

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FOR 2023

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2151.18 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, Ashtabula County Juvenile Court has filed with this Board its 2023 Annual Report as required by law; and

WHEREAS, said report shows the number and kinds of cases that have come before the court; the disposition of the cases; the number of children placed, who successfully completed and who failed to complete alternatives to adjudication and were adjudicated unruly, and other data pertaining to the work of the court, 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. 2024-309

June 20, 2024

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JUVENILE COURT FOR 2023**

Upon the motion of Casey R. Kozlowski, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

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

**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

**Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas
Probate/Juvenile Division**

Albert S. Camplese
Judge

Andrew J. Misiak
Court Administrator



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Probate Division Magistrate

June 14, 2023

Commissioner Casey Kozlowski
Commissioner Kathryn Whittington
Commissioner J.P. Ducro, IV
Ashtabula County Commissioners
25 West Jefferson Street
2nd Floor Old Courthouse
Jefferson, OH 44047

Dear Commissioners,

Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division respectfully submit their 2023 Annual Report to your office. This report has been submitted to the Supreme Court in compliance with Section 2151.18(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.

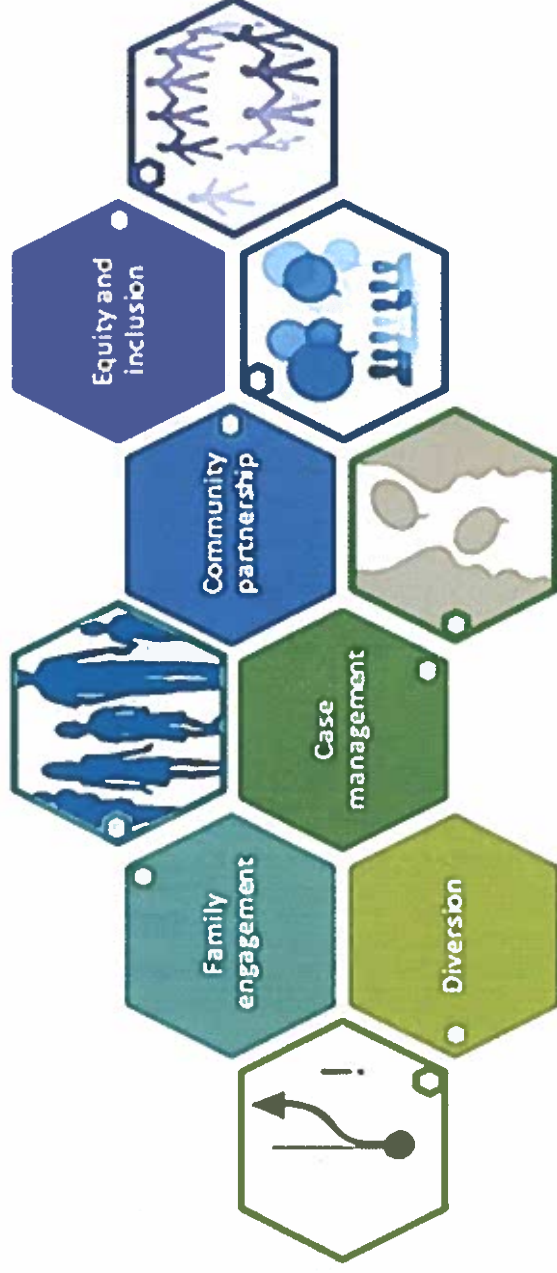
This report reflects the number and type of cases that have come before this court, the disposition thereof ordered by the court and other data pertaining to the work of the court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Capstick".

Karen Capstick
Fiscal Manager
Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile/Probate Divisions

Ashtabula County Juvenile & Probate Court 2023 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 2023, 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 2023.

Our Annual Report documents the positive outcomes that were achieved in 2023 for the children, seniors, and families of Ashtabula County. Our Juvenile Court's aggressive pursuit of grant funding directly resulted in \$1.6 million in outside funding being awarded to the court for its operation and use in 2023.

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 2023 have laid the foundation for important changes to come in 2024.

Our Ashtabula County future is bright!



Albert S. Campese

Albert S. Campese, 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.



Throughout the 2023 calendar year, all of our staff participated in race, equity and inclusion trainings at our Family Resource Center. These trainings were recorded for future use. The trainings included: Understanding Implicit Bias, Understanding Cultural Humility, Addressing Race and Ethnic Equity and Inclusion Issues in Policy and Practice, Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression. Staff will seek to understand, recognize and interpret implicit bias to reduce youth involvement in the juvenile justice system. These trainings were held by Race Equity and Inclusion coordinator Trina Benson. Other plans for 2023 included community forums from April—October. The purpose of the forum is to engage the community to address concerns as well as provide a better understanding of our Court and Family Resource Center system.



Department of Youth Services: Race Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee Updates



In December 2022, REI System Assessment Subcommittee members participated in a Train-the Trainer event where they were trained on skills needed to build upon in order to facilitate sessions on race, equity, and inclusion, for adult learners. Attendees were able to engage through inter-active learning methods, noting the type that might be most effective for their own instruction approaches in the future. Attendees were immersed in the world of navigating the weighty topics of race and equity from both a personal and systemic perspective. The team is gearing up to conduct and facilitate race, equity, and inclusion trainings for our JDAI counties, starting in 2023. Updates: In July 2022, Ashtabula and Trumbull Family Court jointly welcomed Trina Benson as their Race Equity and Inclusion Coordinator. The counties will individually utilize Trina to address race and ethnic disparities. The counties will separately host the following trainings bi-weekly and facilitated by Trina:

- Understanding Implicit Bias
- Understanding Cultural Humility
- Addressing Race & Ethnic Equity & Inclusion Issues in Policy & Practice
- SOGIE Data Collection

Trina will also assist each county with facilitating quarterly community forums to assist and engage the community in addressing concerns, as well as offering families' opportunities to gain a better understanding of the juvenile judicial system. Each court will also work to develop a family / caregiver handbook that includes diversion definitions, a listing of community resources and feedback surveys. The committee has also developed two great resources for youth and their families to help navigate the Juvenile Court System.

Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice (BHJJ) Quarter 3 Data

The majority of juvenile justice-involved youth have a history of behavioral health, mental health or substance use problems, and have experienced a great deal of trauma. However, local jurisdictions were too often ill-equipped to accurately assess youth for behavioral health, mental health or substance use issues. This reality directly impacted a community's ability to identify and timely address such issues. Ohio's Behavioral Health /Juvenile Justice (BHJJ) Initiative was intended to transform and expand the local systems' options to better serve these youths. Ohio's BHJJ Initiative is a diversion program for juvenile justice-involved youth between the ages of 10-18 who also suffer from mental or behavioral health issues. In lieu of detention, the BHJJ program diverts youth into more comprehensive, community-based behavioral health treatment. The Begun Center provides research and evaluation support for the initiative and recently released a new report for the initiative. This BHJJ collaborative includes Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, Geauga and Columbiana Counties. In state fiscal year 2023, the program has served 54 youth and families. This quarter saw 27 successful cases with many others still open.



**NORTHEAST OHIO REGION %
LEVEL OF CHARGE YTD**



Pro-Social Competitive RECLAIM Grant



The Ohio Department of Youth Services released a competitive RECLAIM funding request for pro-social community activities. Grant funds were obtained for court-involved youth at all levels to participate in all activities at the Ashtabula County YMCA. The Y strengthens the community and works everyday with everyone to ensure that regardless of age, income or background, the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive is open for all. This grant will allow youth and families to participate in any program & class that is offered at the Y including full memberships. The Y offers numerous programs for all youth and their families. Some of the programs that are offered this summer include the spirit of America-youth boating program, and sports themed day camp. The Spirit of America Foundation as provided America's premier youth boating education programs to tens of thousands of young people in 22 locations around the country. Since 2014, they have partnered with the YMCA to offer the pro-gram here in Ashtabula County. Once students earn their Ohio Boater Education Certificate, they will move on to learning, hands-on, how to safely and properly operate all kinds of watercraft including canoes and kayaks, powerboats, sailboats and jet skis, as well as spending a day on a large vessel with the Coast Guard. The new all days sports camp will allow kids to improve sport skills through teamwork and friendly competition, all while making new friends. Each week brings a new sport, complete with drills, scrimmages and activities to enhance their athletic ability and general sports knowledge. Standard camp activities will also be included, such as crafts, swim time, and field trips. The Court appreciates the continued funding from the Ohio Department of Youth Services which benefit the youth and families in Ashtabula County!



**Family Resource Center:
Youth and Family Feedback Data**



The National Assessment Center (NAC) monitors and evaluates all surveys from the Family Resource Center (FRC). Twenty-Four youth submitted surveys at the intake point in the first quarter of 2023. Of those 24 youth, 18 or 75%, indicated that their thoughts and feelings were taken seriously. Of those 24 youth, 90% were white. Youth most liked the fact that they were heard and had the opportunity to express their feelings. They also like that staff were polite and helpful and comfortable, rather than scared. Parents are also asked questions at the same decision point. Twenty-Six surveys were submitted and 24 or 92% felt like coming to the FRC had a positive impact on their child and family. Parents most liked the upbeat atmosphere and the knowledge of staff. Staff also showed great concern for the youth, and wanted to help all of the individuals who come in the door. At the case management decision point, five youth surveys were submitted. Three or 60% of those surveys expressed satisfaction with the programs and services that were recommended. Four caregivers completed the survey and 75% of them indicated their family and/or child are actively engaged with FRC programming. Zero of the submit-ted surveys indicated that their child had additional police involvement since their initial visit to the FRC. It should be noted that these surveys are anonymous and are sent or given to families at specific decision points. The FRC is rooted in data and analysis.
Call Kelly at 440-994-6011 for more information.



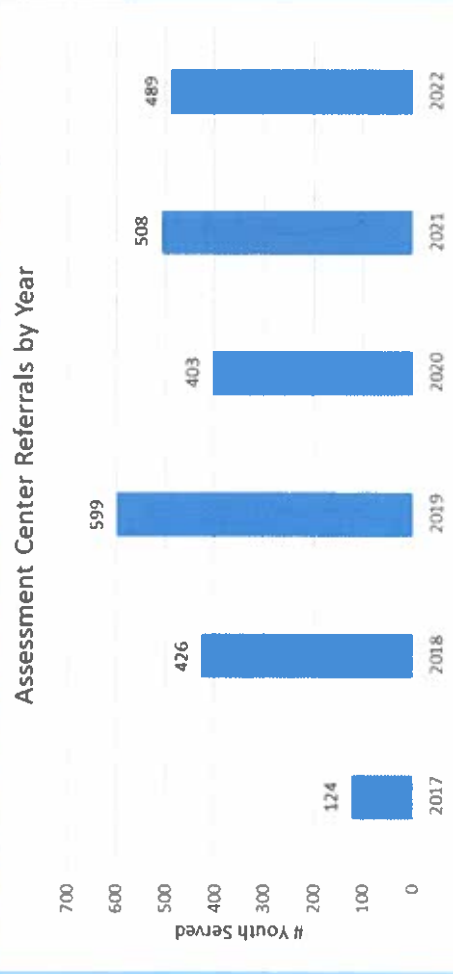
Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center Evaluation: January 2023

The Competitive RECLAIM project pro-posed by the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court (ACJC) established a Family Resource Center to provide intake screening for youth referred to the court. Since 2017, the Resource Center has served 2,559 youths. During the most recent quarter 10/1/2022-12/31/2022: a total of 139 youth were referred to the Resource Center. This is a 90% increase in referrals compared to the prior quarter (73 youth referred between July and September). The most common reason for referral was truancy (in-person school) (38.2%, n = 39). This is the first quarter truancy referrals from online schools have been tracked separately from truancy referrals from in-person schools. Truancy referrals from online schools accounted for 10.8% (n = 11) of the referrals to the Resource Center the past quarter. Ninety-two youth did not have data for referral reason and/or completion status, and are excluded from analysis. Of the youth with data for both referral reason and completion status, 100% of youth who were 1) brought in by the police 2) brought in by the police and went formal, 3) went formal, and 4) referred for smoking completed successfully. The referral reason associated with the lowest success rate was for youth referred for truancy from online schools (50%) – although the sample size was only two youth. The sample sizes for all categories were quite low, and therefore caution must be applied to any interpretation of these data. Year to Date: Since January 1, 2022, 489 youth were referred to the Resource Center.



Continued: Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center Evaluation: January 2023

The majority of youth served were male (60.9%, n = 297) and White (75.1%, n = 365) or Black (12.1%, n = 59). The average age at time of referral was 14.3 years. Of the 359 youth with OYAS data, 67.1% (n = 241) scored Moderate and 24.8% (n = 89) scored Low. In 2022, 43.4% (n = 212) of youth served by the Resource Center were referred for being 'at-risk' while 36.7% (n = 179) were referred for a misdemeanor (see Figure 5). Twenty-three youth served in 2022 were referred for a felony. The most common reason for referral was truancy (in person school) (41.9%, n = 135) followed by formal referrals (cases that went through the official court process) (14.6%, n = 47). This past quarter, the court began tracking truancy referrals from online schools separately from truancy referrals from in-person schools. This figure shows referral data since inception. For more information contact Caron Fenton at 440-994-6010 or at ccfenton@ashtabulacounty.us.





Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Resource Center Evaluation

The Competitive RECLAIM project proposed by the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court (ACJC) established a Resource Center to provide intake screening for youth referred to the court. Since 2017, the Resource Center has served 2,925 youths. Since January 1, 2023, 352 youth were referred to the Resource Center. The majority of youth served were male (65.3%, n = 230) and White (83.4%, n = 281) or Black (11.0%, n = 37).

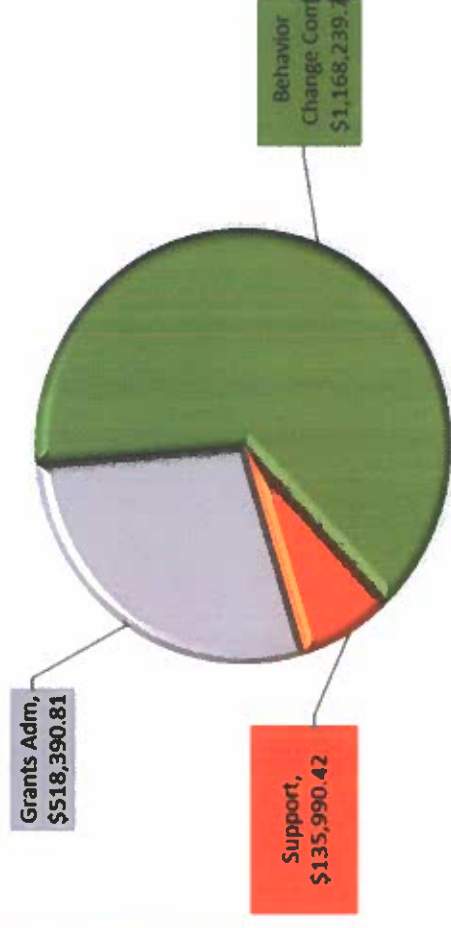


The average age at referral was 14.9 years. Of the 284 youth with OYAS data, 62.0% (n = 176) scored Moderate and 31.7% (n = 90) scored Low. In 2023, 39.5% (n = 139) of youth served by the Resource Center were referred for a misdemeanor while 39.2% (n = 138) were referred for being “at risk”. Nineteen youth served in 2023 were referred for a felony. The most common reason was a direct referral from the prosecutor (30.7%, n = 108) followed by a referral for truancy for in-person schooling (21.3%, n = 75). Over 91 percent (91.2%, n = 268) of the youth referred in 2023 received a support activity. Of the 300 youth who were both admitted and released from services in the quarter, 81.7% (n = 245) completed successfully while 9.3% (n = 28) had a neutral termination (see the figure in the article). Nine percent (9.0%, n = 27) of the youth served in 2023 completed unsuccessfully. The Family Resource Center and the Juvenile Court have been working on outreach opportunities and would like to see an increase of walk-in families that are in need of assistance. Don’t wait until it is too late. Call us today at 440-994-6044 or walk-in and see us at 4717 Main Ave. Basement, and get the help that you need today!

Recent Audit: Fiscal Year 2023 Monitoring Report

As of the date of this report, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court funds 1.1 Subsidy Grant programs/activities for Fiscal Year 2023. The juvenile court currently funds four community and no residential behavioral change programs. For the period of FY 2013 through FY 2022, the number of felony adjudications reported by the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court decreased by 76.7% (-23 adjudications), while the statewide total of felony adjudications decreased by 31.4% (-1,454 adjudications). Compared to FY 2021, the court's felony adjudications for FY 2022 decreased by 58.8% (-10 adjudications), while the estimated statewide total of felony adjudications increased by 3.5% (+107 adjudications). As of the date of the monitoring report, based upon 12 months of data, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court has committed no youth to DYS and no youth to CCFs. The court is projected to have no change in its total FY 2023 commitments as compared to FY 2022. The Court received excellent marks throughout the report and demonstrated evidence that necessary fiscal reporting controls are in place. All of the program evaluations received high regards and all evidence demonstrated the program is being delivered in accordance with the program narrative and within the scope of the Department of the Youth Services. All programs have well-documented processes and each have produced evidence demonstrating achievement of intended program purposes and outcomes. The department made no recommendations, or changes to our programs. The Court is extremely proud of this monitoring audit, and acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the Family Resource Center staff! A special note of thanks is extended to Karen Capstick and Kelly Butcher for their outstanding attentiveness to detail.

FY 2023 BUDGET BY PROGRAM PURPOSE



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 (Diversification 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.

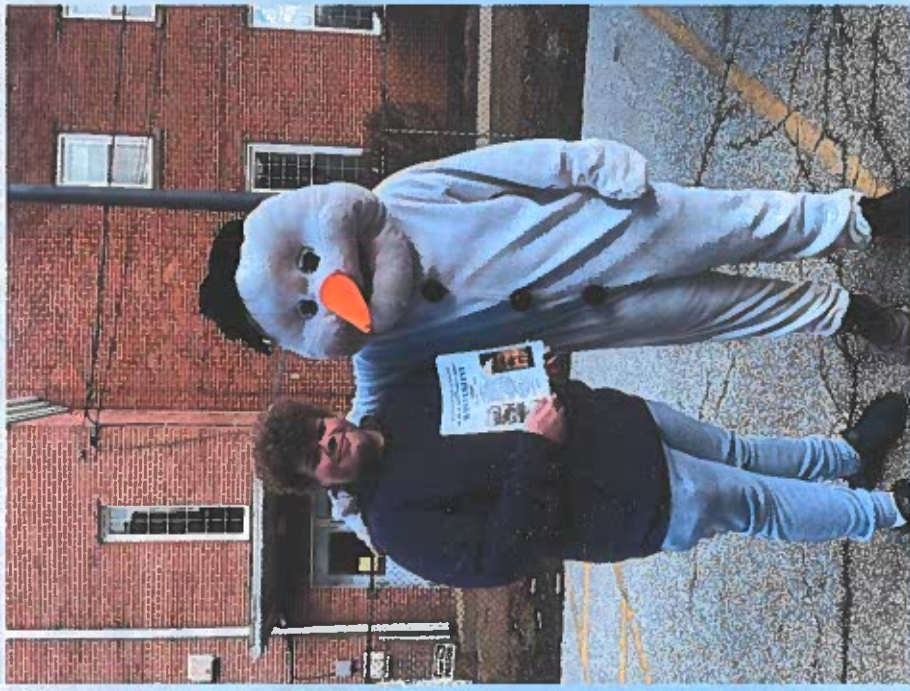




New Grant Obtained: Taste of Transformation- Culinary Futures: A New FRC Program

The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court is very excited to announce a new grant collaboration involving its Family Resource Center [FRC], and a local business group. Our proposal will allow FRC youth the opportunity to acquire real-world culinary skills and training in a commercial kitchen. Inspired by the *Edwins* restaurant of Cleveland, Ohio, the FRC and local businessman and owner of *Dublin Down*, Dave Clint will be partnering to develop a culinary skills program that will be situated in the former Salvation Army Building in downtown Ashtabula. This space is being transformed into a recreational venue featuring pickle ball, bocce, shuffle ball, billiards and other activities. Our FRC plans to re-purpose the Juvenile Court's currently unused industrial kitchen equipment from our former Youth Detention Center [YDC] for program use within the facility. Our grant funding will allow the FRC to provide a multitude of intervention, diversion and prevention opportunities for our FRC involved youth. Youth will have opportunity to acquire culinary training and skills in a commercial kitchen while under the supervision of Mr. Clint and food service professionals. Many FRC youth also take classes through the County Technical School; and therefore, they will have opportunity after school and during the summer to continue their craft and continue to learn. This is a new program with new community partners which we are very excited about. This program will continually grow, and contribute to the reinvigoration currently taking place on Main St. in the City of Ashtabula. This project has been initially funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in the amount of \$50,000. Additional funds and grant asks have also been submitted. This new initiative will give all youth in Ashtabula the opportunity to participate and not discriminate against race, age, sex, religion, etc. It will strategically engage the community and produce more improved outcomes for youth, families and their wellbeing. We plan to have this program fully operational by April 1st, 2024 and it is expected to evolve over time. *Edwins* is a proven model which gives re-entry opportunity to justice involved adults.. This program will be restricted to youth and families that already have an interest in the food service industry. We fully expect the project to prove invaluable to our youth, and local restaurants.

Community Service



Our Community Service Youth are all around town doing tasks such as cleaning up our local parks and participating in various community events to lend a helping hand when needed.

Evidence Based Programming

GIRLS CIRCLE



EVERY KID IS ONE
CARING ADULT AWAY
FROM BEING A
SUCCESS STORY

— JOSH SHIPP



Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPCS)

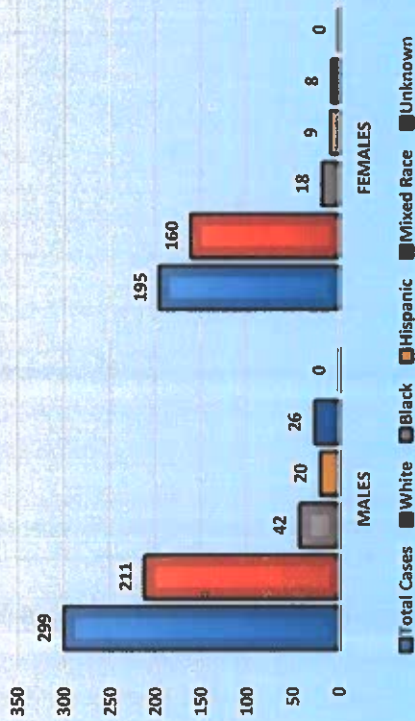
Motivational Interviewing (MI)

THE COUNCIL
FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

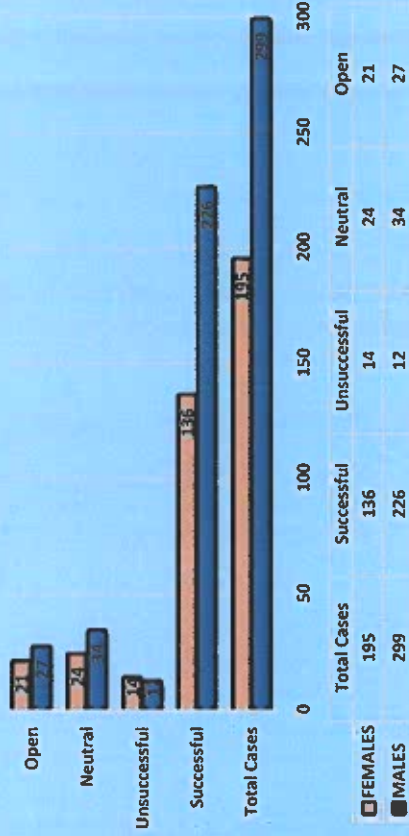
Family Resource Center



2022 DIVERSION CASES

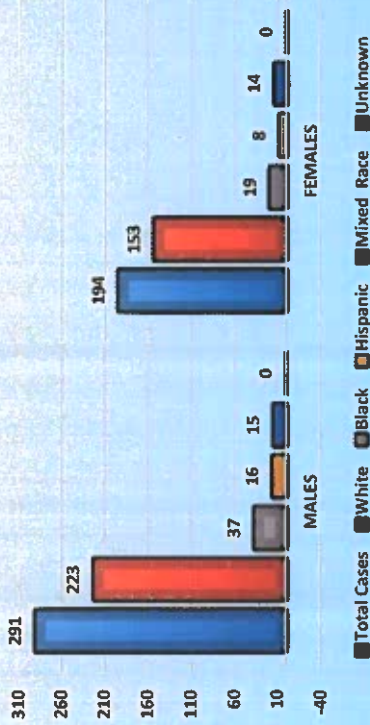


2022 Diversion Terminations

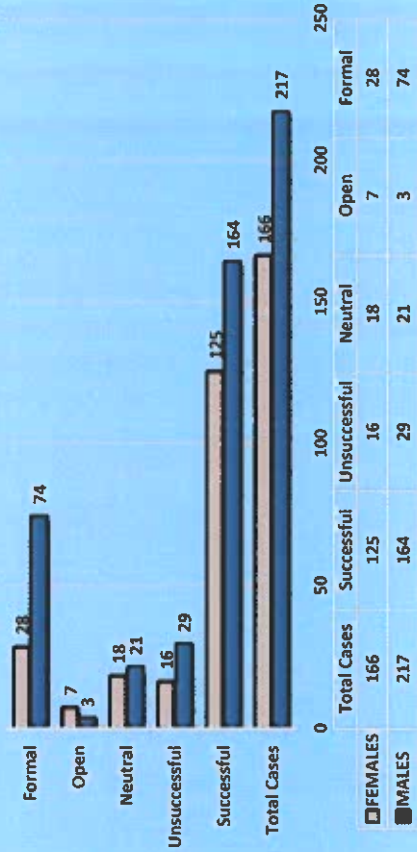


Family Resource Center

2023 Diversion Cases



2023 Diversion Terminations



Total Number of Cases 2023

1,603 Cases

- Delinquency 197
- Unruly 8
- Traffic 379
- Abuse, Neglect or Dependency 254
- Other Custodies 103
- Paternity 296
- Adult Cases 61
- All Others 24
- Permanent Custody 18
- Support – Enforce or Modify 263

Number of Males and Females Involved in Delinquency / Unruly 2023

Exclusive of Carryover

• Delinquency	
• Males	145
• Females	56
• Unruly	
• Males	4
• Females	4

Age of Juvenile Offenders Delinquency and Unruly 2023 Exclusive of Carryover

Age	# Cases
11 and younger	10
12	9
13	16
14	36
15	45
16	47
17	41
18+	5

2023 Types of Delinquent Cases

Exclusive of Carryover

• 2152 Delinquency / Contempt / Probation Violation	0
• 2903 Assault / Menacing	59
• 2905 Kidnap / Attempted Abduction	0
• 2907 Rape / Gross sexual Imposition / Dissemination	5
• 2909 Arson / Vandalism / Criminal Mischief	8
• 2911 Robbery / Burglary / Trespass	16
• 2913 Theft / Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle / Misuse of Credit Card / Receiving Stolen Property	7
• 2917 Disorderly Conduct / Inducing Panic	16
• 2919 Domestic Violence / Endangering a Child	52
• 2921 Intimidation / Falsification / Obstruction of Justice / Failure to Comply	8

2023 Types of Delinquent Cases

Exclusive of Carryover

- 2923 Discharging Firearm / Carrying Concealed Weapon / 10
- 2925 Trafficking / Possession of Drugs / 1
- 4301 Underage Consumption 1
- 4729 Possession of Dangerous Drugs 0
- TRD Transfer Cases 18

2023 Types of Unruly Cases

Exclusive of Carryover

• Curfew Violation / Home Truancy	1
• Tobacco	5
• Habitually Disobedient	1
• School Truancy	0
• Health and Morals	0



2023 Truancy Cases

- Number of Youth placed in alternatives to adjudication under R.C. 2151.27(G) 118
- Number of Youth who successfully completed alternatives to adjudication 72
- 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 118



Department of Youth Services (DYS) Admission Data through August 2023

The six Targeted RECLAIM courts (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit) have admitted the seven (+7) more youth as compared to the same period in FY2023 (+12.7%). The nine Expanded Targeted RECLAIM courts (Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark and Trumbull) admitted two (-2) fewer youth (-10.5%) as compared to the same time period in FY 2023. Combined, the fifteen courts participating in the Targeted RECLAIM initiative admitted seventy-nine (79) youth, which is five (+5) more youth compared to the same time period in FY 2023. The percentage of minority youth admitted by the 15 courts is 87.3% which is up 3.7% when compared to the same time period in FY 2023. The number of minority youth admitted by all courts is seventy-seven (77) youth compared to only twenty-eight (28) white youth, this is a 4.7% increase in minority admissions, as a percentage of total admissions, when compared to the same time period in FY 2023. Admissions from Ohio's 73 Non-Targeted RECLAIM courts admitted two (-2) fewer youth compared to the same period in FY 2023, making statewide admissions up by two (+2) youth compared to the first three months of FY2023.

County	FY2019		FY2020		FY2021		FY2022		FY2023		FY2024 July-September		com- pared to FY2023		
	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	actual	total	committed	reverted		total	projected
Allen	2	4	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	2	0	2	8	3
Ashtabula	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butler	7	8	3	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	0	0	5	20	13
Licking	17	16	14	8	3	2	1	3	12	9	2	1	3	12	9
Lorain	8	9	9	21	16	2	3	5	20	4	2	3	5	20	4
Mahoning	6	10	10	12	10	0	0	0	0	-10	0	0	0	0	-10
Medina	1	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Stark	3	2	0	8	7	1	0	1	4	-3	1	0	1	4	-3
Trumbull	3	6	2	5	4	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	0
9 county total	48	61	41	68	54	13	4	17	68	14	13	4	17	68	14
All counties	343	287	287	358	344	96	9	105	420	76					

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



County	FY2018		FY2019		FY2020		FY2021		FY2022		FY2023	
	actual	revised	actual	revised	actual	revised	actual	revised	actual	revised	committed	total
Allen	4	2	4	1	1	1	5	4	0	4		4
Ashtabula	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Butler	11	7	9	3	7	1	1	1	1	2		2
Licking	13	17	16	14	8	1	8	1	0	1		1
Lorain	13	8	9	9	21	8	3	11				
Mahoning	9	6	10	10	12	5	1	6				
Medina	3	1	4	1	2	1	0	1				
Stark	6	3	2	0	8	3	0	3				
Trumbull	9	3	6	2	5	2	0	2				
9 county total	68	48	61	41	68	25	5	30				
All counties	435	343	267	287	358	147	20	167				

The six Targeted RECLAM courts (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit) have admitted three (-3) fewer youth which is down (+3.1%) compared to the same period in FY 2022. The nine Expanded Targeted RECLAM courts (Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark and Trumbull) admitted eight (-8) fewer youth (- 21.1%) compared to the same time period in FY 2022. Combined, the fifteen courts participating in the Targeted RECLAM initiative admitted one hundred twenty-four (124) youth, which is eleven (-11) more youth compared to the same time period in FY 2022. The percentage of minority youth admitted by the 15 courts is 86.3% which is up 2.0% when compared to the same time period in FY 2022. The number of minority youth admitted by all courts is one hundred seventeen (117) compared to fifty (50) white youth, this is a 4.5% 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 RECLAM courts admitted nine (+9) more youth compared to the same period in FY 2022, making statewide admissions down by two (-2) youth compared to the first eight months of FY2022.

Department of Youth Services (DYS) Admission Data through February 2023

The six Targeted RECLAIM courts (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit) have admitted five (-5) fewer youth which is down (-4.0%) compared to the same period in FY 2022. The nine Expanded Targeted RECLAIM courts (Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark and Trumbull) admitted five (-5) fewer youth (-11.6%) compared to the same time period in FY 2022. Combined, the fifteen courts participating in the Targeted RECLAIM initiative admitted one hundred fifty-eight (158) youth, which is ten (-10) more youth compared to the same time period in FY 2022. The percent-age of minority youth admitted by the 15 courts is 84.8% which is up 0.5% when compared to the same time period in FY 2022. The number of minority youth admitted by all courts is one hundred fifty-two (152) compared to sixty-three (63) white youth, this is a 3.9% de-crease 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 RECLAIM courts admit-ted fifteen (+15) more youth (35.7%) compared to the same period in FY 2022, making statewide admissions up by five (-5) youth compared to the first eight months of FY 2022. It should be noted that for FY 2022 The 73 non-targeted RECLAIM courts accounted for 20% of the state's year-to-date total admissions while in FY 2023 these courts account for 26.5% of the state's year-to-date total admissions.



Department of Youth Services (DYS) Admission Data through March 2023

The six Targeted RECLAIM courts (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit) have admitted seven (-7) fewer youth which is down (-4.8%) compared to the same period in FY 2022. The nine Expanded Targeted RECLAIM courts (Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Licking, Lorain, Ma-honing, Medina, Stark and Trumbull) admitted eight (-8) fewer youth (-16.3%) compared to the same time period in FY 2022. Combined, the fifteen courts participating in the Targeted RECLAIM initiative admitted one hundred seventy-nine (179) youth, which is fifteen (-15) fewer youth compared to the same time period in FY 2022. After nine months, the six Targeted RECLAIM and nine Expanded Targeted RECLAIM courts are on track to have a decrease in their DYS admissions for FY2023. The percent-age of minority youth admitted by the 15 courts is 84.4% which is up 0.1% when compared to the same time period in FY 2022. The number of minority youth admitted by all courts is one hundred seventy-three (173) compared to seventy-six (76) white youth, this is a 5.1% decrease in minority admissions, as a percentage of total admissions, when compared to the same time period in FY 2022. Statewide admissions are up by three (+3) youth compared to the first nine months of FY 2022. It should be noted that for FY 2022 The 73 non-targeted RECLAIM courts accounted for 21.1% of the state's year-to-date total admissions while in FY 2023 these courts account for 28.1% of the state's year-to-date total admissions.



Ashtabula Bar Association Distinguished Service Award: Greta Moore

Article written by, Joseph A. Humpolick. "Many years ago I went to a number of funerals for a lot of very good lawyers who were well respected by their colleagues but never received any public recognition from them for who they were as professionals and what they did for the bar community of Ashtabula County. I found it sad that so many of them said so much about them when they died but never honored them when they were alive. Surely every one of them deserved a "This is your life" moment. So I made up my mind to do something about this once I got into a position of leadership. Thus when I became the president of the county bar roughly thirty years ago I decided to start a new tradition to honor our own who stood out from us all in their legal careers. I also decided to honor the members of our bar family who stood out from all others for their service to it. Accordingly, I created the Distinguished Service Awards. Annually we present an award to a lawyer who throughout the course of his or her career has stood out from us all for his service to the legal profession and his professionalism in the court-room and his commitment to the highest aspirations of our profession. We also present an award to a member of our bar community who is not a lawyer for their service to it. We solicit nominations from the members of our bar association and a select committee of myself and Michael Hamper and Margaret Brunarski reviews them and selects worthy recipients for both awards based upon a number of well defined criteria. We then honor these people at our annual bar meeting by presenting them with a handsome plaque. We also enshrine their names on a master plaque that contains the names of all previous winners of these awards that hangs at the courthouse in Jefferson.



Ashtabula Bar Association Distinguished Service Award: Greta Moore – continued

We have been doing this for roughly 30 years. The master plaques that hang at the court-house contains the names of many who had awesome careers of service and received public recognition for their work. Unfortunately a number of these people have left us. However it is now a tradition and a responsibility of our bar association to honor its own and to see that those who serve it well are never forgotten. This year we honored Dorcas Russo for her work and her professionalism as magistrate in Common Pleas Court. Her work ethic and fairness in the administration of justice has earned her a great deal of respect from her colleagues

Greta Moore received her award for her many years of service as an administrative assistant in Ashtabula County Juvenile and Probate Court. She is one of the reasons why the court is well respected and why it functions well. Perhaps this is because she has great people skills and great leadership skills as well. What makes her special is that she has done more than could be expected of her in her position even though she lost her husband and has had a family to raise in addition to taking courses at Lakeland Community College to become a paralegal. A number of people spoke out on her behalf at the annual meeting last week.

In fact, I can't recall when so many people spoke out for anyone who ever received an award from this association."

The Ashtabula County Juvenile / Probate Court is so thankful to have Greta on our team! Congratulations Greta on this award!





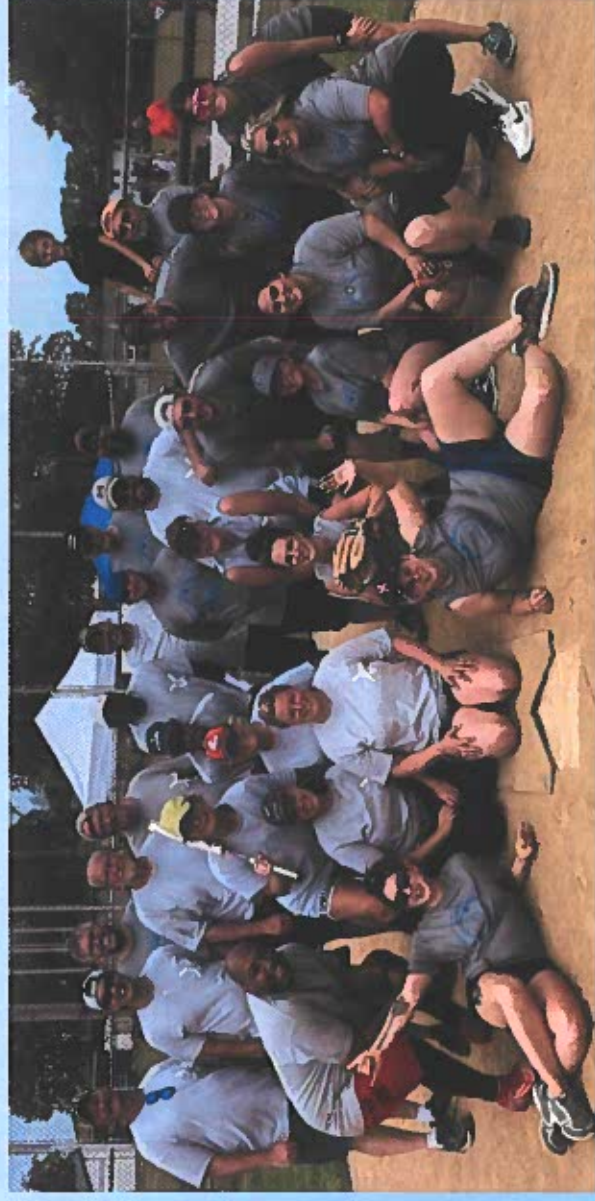
Welcome New Staff Attorney Michael Hiener!

Michael Hiener was born in Marietta, Ohio, and grew up on a farm operated by his parents, Walter and Martha Hiener. He is a 1977 graduate of Marietta High School and attended The Ohio State University where he received his B.S. in Wildlife Management in 1983 and his J.D. from OSU's College of Law in 1986. Mike first practiced law in Sidney, Ohio where, besides his private practice, he was the Sidney Municipal Court prosecutor. He moved to Parma, Ohio after marrying his wife Diane and practiced in downtown Cleveland at a small litigation firm. Mike and Diane moved east to Denmark Township. Mike has practiced in Ashtabula County for over 20 years, and has extensive experience in the Juvenile Court. Mike has served as Acting Judge in the Eastern and Western County Courts under three different judges, and as a Denmark Township Trustee. Mike's wife, Dr. Diane Veale Hiener, has been a Jefferson veterinarian since 1996. They live on a working farm in Demark Township with their two beagles Lucky and Otis, four barn cats and a small flock of chickens. Please join us in welcoming our new staff attorney, Michael Hiener!



Community Softball Event

On Saturday July 8th, the Juvenile/Probate Court took on Signature Health in a friendly softball game at Massucci Field. Signature Health showed up to play and took down Juvenile Court with an impressive double play in the very first inning. They were strong at bat the entire game racking up 12 runs. Juvenile Court played great defense—ground balls were stopped and pop flies were caught. Mr. Jim Howell showed off his skills on the pitching mound and Kenny Mauro hit a home run! A big thank you to our volunteer umps, Ashtabula County Treasurer-Angie Maki Cliff and team player, Elizabeth Scalise. The Court has a few more games lined up and if your agency would like to play a game, contact Kenny Mauro at 440-994-6023. We had a great time with great people at this event. Congratulations to Signature Health and we will see you on the field again soon!

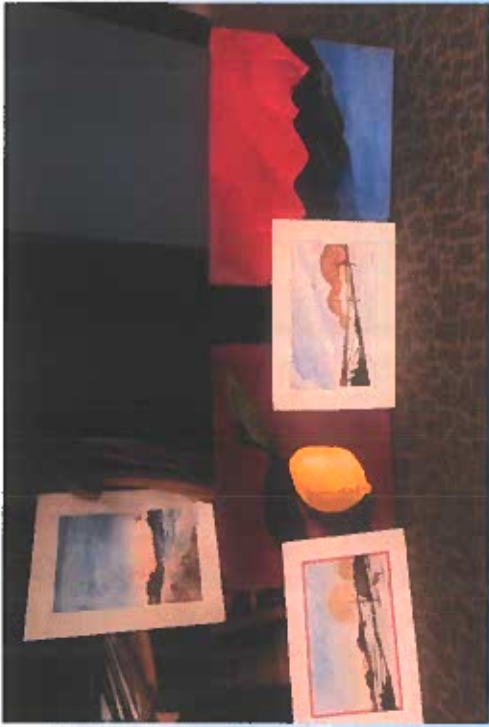


Community Softball Event

On Saturday August 12, the Juvenile Court participated in a softball tournament with Signature Health (SH), the Ashtabula County Sheriff Department (ACSO) and the Ashtabula County Children Services Board (CSB). The friendly softball games took place at Massucci Field in Ashtabula. In the first game, the Court took down CSB 12-4. Jim Howell pitched the complete game and had his “stuff” working. Pete Gardner kept a rally going in the 4th with a two run single. The Court received contributions up and down the line-up and had many walks. In the second game, the Court took on SH and won 6-5 in a rained shortened exciting game. SH struck first with one run in the first inning. The Court battled back with two runs in the third after a mishap in the field. SH struck again with four runs in the 4th and took a commanding lead. In the last inning, the

Court found its groove and magic. Yazmeen Jimenez led off with a base hit followed by Emily Zeigler and Gary Thaxton. With the bases loaded, Bobby (Ilama) Kosik emptied the bases with a triple tying the game. With two outs and the game on the line, Cody Slaybaugh knocked in Bobby for the win and a mob commenced at home plate. All teams had a fantastic time with great weather, food and fun.





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 as a forum where the artistic talents of our county's youth may be showcased and viewed. We solicit, frame and display new artwork each year. The previous year's artwork is then returned to the student with framing. Each piece of student art is framed by *Framed on Main* via the sponsorship and generosity of the *Ashtabula County Bar Association*. Pandemic concerns temporarily suspended our program. However, we recently received new student artwork from the Pymatuning Valley School District. Very soon, student artwork will again adorn the walls and public spaces of our juvenile court. Because of the assistance and support of our collaborators, our county's young artists have a wonderful year-long opportunity to be recognized, and to shine! Thank you!



Court Administrator, Andrew Misiak, Earns Fellow Certification



Andrew Misiak, Court Administrator with the Ashtabula County Juvenile & Probate Court in Ashtabula, OH, has been certified as a fellow of the Institute for Court Management (ICM) at the National Center for State Courts. ICM Fellows complete a rigorous four-step process that measures an individual's aptitude in court management, re-search, and executive leadership through three levels of certification. Mr. Misiak joins eighteen other recent pro-gram graduates and more than 1,300 alumni who represent 49 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and 13 foreign countries. Since 1970, the Institute has delivered training and education to judicial branch personnel in emerging areas of court leadership and management concepts, case management, human resources management, court performance standards, and other areas deemed critical to professional development. The ICM Fellows program offers the only intensive educational program for court professionals in the U.S.

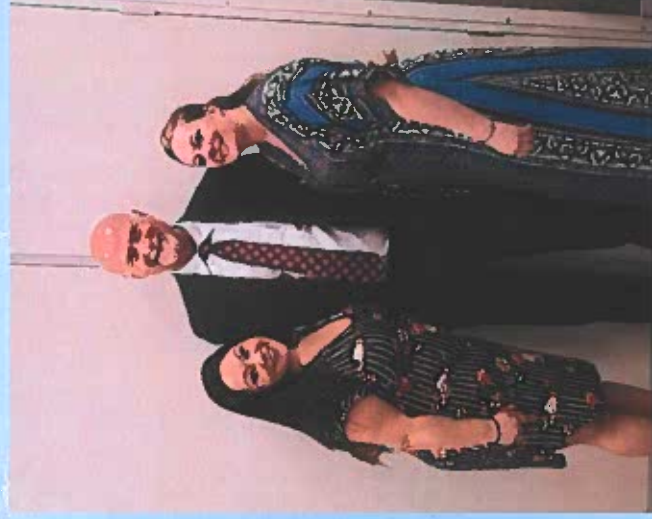


New MISSION Practices being Utilized by Family Drug Court

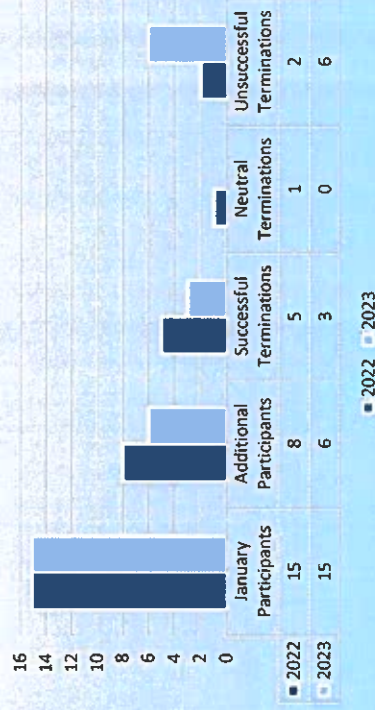
MISSION is an intensive case management/peer support wraparound service that targets the criminal justice population. It is an evidence-based program, and follows a curriculum lasting six months. The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board fully funds this service, and Signature Health is the current service provider. Until recently, MISSION was available only to participants of Mental Health Court docket and Renewal Court. However, Mental Health Court has recently ceased operation of its docket. As a result, MISSION is now being offered to the participants of our court's Family Drug Court [FDC]. MIS-SION will allow our FDC to provide extra degree of support that our parents may require to succeed. MISSION has five treatment elements that include critical time interventions, empowering prosocial change, dual recovery therapy, peer support sessions, and linkage to employment and trauma services. In 2016, MISSION was entered into the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices. Four studies of MISSION_CJ have been conducted. Two studies were conducted in Veterans Treatment Courts, one in a Mental Health Court, and one in a Drug Court. These studies demonstrated participants in MISSION-CJ experienced decreases in criminal recidivism, and improvements in mental health and substance abuse outcomes, employment opportunities. Users improved link-ages to both VA ,and non-VA care. We celebrate our expanded services, and are deeply appreciative to ACMHR SB and SH for this opportunity!

Family Drug Court Graduation Celebration

On April 3, 2023, our Family Drug Court conducted its 11th graduation ceremony by celebrating Danielle Wimer and Heather Morse's completion of our FDC program. Collectively, Danielle and Heather completed 48 months in our program. A "packed house" turned out at the Ashtabula County District Library to celebrate the commitment, hard work and success of these two special women. Bravo ladies! Keep going. Keep growing! A special thanks to our guest speaker, Sarah Martin (August 2020 FDC Graduate), Brightview Health for the cupcakes/refreshments, Melissa Blank of *Melissa Blank Photography* and Karen Roderick from *Sass For Your Grass* for donating her time as our Easter Bunny for the children! For more information on the Family Drug Court program, call Lora Faenza at 440-994-6031 or email her at LEFaenza@ashtabulacounty.us.



Juvenile Court Drug Court



2023 was impacted by medical leave of our CSB case worker

Accepted Statistics: 6

FDC had 3 additional referrals that were not accepted into the program.

- Two were a couple and they refused to participate
- One would not return phone calls

Successful Discharges Statistics: 3

3 CSB cases successfully closed & children unified with parents

-5 Children total were reunified

-1 Additional child was born during FDC participation with no CSB involvement

-Months in the program for these three participants range from 17-31 months.

-All three participants are now employed full-time. One as a Peer Support at ACCSB, and one at Lake Erie Correctional Institution.

-One participant has regular visitation with her 2 children who are in legal custody of a sister.

Unsuccessful Discharge Statistics: 6

3 cases successfully closed with CSB and were reunified with their children but chose not to continue in the program.

In the future, these cases will be considered successful due to the successful CSB case and reunification.

-One participant was terminated due to non-compliance, but the spouse graduated and has successfully closed with CSB

-One participant was terminated due to non-compliance, lost permanent custody of 2 children, and a third child was placed with a grandparent who was granted legal custody.

- One participant was terminated due to non-compliance, CSB case is still open with the goal of reunification
- Four children were reunited in total.

Neutral Discharge Statistics: 0



Family Drug Court Graduation Celebration

The December graduation, we celebrated 1 graduate. This graduate was a previous graduate of our program, so we decided to celebrate a bit different. We celebrated a “Gift of Recovery” graduation/program holiday party. There was a Taco Bar with the food items donated by the Treatment Team members. Presents were donated by a non-profit organization, By the Dawn’s Early Light, to all the children of parents who are participating in the FDC program—each child received 3 presents. Our graduate also received a Christmas Tree with gift cards hanging from the branches. Melissa Blank Photography Continues to take family photos for our program graduates.



Family Drug Court



Alumni Meetings:

Our Family Drug Court continues to hold monthly Alumni Meetings. Community information and resources are supplied to the attendees. With the assistance of our non-profit (Friends of the Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court), participants receive a gift card to a local restaurant for their meeting attendance.

Our program also had a Family Drug Court Alumni Holiday Party. All attendees received gifts that were donated from community organizations. They also received non-perishable food items, and one lucky participant walked away with a frozen turkey.



Juvenile Court Outside Funding

Funding Source	Provides For	2023
Youth Services Grant	Resource Center Staff and Programming	1,345,300.70
Title XX Grant	Resource Center Services	8,197.13
Drug Court Fund ODMHAS	Drug Court Operations	47,565.00
CSEA	Staff/Supplies to process Court Documents	45,258.22
Title IV-E	Staff for Record keeping/Billing/Case Management	5,280.55
Technology Grant	Probate Court	\$33,206.00
ARPA Backlog Grant	Juvenile Court and Probate Court	\$65,034.35
Annie E. Casey Foundation	Assist with building an "Edwins" model kitchen to provide a place to learn a marketable skill	\$50,000.00
Total		1,599,841.95

Welcome New Probate Magistrate: Richard Dana!

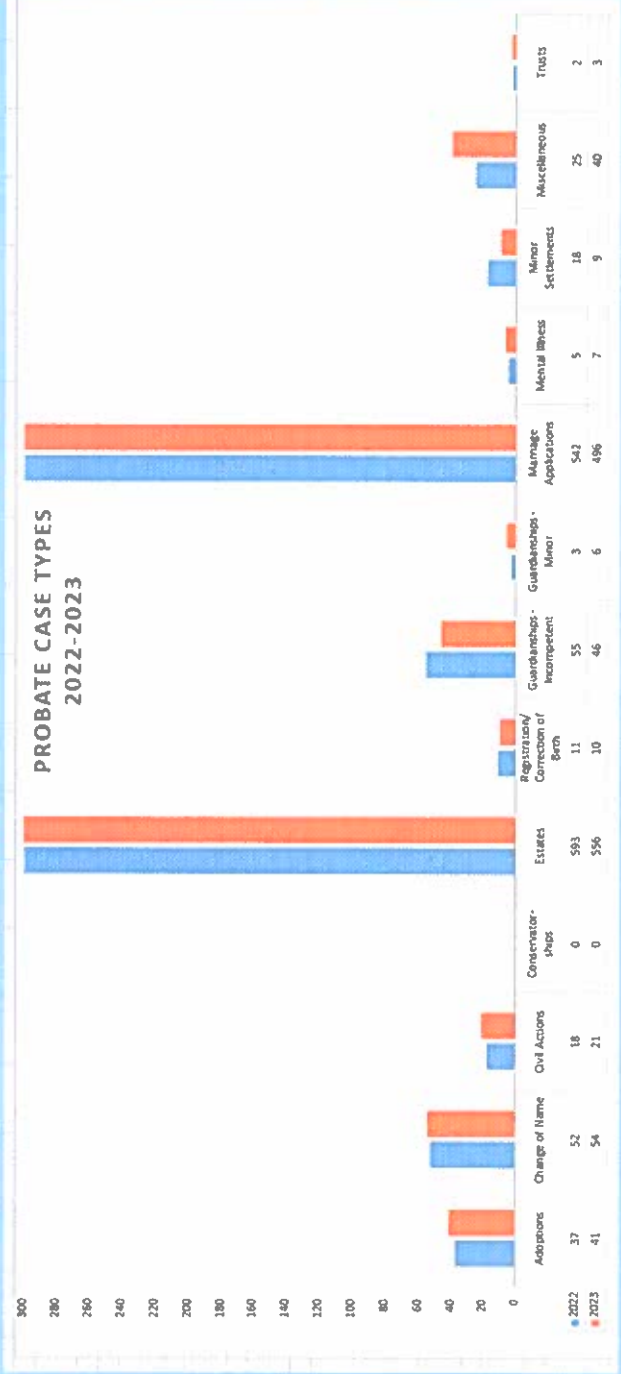
Richard Dana, Esq. began his term as a new Magistrate this past month. Richard replaces former Magistrate Michael Hamper who accepted an employment opportunity in the private sector. Richard graduated with University Honors from the Ohio State University. He received his juris doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Richard has prior experience as an acting judge, and has also served as a former member of a local School Board. He is an Adjunct Professor of Justice Studies and Criminology, Department of Sociology and Instructor of Business Law and Ethics at Kent State University - Ashtabula. Richard brings a wealth of legal experience and community involvement to our bench. He is a Past-President of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, and a former board member of the Ashtabula County Mental Health/Recovery Services Board. He is a past Board President of the Hubbard House Underground Railroad Museum, and currently serves as a Board Vice Chair of University Hospitals Eastern Market. Richard has created and presented programming highlighting the role the "Western Reserve" has played in the history of the Underground Railroad, Women's Suffrage, and the Civil Rights Movement. He has spoken on these topics throughout the Country, and at the White House in February of 2016. In 2017, Richard moderated a panel discussion during the grand opening of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center in Church Creek, Maryland. We look forward to working and collaborating with Richard as he enters upon his duties as magistrate.





Case Type	2022	2023	Difference
Adoptions	37	41	4
Change of Name	52	54	2
Civil Actions	18	21	3
Conservatorships	0	0	0
Estates	593	556	-37
Registration Correction of Birth	11	10	-1
Guardianships - Incompetent	55	46	-9
Guardianships - Minor	3	6	3
Marriage Applications	542	496	-46
Mental Illness	5	7	2
Minor Settlements	18	9	-9
Miscellaneous	25	40	15
Trusts	2	3	1
TOTAL	1361	1289	-72

Case Search Request	2022	2023	Difference
Case Search Request	1261	981	-280

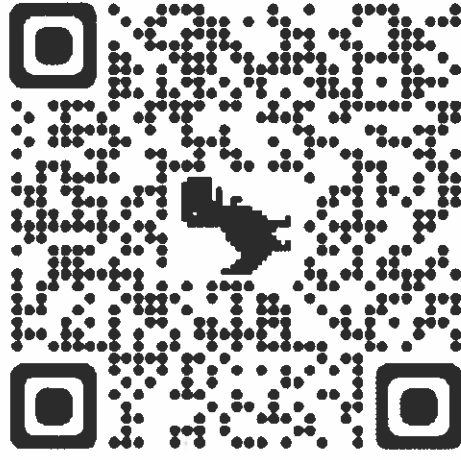




Welcome to the Ashtabula County Probate & Juvenile Court

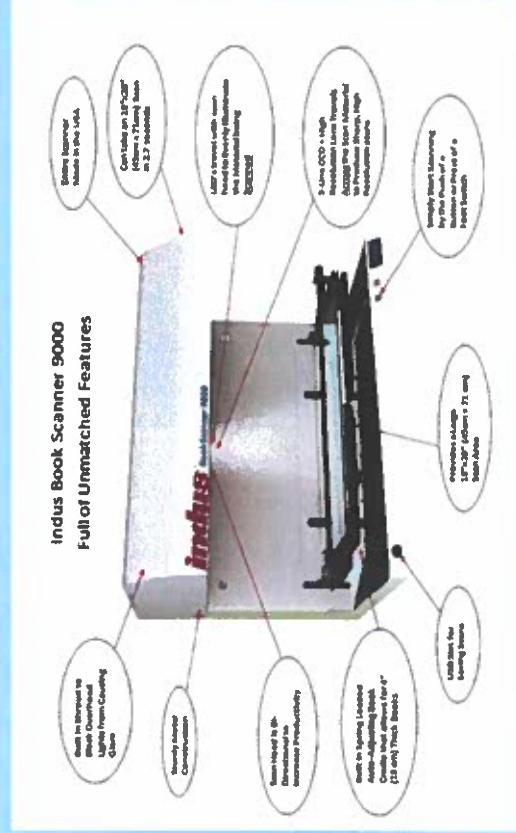
We are excited to announce the release of a brand new website! The website was created by Dave Clayman of dusty fly productions. The website was able to be created because of a grant from the Office of Criminal Justice Services and the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The funding was given to the Court as part of a backlog ask. Scan the QR code below to be taken directly to the

site or click on the link below. You can find out everything there is to know about the Juvenile and Probate jurisdictions, our specialized dockets and our Family Resource Center. We would like to thank Dave for developing the new website and be sure to keep updated and in touch <https://ashtabulaprobatejuvenile.com/>



Supreme Court of Ohio Technology Grant Received

The Probate Division obtained the Supreme Court of Ohio Technology Grant in the amount of \$33,206.00. This project will enhance existing record-keeping processes, and improve security technology infrastructure. The project will build reliable and more efficient methods to access our court which in turn will enhance public trust and confidence in our judicial system. The grant was awarded pursuant to the Ohio Courts Technology Initiative. This Initiative recognizes enhanced technology allows our courts to serve the public more securely, efficiently, and transparently. Whether a grant involves security systems in a courthouse, or facilitates an implementation of e-filing, this grant program seeks to improve access to justice for all Ohioans. This award will be used to purchase a Bookscanner 9000 de-vice. The device will allow the court to scan and secure case records and documents at a high rate of speed. Being able to scan and preserve documents in a digital format will save time, money and preserve valuable office space. We are thrilled to receive the continuing support of the Ohio Supreme Court. We thank the Court for making these funds available!



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