options when dealing with a delinquent child including:

- ◆ Place the child on probation supervision
- ◆ Commit the child to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (felony only)
- ◆ Commit the child to West Central Rehabilitation Center or any CCF (felony only)
- ◆ Place the child in foster care or in a residential center
- ◆ Have the child attend a specific community program
- ◆ Require the child to complete community service and make restitution
- ◆ Order the child to attend a specific treatment program
- ◆ Impose a fine and court cost
- ◆ Make any order the judge finds will benefit the child

In 2015, the Court had filings in 866 delinquency cases.

Unruly Child

An unruly child is defined as any child who does not subject himself to the reasonable control of his parents, teachers, guardian or custodian, is habitually truant from home or school; departs himself as to injure or endanger his health or morals; attempts to enter marriage without consent; is found in a disreputable place, or engages in an occupation prohibited by law. Unruly offenses include behaviors such as truancy at school, running away, and incorrigibility; these behaviors would not be considered a crime if committed by adults. The following is a summary of the 2016 unruly charges:

2016 Unruly Charges Filed

| Unruly Charges Filed | 2016 |
|--|-------------|
| Truancy | 67 |
| Curfew Violations | 36 |
| Incorrigible | 204 |
| Behavior that injures health or morals | 4 |
| Tobacco Law Violations | 6 |
| Total Charges | 317 |
| Total Unruly Cases | 275 |
| Truancy | |
| Chronic Truant (delinquency) | 42 |
| Habitual Truant | 25 |
| Total Truancy | 67 |
| Total dispositions entered | 274 |

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

- ◆ Counseling for the child and/or parent
- ◆ Make an order of mandatory school attendance and have the order monitored by court officers
- ◆ Have the child attend a specific program that the child could benefit from such as community service or a therapeutic program
- ◆ Place the child in a non-secure facility or with a relative
- ◆ Place the child on probation or prevention supervision
- ◆ Impose costs of the case against the juvenile
- ◆ Or, an alternative the judge finds will benefit the child

In 2015, the Court entered final disposition in 294 unruly cases.

Juvenile Traffic Offender

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 2016 included:

2016 Traffic Charges Filed

| Traffic Charges | 2016 |
|--|-------------|
| Speeding | 248 |
| Fail To Control/Reckless Operation | 53 |
| Failure to Maintain Distance | 61 |
| Seatbelt/Child Restraint | 33 |
| Disregarding Traffic Control Device (Sign/Lights) | 41 |
| Fail To Yield | 25 |
| Improper Backing, Turn or Lane Change | 22 |
| No OL/Permit/Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive | 26 |
| Driving Under Influence & Related | 5 |
| Driving Under Suspension | 8 |
| Fictitious/Expired/Missing Plate/Registration/insurance | 18 |
| Probationary or temporary license restriction | 16 |
| No head or tail lights | 12 |
| Vehicle Related Infractions | 1 |
| Leaving the Scene | 6 |
| Passing a school bus | 5 |
| Left of center | 5 |
| Squealing Tires/Noise Ordinance | 1 |
| Driving on closed street | 1 |
| Drag Racing | 2 |
| Speed in school zone | 3 |
| Passing on left | 1 |
| Texting | 1 |
| Flee/Elude | 1 |
| Impeding Traffic | 1 |
| Signals on Bike | 1 |
| Total Traffic Charges | 525 |
| Total Traffic Cases | 475 |

The Court has a variety of options for dealing with a juvenile traffic offender including:

- ◆ Suspending a license for any time period up to age 21

- ◆ Place child on probation
- ◆ Impose fines or costs
- ◆ Place child in Detention (for persistent offense or serious violations)
- ◆ Order child to attend CARTEENS or a Driver's Improvement Program
- ◆ Order restitution
- ◆ Have the child attend a specific program, such as community service or a therapeutic program

In Ohio, a juvenile has a probationary license. With this license, a juvenile is subject to additional penalties imposed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to which adults are not subject. In 2015, the Court had filings in 476 traffic cases.

Abused, Neglected and Dependant Children

An abused child includes any child that exhibits evidence of any serious physical or emotional injury inflicted other than by accidental means or is the victim of sexual activity. A neglected child is one who is abandoned or lacks parental care because of the faults, habits, and indifference of the parents or custodians. A dependant child lacks proper care or support through no fault of the parents or custodian. The juvenile court has the responsibility to hear such cases and make a finding or adjudication. The Court may make orders altering legal custody or redefining the parental rights and responsibilities to protect the child. These cases are very complex and require close cooperation with Miami County Children Services Board, law enforcement, and other social agencies.

2016 Abuse, Neglect & Dependency Charges Filed

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|-------------------------------|----|
| Abuse, Neglect and Dependency | 77 |
| Motion for Permanent Custody | 15 |

The Court believes that when a child's physical, mental and emotional health is at stake and when the child's needs are not being met, that the child needs an advocate. Therefore, in all of these cases the Court appoints a guardian ad litem either through CASA/GAL of MIAMI COUNTY or a private attorney. Based on the complaint before it and by considering the best interest of the child, the Court may use a variety of options for dealing with abused, neglected, and dependant children including:

- ◆ Order protective supervision by Miami County Children Service Board
- ◆ Remove the child from the home on a temporary basis and give custody to Children Services during which time the parties can work on a plan for reunification.
- ◆ Give legal custody to a relative
- ◆ Place the child in long-term foster care when the parent is not able to assume care
- ◆ Award permanent custody to Children Services, so that the child can be adopted

In 2015, the Court had filings of 66 abuse, neglect, and dependency cases and 7 permanent custody cases.

Paternity, Custody, Child Support, and Visitation

The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction in cases of children whose parents were never married. Sometimes, this involves determining who the father of a child is. It can also involve deciding which parent gets custody of a child and the amount of child support and visitation the child can have with a parent. The Court also deals with requests from people other than parents, such as relatives or friends who want custody of a child. These cases often involve working with the Miami County Child Support Enforcement Agency.

2016 Paternity, Custody, Visitation & Child Support Charges Filed

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Custody/Visitation | 762 |
| Support Enforcement/Modifications | 1717 |
| Parentage | 66 |
| UIFSA | 19 |

In 2015, the Court had filings in 1872 support enforcement or modification cases, 722 custody or visitation cases, 63 parentage cases and 15 UIFSA cases.

Adult Misdemeanor Cases

The Juvenile Court also has jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases against adults charged with acts against children. This includes contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of a minor, and contempt of court from orders made by the Juvenile Court.

2016 Adult Charges Filed

| | |
|--|------------|
| Child Endangering | 0 |
| Contempt of Court | 21 |
| Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor | 33 |
| Failure to send to school | 86 |
| Imposition of sentence | 0 |
| Adult charges filed | 140 |
| Total Adult Criminal Cases Filed or Reactivated | 137 |

In 2015, the Court had filings in 158 adult cases.

Miscellaneous Cases

The Court hears a number of cases that do not fall into any particular category. These include such issues as applications for a marriage license by an underage child, hospitalization of a mentally ill minor, certain kinds of consents for medical treatment, judicial bypass, search warrants, civil protective orders and motion to waive civil filing fees. In 2016, the court handled 12 such filings including civil protection cases.

Filing Trends 2010-2016

Adjudication Trends

Court Services - Clerk's Office

The clerk's office is responsible for handling all the paperwork related to any court case. They accept the filings, schedule hearings, certify all orders, process all the paperwork, act as court reporters and generally maintain all case records. Under the direction of Chief Deputy Clerk, Nicole Rodriguez and with the help of six full-time and one part-time clerk, the office serves all the clients of the Court.

2016 Court Activity

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|---------------------------------|------|
| Total Cases Filed | 4416 |
| Total Cases with Disposition | 4529 |

Juvenile Probation

The Miami County Juvenile Probation Department's mission is to encourage youth to behave responsibly and ensure community safety through the enforcement of court orders and terms of probation. The probation department uses sanctions such as electronic home monitoring, direct supervision, and social services to solve family problems and change youth behavior. The Probation Department routinely networks with schools, law enforcement, and other human services agencies to serve the needs of probationers. The department utilizes a number of contracted services to meet the therapeutic needs of the youth.

To achieve the mission the department maintains the following components:

- A Diversion program for first time offenders, which includes an array of education and mental health services to assist families in addressing communication and behavior problems
- An assessment of the youth's level of risk and dispositional recommendations with individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention
- Specialized supervision of sex offenders and youth in specialized out-of-home placements
- Intensive supervision of youth released from West Central Rehabilitation, Miami Valley Rehabilitation Center and other Community Corrections Facilities, David L. Brown Youth Center and other out-of-home placements
- Probation supervision which concentrates on changing behavior and improving pro-social skills through individualized treatment planning and using community resources. Working with parents, officers monitor court orders to assure accountability
- House Arrest Monitoring Program which supervises youth placed on house arrest during weekend and evening hours
- Community Service Program which gives youth the opportunity to participate in supervised work projects which benefits the community

Under the direction of Elizabeth Yingst, Chief Probation Officer, the probation department has seven full time probation officers, one probation assistant, two part-time community service youth supervisors and a seasonal part time youth supervisor.

2016 Assessment Statistics

Miami County Juvenile Court utilizes assessments of youth to help determine the appropriate disposition and level of services. These assessments provide the Court with the level of risk that a youth poses, as well as with dispositional recommendations based on individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention.

| Assessment statistics | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Total | 105 |
| Boys | 64 |
| Girls | 41 |

| Offense Type | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Misdemeanor | 70 |
| Felony | 14 |
| Unruly/Truancy (first time) | N/A |
| Unruly | 21 |
| Traffic | 0 |

| Recidivating for other services | |
|--|----|
| Total Referred to outside services | 31 |
| Number recidivated | 10 |

| City of Residence | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Piqua | 42 |
| Troy | 36 |
| Tipp | 14 |
| Milton | 8 |
| Pleasant Hill | 1 |
| Other | 4 |

| Disposition | |
|---------------------|----|
| Probation | 70 |
| Other | 31 |
| DYS | 0 |
| DLBYC | 1 |
| Lived out of county | 2 |
| WC Rehab | 1 |

| Intakes by Charge | | | |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Unruly/truancy | 21 | Receiving Stolen Property | 1 |
| CCW | 1 | Theft | 14 |
| Criminal Trespass | 1 | Obstruction/falsification/Resisting | 5 |
| Criminal Damaging | 2 | Menacing | 1 |
| Identity Fraud | 1 | Kidnapping | 1 |
| Unauthorized Use | 3 | Drug Abuse/Possession | 9 |
| Assault/Agg Assault | 7 | Drug Paraphernalia | 3 |
| UAC/Possession | 3 | Domestic Violence | 10 |
| Disorderly | 13 | Robbery | 1 |
| Burglary | 4 | Arson related | 1 |
| B & E (or attempted) | 3 | Weapon on School | 1 |
| | | Total | 105 |

2016 Probation Department

| Probation Assignments | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Boys | 59 |
| Girls | 25 |
| | |
| Caucasian | 68 |
| African American | 16 |
| Other | 0 |
| | |
| Felony | 22 |
| Misdemeanor | 54 |
| Unruly | 8 |
| Traffic | 0 |
| | |
| Total Youth Ordered | 84 |
| Total Youth From Previous Year | 83 |
| Total Served | 167 |

| Probation by Age | |
|-------------------------|----|
| 11-under | 0 |
| 12&13 | 6 |
| 14&15 | 20 |
| 16 and up | 58 |

| Probation by City | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Piqua | 35 |
| Troy | 31 |
| Tipp | 9 |
| Milton/Ludlow/Laura | 5 |
| Bradford/Covington/P Hill | 1 |
| Other | 3 |

| Dept. Charges filed by | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Piqua | 25 |
| Troy | 29 |
| Tipp | 6 |
| West Milton | 5 |
| MCSO | 9 |
| Covington | 0 |
| Probation Officer | 0 |
| Other | 10 |
| School (THS/TJHS) | 0 |

| Charges resulting in Probation | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| DUI | 0 |
| Drug Trafficking | 1 |
| Drug/Alcohol Possession | 11 |
| Corrupting another w/ drugs | 0 |
| Criminal Damage/mischief/Vandalism | 3 |
| Breaking Entering/Burglary | 12 |
| Trespassing | 1 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 11 |
| Unruly/truancy/curfew | 8 |
| Theft related | 11 |
| Contempt of Court | 0 |
| Assault | 13 |
| Public Indecency | 0 |
| Weapon on School Property | 0 |
| Agg Robbery/Robbery | 1 |
| Domestic Violence | 7 |
| Menacing | 0 |
| Obstruction/Resisting | 2 |
| Sex Offenses | 1 |
| Kidnapping | 1 |
| CCW | 1 |
| Total Charges | 84 |

| Felony Charges | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Rape | 0 |
| Gross Sexual Imposition | 1 |
| Burglary | 7 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 1 |
| Breaking Entering | 5 |
| Theft | 2 |
| Aggravated Assault | 2 |
| Robbery | 1 |
| Weapon on School | 0 |
| Drug trafficking | 1 |
| Drug Abuse | 1 |
| CCW | 1 |
| Vandalism | 0 |
| Total charges | 22 |

| School | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Troy High School | 16 |
| Troy Jr High | 3 |
| Piqua High School | 26 |
| Piqua Jr High | 1 |
| Wilder Intermediate | 1 |
| Tipp High | 6 |
| Miami East High | 2 |
| Miami East Jr High | 1 |
| Upper Valley Career Center | 9 |
| Milton Union Middle School | 2 |
| Milton Union High School | 5 |
| Miami Valley Career Tech | 1 |
| Covington High School | 1 |
| Graduated/GED | 1 |
| Bradford Jr High | 0 |
| Bethel High School | 1 |
| Home schooled | 5 |
| Other | 3 |

Child Placement Services

Miami County Juvenile Court Probation Department may take custody/care and control of an adjudicated unruly or delinquent youth when the parent is unable to effectively parent or manage the child's behavioral problems. The child can be placed in an out-of-home setting such as foster care or residential treatment. This decision is only made when the Probation Department has made reasonable efforts to prevent placement and the Court determines it is in the child's best interest to live away from their parent or guardian.

In 2012, Miami Juvenile Court Probation Department became a Title IV-E certified court. Title IV-E is a federal program that subsidizes the cost of out-of-home care for eligible youth. The goal of the program is reduce the reliance on out-of-home care and encourage the use of preventative and reunification services. Through this program the Court acts as a child service agency and provides services which are individualized and in the best interest of a child. To be eligible for this program, each Court must be approved by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and must comply with federal and state regulations.

When a child is placed in care and control the case is transferred to the Intensive Supervision Probation Officer who coordinates all the eligibility paperwork and establishes a reunification and treatment plan for the child and family. That probation officer works closely with the placement facility or foster parents to assure that the child's needs are met.

If a child in custody meets income eligibility, the Court can receive reimbursement for some of the foster care maintenance costs and reimbursement for administrative and training costs related to serving youth at risk for placement. The Court utilizes FFP funds to improve services to children and youth services in Miami County, with special emphasis given to specialized placements for high risk youth and reducing the number of placements in state funded Correctional Institutions.

2016 Care & Control Statistics

| Placed in Care and Control | 2016 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Boys | 7 |
| Girls | 1 |
| Caucasian | 8 |
| African American | 1 |
| Other | 0 |

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|---|----|
| Total Youth entering care in current year | 8 |
| Youth in care from Previous Year | 8 |
| Youth released from care in current year | 13 |
| Youth still in care at end of year | 3 |
| Total Served in care/control | 16 |

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|--|---|
| Charges resulting in Care/Control | |
| PV/Contempt | 1 |
| Unauthorized Use of MV | 1 |
| Weapon on School Grounds | 1 |
| Obstruction | 1 |
| B&E/Burglary | 3 |
| Assault/Domestic Violence | 1 |
| Escape | 0 |
| Receiving Stolen Property | 0 |

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| where placed | |
| DLBYC | 5 |
| MARSH | 1 |
| Abraxas | 0 |
| Foundations for living | 0 |
| Mohican Youth | 2 |

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|---|----|
| Released from custody during year to : | |
| Parental Home | 10 |
| Relative Placement | 2 |
| MCCSB | 0 |
| Other Custodian | 1 |

Alternatives to Detention

House arrest and electronic home monitoring are two alternatives that allow a youth to remain in the community yet restrict a youth's movement within the community. These strategies allow a youth to continue to live at home and attend school, jobs, counseling and other approved activities. These programs serve as a short term sanction and remind juveniles that they need to pay attention to curfews and other court imposed expectations. House arrest is less restrictive and relies heavily on a youth's compliance, parental participation and monitoring. Electronic home monitoring uses an ankle bracelet technology that detects movement and alerts probation officers when a child is engaging in activity away from approved venues. Both approaches are used extensively by probation officers to enhance supervision.

Electronic Home Monitoring

The Electronic Home Monitoring Program is one that uses ankle brackets to allow the probation department to know the whereabouts of the child at all times. Probation is notified if the child has left the house. This program is often used for youth coming out of a long term residential stay, so as to help adjust to the reduced amount of structure.

2016 Electronic Home Monitoring

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Boys | 38 |
| Girls | 15 |
| Caucasian | 45 |
| African American | 8 |
| Other | 0 |
| Felony | 18 |
| Misdemeanor | 35 |
| Unruly | 0 |
| Traffic | 0 |
| Terminated Unsuccessfully | 16 |
| Terminated Successfully | 37 |
| Total Youth Ordered | 50 |
| TOTAL YOUTH SERVED | 53 |
| Average days on EMHA | 23 |

House Arrest Monitoring Program

The House Arrest Monitoring Program was started through a grant. Once the grant ended, the probation staff elected to continue the programming. The probation department does random, unscheduled visits to the home of youth placed under an order of House Arrest by the Court in order to determine their compliance with the Court's orders. In addition to monitoring youth's compliance with the Court's orders it also allows the probation officers to have a more visible presence after "traditional Court hours", in the evenings and on weekends.

2016 House Arrest Monitoring

| | |
|--|------------|
| Boys | 141 |
| Girls | 62 |
| Caucasian | 180 |
| African American | 22 |
| Other | 1 |
| Felony | 58 |
| Misdemeanor | 121 |
| Unruly | 24 |
| Traffic | 0 |
| Terminated Unsuccessfully | 42 |
| Terminated Successfully | 161 |
| Total Youth Ordered | 203 |
| still on house arrest | 0 |
| # of Compliance Checks done by PO's | 538 |
| # of man hours PO spent doing HA checks after hours/weekends | 175 |
| Average length of time on HA | 36 days |

Piqua Office

The Piqua Probation Office is located at 1105 W. Wayne Street in downtown Piqua. To reach the Piqua office call 937-615-0657. This office is used by probation officers to conduct visits with youth and their families and to provide group treatment programming.

Diversion Services

The Court uses the Diversion Program as an intervention to formal court proceedings. All charges against first time offenders are sent to Scott Auxier to assess whether intervention is appropriate. The Court only does intervention on specific types of charges, such as unruly offenses, (school truancy, running away, curfew violations, tobacco offenses or violating the rules set by their parents or school officials), as well as minor delinquencies such as petty theft, disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing and criminal damaging. These youth and their parents are given the opportunity to participate in educational groups as an alternative to appearing in court. Youth are also offered volunteer opportunities to assist in redirecting behavior. When youth and families complete the program, the original citation or complaint is sealed and never filed with the Court.

2016 Diversion Program

| Family Diversion | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Retained from Previous Year | 29 |
| Filed this year | 180 |
| Successfully Completed | 170 |
| Declined Services | 0 |
| Inappropriate for Service | 0 |
| Unsuccessful | 15 |
| Total Pending at end of year | 24 |
| Total Served | 209 |

| Offenses referred in 2016 | Successful | Unsuccessful | Pending |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| Curfew | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Tobacco | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Unruly | 28 | 14 | 0 |
| Theft related | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Truancy | 27 | 1 | 0 |
| Assault | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Criminal Damaging/Mischief | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Criminal Trespass | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Littering | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Disseminating | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Pandering | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Open Cont/Possession | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Obstruction | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Swimming in Ludow Falls | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 180 | 15 | 0 |

Community Service/Restitution

The Community Service Program is designed for youth that have been ordered by the Court to perform community service hours as a consequence for their behavior. The Restitution program allows youth to work to reimburse victims for their losses. The purpose of the program is to hold juveniles accountable for their actions by requiring them to participate in a work program that gives back to the community. It is also intended to promote appropriate work and employment skills. Both youth on formal probation and those informally supervised by the Court can be enrolled in the program.

Youth work at sites in the community and are supervised by part-time and seasonal court staff. Work is scheduled so as not to interfere with school, occurring late afternoon, weekends, and on school vacations. Efforts are made to enroll youth in sites within their home communities. The program has 28 sites including local nursing homes, city and county municipal buildings, and football stadiums. In 2016, 365 youth provided 4184 hours of service to the community.

2016 Community Service Program

| Program admissions | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Boys | 243 |
| Girls | 122 |
| | |
| Felony | 17 |
| Misdemeanor | 250 |
| Unruly | 95 |
| Traffic | 3 |
| Total | 365 |

2016 NEW Crops for Change Program

In 2016, the Court re-introduced "Crops for Change". This project was originally conceptualized by Miami County Juvenile Court Magistrate Katherine Kemp Severt. The youth plant, weed, water, and harvest crops, consisting of a variety of vegetables including peppers, cabbage, and tomatoes. The juveniles also made salsa which they shared with staff and other county employees. This experience helped the participating juveniles understand the growth cycle of plants, made them aware that food doesn't always come from the grocery, and also enabled them to see their hard work provide fresh, nutritious, locally grown vegetables to those families needing to seek assistance in our own community. In 2016, 40 youth participated in this project.

Funding for the program comes from the Department of Youth Services Reclaim Grant.

Community Partnerships

Miami County Juvenile Court has developed many partnerships with community agencies to provide services to the youth involved with the Court. Through contracts with the Court, these agencies provide needed services developed specially for the Court involved youth and their parents. Juveniles are ordered into these programs according to their needs.

Contract Services

- ❖ Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment provided by contract with Kate Benton, a licensed sex offender therapist. Youth convicted of a sexual offense receive assessment, outpatient group and individual treatment on a weekly basis. In 2016, nine (9) youth were assessed.
- ❖ Alcohol and Substance Abuse Education is provided by contract with Miami County Recovery Council. This program works with first time offenders who have come before the Court on an alcohol or substance abuse charge. The program includes an all-day educational session, a substance use assessment, and a parent component. In 2016, 43 youth successfully completed this program. A total of seven (7) groups were held.
- ❖ Shoplifters Group is provided by contract with the Miami County Recovery Council. The Recovery Council provides a home study course and a one-day educational class for youth involved in shoplifting. The sessions help youth understand the dynamics of shoplifting and why they have chosen this risky behavior. The course strives to help youth get better control of their lives and change these destructive and unlawful behaviors. In 2016, 28 youth were served in this program. A total of six (6) groups were held.
- ❖ Psychological Services is provided through contracts with licensed psychologists. Psychological evaluations are performed to provide the Court with needed assessments integral to further court treatment plans. Forensic evaluations are also provided. These are required when deciding if a youth should be tried as an adult, and whether the child is competent to stand trial.

Shared Placements

Placement services are provided for youth who receive assistance from multiple agencies, such as **Miami County Children Services**, **Riverside Developmental Disabilities**, and **Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health**. The Court shares in the placement costs of some youth in the custody of Children Services who are also involved with the Court. Youth are placed in various types of settings including foster care, group homes, and residential treatment. In 2016, Juvenile Court contributed \$46,081.82 in shared funding for the placement of six youth.

Guardian Ad Litem

Juvenile Court provides funding to **CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY** to provide advocacy services on behalf of abused and neglected children. The advocates, specially trained volunteers serving as Guardian ad Litem (GAL), represent the best interest of children involved in dependency, neglect, and abuse cases for which placement is being determined by the Court, and, any other case where permanent custody has been filed. CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY is a private non-profit agency. In 2016, 37 volunteers served 152 children.

The Court also may provide an attorney to represent the child.

Financial Report

Miami County Juvenile Court receives funding from a variety of sources including the Miami County General Fund, the Department of Youth Services, and various federal and state grants.

| | Appropriations & Carryover | Expenditures |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund - Juvenile Court | \$ 1,155,691.64 | \$ 1,042,979.62 |
| General Fund - Juvenile Probation | \$ 679,328.40 | \$ 379,706.27 |
| General Fund - Juvenile Probation (Special Int. Prg.) | \$ 1,055.48 | \$ 164.00 |
| Felony Delinquent Care and Custody | \$ 715,927.60 | \$ 493,578.53 |
| Juv. Probation Title IV-E Administration | \$ 159,436.79 | \$ 104,258.83 |
| Juv. Probation Title IV-E Maintenance | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ 110,743.00 |
| Juv. Court Child Support Fund | \$ 30,538.40 | \$ 26,504.12 |
| Juv. Computerization | \$ 11,710.00 | \$ 5,371.14 |
| Special Projects - General | \$ 11,995.76 | \$ 6,722.04 |
| Legal Research | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 3,616.26 |
| Indigent Driver Fund | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Totals | \$ 2,971,684.07 | \$ 2,173,643.81 |

*Does not include Budgets of David L. Brown, West Central Detention, and West Central Rehabilitation Center

Fines and Court Costs

Fines and court costs are ways to hold youth and adults accountable for their behavior. Miami County Juvenile Court believes that these fines and costs should be assessed to youth and they are encouraged to pay their own costs. Adults who are convicted in this court are also assessed fines and costs. Juvenile Court has taken an aggressive stance in an effort to collect fines and court costs. Fines are assessed and collected immediately after court hearings. When individuals cannot pay immediately, a payment plan is established. Fines and costs are dispersed to the general fund and to other agencies as defined by law. Failure to pay fines can result in further court hearings and/or a suspension of driver's license.

2016 Fines and Court Costs Collected

| | TOTALS |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| COURT COSTS | \$ 62,155.70 |
| COMPUTER FEES | \$ 15,555.00 |
| LEGAL RESEARCH | \$ 3,333.00 |
| SHERIFF FEES | \$ 853.00 |
| LAW LIBRARY | \$ 1,250.00 |
| COUNTY FINES | \$ 9,383.76 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE FINES | \$ 3,014.49 |
| COUNTY DRUG FINES | \$ 245.00 |
| MISC. COSTS | \$ 0.00 |
| COPY SERVICE | \$ 82.40 |
| WITNESS FEES | \$ 52.60 |
| SPECIAL PROJECT - GEN | \$ 30,579.59 |
| DRUG TESTING | \$ 1,121.44 |
| P.D. APPLICATION FEE | \$ 2,675.35 |
| P.D. RECOUPMENT FEE | \$ 100.00 |
| TOBACCO FEES | \$ 45.00 |
| IDAT | \$ 529.50 |
| STATE OF OHIO | \$ 24,308.55 |
| BOARD OF PHARMACY | \$ 120.00 |
| ARRESTING AGENCY | \$ 95.00 |
| SUNDRIES | \$ 153.00 |
| BONDS RECEIVED | \$ 0.00 |
| DEPOSITS APPLIED | \$ 0.00 |
| | \$ 155,640.38 |

West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

The West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility is a state-of-the-art, secure residential facility for 36 juvenile boys, who have committed felonies. Youth go through a rigorous re-socialization program designed to correct flawed thought processes, which contributed to their criminal behavior. The Center has a specialized sex offender treatment program. All boys receive an individualized academic educational plan, family and individual counseling and intensive supervision. The average length of stay is six months to one year.

The Center's 2016 budget was \$1,797,088. The Ohio Department of Youth Services provides funding for the center. Local Counties are debited from their RECLAIM Allocation through the Ohio Department of Youth Services for youth placed at the center. Local school districts pay per school day to support educational programming.

Located on 25A in Troy, the West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility serves Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Preble, Shelby, and Miami County providing Juvenile Judges a local alternative to committing youth to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Center also takes boys from other counties in the state if there is space available. Brent Knackstedt is the Director of the Center.

2016 WCJRF Statistics

| County | # boys |
|--------------|-----------|
| Allen | 0 |
| Auglaize | 7 |
| Champaign | 1 |
| Clark | 6 |
| Darke | 2 |
| Delaware | 1 |
| Highland | 3 |
| Licking | 0 |
| Marion | 9 |
| Mercer | 1 |
| Miami | 3 |
| Paulding | 1 |
| Pike | 1 |
| Preble | 1 |
| Putnam | 1 |
| Shelby | 3 |
| Union | 0 |
| Total | 40 |

| Age at Admission | |
|-------------------------|----|
| 13 years | 1 |
| 14 years | 6 |
| 15 years | 10 |
| 16 years | 11 |
| 17 years | 11 |
| 18 years | 0 |
| 19 years | 1 |

| Felony Level | |
|---------------------|----|
| F-5 | 12 |
| F-4 | 6 |
| F-3 | 12 |
| F-2 | 3 |
| F-1 | 7 |

| Committing Offense | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Assault | 1 |
| B & E | 2 |
| Burglary | 9 |
| CCW | 1 |
| Domestic Violence | 1 |
| Drug Possession | 5 |
| Drug Abuse | 1 |
| Gross Sexual Imposition | 6 |
| Rape | 3 |
| Robbery | 4 |
| Receiving Stolen Property | 2 |
| Safe Cracking | 1 |
| Sexual Battery | 0 |
| Theft | 2 |
| Vandalism | 2 |

West Central Day Treatment

Day Treatment is a court ordered academic educational program for non-violent offenders. This program allows 13-17 year old boys and girls on probation to attend school in a structured environment with individualized attention. The West Central Day Treatment program served Miami, Shelby, and Darke counties.

Youth work on individualized educational plans completing G.E.D, or their regular courses needed for graduation by their home school. The school operates year round and transportation is provided. The average length of stay is four to five months. Funding for this program is provided through the local school districts. In December of 2016, the program moved from the West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility to the David L. Brown Youth Center.

In 2016, 49 students were enrolled in the program. Seven students earned enough credits to obtain a graduation diploma from their high school.

2016 Day Treatment Population Statistics

| Day Treatment School District | |
|--|-----------|
| Miami East | 1 |
| Piqua | 28 |
| Sidney | 2 |
| Tipp City | 2 |
| Troy | 14 |
| Bethel | 1 |
| Covington | 0 |
| Milton Union | 1 |
| Total Served in Program | 49 |

| Gender | |
|---------------|----|
| Boys | 37 |
| Girls | 12 |

| Age | |
|--------------|-----------|
| 13 years | 1 |
| 14 years | 1 |
| 15 years | 11 |
| 16 years | 9 |
| 17 years | 22 |
| 18 years | 4 |
| Total | 49 |

| Outcome of Day Treatment | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Successful Release | 27 |
| Unsuccessful Release | 19 |
| GED | 0 |
| Graduation | 7 |

DAVID L. BROWN YOUTH CENTER

The David L. Brown Youth Center is a program of the Miami County Juvenile Court. Under the direction of Sue Parker, Executive Director and located on a farm setting, east of Troy, the Youth Center is a 24-hour residential treatment center for boys ages 12-17. The primary purpose of the facility is to provide an environment in which youth can assume responsibility for their thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. The Center uses Trauma-Informed Cognitive Behavior Therapy, a nationally recognized therapeutic treatment modality. Most of the boys are referred to the Center by a variety of Ohio County Juvenile Court systems, Children's Service agencies, and Family and Children's First organizations. The Center is licensed by Ohio Jobs and Family Services and is Title IV-E approved.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

David L. Brown Youth Center contracts with the Miami County Recovery Council to provide on-site master's level therapists to provide a wide range of therapeutic services for mental health and substance abuse. Youth referred to the David L. Brown Youth Center receive a complete assessment and participate in an individualized treatment plan, which typically includes several of the following services:

- *Individual Counseling
- *Group Counseling
- *Coordination of Med-Somatic Services
- *Substance Abuse Education
- *Family Counseling
- *Social Skills development
- *Case Management

ACADEMIC

The David L. Brown Youth Center utilizes a variety of resources designed to provide educational opportunities to meet the individual needs of the youth through collaborative efforts established with the Miami County Education Service Center. The Center maintains a licensed teacher with tutors who assist. The following is provided:

- *Individualized Learning Plans
- *GED Preparation and Pre-testing
- *Academic Case Management
- *Evaluation and Testing

HEALTH

The David L. Brown Youth Center provides a complete physical examination for each youth and meets their non-critical medical needs by utilizing Dr. William Ginn, M.D. and Susan Westfall, R.N.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

All youth who reside at the Youth Center participate in a physical education program and a variety of additional athletic activities:

- *Cardiovascular
- *Race Walking
- *Football
- *Basketball

- *Weight Lifting
- *Running
- *Softball
- *Volleyball

2016 BUDGET

The expenditures for David L. Brown Youth Center for fiscal year 2016 was \$637,570. The daily per diem rate is \$183.00 per day. School districts also pay a per diem to cover educational expenses. In addition to the revenue received from sending agencies, the center received Federal Food Subsidy, Title XX for Miami County youth, and private donations.

2016 DLBYC Annual Census

| County | 2016 |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Clark Juvenile Court | 3 |
| Greene Juvenile Court | 0 |
| Greene CSB | 1 |
| Mercer CSB | 0 |
| Miami Juvenile Court | 12 |
| Preble CSB | 5 |
| Shelby Juvenile Court | 0 |
| Total Served | 21 |

WEST CENTRAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center is a secure holding facility serving youth from Auglaize, Clinton, Darke, Mercer, Miami, Preble, Shelby and Van Wert Counties. The Center can house up to 44 boys and girls who will attend school year round, undergo counseling and psychological assessments as needed. All youth participate in a variety of treatment and educational programming while detained.

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center opened in January 1993 as a 24-bed facility and later added a 20-bed pod. The 2016 operational expenses were 1,725,000. All operational funding comes from the counties that use our facility with no money being utilized from the County General Fund.

West Central JDC provides youth with all the basic necessities. The residents receive three hot meals a day, they have structured gym exercise everyday and attend an on-site school Monday through Friday. Youth must participate within group programs such as: anger management, substance abuse, health & hygiene, Planned Parenthood, life choices, and receive various topics from community leaders and motivational speakers. The youth have the option to participate in a bible study program and to attend a Sunday morning service while at the Center. There are visitation appointments for parents to visit three times per week. The residents may make phone calls at designated times and are provided all the necessary materials for writing letters to family.

The West Central JDC also provides a prevention program called STAR (Start Today Accepting Responsibility). This program is for "high risk" youth between ages 12 – 17 and the youth must be referred from a Juvenile Court to be eligible for the realistic tour of the detention center. At least one parent must attend the program with the youth and remain on site at West Central JDC for the two-hour program. In 2016, 99 youth were referred with 89 completing the program. This program is free of charge to the courts under contract with West Central JDC.

The West Central JDC is located in the Miami County Government Complex at 2044 North County Road 25A, north of Troy. Lance Ray is the Superintendent of Detention.

West Central Juvenile Detention Center 2016

| County | WCJDC | Auglaize | Clinton | Darke | Mercer | Miami | Preble | Shelby | Van Wert | Other |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Male | 692 | 127 | 54 | 63 | 46 | 146 | 75 | 105 | 60 | 16 |
| Female | 239 | 66 | 6 | 17 | 28 | 52 | 24 | 33 | 11 | 2 |
| Intakes | 931 | 193 | 60 | 80 | 74 | 198 | 99 | 138 | 71 | 18 |
| Usage Days | | 32,126 | 1,031 | 1,685 | 777 | 2,444 | 658 | 2,350 | 890 | 635 |
| Average Length of Stay Days | 18.4 | 12.2 | 21.0 | 22.4 | 12.3 | 13.7 | 6.9 | 18.8 | 12.2 | 43.5 |

Miami County Juvenile Court
2016 Annual Report Statistical Summary

Cases Filed in 2016

| Cases Filed/Transferred In | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Delinquent | 856 |
| Traffic | 535 |
| Dependency/Neglect/Abuse | 64 |
| Unruly | 275 |
| Adult | 137 |
| Permanent Custody | 17 |
| Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation | 692 |
| Support Enforcement/Modifications | 1741 |
| Parentage | 66 |
| UIFSA | 19 |
| Other | 14 |
| Total Cases Filed | 4416 |

Cases Terminated in 2016

| Cases terminated by Case Type | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Delinquent | 877 |
| Traffic | 537 |
| Dependency/Neglect/Abuse | 75 |
| Unruly | 274 |
| Adult | 140 |
| Permanent Custody | 15 |
| Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation | 692 |
| Support Enforcement/Modification | 1815 |
| Parentage | 67 |
| UIFSA | 18 |
| Other | 19 |
| Total | 4529 |

Cases Terminated by Type of Termination

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Trial by Judge | 309 |
| Trial by Magistrate | 1080 |
| Dismissal | 410 |
| Admission by Judge | 208 |
| Admission by Magistrate | 1178 |
| Certification/Waiver Granted | 3 |
| Unavailability of Party for Trial | 159 |
| Transfers to another Court | 87 |
| Interlocutory Appeal | 0 |
| Other Terminations | 1094 |
| Total | 4529 |

Types of Dispositions for Youth in 2016**Types of Dispositions**

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bind over to adult court | 1 |
| Commitment to DYS | 1 |
| Detention | 198 |
| David L. Brown | 5 |
| West Central Day Treatment | 47 |
| West Central Rehabilitation Center | 2 |
| Other CCF | 0 |
| Suspended commitment to DYS | 29 |
| Community Service | 365 |
| Probation | 84 |
| Electronic Home Monitoring | 53 |
| House Arrest | 203 |
| Temporary Custody CSB | 41 |
| Protective Supervision CSB | 76 |
| Permanent Custody CSB | 10 |
| Jail Sentence (Adult) | 27 |
| Restitution | 31 |
| Cases with Fines Assessed | 576 |
| Cases with costs Assessed | 699 |
| Waiver due to Indigence | 662 |
| Fines and Court costs | \$155,685.38 |

Miami County Juvenile Court Important Phone Numbers

| | |
|--|----------|
| Juvenile Court Clerks Office (general information) | 440-5970 |
| Chief Deputy Clerk –Nicole Rodriguez..... | 440-3533 |
| Chief Probation Officer – Elizabeth Yingst..... | 440-3521 |
| Court Administrator – J. Andrew Wannemacher..... | 440-5990 |
| Fiscal Officer – Terra Homan | 440-5926 |
| | |
| David L. Brown Youth Center – Sue Parker (Director)..... | 339-1858 |
| | |
| West Central Detention Center - Lance Ray (Director)..... | 440-5651 |
| | |
| West Central Rehabilitation Center –Brent Knackstedt (Director)..... | 440-3485 |

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