

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, COSHOCTON COUNTY

PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION



2021

ANNUAL REPORT

VAN BLANCHARD II, JUDGE

AMANDA MILLER, MAGISTRATE

DOUG SCHONAUER, COURT ADMINISTRATOR

KATHY JONES, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

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Doug Schonauer	Administrator, Probate & Juvenile
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Steve Edwards	Juvenile Diversion Director
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Jody Greer	Juvenile Deputy Clerk
Sara Hartsock	Probate Deputy Clerk
Katrina Havranek	Juvenile Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Hawkins	Juvenile Deputy Clerk
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Melissa Mullett	Probate Deputy Clerk
Kyle Myers	Juvenile Probation Officer
Heather Newell	Family Unit Specialist
Nicole Shaw	Juvenile Chief Probation Officer
Kevin Cichon	Deputy Sheriff / Court Security
Chris Johnson	Deputy Sheriff / Court Security (Temp)
Josh Walsh	Deputy Sheriff / Court Security (Temp)
Chris Walters	Deputy Sheriff / Court Security

Contract & Other:

Kelly Bratton	GAL / Court Investigator	Diana Dudgeon	Appointed Counsel
Lisa Christianson	Appointed Counsel	Rose Fox	Appointed Counsel
Bethany Clark	Guardian Ad Litem	Meranda Law	Appointed Counsel
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David Hipp	Appointed Counsel	Fred Sealover	Appointed Counsel
Sheila Mayse	Guardian Ad Litem	Christie Thornsley	Appointed Guardian
Jetta Mencer	GAL / Appointed Counsel	Dave Mortimer	Appointed Counsel
Jeanette Moll	GAL / Appointed Counsel	William Owens	Appointed Guardian
Joy Padgett	Guardian Ad Litem	Pam Coffing	Court Investigator
Angela Sianjina	Guardian Ad Litem	Jill Hammersley	Traffic Seminar Presenter
Traci Keesee	Adoption Assessor	Richard Hixson	Guardian Ad Litem

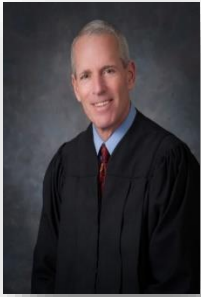
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Kelly Bratton	Help Center Legal Intern
Capital University	Family & Youth Law Center

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Volunteer Attorneys, Southeast Ohio Legal Services, Coshocton County Bar Assn for staffing 12 Family Law Clinics held in 2021!

Volunteer Attorneys: Lisa Christianson, Julie Dreher, Diana Dudgeon, Rose Fox, Corie Lahna, Maggie LaPlante, Jetta Mencer, Jeanette Moll, Christie Thornsley



Van Blanchard II, Judge

Appointed to Judgeship by Gov. John Kasich in 2011 after 26 years in private practice. Experience as Coshocton County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney & Public Defender, and staff attorney for the United States Treasury. Current term expires in 2021.

Active Member of Ohio Association of Probate & Juvenile Judges Law and Procedure Committee, Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Rules of Superintendence and participates in the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges Annual Conference. Active locally with Fatherhood Initiative, Leadership Coshocton County and High School Mock Trial.

Bachelors and Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University



Amanda Miller, Magistrate

Transitioned to the Court in October 2020 to assume the duties of Magistrate, most recently served as Assistant Tuscarawas County Prosecutor with over 16 years of professional service.

Experience has included work with the Public Defender's Office, work in private practice with abuse/ neglect/ dependency law and working with school districts to develop truancy diversion case plans. Magistrate Miller also assists with the Dover High School Mock Trial Program.

BA in History, Kent State University and Juris Doctorate from Akron University



Doug Schonauer, Court Administrator

Hired in 1992 by Judge C. Fenning Pierce as a Juvenile PO, became Chief PO in 2002 and Administrator in 2009 under Judge David W. Burns.

Serves on Children and Families Advisory Committee- Supreme Court of Ohio, current President of the Perry MCJCF Board, a Founding Director of Intercourt Conference & past OACA Board Member.

B.S. from The Ohio State University and CCM/CCE from National Center for State Courts.



Kathy Jones, Chief Clerk

Hired in 1993 By Judge C. Fenning Pierce, has served as Assistant to Judge, Juvenile Deputy Clerk and Chief Deputy Clerk since 2002.

Has assisted with numerous systems improvements and is a lifelong Coshocton County resident.

Graduate of River View High School / numerous professional training sessions for past 28 years

2021: A YEAR IN REVIEW



January-February:

- Judge Van Blanchard II began his second full term of office after his initial appointment in 2011
- The Court hosted an Annual Guardian Ad Litem Meeting with all local providers to review SR 48 and local program changes
- The Judge and Administrator conducted individual GAL assessments of services with each provider for Quality Assurance
- Digital Recording System updates and new computer installation for operating these systems occurred
- The Court reviewed a cell phone application for use of truancy related issues as a creative solution for lack of compulsory education law compliance. Ultimately, the implementation plan was too late for current academic year results to be realized
- The Quality Improvement Center Grant Project held a final ZOOM meeting to review the 3-year project results



March- April:

- Court Staff attended the 37th Annual Intercourt Conference's "Virtual Conference" to learn about:
 - Youth Homicides, featuring Dr. James Garbarino, Emeritus Professor, Cornell & Loyola
 - Legislative & Caselaw Updates, Hon. David Hejmanowski, Delaware County
 - Juvenile Suicide, featuring Dr. Lisa Boesky, Psychologist & Expert
 - Healing the Wounded Professional, Joseph Hendershot, ED.D.
- On the One Year Anniversary of starting the use of ZOOM as a platform for conducting court business, over 740 hearings and meetings by ZOOM in the past 12 months with over 5,000 participants have been held! Participants from multiple states, one other country, prison, detention facilities and other settings, have been able to access justice when barriers may have restricted or prohibited cases to proceed in a timely manner

May-June:

- Court Staff enjoyed a kickoff to summer cookout for lunch
- Annual Report of Court Services & Programs for 2020 Released
- Judge Blanchard attended Probate Law & Procedures Meeting and the annual Ohio Probate Judges Conference
- Judge Van Blanchard presents at Supreme Court of Ohio "New Judges Training" regarding using technology and Civil Docket Processes
- Magistrate Miller began Court Familiarity Training sessions for new DJFS Caseworkers to assist with the process of onboarding new workers within the county social service system

July -August:

- Credit Card processing for all case types was installed for customer payments
- Juvenile Deputy Clerk Billiejo Fechuch retired after 12 years of dedicated public service!
- Judge Blanchard attended 84th Annual National Conference on Juvenile Justice- St. Louis
- Coshocton County Juvenile Court receives notification of Court Improvement Funding for offsite Computer Center for ZOOM Hearings
- Staff attended the 37th Intercourt Conference's "Virtual Conference" to learn about:
 - Assessment & Case Planning: Franklin County & Canton Municipal Court
 - Resilience in Youth: Rick Miller, Prof. & Cl. Director, Arizona State University
 - Greg Gray, President, Renaissance Unlimited: communication & work insight



2021: A YEAR IN REVIEW



September – October:

- Court Staff met with Coshocton Behavioral Health regarding enhanced community services
- All Civil Docket Packets were updated and reformatted as fillable PDF's and uploaded on the Courts Help Site in coordination with Capital University's Family and Youth Law Center and local Help Center Staff
- Juvenile Local Rules with new formatting were updated and filed with the Supreme Court of Ohio
- Court staff met with the local Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
- Sheriff & Court Administrative Meeting
- Deputy Clerk Jody Greer retired after approximately 10 years of dedicated service to the Court
- Deputy Chris Walters named West Lafayette Chief of Police



November- December:

- Court staff completed its annual United Way Campaign achieved Gold Status with between \$1,000 and \$10,000 (13 consecutive yrs.)
- The Family Dependency Treatment Court was notified that Re-certification of the Specialized Docket was approved for 2021-2023
- Holiday Luncheon at a local restaurant held for Court Staff
- Court and Service Provider Update Meeting
- Court Staff attended the 37th Annual Intercourt Conference's "Virtual Conference" to learn about:
 - P.O.'s as Coaches vs. Referees, Brian Lovins, Researcher, Justice System Partners
 - Race and Inclusion, Dr. Rhonda Knight, CEO The Knight Consulting Group
 - 60 Tech Tips in 60 Minutes, Barron Henley, Esq., Affinity Consulting Group, LLC

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS 2021

- Judge Van Blanchard II participated in Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges Training / National Council of Family & Juvenile Court Judges Conference / Ohio Judicial Conference – Juvenile and Probate Law and Procedure Committees / Supreme Court of Ohio I-COURT Task Force / Presented at Ohio Judges Conference on Technology and the Courts
- **Court & Community Meetings / Other:** Friends of Coshocton County Drug Court / Leadership Coshocton County (Adult and Youth) / Deputy Clerks Meetings / Probation Services Meetings / Civil Docket Services Meetings / CSEA & DJFS Services Meetings / GAL Roundtable Meetings (3) / FDTC Status Review Sessions (35) / FDTC Participant Sessions (33) / Law Enforcement-Court Relations / IT Services Meeting / CSEA Show Cause Contempt Sessions (11)
- **Boards & Other (Staff):** Perry Multi-County JCF / Muskingum County JDC / Intercourt Conference / Supreme Court of Ohio Children & Families Advisory Committee / Coshocton County Career Center Advisory Committees (2) / DJFS Ohio Start / Family Pact / Coshocton County Fatherhood Initiative / First Step FVIS Network Participants / United Way of Coshocton County / Leadership Coshocton County / DJFS Workforce Advisory Committee / Coshocton County Family & Children First Council / Ohio KAN / Ohio Practice & Policy Academy

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

2021	Security Screens All	Health Screens Public	Health Screens Staff	Video ZOOM	Total Participants by video	Public Records Requests	Cost Collected on Records
January	233	198	321	53	399	58	\$160
February	290	182	285	77	466	51	\$158
March	275	204	359	86	590	82	\$234
April	276	172	280	59	365	47	\$122
May	384	266	39	42	267	51	\$134
June	370	190	-	60	465	65	\$262
July	446	221	-	47	298	56	\$218
August	469	242	-	50	321	48	\$269
September	380	178	-	62	346	53	\$241
October	427	184	-	48	265	60	\$188
November	428	168	-	52	301	42	\$156
December	462	107	-	47	316	26	\$97
TOTAL	4441	2312	1284	682	4399	639	\$2239

<u>COVID-19 IMPACT</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Security Screens:	4,441	5,890	14,806
Video Hearings:	682	581	53
Virtual F.L. Clinics Held:	12	8	0
Health Screens:	3596	3833	0

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE IN 2021

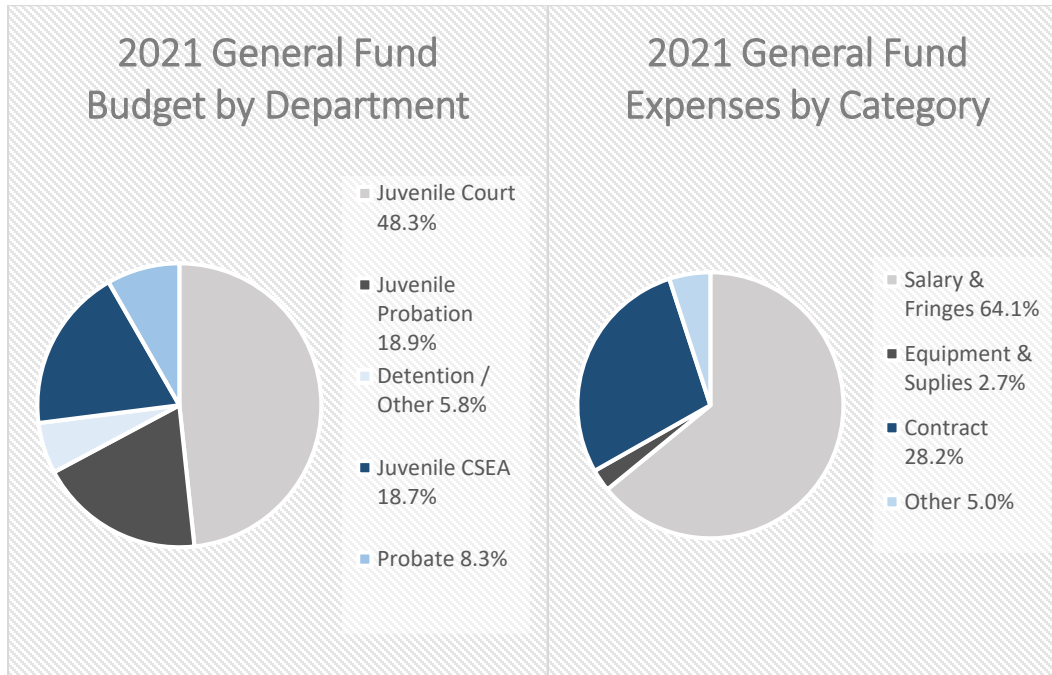
COURT SECURITY STATION

34 Alarm Tests / 12 Monthly In-Depth Security System Reviews / Daily Security Checklist Duties

SALARIES (22 Staff in 2021)

5 Court Staff fully funded by Coshocton County General Fund
 Remaining staff partially or fully funded by grants & other sources, including:
 Child Support Enforcement Agency
 Quality Improvement Center Grant (Federal)
 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - DJFS
 State of Ohio - Department of Youth Services
 State of Ohio – Elected Official
 State of Ohio – Mental Health and Addiction Services
 Coshocton County Sheriff’s Office

2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAILS BY DEPARTMENT



GENERAL FUND BUDGET & EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	2021 BUDGET	BUDGET PERCENTAGE	SALARY FRINGE	SUPPLIES EQUIP.	CONTRACT PROVIDERS	OTHER	2021 EXPENSES
JUVENILE COURT	\$683,217	48.3%	\$289,687	\$10,805	\$266,923	\$21,064	\$588,479
JUVENILE PROBATION	\$267,353	18.9%	\$187,997	\$6,587	0	\$40,251	\$234,835
DETENTION/ OTHER	\$81,561	5.8%	0	0	\$73,961	\$0	\$73,961
JUV. CSEA RELATED	\$263,675	18.7%	\$235,029	\$8,167	\$11,467	\$500	\$255,163
PROBATE	\$117,568	8.3%	\$97,904	\$9,104	\$4,403	\$1,163	\$112,574
TOTAL	\$1,413,374	100%	\$810,617	\$34,663	\$356,754	\$62,978	\$1,265,012
TOTAL PERCENTAGE	100%		64.1%	2.7%	28.2%	5.0%	100%

COURT SECURITY STATION

- Greets, screens and admits and directs public into Court Building*
- Logs and monitors the Court's Holding Cell for compliance with state and federal standards
- Directs all incoming traffic to proper areas of the building*
- Inspects building and emergency systems, directs work order assignments as needed
- Monitors camera systems and other security related items*

REVENUE & REIMBURSEMENTS COLLECTED in 2021

ACCOUNT	SOURCE	REVENUE
GENERAL	State of Ohio Public Defender	\$120,227
GENERAL	Probate Fees	\$29,198
GENERAL	Juvenile Fees	\$11,829
GENERAL	Juvenile / Probate	\$125
GENERAL	Child Support – Indirect Costs Reimbursement	\$56,284
TOTAL	COURT GENERATED	\$217,663

GENERAL FUND REVENUE / SPECIAL PROJECTS & OTHER

ACCOUNT	SOURCE	REVENUE	SPENT
GENERAL	Indigent Guardianship	\$5,980	\$7,079
GENERAL	Indigent Alcohol	\$80	\$0
OTHER	Drug Testing	\$124	\$804
SPECIAL	Security	\$7,035	\$5,324
OTHER	Child Support - Placement	\$116,575	\$107,040
SPECIAL	Court Computer	\$14,095	\$0
OTHER	Domestic Violence Fund	\$7,595	\$7,985
TOTAL	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	\$151,484	\$128,232

* Prior year carryover funds allowed for additional expenses ** State and County Fiscal Years overlap

GRANT REVENUE / SOURCE

ACCOUNT	SOURCE	REVENUE	SPENT
GRANT	Ohio Dept. Mental Health & Addiction Services	\$55,000	\$55,195
GRANT	Coshocton JFS (GAL/Intervention Reimbursement)	\$115,850	\$114,970
GRANT	National Quality Improvement Center/ US Dept. HHS	\$40,136	\$45,901
GRANT	Ohio Dept. Mental Health & Addiction Services (ATP)	\$1,309	\$0
GRANT	Supreme Court of Ohio (C.I.P. Technology Project)	\$10,267	\$10,267
GRANT	Ohio Department of Youth Services Reclaim SFY 21	\$99,048	\$96,470
GRANT	Ohio Department of Youth Service Reclaim SFY 22	\$88,234	\$60,440
TOTAL	GRANT FUNDING	\$409,844	\$383,243
TOTAL	ALL SOURCES	\$778,991	

* Prior year carryover funds allowed for additional expenses** State and County Fiscal Years overlap

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT FOR OPEN CASES – Bank Account

DATE	CATEGORY	BALANCE
January 1, 2021	Balance	\$24,324
1-1-21 through 12-31-21	Receipts	\$93,552
1-1-21 through 12-31-21	Interest	\$10
1-1-21 through 12-31-21	Expenditures	\$93,272
DECEMBER 31, 2011	BALANCE	\$24,614

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY COURT TEAM
Reducing substance use one family at a time

Coshocton's Collaborative Community Court Team has enhanced services for families with children, ages 0-3 that are exposed to or affected by Parental Substance Use or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome by developing and implementing strategies for Plans of Safe Care as related to the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016

From 2018-2021 the National Quality Improvement Center (NQIC) supported Coshocton:

- To Become a trauma informed & responsive community, focusing on preventative and supportive services*
- Identify families early, refer and connect to services, provide follow-up care and monitor outcomes
- Expand communication between providers & engage new partners that have contact with infants and toddlers*
- Identify pregnant mothers with Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) and provide prenatal related services
- Expand the medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program with integrated health services*
- Begin Parent Child Interactive Therapy and Child Parent Psychotherapy
- Create a mentoring group for mothers with our local treatment provider*
- Established soft handoffs between referral agencies
- Refer and serve families from the court's Abuse, Neglect, Dependency & Civil Dockets*
- Strengthened services within the Family Dependency Court
- Launched a broad-spectrum marketing campaign*
- Allow residents to remain in the county for most of substance use treatment needs

With support from local providers, Coshocton County's CCCT:
RECEIVED **292** REFERRALS
SERVED **102** ADULTS AND **124** CHILDREN
78% OF ALL FAMILIES REFERRED AGREED TO RECEIVE SERVICES

Approximately **\$225,340** from 2018-2021 was realized for staffing, research intern, national experts for training of 200 agency participants, marketing, and technical assistance

Coshocton County was **1 of 15** sites across the U.S. selected for this grant initiative and received support from State and Local partners, including: Departments of Health, Board of DD, DJFS, Mental Health, Early Childhood, Domestic Violence, and Medical Providers

FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

- Occurs after the birth of a child due to the baby being exposed to alcohol throughout the mother's pregnancy.
- There is no cure for fetal alcohol syndrome.
- Signs and symptoms may vary from child to child; however, the harm is irreversible!

REMEMBER: ANY AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL IS DANGEROUS FOR YOUR BABY DURING PREGNANCY!

A Plan of Safe Care

Expecting to be a Parent? Substance Use Issues? Children under the Age 3? **REACH OUT—WE CAN HELP!**

Plans of Safe Care are the services and supports for families with children age three and younger, who are affected by or exposed to parental substance use, or who are diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Plans are developed by the family and their service providers. Plans address the family's health and safety through services such as:

- Service Coordination
- Early Intervention
- Home Visiting
- Substance Use Treatment
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Mental Health Treatment
- Maternal and Child Health Clinic: Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) ...and many others.

Coshocton Area Resources

- Coshocton County Job and Family Services: (740) 422-1020
- First Step Family Violence Intervention Services: (740) 422-8604
- Help Line Crisis: (740) 422-1522
- Family PACT: (740) 422-6398
- Maternal and Child Health Center: (740) 422-2899
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): (740) 422-2929
- Family and Children First Council: (740) 422-3788
- Coshocton County Head Start: (740) 422-3637
- Coshocton Regional Medical Center: (740) 422-4411
- Adult Behavioral Health Services: (740) 422-4470
- Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices: (740) 422-2653

Safe Sleeping for your infant

Practice the ABCs:

- A:** infants should sleep **ALONE**
- B:** infants should sleep on their **BACKS**
- C:** infants should sleep in a **CRIB**

SAFE TO SLEEP

Practicing safe sleep can prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), which is the leading cause of death for infants.

More Tips

- Make sure your baby's face is uncovered and remove all pillows from the crib.
- Make sure that the blanket is tucked around the mattress.
- Keep the bedroom at a temperature comfortable for an adult.
- Place your baby on a firm mattress. Make sure the crib is safety-approved with slats no greater than 2 3/8 inches apart.

Pregnant and using?

Answering common questions

What if I am taking meds that my doctor prescribed to me?

- Inform your OB/GYN and sign a release so that they can coordinate care with your primary physician.
- Bring the prescription meds to the hospital with you. The doctor will validate the prescription.
- Bring a "release of information" form from the prescribing doctor to the hospital.

What if I am taking illegal drugs?

- Releaser: Taking illegal drugs while pregnant can have a disastrous impact on the health of both you and your baby. Substances can cause miscarriages, low birth weight, premature labor, placental abruption, fetal death, and even maternal death.
- Reach out today to get the help you need.

Will Children Services be notified and what happens?

In Ohio, it is mandatory to notify Children Services if:

- the mother or baby tests positive for substances;
- the baby has signs of withdrawal;
- there are indications of abuse; or
- the mother has a history of substance abuse.

A case may or may not be opened, depending on if the mother has a valid Plan of Safe Care. A hospital social worker will talk with you to discuss the next steps. If residential treatment is an option for you, there are treatment centers you can go to with your baby.

ALL THINGS GROW WITH LOVE

• Early identification of substance use disorder can make all the difference in a young child's life when it comes to their physical, mental, emotional, and behavioral health. Get help for yourself or your loved one today.

• Many kids are born with a substance use disorder. Get help for yourself or your loved one today.

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FAMILY LAW SERVICES- By the Numbers

Coshocton County Individuals with limited income are able to meet with an attorney to discuss custody, domestic violence, visitation, how to complete forms, discuss procedure and other questions. Clinics are free and scheduled monthly to serve a maximum of 16 clients per session.

Year	Clinics Held	Clients Screened	Eligible Clients	Percentage Qualified	Volunteer Attorneys
2021	12	37	32	86%	9
2020	11	50	49	98%	12
2019	12	129	111	86%	16
2018	12	106	93	88%	14
2017	12	129	102	79%	12
2016	6	54	39	72%	12
TOTALS	65	505	426	84%	12.5 Avg.

SPONSORS: *Coshocton County Juvenile Court, Coshocton County Common Pleas Court
Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, Coshocton County Bar Association*

Capital University Family & Youth Law Center / Coshocton Juv. Court Help Center

Develop Packets / Website / Call Line / Limited Representation / One on One Assistance

Year	Family & Youth Law Center	Juvenile Court Help Center
2021	5	16
2020	11	54
2019	10	27
2018	19	n/a
TOTALS	45	97



Coshocton County Bar Association



SEOLS
Southeastern Ohio Legal Services

The Coshocton County Family Law Clinic is hosted monthly by Court Partners and serves individuals with limited income by providing access to attorneys for brief advice related to civil filings. Cases including custody, divorce, visitation and other issues related to the General and Juvenile Domestic Dockets are served. Southeastern Ohio Legal Services screens clients and assists local attorneys to provide this service. Nine area attorneys served 12 clinics and 32 qualified clients of the 37 screened in 2021. Additional clients received assistance through legal services contracts with Capital University and the Juvenile Court Help Center.

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS AND OTHER COURT PROGRAMS

Family Dependency Treatment Court



Certified in 2014 as a Specialized Docket, was one of the first 15 courts of this type in Ohio. Over 200 clients have been tracked for inclusion since inception with over 46 successful graduates. In 2021 there have been **7** successful graduates, **7** unsuccessful terminations, and **24** clients served. Parents with addiction issues in open child welfare cases develop plans for enhancing parenting skills, treatment, employment, and sustainability with permanency & safety for children as goals.

Started in 2002, Certified as a Juvenile Specialized Docket Program since 2014, has served over **61** youth with serious addiction issues. **31** youth have graduated successfully, and all referrals progressed but were not able to complete 100% of requirements. Two scholarship awards have been granted for post-secondary education. This program was dissolved as a Specialized Docket in December due to a low number of youth with most serious addiction issues.

Juvenile Drug Court



The Friends of Coshocton County Drug Court



A not-for profit organization that supports the efforts of the Specialized Drug Court Programs at Juvenile Court, oversees the Norm Davitt Memorial Scholarship for the Coshocton Foundation for successful clients to gain college or job skills training. Community Impact Funds from the local United Way of Coshocton County provides Healthy Relationship classes and assisted with drug screening for clients in the Family Court Program. The Board consists of local Agency, Business, Education, Law Enforcement and other interested citizens & acts as an advisory board for various grant projects of the Court.

In 2018 Coshocton County Juvenile Court was selected for federal funding to develop, test and implement strategies for Plans of Safe Care for children impacted by parental substance use or diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The NQIC-CCCT has worked to identify families early, incorporate plans of safe care for children 0-3, and promote best practice & services for trauma informed treatment in a rural community. Data collection and evaluation by AHP, Inc. were mandatory components of this work. Systems identified **292** referrals for services and served **124** children and **102** adults!

NQIC Collaborative Community Court Team



The Supreme Court of Ohio

The Supreme Court of Ohio provided funding to equip a Legal Help Center that provides additional assistance to Court Clients. The Clinic Office is used as a hub for contracted legal assistance for Juvenile Court Clients. In 2021, 16 clients met with an Attorney thru the Help Center Referrals.

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS AND OTHER COURT PROGRAMS



Coshocton CSB – TANF
Funded Court Services

In 2021 Guardian Ad Litem services, a Family Services Specialist and Court Investigator on the civil docket continue to assist with connecting families to services and providing relevant information for meaningful dispositions.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR COURT INVOLVED YOUTH – 2021

Collaboration, community partners and evidence-based programming to assist with rehabilitation and competency development lend to better outcomes for families. Below are some areas in which the Court provides services...

Truancy & Unruly: (4-6 months) Progress on attendance and behaviors which led to system referral.

Delinquency Diversion: (4-6 months) Progress and completion is determined by completing contract goals and educational programming. Parental involvement is critical and also a community service component is included along with school performance and behavior monitoring.

Probation: (6-18 months) Youth on probation range from misdemeanor or felony offense youth that are on specialized probation due to the nature of the offense or other mental health or addiction needs.

Diversion Services: Unruly, truancy, or first –time delinquency charges are considered diversion eligible after incremental interventions do not succeed. Services may include: contracts, community service, curfew, apology letters, alternative school referral, mental health assessment, parental & youth educational sessions, drug screening & assessment, domestic violence programming, texting and sexting programming, and a host of other services based on needs assessment and case planning by diversion and truancy staff. Ohio Youth Assessment and Staff survey monitoring are a portion of the quality assurance.

Probation Services: The Ohio Youth Assessment System is one tool that is used to determine the level of probation supervision. Considerations include: offense seriousness, community risk factors, treatment services needed, and compliance monitoring. Probation Services generally include: community service, curfew monitoring, school attendance and achievement, treatment compliance, drug testing, specialized probation for youth with high risk behaviors, including sexual, violence and drug or alcohol issues. Regular court case reviews are held for specialized cases. High Fidelity Wrap-around and Case Management is available for family supports.

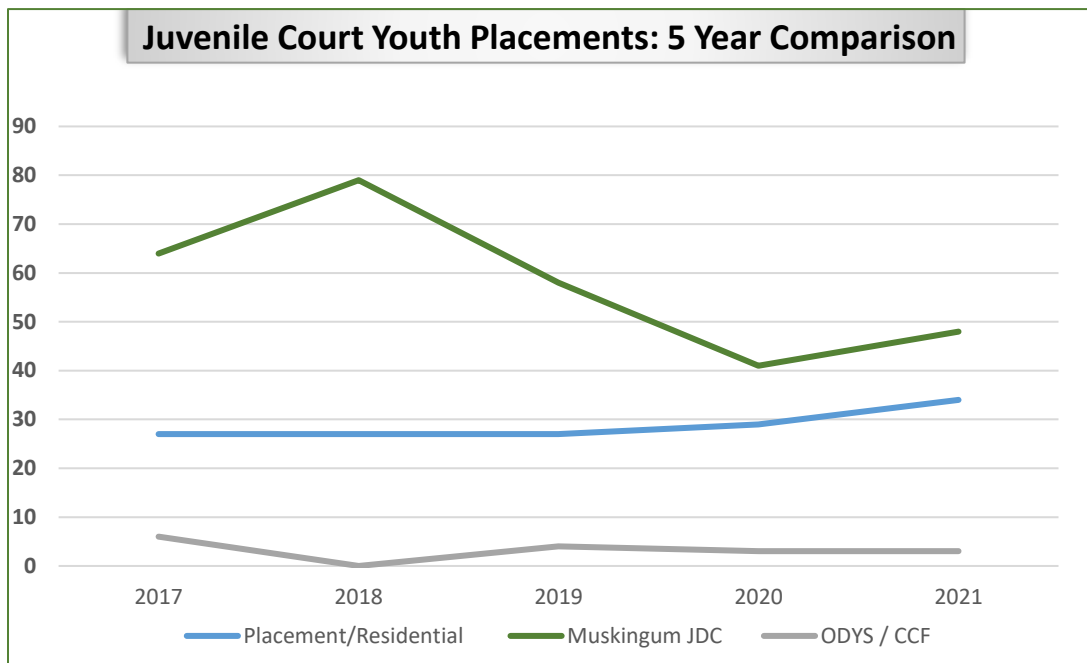
Clinical Assessment: Assessments for specialized sex offender treatment, intensive treatment program updates, competency, amenability, restoration to competency are available for youth.

Electronic Monitoring: GPS Technology allows the Court to track youth in real time with these devices, and 3 units are owned by the Court. In addition, traditional electronic monitors are owned by the Court for monitoring through a traditional telephone system.

Drug Testing: Portable units for instant alcohol testing, instant device drug testing, and laboratory services are for youth, adults, and other cases monitored by the Court.

Traffic Seminar: Developed for juvenile traffic violations: includes a presentation about distracted driving, impaired driving and consequences of poor decisions. A local presentation and state trooper facilitate discussion for parents and youth to participate in this mandated program for traffic offenders.

YOUTH PLACEMENTS – 2021



YOUTH IN JUVENILE DETENTION: COSHOCTON COUNTY

Muskingum JDC	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of Admissions	64 (40 un)	79 (54 un)	58 (34un)	41 (22 un)	48 (22un)
Total Days	1,328	921	866	788	918
Avg. Days	20.75	11.66	14.93	19.2	19.13
Avg. Pop.	3.63	2.52	2.37	2.16	2.52
Annual Cost	\$124,003	\$96,621	\$70,234	\$64,189	\$73,961

DETENTION BY DEMOGRAPHIC		Male	Female	Average Days
SEX	Male	22	-	19.95
	Female	-	6	22.44
RACE	White	18	5	40.00
	Black	3	0	16.67
	Other	1	1	10.00
OFFENSE	Felony	3	1	20.00
	Misdemeanor	13	4	14.56
	PV/VCO	22	5	24.59
AGE	12	2	1	4.33
	13	1	4	31.67
	14	10	2	9.42
	15	4	0	18.5
	16	12	3	36.0
	17	7	1	39.25
	18	1	0	2.0
TOTALS		22	6	918 Days

PROFILE OF YOUTH

YOUTH IN PLACEMENT & RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

YEAR	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
TOTALS FOR YEAR:	26	27	25	29	37

2021 PLACEMENT FACILITIES USED

Allwell Residential	5	Back to Basics	1
Bassett House	3	Buckeye Ranch	1
Eastview Behavioral Health	1	Coshocton County DJFS	9
Foundations for Living	1	Journey Home	1
Julia Page Home	1	Mohican Youngstar Academy	2
New Mercy Outreach	1	NECCO	1
Ohio Teaching Family	2	Safehouse	4
Sun Behavioral Health	1		

19 youth were placed into 15 Facilities for 34 placements: **6 Females / 5W - 1 BI / Avg. Age 14.7**
13 Males / 10W - 2 BI / 1 O / Avg. Age 15.54

YOUTH IN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Community Cor. Facilities	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Northern Ohio JCF	3 Rape / Rape / Theft	1 Rape	0	0	0
Perry Multi-County JCF	0	0	1 Assault	1 Escape	2 Drug Tr / RSP

Ohio DYS Facilities	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Indian River JCF	1 Assault	1 Rape	1 Rape	0	0
Cuyahoga Hills JCF	1 Rape	1 Rape	0	0	0
Paint Creek (ODYS Step Down)	1 Rape	0	2 Rape	2 Rape	1 Rape

3 youth were placed into 2 facilities for 3 placements: **3 Males / 3 W / Avg. Age 17.7**

Profile of Probation – Adjudicated Youth - Court Supervision Official Cases

Date/Category	Total	Male	Race	Female	Race	Average Age
01-01-2021	33	27	10/ 3BL/ 29W	6	6 W	15.33
12-31-2021	27	22	10/ 4BL/ 17W	5	5 W	15.93
Adjudications	23	13	1BL/ 10W	6	6W	15.62
Successful Releases	15	13	2BL/ 11W	2	2W	15.27
Unsuccessful Releases	2	1	1W	1	1W	16.50
Neutral Discharge	1	1	1W	0	0	18.00
Violations Filed	28	10	10/ 2BL/ 7W	2	2W	16.00
Violations Dismissed	5	4	1BL/ 3W	0	0	16.50

COMPLAINTS ADJUDICATED - 2021

Complaints	Adjudicated	Males	Females
Assault - F	3	1	2
Assault	4	3	1
Criminal Damaging	1		1
Criminal Trespass	1		1
Disorderly Conduct	2	1	1
Domestic Violence	3	3	
Gross Sexual Imposition	2	2	
Obstruct Business	1	1	
Petty Theft	4	3	1
Rec. Stolen Property - F	1	1	
Unauthorized Use Veh.	1	1	
TOTAL ADJUDICATIONS	23	16**	7**

Bold denotes Felony Complaints

****Several Youth were adjudicated on more than one charge, thus cases adjudicated exceeds youth numbers**

6 Females- Race: 6W

Offense Level: 1 Status / 3 M1 / 3 Felony

Avg. Age: 15.70

13 Males- Race: 10W / 3B

Offense Level: 9 Misdemeanor / 4 Felony

Avg. Age 15.54

PROFILE OF FELONY OFFENSE YOUTH

Offense	Level	Sex	Race	Age	Disposition
Rec. Stolen Property	F-5	M	W	17	Probation
Assault	F-4	F	W	15	Probation
Gross Sexual Imposition	F-3	M	W	14	Probation / Residential
Gross Sexual Imposition	F-3	M	W	15	Probation / Residential
Aggravated Assault	F-4	M	Bl	17	Probation
Assault	F-4	F	W	14	Probation

PROFILE OF DIVERSION YOUTH – Court Supervision (Unofficial Cases)

Date	Number	Male	Female	Average Age	Race
1-1-2021	28	18	10	14.36	26W / 2Bl
Filings	24	14	10	14.29	19W / 5 Bl
Successful Rel.	25	18	7	14.44	23W / 2Bl
Unsuccessful	5	4	1	14.80	3W / 2Bl
12-31-2021	13	7	6	14.00	11W / 2Bl

JUVENILE CASE FILING - SOURCE

Adjudications & Source	Agency Filing	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Delinquency / Unruly	Coshocton County Sheriff's Office	36	14	29	17	17
	Schools	3	4	7	1	0
	West Lafayette Police Department	2	2	3	0	0
	Other (transfer-in, etc.)	3	0	5	1	2
Violations	Juvenile Court Probation	37	10	34	27	28
DELQ/UNR/VIO TOTAL		81	30	78	46	47
Traffic Cases	Ohio State Patrol	44	25	20	29	29
	Coshocton County Sheriff's Office	22	25	24	30	25
	West Lafayette Police Department	2	1	5	2	4
	Other (transfer-in, etc.)	6	5	4	5	6
TRAFFIC TOTAL		74	56	53	66	64
GRAND TOTAL		155	86	131	112	111

PROFILE OF YOUTH – Traffic Violations

Traffic Adjudications	Number	Males	Females
Assured Clear Distance	5	4	1
Fail to Control	13	10	3
Fail at Sidewalk	1	1	
Fail to Yield	3	1	2
Improper Backing	1	1	
Leaving the Scene	1		1
No Motorcycle Endorse.	1	1	
No Operators License	3	2	1
Reckless Operation	3	3	
Red Light Violation	2	2	
Seat Belt	6	5	1
Speed	28	22	6
Speed in School Zone	1		1
Stop Sign	2	1	1
Texting	1	1	
TOTAL 64 Tickets	71 Violations	54	17

64 Youth Total: RACE: Male: 47W / 2B Female: 15W Avg. Age 16.56

2021 PROBATE CASES OPENED, PENDING, AND CLOSED

CATEGORY	NEW	PENDING	CLOSED
Estates	237	198	190
Minor Guardianship	0	9	4
Incompetent Guardianship	13	188	13
Conservatorship	0	0	0
Trusts	1	38	4
Civil Action	5	6	7
Adoption	25	3	29
Mental Illness	6	0	6
Minor Settlement	1	6	0
Wrongful Death	0	0	0
Birth Registration/Correction	15	0	15
Name Change	18	5	14
Marriage Application	213	0	213
TOTAL CASES	534	453	495

Other Items of Interest:

COURT SECURITY STATION:

- **4,441** individuals were screened through security in 2021
- **3,596** health screens were conducted in 2021
- Maintains Log Sheets and monitors the Court’s Holding Cell to ensure compliance with state and federal standards
- Directs all incoming traffic to proper areas of the building
- Conducts Security Screening and sign in sheets for hearing attendance
- Monitors camera systems and other security related items

PROBATE GUARDIANSHIP CASES:

- Guardians in Coshocton County are not exempt from State Training Requirements. The Court has hosted trainings to eliminate travel, provides training on flash drives, and directs individuals to free online training.
- Approximately 193 cases remain open for ongoing assistance to those that need ongoing supportive services.

SCHOOL TRUANCY: 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

COUNTY SCHOOLS BY DISTRICT	1 st Notice	2 nd Notice	Intervention Meetings	3 rd Notice	SERVICE REFERRALS	FORMAL DIVERSION
COSHOCTON CITY						
High/ Middle	81	43	24	13	4	1
Elementary	62	16	12	6	0	1
RIVER VIEW LOCAL						
High School	85	56	31	4	2	0
Jr. High School	53	35	33	7	5	1
Elementary	116	42	42	15	3	0
RIDGEWOOD LOCAL						
High School	65	28	12	8	1	0
Middle School	3	3	3	1	3	0
Elementary	10	7	7	0	2	0
COSH. OPPORTUNITY						
High School	26	7	7	1	0	0
CAREER CTR. COSH.						
Vocational School	82	69	20	7	1	0
OTHER						
Online Education	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coshocton Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacred Heart	8	8	8	1	0	0
COUNTY TOTALS	591	314	199	63	21	3

ANNUAL COMPARISON OF JUVENILE CASES FILED BY YEAR

YEAR	DELINQUENT	TRAFFIC	DEP/NEG ABUSED	UNRULY	ADULT	PERM. CUST.	CUSTODY/ VISITATION	SUPPORT	PATERNITY	UIFSA	OTHER	TOTAL
2017	119	99	94	6 (1)	2	3	157	545	10	3	7	1045
2018	*90	69	88	3 (1)	1	4	160	**291	13	2	7	736
2019	*99	71	100	5	0	3	130	**241	13	0	5	667
2020	*69	76	62	2	0	14	91	**181	5	0	1	477
2021	*81	71	56	2 (1)	2	15	97	147	5	0	2	450
5 Year Average	91.6	77.2	80	3.6 (0.6)	1	7.8	127	281	9.2	1	4.4	927

(THE UNRULY CASES REFLECT TOBACCO TICKETS IN PARENTHESIS)

**Total Delinquent includes Probation Violations / **Support Cases no longer includes agreed entries*

JUVENILE CASES FILED 2021

MONTH	DEL.	TRAF	A/N/D	UNRULY	HABITUAL TRUANT UNRULY	ADULT	PERM CUSTODY	CUSTODY VISIT	SUPPORT	PATERNITY	UIFSA	OTHER	TOTAL
JANUARY	1	5	8	0	0	0	3	11	10	2	0	0	40
FEBRUARY	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	0	0	0	21
MARCH	3	8	10	0	0	0	0	4	14	0	0	0	39
APRIL	1	8	7	1 / 1	0	0	0	11	2	3	0	0	33
MAY	8	7	12	0	0	0	2	10	21	0	0	0	60
JUNE	6	10	4	0	0	0	0	14	12	0	0	0	46
JULY	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	7	14	0	0	0	35
AUGUST	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	0	30
SEPTEMBER	7	3	2	0	0	0	2	10	17	0	0	2	43
OCTOBER	7	5	3	0	0	0	5	2	4	0	0	0	26
NOVEMBER	5	7	2	1	0	2	3	5	23	0	0	0	48
DECEMBER	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	7	10	0	0	0	29
TOTAL	53	71	56	2 / 1	0	2	15	97	147	5	0	2	450

JUVENILE CASES TERMINATED 2021

MONTH	DEL.	TRAF	A/N/D	UNRULY	HABITUAL TRUANT UNRULY	ADULT	PERM CUSTODY	CUSTODY VISIT	SUPPORT	PATERNITY	UIFSA	OTHER	TOTAL
JANUARY	1	8	2	0	0	0	3	7	9	0	0	0	30
FEBRUARY	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	24
MARCH	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	10	37	2	0	0	54
APRIL	1	7	8	0	0	0	4	10	4	1	0	0	35
MAY	2	7	8	1 / 1	0	0	3	5	9	0	0	0	35
JUNE	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	0	0	29
JULY	9	14	3	0	0	0	0	8	9	0	0	0	43
AUGUST	4	9	9	0	0	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	34
SEPTEMBER	8	0	5	0	0	0	0	12	18	0	0	0	43
OCTOBER	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	8	11	0	0	0	30
NOVEMBER	1	7	3	1	0	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	22
DECEMBER	10	6	2	0	0	0	0	12	7	4	0	0	41
TOTAL	46	73	59	2 / 1	0	1	16	91	125	7	0	0	420

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