

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, COSHOCTON COUNTY

PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION



2020

ANNUAL REPORT

VAN BLANCHARD II, JUDGE

MARIA KALIS, MAGISTRATE

AMANDA MILLER, MAGISTRATE

DOUG SCHONAUER, COURT ADMINISTRATOR

KATHY JONES, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

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Rose Lekan	QIC Research Intern
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Heather Newell	Intervention /Parenting Services / Investigator
Nicole Shaw	Juvenile Chief Probation Officer
JoAnn Uhlig	Family Drug Court Coordinator
Dayna Wilson	Family Drug Court Case Manager
Chris Walters	Deputy Sheriff / Court Security

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Sally Cox-Bell	Guardian Ad Litem	Dave Mortimer	Appointed Counsel
Julie Dreher	GAL / Appointed Counsel	William Owens	Appointed Counsel
Paula Hathaway	Guardian Ad Litem	Fred Sealover	Appointed Counsel
Sheila Mayse	Guardian Ad Litem	Christie Thornsley	Appointed Guardian
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Jeanette Moll	GAL / Appointed Counsel	Ben Whitaker	Appointed Counsel
Joy Padgett	Guardian Ad Litem	Pam Coffing	Court Investigator
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Stephanie Church	Help Center Attorney
Capital University	Family & Youth Law Center

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Volunteer Attorneys, Southeast Ohio Legal Services, Coshocton County Bar Assn for staffing 11 Family Law Clinics held in 2020!

Volunteer Attorneys: Stephanie Church, Julie Dreher, Diana Dudgeon, Rose Fox, Ben Hall, Mark Kittle, Corie Lahna, McCleery Law Firm, Jetta Mencer, Marie Seiber, Christie Thornsley, Bob Weir



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



Maria Kalis, Magistrate

Began with the Court in 2014 as Magistrate, previously served as Muskingum County Assistant Prosecutor for 11 years, private attorney in a firm for 2 years, and operated Kalis Law, LLC until her fulltime appointment in 2018.

Has served as Adjunct Instructor for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and Adjunct Professor at Zane State University. Unwavering commitment to helping families and expanding services for the Courts.

BA in Business, Muskingum University and Juris Doctorate from University of Cincinnati



**Amanda Miller,
Magistrate**

Transitioned to the Court in October 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

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

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

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



Kathy Jones, Chief Clerk

2020: A YEAR IN REVIEW



January-February: Lobby Renovations, to include wall removal & rebuilding the Security Work Station for enhanced ease of entry and screening at the Court lobby.

February 25: **Community Stakeholder's Meeting** held at Frontier Power for approximately 66 agency staff and local elected officials to highlight the National Quality Improvement Center's Collaborative Community Court Team work, headed by the Juvenile Court.

March- April: Juvenile Court Staff attended the **36th Annual Intercourt Conference**, the largest and longest running Juvenile Court training conference in Ohio. Coshocton County is one of the founding counties of this event, and continues to have staff member Kyle Myers on the Board of Directors.

Covid-19 Restrictions Begin, Limited Public Access to the Court Building and wearing of masks mandated for staff and public. Enhanced video platform use begins with existing infrastructure.

March 6: Statewide System Improvement Program Evaluation Summary: Juvenile Court was one of 7 Phase One Ohio Pilot Sites that participated in systematic testing of strategies to identify and address substance use issues in families from the child welfare and court system. This summary meeting was a presentation of results to the Ohio Counties for work completed in 2017-2019.

March 17: First Press Release and adjusted entry to the Court: operational policies implemented to reduce risk of public or staff exposure to Covid-19.

March 25: The Court held its first Zoom Treatment Team Meeting for Family Dependency Treatment Court

March 26: Temporary Orders Issued regarding Court Operations during Covid-19

March 27: The Supreme Court of Ohio approved a Technology Grant for \$5,362 for a computer and flat screen TV to prepare the 2nd Courtroom for video hearings, combined with (2) laptop computers for Judicial Offsite work and ability to conduct remote hearings.

March 30-31: Court signed contracts for expanding Zoom Video conferencing for use at hearings

April: Philip A. Wagner removed and installed (2) rooftop heating and cooling system units at the Court for more efficient heating and cooling operations.

April 13: Temporary Court Orders from 3-26-20 extended.



May-June: County Commissioners meet with all county departments and the Courts, and request consideration for reduced spending for the remainder of 2020 and consideration of a 10% reduction in 2021 Budgets based on unknown implications of the Covid-19 restrictions. The Court submitted a preliminary Budget for 2021 with 10% reduction.

May 11: Restoration Phase Orders issued by the Court outlining varying operational guidelines for the public and all that access the Court for services.

June: Court moves to rotating shifts and assigned days of in-office and remote work to limit staff exposure to Covid-19.

June 2: The Juvenile Court held its first "**Virtual Family Law Clinic**". This clinic replaced the in-person monthly clinic, and all participating parties now call Southeastern Ohio Legal Services for screening eligibility and assigned attorneys call clients on the day of the clinic for legal assistance.

2020: A YEAR IN REVIEW

July -August: Court staff continues remote work and alternating work schedules. All staff are scheduled for Covid-19 testing due to potential exposure. Enhanced measures and protocols are implemented to further reduce risk of incidental exposure within the Court Building.

July 8: Restricted Access Press release adjusting admission policies and business operations.

July 22: Press Release with additional operational guidance for the Court

August 3: Supplemental Order Issued regarding Covid-19 Operational Changes within the Court's prior orders.

August 6: Court Representatives attend the opening of **Allwell Behavioral Health Services** ribbon cutting ceremony for their new state of the art Coshocton Location at 710 Main Street.

August 12 & 13: Court staff and Community Partners attend the **3rd Annual National Quality Improvement Center- All-Sites "Virtual Conference"**, where all 13 grant sites report on progress of their work on this 3-year grant award to identify and evaluate plans of safe care for infants and toddlers exposed or impacted by parental substance use.

August 21: Juvenile Treatment Court initiated use of a cloud-based case management reporting system to track statistics related to the Specialized Treatment Court Docket.

August 25-27: Coshocton Juvenile Court participated in the **Ohio Policy & Practice Academy** meeting in which state systems are working to better enhance communications and referrals across systems related to substance exposure to infants and children. The presentation was facilitated by Gail Barber, Consultant with the Center for Children and Families First and focused on lessons learned and challenges facing the three Ohio counties that were recipients of a Federal Award to test strategies around the implementation of CARA. Systems participating in the Academy include the Ohio Hospitals Association, Ohio Depts. Of Mental Health & Addiction Services, PCSAO, State FCFC and others.



September – October: The Court hired Amanda Miller to assume duties of Magistrate for the Civil Docket at Juvenile Court. Former Magistrate Maria Kalis will transition as Magistrate for the remainder of 2020 to Muskingum County Domestic Relations Court to prepare as the newly elected Judge for a term beginning in 2021.

The **Coshocton County Commissioners Office** approved utilizing \$36,898 in CARES ACT funding to replace desktop computers with laptop computers with docking stations for remote use if needed. In addition, a couple monitors with cameras were installed to have all staff with the ability to utilize remote technology for offsite work or the ability to join remote meetings as needed.

September 15: A New Application Server was installed at the Court for continued operations of case management. The removed server was reconfigured as the Backup System for our Court's Continuity of Operations plans at an off-site facility.

September 16: Leondra Davis, FTC/QIC Coordinator, participated in a panel presentation for the 2020 virtual **Public Children Services Association of Ohio** (PCSAO). The training offered lessons to improve policy and practice with implementing the requirements of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016. This presentation included facilitators: Supreme Court of Ohio Policy Analyst Latonya Adjei-Tabi, Children & Family Futures, Inc. Senior Program Associate Gail Barber, and representatives from Coshocton, Fairfield and Trumbull County Collaborative Community Court Teams.

2020: A YEAR IN REVIEW

September 17: The Juvenile Court and United Way of Coshocton County co-sponsored a **Community Family Law Forum** presented by the Family and Youth Law Center at Capital University with the support of Southeastern Ohio Legal Services to educate Agency workers and interested community members on matters related to family law cases and filing civil actions with the courts.

September 30: The Muskingum Area Mental Health and Recovery Services Board recognized Coshocton Juvenile Court with its **“Friend of Recovery Award”**. Coshocton County Children Services caseworker Tomas Lynch nominated the Court for its unique approach in working with and identifying families for the treatment court docket and how the Court is assisting local agency systems referrals.

October: Coshocton, Fairfield and Trumbull Counties were featured in a monthly news bulletin from the **Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Office of Children & Families** regarding its work to address the needs of infants and toddlers impacted by parental substance use and exposure. The project is operated by Children and Family Futures and its partners, the National Center for State Courts and Advocates for Human Potential. The Supreme Court of Ohio is the state-level coordinator, with an oversight team of representatives from OFC, the Office of Children Services Transformation, and the Ohio departments of Medicaid, Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health and Addiction Services.



November- December: The **National Quality Improvement Center Final Program Report** for the Collaborative Community Court Team was completed and submitted, but the initiative received an extension through March of 2021 to finalize efforts of the initiative that built a system of care surrounding infants and toddlers impacted or exposed by parental substance use. The 3-year grant initiative was approved for only 15 sites across the country; enhancing Plans of Safe Care for child welfare along with Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act compliance were primary goals of the initiative. The Ohio Policy Academy and Public Children Services Association of Ohio continue education to increase awareness and compliance for the state with lessons learned from Coshocton County’s efforts.

November 2: Coshocton County Juvenile Court’s Family Dependency Treatment Court participated in a **National Evaluation of Family Treatment Courts (NEFTC)** funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and managed by the National Institute of Justice. A local goal is to better evaluate areas of strength and for improvement of the docket as we prepare for re-certification in 2021.

November 5: Local Contractor Weaver Construction completed back lot improvements by removing old pavement and pouring new concrete.

December 5: NQIC Research Intern Rose Lekan graduated from Muskingum University with a degree in Psychology. Rose assisted with assessment, data collection and designing marketing materials and brochures for the community systems project related to infants and toddlers. Rose accepted fulltime employment in Columbus upon the expiration of her position with the Court, and felt it was an invaluable experience that readily prepared her for her new position!

December 22: A **“Virtual Holiday Staff Luncheon”** was held for employees with Lunch catered in by a local business. Court staff joined the Zoom Meeting and played virtual games at their work stations to stay safe yet enjoy the challenges of the past year and recognize efforts of continued service for the public.

2020 BY THE NUMBERS: BUSINESS NOT AS USUAL

2020	Security Screens All	Health Screens Public	Health Screens Staff	Video ZOOM	Video POLYCOM Courtcall	Total Video Hearings	Total Participants by video	Public Records Requests	Appointed Counsel Cases *	Reimbursed Fees to County
January	1,274	-	-	0	10	10	10	51	58	8,723
February	1,329	-	-	0	18	18	20	60	23	6,537
March	893	87	-	2	12	14	19	44	33	11,265
April	123	96	-	26	4	30	278	15	68	16,017
May	231	206	-	65	3	68	410	27	28	4,400
June	385	286	-	69	3	72	451	83	31	8,248
July	291	250	147	56	1	57	379	82	79	15,912
August	322	264	311	55	4	59	417	77	28	8,912
September	301	228	342	48	0	48	351	83	28	4,050
October	323	264	366	66	2	68	449	68	81	20,002
November	217	170	283	63	0	63	373	48	5	1,391
December	201	181	352	74	0	74	518	36	79	19,440
TOTAL	5890	2032	1801	524	57	581	3675	674	541	\$124,897

* Appointed Counsel cases in above chart are cases above local Public Defender represented cases *

COVID-19 IMPACT	2020	2019	% Change	NOTES
Security Screens:	5,890	14,806	- 60.2%	Reduction in daily traffic
Video Hearings:	581	53	+ 996%	Increase Web-Based Meetings
Continuances:	32	Show Cause Cancellations:		2 (Approx. 45 cases delayed)
Family Law Clinic Canceled:	1	Virtual F.L. Clinics Held:	8	
Public Health Screens:	2032	Staff Health Screens:	1801	

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE IN 2020:

Court closed a total of 10 Hours in 2020 Due to Cleaning and Covid-19 concerns

- 2 Staff tested positive for Covid-19 in 2020
- 0 Staff or Public contracted Covid-19 from exposure within the Court Building
- Contact Tracing Conducted on 4 occasions in 2020
- In-Office Staff Voluntarily Covid-19 tested on two occasions due to possible exposure concerns
- Various Staff tested for Covid-19 based on random concerns, no positive tests.
- Court implemented alternating work schedules June through July 7th

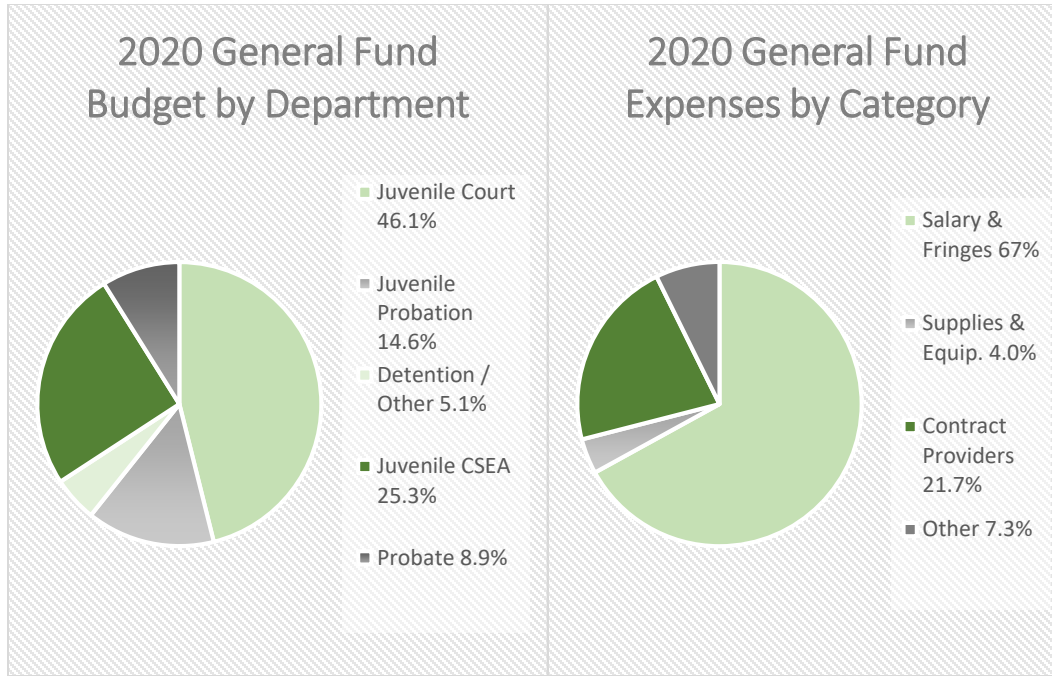
COURT SECURITY STATION

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

SALARIES (22 Staff in 2020)

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

2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAILS BY DEPARTMENT



GENERAL FUND BUDGET & EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	2020 BUDGET	BUDGET PERCENTAGE	SALARY FRINGE	SUPPLIES EQUIP.	CONTRACT PROVIDERS	OTHER	2020 SPENT
JUVENILE COURT	\$588,689	46.1%	\$236,686	\$27,648	\$252,474	\$12,889	\$529,697
JUVENILE PROBATION	\$187,013	14.6	\$170,381	\$3,690	0	\$6,767	\$180,838
DETENTION/ OTHER	\$64,505	5.1	0	0	0	\$64,189	\$64,189
JUV. CSEA RELATED	\$323,487	25.3	\$303,448	\$6,786	\$8,557	\$1,168	\$319,959
PROBATE	113,473	8.9	\$95,583	\$10,342	\$870	\$2,835	\$109,630
TOTAL	\$1,227,167	100%	\$806,098	\$48,466	\$261,901	\$87,848	\$1,204,313
TOTAL PERCENTAGE	100%		67%	4%	21.7%	7.3%	98.4%

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 2020

ACCOUNT	SOURCE	REVENUE
GENERAL	State Public Defender Reimbursement	\$108,925
GENERAL	Probate Fees	\$27,000
GENERAL	Juvenile Fees	\$10,000
GENERAL	Juvenile / Probate	\$129
GENERAL	Child Support – Indirect Costs Reimbursement	\$76,865
TOTAL		\$222,919

GENERAL FUND REVENUE / SPECIAL PROJECTS & OTHER

ACCOUNT	SOURCE	REVENUE	SPENT
GENERAL	Indigent Guardianship	\$4,510	\$4,338
GENERAL	Indigent Alcohol	\$134	0
OTHER	Drug Testing	\$281	\$3,507
SPECIAL	Security	\$5,700	\$2,801
OTHER	Child Support - Placement	\$23,393	\$13,680
SPECIAL	Court Computer	\$10,957	\$17,818
OTHER	Domestic Violence Fund	\$8,391	\$7,997
TOTAL		\$53,366	\$25,815

* 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	\$45,000	\$27,345
GRANT	Coshocton JFS (GAL/Intervention Reimbursement)	\$82,627	\$102,277
GRANT	National Quality Improvement Center/ US Dept. HHS	\$70,775	\$71,477
GRANT	Ohio Dept. Mental Health & Addiction Services (ATP)	\$2426	\$1,944
GRANT	Supreme Court of Ohio (Technology Project)	\$5362	\$6,490
GRANT	Ohio Department of Youth Services Reclaim SFY 20	\$164,411	\$137,217
GRANT	Ohio Department of Youth Service Reclaim SFY 21	\$130,879	\$69,157
TOTAL		\$501,480	\$415,907

* 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, 2020	Balance	\$22,747
1-1-20 through 12-31-20	Receipts	\$80,518
1-1-20 through 12-31-20	Interest	\$12.00
1-1-20 through 12-31-20	Expenditures	\$78,952
DECEMBER 31, 2010	BALANCE	\$24,325

COSHOCTON COUNTY 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 2018-2020 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!

BEER AND WINE IS JUST AS HARMFUL AS HARD LIQUOR

Alcohol can be harmful at any stage of your pregnancy even before you are aware that you are pregnant

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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) 422-6998
- Maternal and Child Health Center: (740) 422-2899
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): (740) 422-2929
- Parents and Children First Council: (740) 422-3788
- Coshocton County Head Start: (740) 422-3437
- Coshocton Regional Medical Center: (740) 422-3411
- Adult Behavioral Health Services: (740) 422-4470
- Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices: (740) 422-3033

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**



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.

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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?**
 - Remember: 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 during pregnancy can make all the difference in a baby's life! The earlier the substance is identified, the greater the chance a child has for reaching his or her full potential in life.

Helpful Resources:

- Maternal, Infant, and Child Health: (740) 422-2899
- Substance Use Treatment: (740) 422-2929
- Maternal and Child Health Clinic: (740) 422-2899
- WIC: (740) 422-2929

54 IN— The average length of a newborn baby.

46 IN— The average length of a 1-year-old child.

42 IN— The average length of a 2-year-old child.

36 IN— The average length of a 3-year-old child.

30 IN— The average length of a 4-year-old child.

24 IN— The average length of a 5-year-old child.

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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	Packets Provided
2020	11	50	49	98%	12	174
2019	12	129	111	86%	16	403
2018	12	106	93	88%	14	455
2017	12	129	102	79%	12	n/a
2016	6	54	39	72%	12	n/a
TOTALS	53	468	394	85%	13.2/yr.	1032

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	Cosh. Juv. Court Help Center
2020	11	54
2019	10	27
2018	19	n/a
TOTALS	40	81



Coshocton County Bar Association

This monthly free clinic serves individuals with limited income by providing access to attorneys for brief advice related to civil filings including custody, divorce, visitation and other issues. Southeastern Ohio Legal Services screens clients and assists local attorneys to provide this service. 12 area Attorneys served 11 clinics and 49 qualified clients of the 50 screened in 2020.

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 2020, 54 clients met with an Attorney thru the 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 185 clients have been tracked for inclusion since inception with over 43 successful graduates. In 2020 there have been **8** successful graduates, **3** unsuccessful terminations, and **25** 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 involved made progress in various areas of functioning, but were not able to complete 100% of program requirements. To date, two scholarship awards have been given to allow for post-secondary education. No youth were served in 2020 but **3** residential placements were made for specialized addiction treatment

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 to receive federal funding to develop, test and implement strategies for Plans of Safe Care for children affected or exposed to parental substance use or diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The Collaborative Community Court Team 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

NQIC Collaborative Community Court Team



The Supreme Court of Ohio



Coshocton CSB – TANF Funded Court Services

In 2020 Guardian Ad Litem court services, a Parenting Service Coordinator and Court Investigator on the civil docket continue to assist with connecting families to services and providing information for meaningful dispositions.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR COURT INVOLVED YOUTH – 2020

Collaboration, community partners, sharing of services, and evidence-based programming to assist with rehabilitation and competency development of identified youth is only a fraction of the services available. The services below is not exhaustive but a general description of programs for youth in our county.

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 youth that have previously been in diversion 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 Ohio Scales 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.

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

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

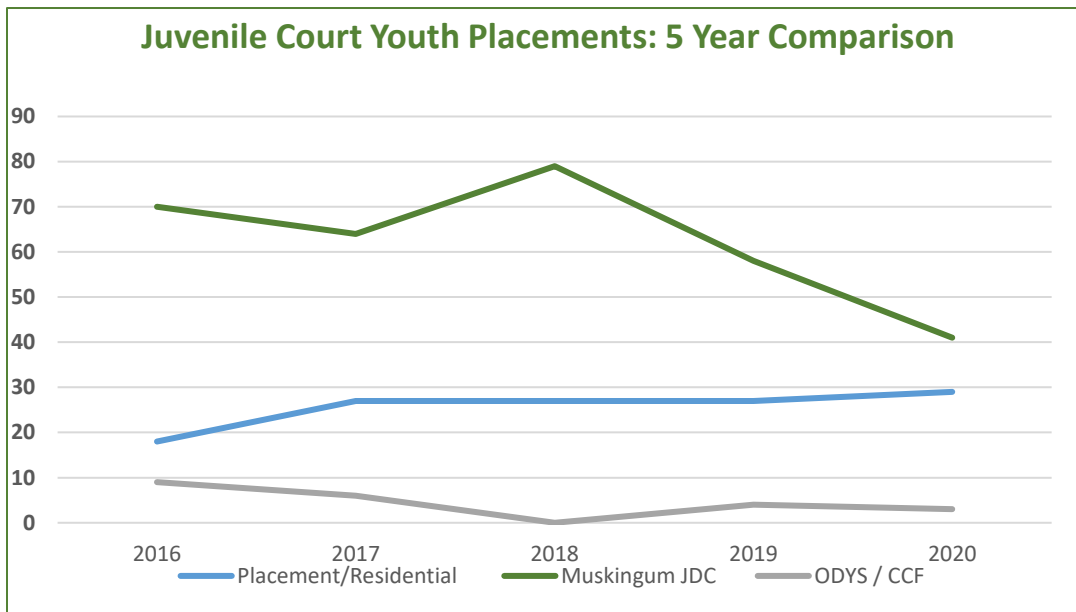
Electronic Monitoring: GPS Technology allows the Court to track youth in real time with these devices, and 3 units are owned by the Court. Exclusionary zones may be created for protection of crime victim purposes and staff can check on attendance at required meetings. In addition, 16 traditional electronic 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.

Attorney Representation

Over 95% of youth in Coshocton County Juvenile Court are represented by legal counsel at all hearings and reviews!

PROFILE OF YOUTH – 2020



COSHOCTON COUNTY YOUTH IN JUVENILE DETENTION

Muskingum JDC	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Admissions	70	64 (40 un)	79 (54 un)	58 (34un)	41 (22 un)
Total Days	1,224	1,328	921	866	788
Avg. Days	17.49	20.75	11.66	14.93	19.2
Avg. Pop.	3.35	3.63	2.52	2.37	2.16
Annual Cost	\$98,395	\$124,003	\$96,621	\$70,234	\$64,189

DETENTION BY DEMOGRAPHIC		Male	Female	Average Days
SEX	Male	18	-	19.7
	Female	-	4	16.0
RACE	White	13	4	20.0
	Black	4	0	14.7
	Other	1	0	14.0
OFFENSE	Felony	8	0	38.0
	Misdemeanor	3	5	17.6
	PV/VCO	18	5	17.2
	Warrant	0	1	2.0
AGE	12	0	1	27.0
	13	1	2	15.8
	14	0	0	0
	15	6	1	11.34
	16	8	0	17.63
	17	5	1	31.4
	18	0	1	2.0
TOTALS		18	4	19.2

COSHOCTON COUNTY YOUTH IN PLACEMENT & RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

YEAR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTALS FOR YEAR:	18	26	27	25	29

2020 Placement Facilities Used:

Advantage Family Outreach	1	Julia Page Group Home	1
Allwell Residential (formerly TCAS)	6	Mt. Vernon Developmental Center	1
Back to Basics	2	Mohican/ Young Star Academy	2
Bassett House	1	New Mercy Outreach	1
Bridgeway Group Home	1	NECCO	1
Coshocton JFS Foster Care	1	Ohio Guidestone	1
Community Speaks Group Home	1	Ohio Teaching Family	3
First Step FVIS	1	Safehouse	1
Fox Run	1	Smith House	1
Freedom Youth Program	1	Village Network/ New Horizon	1

2020 YOUTH PLACEMENTS **** (includes multi-system and court only youth)**** **29**

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PROFILE OF YOUTH – Placements

COSHOCTON COUNTY YOUTH IN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Community Cor. Facilities	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Northern Ohio JCF	2 Theft / Vandalism	3 Rape / Rape / Theft	1 Rape	0	0
Perry Multi-County JCF	2 Theft / Burglary	0	0	1 Assault	1 Escape
Ohio DYS Facilities	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Indian River JCF	4 (3) Rape, 1 Theft	1 Assault	1 Rape	1 Rape	0
Cuyahoga Hills JCF	1 Rape	1 Rape	1 Rape	0	0
Paint Creek (ODYS Step Down)	0	1 Rape	0	2 Rape	2 Rape

PROFILE OF YOUTH - Probation

Probation – Adjudicated Youth Profile - Court Supervision Official Cases

Date/Category	Total	Male	Race	Female	Race	Average Age
1-1-2020	44	34	10/ 2B/ 31W	10	1B/ 9W	16.59
12-31-2020	33	27	10/ 3BL/ 29W	6	6 W	15.33
Adjudications	24	17	11W/ 6B	7	6W/1U	15.47
Successful Releases	25	16	15W/ 1B	9	8W/ 1B	17.08
Unsuccessful Releases	3	3	3W	0	-	17.33
Violations Filed	27	12	9W/ 2B/ 10	2	2W	15.43
Violations Dismissed	10	7	5W/ 2B	0	-	15.71

COMPLAINTS ADJUDICATED - 2020

Complaints	Adjudicated	Males	Females
Assault	3	2	1
Agg. Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0
Breaking & Entering	3	0	3
Criminal Damaging	1	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0
Dissem. Harmful Mat.	1	1	0
Drug Trafficking	2	2	0
Escape	1	1	0
Grand Theft	1	1	0
Habitual Truant	1	0	1
Petty Theft	2	0	2
Rape	1	1	0
Rec. Stolen Property	1	1	0
Rec. Stolen Property - F	2	2	0
Resist Arrest	1	1	0
Underage Consumption	2	2	0
TOTAL ADJUDICATIONS	24	17	7

****Bold denotes Felony Complaints****

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

4 Females- Race: 3W/ 1U

Offense Level: 1 Status / 3 M1 / 3 Felony

Avg. Age: 14.25

13 Males- Race: 8W / 5B

Offense Level: 10 M / 7 Felony

Avg. Age 15.15

PROFILE OF YOUTH – Felony/ Diversion / Source

2020 Felony Offense Profile

Offense	Level	Sex	Race	Age	Disposition
Rape	F-1	M	White	13	Specialized Probation/ Treatment
Grand Theft of Firearm	F-3	M	Black	17	Transferred to County of Residence
Receive Stolen Property	F-4	M	Black	16	Probation
Receive Stolen Property	F-4	M	White	15	Probation / Residential Treatment
Breaking & Entering	F-4	F	White	12	Transferred to County of Residence
Breaking & Entering X 2	F-5	F	Unknown	15	Transferred to County of Residence
Trafficking Drugs X 2	F-5	M	White	17	Probation / Residential Treatment
Escape	F-3	M	White	17	Probation / R. Treatment / CCF Facility

Diversion Offense Profile – Court Supervision (Unofficial Cases)

Date	Number	Male	Female	Average Age	Race
1-1-2020	32	22	10	15.16	29W / 2B / 10
Filings	16	10	6	14.38	16W
Successful Rel.	12	8	4	15.0	12W
Unsuccessful	6	4	2	16.0	4W / 2B
Transfer / Other	2	1	1	14.5	2W
12-31-2020	28	18	10	14.36	26W / 2B

JUVENILE CASE FILING - SOURCE

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

PROFILE OF YOUTH – Traffic Violations

Traffic Adjudications	Number	Males	Females
Assured Clear Distance	6	3	3
Excessive Acceleration	1	1	0
Extra Passengers	2	1	1
Fail to Control	5	3	2
Fail to Display	1	1	0
Fail to Yield	3	2	1
FRA Suspension	1	0	1
Improper Passing	1	1	0
Leaving the Scene	1	0	1
Left of Center	1	0	1
Marked Lane Violation	1	1	0
No lights	3	2	1
No Operators License	3	2	1
Reckless Operation	4	4	0
Red Light Violation	3	2	1
Seat Belt	6	5	1
Speed	16	12	4
Speed in School Zone	3	1	2
Speed +6-10	1	0	1
Speed +11-15	5	4	1
Speed +16-20	4	1	3
Speed +20	4	3	1
Stop Sign	3	0	3
Suspended License	1	1	0
TOTAL	79 tickets	50	29

Other Items of Interest:

COURT SECURITY STATION:

- **5,890** individuals were screened through security in 2020
- **4,103** health screens were conducted in 2020
- 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
- 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.
- With approximately 197 open cases at year end, only 6 Guardians in 2019 had not yet fulfilled training requirements.

2020 PROBATE CASES OPENED, PENDING, AND CLOSED

CATEGORY	NEW	PENDING	CLOSED
Estates	168	151	189
Minor Guardianship	0	13	1
Incompetent Guardianship	10	188	9
Conservatorship	0	0	0
Trusts	6	41	8
Civil Action	3	5	3
Adoption	17	7	15
Mental Illness	6	0	7
Minor Settlement	3	5	0
Wrongful Death	0	0	0
Birth Registration/Correction	2	0	3
Name Change	15	1	16
Marriage Application	201	0	201
TOTAL CASES	431	411	452

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
2000	220	265	20	20	0	4	53	257	51	1	2	893
2001	281	262	37	47 (15)	0	3	53	311	42	6	0	1042
2002	301	272	51	53 (33)	0	5	114	408	40	8	0	1252
2003	236	258	50	29 (19)	0	4	94	393	43	10	0	1117
2004	268	186	40	24 (16)	0	12	96	486	64	10	0	1186
2005	182	165	32	28 (9)	0	0	81	532	40	8	1	1069
2006	176	182	37	15 (1)	0	2	124	508	16	10	5	1075
2007	207	156	37	37 (3)	0	1	136	577	17	6	2	1176
2008	161	153	36	24 (4)	0	2	144	535	11	4	5	1075
2009	136	143	57	24 (3)	0	1	165	644	19	5	1	1198
2010	186	119	40	29 (4)	0	0	122	642	12	9	1	1160
2011	159	109	53	26 (4)	0	5	162	664	15	1	1	1195
2012	185	115	67	16 (4)	1	5	125	588	12	8	2	1124
2013	149	70	74	13 (3)	1	5	149	616	19	3	6	1105
2014	157	66	54	15 (3)	0	0	139	501	15	6	7	960
2015	149	60	67	12	2	9	164	485	15	5	10	978
2016	133	89	72	1 (2)	2	6	208	552	12	9	4	1100
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
Average	174	142	56	20 (7)	0	4	127	474	23	5	3	1030

(THE UNRULY CASES REFLECT TOBACCO TICKETS IN PARENTHESIS)

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

ANNUAL COMPARISON OF JUVENILE CASES BY YEAR

YEAR	DIVERSION CASES	HABITUAL TRUANT ALTERNATIVES TO ADJUDICATION (# SUCCESSFUL)	HABITUAL TRUANT ADJUDICATED UNRULY	DETENTION HEARINGS	VIDEO DETENTION HEARINGS	VIDEO DISPO. & ARRAIGN. HEARINGS
2000	81	<i>effective 4-6-17</i>		49		
2001	86			97		
2002	80			112		
2003	86			105		
2004	67			94		
2005	49			62		
2006	71			67		
2007	82			73		
2008	79			60		
2009	51			49	14	
2010	68			81	44	
2011	73			76	34	
2012	45			61	35	
2013	36			70	37	
2014	41			70	41	
2015	33			66	50	10
2016	29			68	52	4
2017	27	47 (47)	2	52	43	14
2018	30	86 (86)	8	50	31	40
2019	30	101	9	48	33	20
2020	55	118	2	32	26	39
Average	57.1	88.0	5.5	62.5	36.7	21.2

JUVENILE CASES TERMINATED 2020

MONTH	DEL.	TRAF	A/N/D	UNRULY	HABITUAL TRUANT UNRULY	ADULT	PERM CUSTODY	CUSTODY VISIT	SUPPORT	PATERNITY	UIFSA	OTHER	TOTAL
JANUARY	6	6	5	0	0	0	0	12	24	0	0	0	53
FEBRUARY	4	6	8	3	0	0	0	12	26	0	0	0	59
MARCH	5	5	8	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	0	0	32
APRIL	4	2	7	0	0	0	0	7	11	0	0	0	31
MAY	10	2	12	2	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	34
JUNE	3	4	19	0	0	0	0	13	9	0	0	0	48
JULY	3	8	2	0	0	0	0	14	13	1	0	0	41
AUGUST	6	5	1	1	0	0	0	14	18	2	0	0	48
SEPTEMBER	6	14	0	0	0	0	6	26	0	0	0	0	52
OCTOBER	1	13	3	0	0	0	5	8	17	0	0	0	47
NOVEMBER	4	7	1	0	0	0	0	12	24	0	0	0	48
DECEMBER	3	4	4	1	0	0	2	9	12	0	0	0	35
TOTAL	55	76	70	7	0	0	18	131	166	4	0	1	528

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