

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FILING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS- PROBATE/JUVENILE DIVISION FOR 2022

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provision of Section 2151.18 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas Probate/Juvenile Division has filed with this Board its 2022 Annual Report as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Said report shows the number and types of cases that have come before the court; the disposition thereof ordered by the court and other data pertaining to the work of the court; and

WHEREAS, said report has been duly examined by this Board; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that said report is accepted and filed.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2023-298

May 23, 2023

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COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS- PROBATE/JUVENILE DIVISION FOR 2022**

Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

**Casey R. Kozlowski
Kathryn L. Whittington
J.P. Ducro IV**

**Aye
Aye
Aye**

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

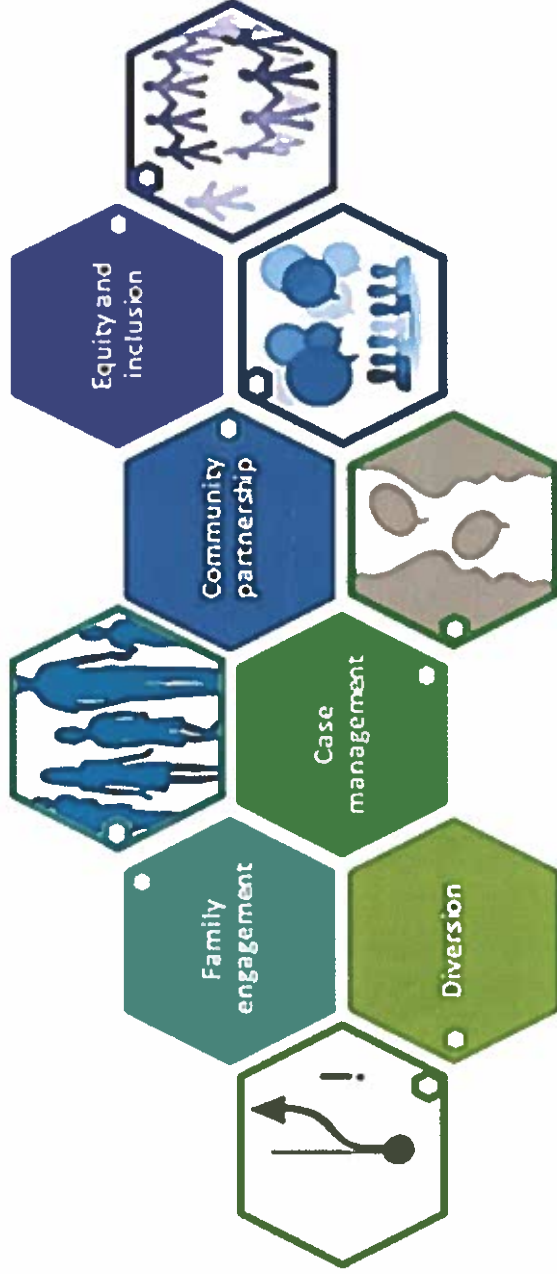
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

Albert S. Campese
Judge

Ashtabula County Juvenile & Probate Court 2022 Annual Report



JUDGE ALBERT S. CAMPLESE

The Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners

Casey R. Kozlowski, President

Kathryn L. Whittington, Vice President

J.P. Ducro, IV

In compliance with Section 2151.18 of the Ohio Revised Code, we submit herewith the Annual Report of the Ashtabula County court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, for the calendar year 2022, showing the number and kinds of cases that have come before it, the disposition thereof ordered by the court, and other data pertaining to the work of the court of interest to you and the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert S. Camplese

Albert S. Camplese, Judge
Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Division

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**FORWORD BY:
JUDGE ALBERT S CAMPLESE**



The Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court, Ashtabula County Family Resource Center and respective staffs have been diligent and successful in their individual and combined efforts to assist and support the lives of children, seniors and families who found themselves before the Court in 2022.

Our Annual Report documents the positive outcomes that were achieved in 2022 for the children, seniors, and families of Ashtabula County. Our Juvenile Court's aggressive pursuit of grant funding directly resulted in over \$1.9 million in outside funding being awarded to the court for its operation and use in 2022.

The report also celebrates the recognition of our programming efforts in both the juvenile and probate divisions, as well as the individual achievement and professional growth of our Court's Administrator, Andrew Misiak. Our successful initiatives have produced stronger children, safer and more independent seniors and an enhanced quality of life for every Ashtabula County citizen.

We continue to focus on the importance of a trauma-informed and trauma-responsive staff, processes and work environment. We understand that all persons who find themselves involved in Juvenile Court whether it be as a client, a victim, witness, or service provider, or family support should be treated with the utmost respect, professionalism and dignity.

We continually strive to assist youth, seniors and families by minimizing formal Court involvement. We continue to rely upon the latest research, approaches and practices in implementing change and adjustments to our approaches and practices. The processes implemented in 2022 have laid the foundation for important changes to come in 2023.

Our Ashtabula County future is bright!

Albert S. Camplese

Albert S. Camplese, Judge
Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court
Juvenile-Probate Divisions



ASHTABULA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT MISSION STATEMENT

The Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, is committed to administering juvenile justice and protecting the rights and serving the best interests of children, families, parents and the community. Our mission is as follows:

To provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children;

To provide supervision, care and rehabilitation, whenever possible, in a family environment, separating the child from his or her parents only when necessary for his or her welfare or in the interests of public safety;

To provide judicial procedures in which the parties are assured of a fair hearing, and their constitutional and other legal rights are recognized and enforced.



“Catch My Breath” Vaping Program

The Ashland County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center (ACJCFRC) will be partnering with Community Counseling Center’s (CCC) Prevention Services Department to provide additional prevention programming in all seven of the Ashland County School Districts. Family Resource Center Diversion staff will be providing assistance through training of Community Counseling Center Prevention staff on curriculum for current “Catch My Breath” Vaping Program. Diversion staff had provided the vape program during the 2020-2021 school year in the Grand Valley School District and saw great success. CATCH collaborated with researchers at Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health to create CATCH My Breath™, a youth e-cigarette, JUUL, and vape prevention program specific to grades 5-12. The evidence-based program was shown to substantially reduce students’ likelihood of vaping in the year following program implementation. Students also showed a significant increase in knowledge of the dangers of vaping and an increase in positive perceptions about choosing a vape-free lifestyle. The Family Resource Center and Community Counseling Center have also launched a Supported Employment program that will now be able to accept youth that are approaching the age of 18 and assist them in finding and keeping employment in our community. CCC is also offering group support for younger participants that will cover workforce development. CCC is completing a comprehensive referral guide that will outline both prevention / and non-client supports for higher level-of-care for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorder treatment options. CCC is a great asset to our community, and this partnership is a great opportunity not only for our justice involved youth and families but for our entire community.



Department of Youth Services Competitive RECLAIM Grants

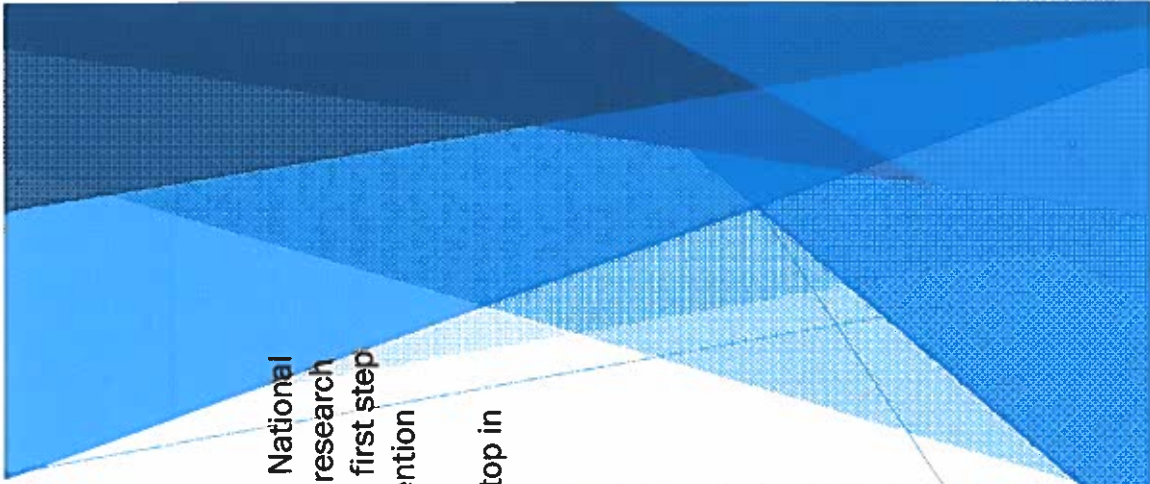
In August of 2021, the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) announced grant proposals for Competitive RECLAIM. Competitive RECLAIM is a performance-driven grant program available to juvenile courts and local communities from the ODYS. It has been made possible by the continued success of juvenile courts in reducing the DYS facility population as well as the successes of the department's investments in community-based programming to serve the right youth in the right environment with the right treatment. ODYS released three categories of funding. The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court applied for Category 2 and Category 3 funding. The Category 2 funding stream was focused on conceptually sound community diversion proposals with clearly defined target population(s), identified intervention strategies, and identified community partners committed to achieving successful diversion outcomes. Community diversion grants are intended to develop and/or broaden a shared vision amongst the community where youth success is defined as having no formal juvenile justice contact. The Court applied and was granted an award of \$50,000 to contract with Cadence Care network on providing a staff member to work with the Ashtabula Area City School District and the Buckeye School District to provide a light-touch school diversion program. The project was started back in August but with this funding, it will be enhanced and provide more support. The Category 3 request focuses on a Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator- A juvenile court pro-posing to hire or contract for, a Race and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator is tasked with the responsibility to clearly define the position's purpose, role and responsibilities and demonstrate how the proposed coordinator will support the development, implementation, and evaluation of juvenile court strategies to reduce the overrepresentation of children of color within the county's juvenile justice system. Again, the Court is partnering with Cadence Care Network and The Trumbull County Family Court on this award. The Coordination is needed for both Courts to help support and move the REI work in each county. Additionally, both Courts will be introducing sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE) work to begin. The Court was awarded \$52,000 for this work. Both Courts are excited for these awards and look forward to providing high level services with great collaboration!



Family Resource Center Painting

Our Family Resource Center (FRC) was in desperate need of an update. Our Court has partnered with the National Assessment Center (NAC) to complete the Assessment Center Framework. This document is grounded in research and best practice. Because of this, the FRC realized that it must create trauma informed area. This is the first step of the design. Pictures will be added to make the space more inviting and to rid the space of any old detention furniture. Check out these before and after photos.

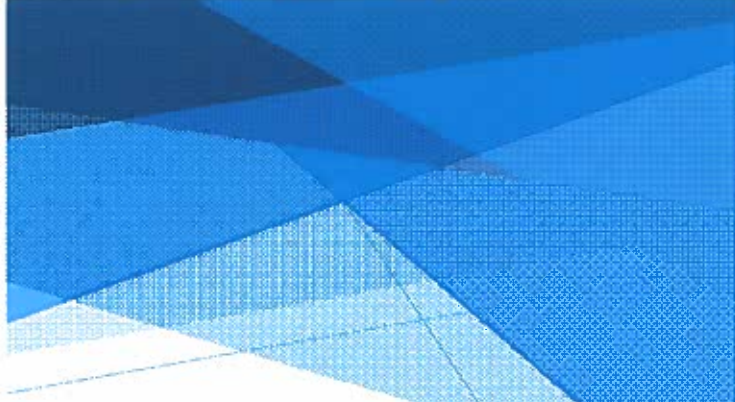
A huge shout out to Jimmy Howell for putting the work in to give us this fresh look. To get the full effect, stop in and see us!



Resource Center Update

Family Resource Center Joins **CarePortal**

CarePortal creates connections within the Circles of Care around the isolated child. Families, churches and communities are brought together to create a healthy approach to caring for kids, because EVERY child matters. First and foremost, CarePortal exists to help vulnerable children and families. Requests submitted through CarePortal come from caseworkers at government child welfare agencies or other child-serving organizations approved by CarePortal to vet needs. Churches can also identify and submit needs within their own church and community through the Church Entered Needs feature. CarePortal is a technology connecting platform that brings the needs of hurting children and families in your community to our attention. Our Family Resource Center staff will uncover the needs. CarePortal makes local churches and community members aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond. Ashtabula County is just the fifth county in the State of Ohio to join CarePortal, again making the Court a leader in this initiative. CarePortal has helped more than 89,000 children in 22 states and has a documented success. Because of this success, CarePortal and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is working to bring this project to all 88 Ohio counties. CarePortal was created by The Global Orphan Project to help meet the needs of families. Some of the need requests that have been filled by CarePortal include bedding, appliances, clothing, dentures, coats, car seats, strollers, utility payments, car repair, ballet slippers, alarm clocks, and land line phones to name a few. This service is covered by a grant for the first year. The office of Families and Children remains committed to providing supportive services to children servicing professionals who are on the front lines working with families every day. www.careportal.org



In addition to the new trauma informed paint colors at our Family Resource Center, we have also added a new piece of furniture for our youth and families. A new bookshelf was added to encourage reading and the development of young minds. If you or someone you know would like a book, take it, read it, return it or pass it along to a friend. Have some books sitting around the house? Feel free to share them with other readers and leave it at our Center.



Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center is open Monday-Friday 7 am-Midnight, and available to Law Enforcement 24/7. The FRC is the point of entry for all Juvenile Court youth in Ashtabula County. When juveniles are accused of a crime or infraction, they are brought to the FRC. Staff screen and evaluate risks and needs of the youth and their families. Rather than incarceration, juveniles are processed through with alternatives to detention being the primary focus. With the help of the FRC, non-violent or low-risk juvenile offenders can be diverted from the traditional criminal justice system

Screening tools

- OYAS - Ohio Youth Assessment System (Diversion instrument). Allows us to gauge a youth's risk of recidivism.
- JVQ-R2- Juvenile Violence Questionnaire. Measures a youth's exposure to violence and trauma.
- GAIN-SS- a tool used to screen for internalized and externalized disorders, as well as substance abuse and criminal violence.
- Human Trafficking- a tool used to show if a youth may have been a victim of Human Trafficking
- Ohio SCALES- done by both youth and parent. This tool shows youth problem, functioning and satisfaction. This tool is used to gauge success in the program
- SOGIE Questionnaire - to help develop services and meet the needs of youth in our County.



Community Service

Keep Ohio Beautiful Grant

This “group effort” grant was obtained via partnerships with the Village of Geneva on the Lake, City of Geneva, the Ashtabula Art Center, Geneva on the Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ashtabula Juvenile Court/Family Resource Center and community members. The City of Geneva is a member of *Keep Ohio Beautiful* and had the opportunity to obtain a grant through Sherwin Williams. This grant is awarded to 5 communities in the state of Ohio each year for outside beautification

projects. Those who are awarded this grant will receive up to 40 gallons of paint for free along with brushes and all the prep items to start the project. The idea of painting the Cross walks down at Geneva on the Lake came from the City of Ashtabula who painted their crosswalks last summer and they made a huge impact on the appearance of downtown. In partnership, the GOTL visitors bureau reached out to the City of Geneva, Ashtabula Arts Center and others to come up with the design for the crosswalks. Community involvement will also be sought and encouraged to assist. Juvenile Court involved youth will also help assist with this project. Once it completed, it will be a great addition to the Lake.



Evidence Based Programming



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CARING ADULT AWAY
FROM BEING A
SUCCESS STORY

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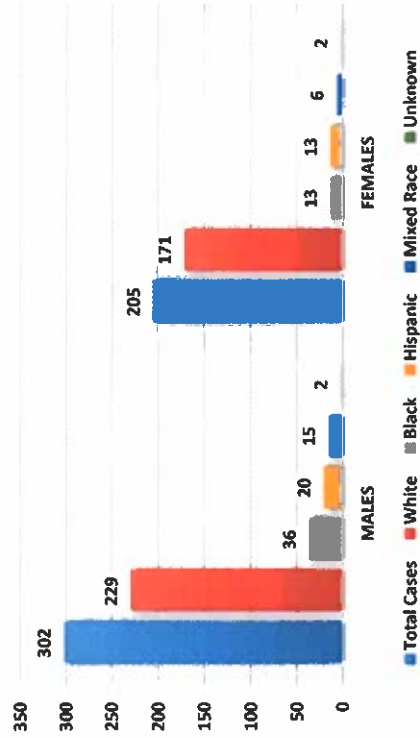


Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS)

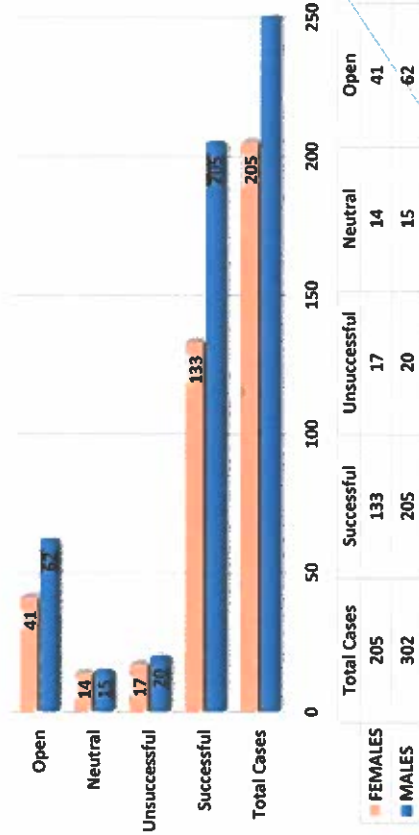
Motivational Interviewing (MI)

Family Resource Center

2021 DIVERSION CASES

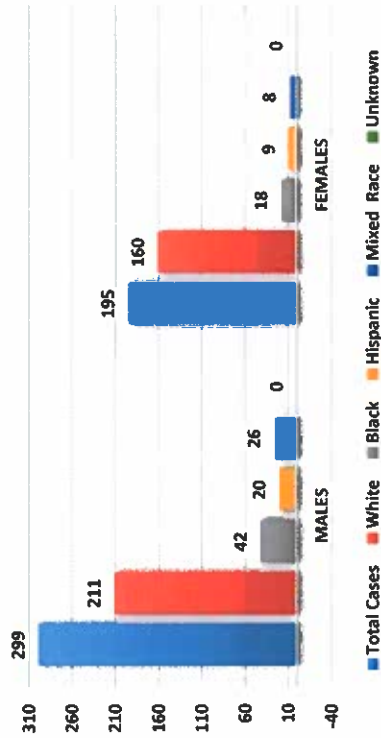


2021 Diversion Terminations

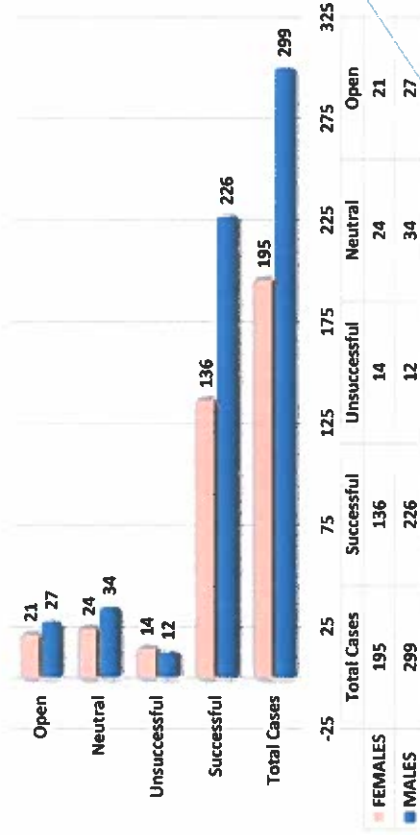


Family Resource Center

2022 Diversion Cases



2022 Diversion Terminations



Total Number of Cases 2022

1,464 Cases

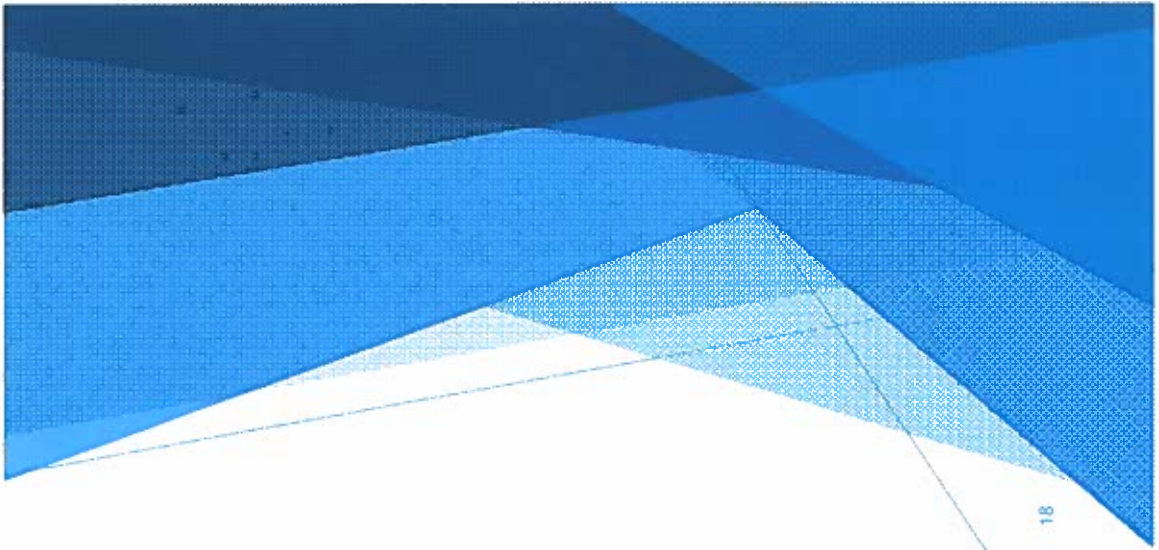
▶ Delinquency	127
▶ Unruly	15
▶ Traffic	400
▶ Abuse, Neglect or Dependency	273
▶ Other Custodies	165
▶ Paternity	388
▶ Adult Cases	35
▶ All Others	21
▶ Permanent Custody	12
▶ Support - Enforce or Modify	28

Number of Males and Females Involved in Delinquency / Unruly 2022 Exclusive of Carryover

▶ Delinquency	
▶ Males	99
▶ Females	46
▶ Unruly	
▶ Males	4
▶ Females	9

Age of Juvenile Offenders Delinquency and Unruly 2022 Exclusive of Carryover

Age	# Cases
11 and younger	12
12	19
13	17
14	28
15	20
16	37
17	21
18+	4



2022 Types of Delinquent Cases

Exclusive of Carryover

▶ 2152 Delinquency / Contempt / Probation Violation	0
▶ 2903 Assault / Menacing	45
▶ 2905 Kidnap / Attempted Abduction	0
▶ 2907 Rape / Gross sexual Imposition / Dissemination	5
▶ 2909 Arson / Vandalism / Criminal Mischief	3
▶ 2911 Robbery / Burglary / Trespass	8
▶ 2913 Theft / Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle / Misuse of Credit Card / Receiving Stolen Property	11
▶ 2917 Disorderly Conduct / Inducing Panic	11
▶ 2919 Domestic Violence / Endangering a Child	51
▶ 2921 Intimidation / Falsification / Obstruction of Justice / Failure to Comply	2

2022 Types of Delinquent Cases

Exclusive of Carryover

- ▶ 2923 Discharging Firearm / Carrying Concealed Weapon / Complicity 3
- ▶ 2925 Trafficking / Possession of Drugs / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 3
- ▶ 4301 Underage Consumption 1
- ▶ 4729 Possession of Dangerous Drugs 0
- ▶ TRD Transfer Cases 3

2022 Types of Unruly Cases

Exclusive of Carryover

- ▶ Curfew Violation / Home Truancy 1
- ▶ Tobacco 6
- ▶ Habitually Disobedient 0
- ▶ School Truancy 0
- ▶ Health and Morals 5



2022 Truancy Cases

- ▶ Number of Youth placed in alternatives to adjudication under R.C. 2151.27(G) 92
- ▶ Number of Youth who successfully completed alternatives to adjudication 41
- ▶ Number of Youth who failed to complete alternatives and were adjudicated unruly 0
- ▶ Total number of habitual complaints filed during the year 0
- ▶ Total number of habitual truants handled informally, including those who were diverted prior to filing a habitual truant complaint 92

Department of Youth Services (DYS)

The six Targeted RECLAM courts (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit) have admitted seventeen (+17) more youth which is up (+15.7%) compared to the same period in FY 2021. The nine Expanded Targeted RECLAM courts (Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark and Trumbull) admitted eleven (+11) more youth (+34.4%) compared to the same time period in FY 2021. Combined, the fifteen courts participating in the Targeted RECLAM initiative admitted one hundred sixty-eight (168) youth, which is twenty-eight (+28) more youth compared to the same time period in FY 2021. The percentage of minority youth admitted by the 15 courts is 83.9% which is down 2.3% when compared to the same time period in FY 2021. The number of minority youth admitted by all courts is one hundred fifty-eight (158) compared to fifty-two (52) white youth, this is a 5.2% increase in minority admissions, as a percentage of total admissions, when compared to the same time period in FY 2021. Admissions from Ohio's 73 Non-Targeted RECLAM courts admitted one (+1) more youth compared to the same period in FY 2021 making statewide admissions up by twenty-nine (+29) youth compared to the first eight months of FY2021.

County	FY2017		FY2018		FY2019		FY2020		FY2021		FY2022 July-February		com- pared to projected FY2022 FY2021
	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	committed	revoked	
Cuyahoga	123	111	68	54	76	43	48	69	-7				
Franklin	59	34	42	25	51	32	50	-2					
Hamilton	51	51	58	31	23	19	32	9					
Lucas	16	20	11	14	12	6	11	-2					
Montgomery	21	16	9	7	10	13	14	11					
Summit	8	8	13	5	4	3	4	2					
9 county total	278	240	201	136	176	116	125	188	12				

County	FY2017		FY2018		FY2019		FY2020		FY2021		FY2022 July-February		com- pared to projected FY2022 FY2021
	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	committed	revoked	
Allen	4	4	2	4	1	3	0	3	5	4			
Ashtabula	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	-1			
Butler	3	11	7	9	3	5	0	5	8	5			
Licking	17	13	17	16	14	2	4	6	9	-5			
Lorain	11	13	8	9	9	12	0	12	18	9			
Mahoning	4	9	6	10	10	7	1	8	12	2			
Medina	3	3	1	4	1	1	0	1	2	1			
Stark	12	6	3	2	0	3	1	4	6	6			
Trumbull	4	9	3	6	2	4	0	4	6	4			
9 county total	58	68	48	61	41	37	8	43	65	24			
All counties	455	435	343	297	287	189	21	210	315	28			

Department of Youth Services (DYS)

Department of Youth Services (DYS) Admission Data through October 2022

The six Targeted RECLAIM courts (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit) have admitted ten (+10) more youth which is up (+16.7%) compared to the same period in FY 2022. The nine Expanded Targeted RECLAIM courts (Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark and Trumbull) admit- ted two (-2) more youth (-7.7%) compared to the same time period in FY 2022. Combined, the fifteen courts participating in the Targeted RECLAIM initiative admitted ninety-four (94) youth, which is eight (+8) more youth compared to the same time period in FY 2022. The percentage of minority youth admitted by the 15 courts is 84.0% which is down 0.3% when compared to the same time period in FY 2022. The number of minority youth admitted by all courts is eighty seven (87) youth compared to thirty-nine (39) white youth, this is a 5.6% decrease in minority admissions, as a percentage of total admissions, when compared to the same time period in FY 2022. Admissions from Ohio's 73 Non-Targeted RE-CLAIM courts admitted eight (+8) more youth compared to the same period in FY 2022, making statewide admissions up by twenty (+20) youth compared to the first three months of FY2022.

County	FY2018		FY2019		FY2020		FY2021		FY2022		FY2023 Julth-October		com- pared to projected FY2023 FY2022
	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	committed	revised	
Cuyahoga	111	68	54	76	78	30	109	30	109	30	109	30	30
Franklin	34	42	25	51	47	4	39	4	39	4	39	4	-8
Hamilton	51	59	31	23	48	6	24	6	24	6	24	6	-22
Lucas	20	11	14	12	12	5	15	5	15	5	15	5	3
Montgomery	16	9	7	10	21	3	12	3	12	3	12	3	-9
Summit	8	13	6	4	9	4	12	4	12	4	12	4	3
6 county total	240	201	136	176	213	60	279	60	279	60	279	60	-3
County	FY2018		FY2020		FY2021		FY2022		FY2023 Julth-October		FY2023 Julth-October		com- pared to projected FY2023 FY2022
	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	committed	revised	total	total	
Allen	4	2	4	1	1	5	3	0	3	0	3	0	4
Ashtabula	0	1	1	1	3	7	1	2	0	0	2	0	0
Butler	11	7	9	14	6	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1
Licking	13	17	16	21	7	3	10	9	15	3	15	3	-8
Lorain	9	6	10	10	12	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
Mahoning	3	1	4	2	0	8	1	3	1	0	3	1	1
Medina	6	3	2	0	2	5	2	0	2	0	2	0	-5
Stark	9	3	6	4	1	9	19	5	24	7	24	7	4
Trumbull	68	48	61	41	63	552	522	466	478	455	435	4	435
9 county total	1579	1037	841	633	633	552	522	466	478	455	435	4	435

Department of Youth Services (DYS)

Department of Youth Services (DYS) Admission Data through March 2022

The six Targeted RECLAIM courts (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit) have admitted twenty-one (+21) more youth which is up (+16.9%) compared to the same period in FY 2021. The nine Expanded Targeted RECLAIM courts (Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark and Trumbull) admitted fourteen (+14) more youth (+40.0%) compared to the same time period in FY 2021. Combined, the fifteen courts participating in the Targeted RECLAIM initiative admitted one hundred ninety-four (168) youth, which is thirty-five (+35) more youth compared to the same time period in FY 2021. The percentage of minority youth admitted by the 15 courts is 84.0% which is down 2.2% when compared to the same time period in FY 2021. The number of minority youth admitted by all courts is one hundred eighty-five (185) compared to sixty-one (61) white youth, this is a 5.2% increase in minority admissions, as a percentage of total admissions, when compared to the same time period in FY 2021. Admissions from Ohio's 73 Non-Targeted RECLAIM courts admitted three (+3) more youth compared to the same period in FY 2021, making statewide admissions up by thirty-eight (+38) youth compared to the first eight months of FY2021.

DYS admissions by race and gender for Fiscal Year 2022

County	White	Minority	% Minority	FY2021 %	Female	Male	FY2021 %
Cuyahoga	3	49	94.2%	98.1%	6	46	88.5%
Franklin	3	34	91.9%	92.2%	1	36	97.3%
Hamilton	2	25	92.6%	95.7%	0	27	100.0%
Lucas	0	7	100.0%	91.7%	0	7	100.0%
Montgomery	4	13	76.5%	80.0%	1	16	94.1%
Summit	0	5	100.0%	25.0%	0	5	100.0%
Allen	2	3	60.0%	100.0%	0	5	100.0%
Ashtabula	0	0	--	0.0%	0	0	--
Butler	0	5	100.0%	33.3%	0	5	100.0%
Licking	7	0	0.0%	21.4%	0	7	100.0%
Lorain	3	12	80.0%	100.0%	3	12	80.0%
Mahoning	3	5	62.5%	90.0%	2	6	75.0%
Medina	1	0	0.0%	100.0%	0	1	100.0%
Stark	1	3	75.0%	--	0	4	100.0%
Trumbull	2	2	50.0%	50.0%	0	4	100.0%
15 courts total	31	163	84.0%	86.2%	13	181	93.3%
All counties	61	185	75.2%	70.0%	21	225	91.5%



Court Administrator, Andrew Misiak Accepted into Fellows Program

Over the last two and a half years, Court Administrator Andrew Misiak has been enrolled in a national education development program designed to equip participants with necessary information to develop, implement, sustain, evaluate and improve education and development of court staff. Andrew officially became a Certified Court Executive in September of 2021. This national certification opened the door for Andrew to pursue admission into the prestigious Institute of Court Management (ICM) Fellows Program. The Fellows Program is the highest and most demanding certification available from ICM. Becoming an ICM Fellow is a process of continual professional development that enhances the knowledge, skills, and abilities of court administrators while providing leadership instruction in areas of functional responsibility associated with court administration. In early December, Andrew was officially selected to participate in the 52nd ICM Fellows class. Upon completion of the Fellows Program, he will join an elite group of history-makers whose voices have helped shape the field of modern court administration. There are two phases of the ICM Fellows Program.

The first is the Court Project Phase which requires completion of a court research and improvement project. Participants must design and complete an independent research project and present a written report to the Dean of the ICM Fellows Program for approval. Approved reports are equivalent in quality to a master's degree thesis and must include an abstract, introduction, literature review, methods, findings, conclusions and recommendations, appendices, and references. Completed reports are added to an existing body of court administration literature that is maintained in the NCSC Library and is readily accessible online. Upon successful completion of the Court Project phase, participants are eligible to attend the Presentation Phase, the final step to become an ICM Fellow. The culmination of this professional development process is a four-day Master class held in Washington D.C. during which participants present and reflect upon the impacts of their court improvement projects. Successful participants are recognized at a graduation ceremony and awarded certification as a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management.



Court Administrator Andrew Misiak, Certified Faculty Approval

Congratulations to Court Administrator, Andrew Misiak, on his completion of the ICM Faculty Certification process. Andrew is now certified to teach the Project Management for Courts course under the direction of the Consortium State of Ohio. As an instructor for Ohio ICM courses, Andrew carries on a long tradition of providing excellent professional development for court managers through personal service. For nearly 50 years, ICM's certification programs have improved the administration of justice through its mission: "To educate, inform and support current and next-generation management and leadership of the state courts." Course materials may be accessed through Ohio's state judicial educator.





YouTube! Video Project

During the last four months, the court has engaged in a video series that highlights most of our community programming at the Juvenile Court. The videos highlight Judge Albert Campese, Magistrate Elizabeth Tekavec, Court Administrator Andrew Misiak, our Family Drug Court Program and Graduate, and Community Family Resource Center. These videos add to our welcome video, traffic court rights and procedures and children services case procedures. The Court will continue to develop new exciting content. Our YouTube! Channel is growing and gives the court the opportunity to connect with a younger demographic. It allows for program users to have a better idea of what to expect and what they will see. We started our YouTube channel earlier this year with the help of Dave Clayman. He assisted us by recording and producing the videos free of charge. We continued this project with the help of Terry Wilson. Terry reached out to the Court and Magistrate Tekavec after seeing her present at a conference. Her passion for helping youth and families in this community needed to be highlighted. Like Dave, Terry recorded and produced all of the videos. He spent hours and days on this production and the videos are wonderful. We can not thank Dave and Terry enough for the time and support of our court and programming.. We want the public to know about our programs, and utilize them on a regular basis. Our programs are showing great success, and are strengthening county youth and families.

Family First Prevention Services Act Grant Award

In January of 2021, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court was selected as a pilot site to participate in the rollout of the Family First Prevention Services Act phase 1 plan. The federal Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First) was adopted on February 9, 2018 and was implemented nationwide on October 1, 2021. Family First places emphasis on the use of evidence based prevention services to alleviate the need for placement of children in foster care, and ensuring appropriate settings are used for children in foster care. Other goals for the program are preventing children from entering substitute care, utilizing current assessments, assessing cases that were closed or closed and referred for services to potentially reduce recurrence. Future goals of the program are cultural transformation, preventing children and their families from entering the child welfare system, enhancing assessment and the expansion of evidence based practices services. If an evidence based practice is present on a Family Case Plan, the service would be reimbursed dependent on candidacy eligibility. Some of the Phase 1 services are: Multisystemic Therapy, Functional Family Therapy, Parents as Teachers, and Healthy Families America. The Court's participation in the Prevention Services pilot has been invaluable to the State as programs have been implemented statewide. The Court will participate in the phase 2 rollout and as a thank you, each pilot county will be given a \$30,000 grant to continue implementation of prevention services. The Court is excited for the opportunity and thanks ODJFS

Bar Association Donation

In 2017, The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court reached out the local school districts for student artwork to display in our lobby. We experienced a wonderful response! Our program was conceived to allow a forum whereby the artistic talents of our county's youth may be showcased. After a year, we would solicit and display new artwork. The earlier artwork is then returned to the student, together with its framing. All of our artwork was framed by *Framed on Main* via a generous donation from the *Ashtabula County Bar Association*. Pandemic concerns suspended our program temporarily. However, we recently received new artwork from the *Pymatuning Valley School District*. The *Ashtabula County Bar Association* and *Framed on Main* has again stepped up, and this freshly framed new artwork will soon adorn the walls of our courthouse! Our county's young artists will continue to be recognized, and shine!





Juvenile Court Drug Court

Family Drug Court Alumni Meetings meet one time a month. We had our first holiday party this year and it was a success!

FDC has been utilizing our graduates for community outreach. In 2022, graduates have spoken at Geneva High School, Edgewood High School and Grand Valley High School. FDC Coordinator, Lora Faenza & graduate Alexandria Hill spoke on Sunrise Talk Radio.

On November 7, 2022, we received our Re-certification with the Supreme Court of Ohio for Family Drug Court. This certification is good until December 31, 2025.

On April 21, 2022, FDC received the "2022 Above and Beyond Award" from the Ashtabula County Children Services Board. FDC Graduate, Emily Laing received the "Rising Up and Moving On Award" this same day.

On September 20, 2022, FDC received Brightview Health Ashtabula's "Recovery Champion Award".

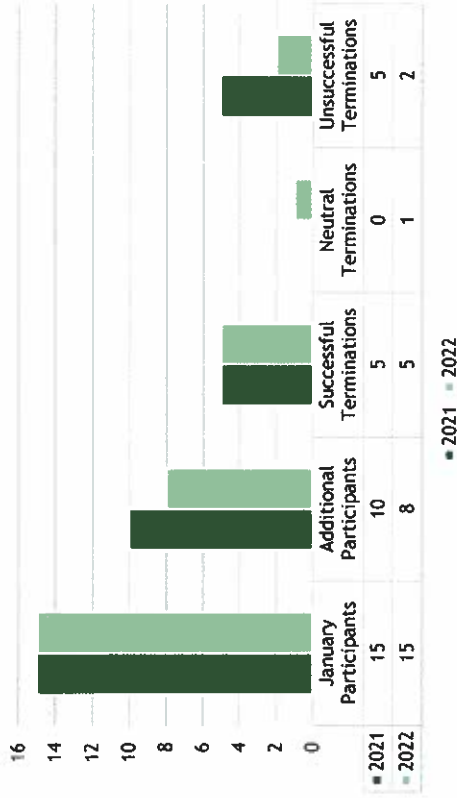
Photographer, Melissa Blank continues to donate her time to take photos of the FDC graduates as an incentive.

Community Achievement Award and Family Drug Court Graduation Celebration

On Tuesday September 20th, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court, Family Drug Court Specialized Docket was honored to receive the *Community Achievement Award*. The award was presented at the Recover Out Loud event held at Cornelius Park in downtown Ashtabula. The event celebrated National Recovery Month and the community members who make recovery possible in all its forms. We extend a huge "Thank you" to Brightview for the award and its ongoing contributions to the recovery community! Our Family Drug Court [FDC] program also celebrated its 10th graduation ceremony on Friday September 23rd at the Ashtabula County District Library. The graduation event recognized three individuals who successfully completed all program requirements. Collectively, they have achieved over three years of sobriety.



Juvenile Court Drug Court



Successful Discharges Statistics:

- 4 CSB cases successfully closed & children unified with parents
- 4 Children total were reunified
- 1 Additional child was born during FDC participation with no CSB involvement

1 CSB case went to permanent custody (foster parents adopted 2 children)

- Participant chose to continue with FDC and successfully completed treatment & FDC program
- After FDC graduation in April 2022, participant regained custody of 4 older children (not the 2 that were adopted)
- Participant also gave birth during FDC participation. Child was born and mother kept custody. CSB case was closed successfully for this child.

Unsuccessful Discharge Statistics:

- 2 Participants/2 CSB Cases
- One participant went AWOL. Custody went to 3rd party (Grandmother)
- One participant went AWOL. Custody went to 3rd party (Aunt) *This participant later overdosed on 10/31/2022

Neutral Discharge Statistics:

- 1 Participant (Father). Discharged due to medical reasons
- Mother is currently participating in FDC

Juvenile Court Outside Funding

Funding Source	Provides For	2022
Youth Services Grant	Resource Center Staff and Programming	1,570,909.29
Title XX Grant	Resource Center Services	187,786.22
Drug Court Fund ODMHAS	Drug Court Operations	57,890.00
CSEA	Staff/Supplies to process Court Documents	53,348.56
Title IV-E	Staff for Record keeping/Billing/Case Management	10,547.37
Prevention Services	MST Pilot Program Participation Used to pay for Mental Health Evaluations	\$30,000.00
Total		1,910,481.44

Probate Court

Probate Local Rules Update

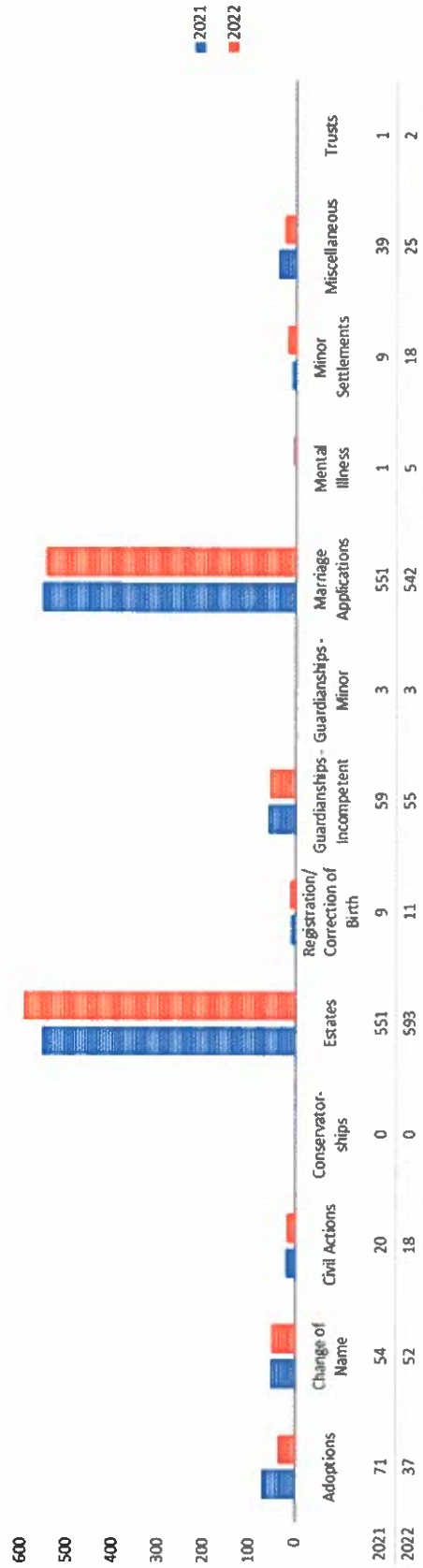
Effective July 1, 2022, the Ashtabula County Probate Court amended its local rules. Many of the amendments were required due to rule changes mandated by the Supreme Court of Ohio. These changes will clarify and facilitate processes associated with case filings, case processing, and probate court access. The new Supreme Court requirements also necessitated certain changes be made to local documents and forms. You are encouraged to access and review these forms on the Court website. Magistrate Michael Hamper spear-headed the project and solicited input from other probate courts, as well as members of our local bar association. Also keep an eye out for additional updates to our Probate Court website. In this regard, Chief Deputy Clerk Andrea Hathaway and Magistrate Hamper are developing informational flyers/packets to assist the public and attorneys in routine probate court matters. These packets will serve as a guide for court users, and allow more convenient access.





Case Type	2021	2022 Difference
Adoptions	71	37
Change of Name	54	52
Civil Actions	20	18
Conservator-ships	0	0
Estates	551	593
Registration/ Correction of Birth	9	11
Guardianships - Incompetent	59	55
Guardianships - Minor	3	3
Marriage Applications	551	542
Mental Illness	1	5
Minor Settlements	9	18
Miscellaneous	39	25
Trusts	1	2
TOTAL	1368	1361
Case Search Request	1370	-109

PROBATE CASE TYPES 2021-2022





Probate Community Assisted Commitment Program

Currently, more than 3 million adults, 1.6% of the United States population, suffer from untreated severe bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. These individuals are ten times more likely to be incarcerated versus hospitalized. The Community Assisted Commitment Program (CACP) is an initiative of the Ashtabula County Probate Court which is targeted to meet the needs of this population. The program was launched as a collaboration with the Ashtabula County Mental Health Services and Recovery (MRHS) Board. As of July 6, 2021, Ashtabula County hospitals now have an option to refer mental health patients under an involuntary outpatient treatment to the Probate Court's CACP program. Intervention through a program like CACP results in more than a 40% reduction in harmful behaviors, and more than a 60% reduction in risk of arrest. Participants are four times less likely to perpetrate violence, and half as likely to be victimized. Revolving door costs are reduced in counties with involuntary outpatient programs. CACP operates on a relationship-based model, encouraging regular communication between treatment providers, MHRS, and the Probate Court. By adopting a court-led program, Ashtabula County is better situated to respond to the mental health needs of our at-risk citizens, e.g., homelessness, repeated hospitalizations, and law enforcement intervention. Treatment providers provide evidence-based services, and help program participants maintain stability and safety in the community. Regular conferences with the Court and care team allow for continual and responsive evaluation of provided services while safeguarding the due process rights of participants. Contact Probate Court, Chief Deputy Clerk, Andrea Hathaway 440-576-3455 for more information.

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