

2016 Annual Report

**Summit County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Division
Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio**





Turning lives around one child at a time.



Linda Tucci Teodosio, Judge

Robert Bickett, Court Administrator
David Horner, Asst. Court Administrator

Summit County Juvenile Court Vision Statement

"The Summit County Juvenile Court strives to serve the best interests of our children through outreach, early intervention, community education and innovative programming, while fairly administering justice to all whose lives are impacted by the juvenile justice system."

The Magistrates of the Summit County Juvenile Court



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Court Finance

Prepared by Robert A. Bickett, Court Administrator

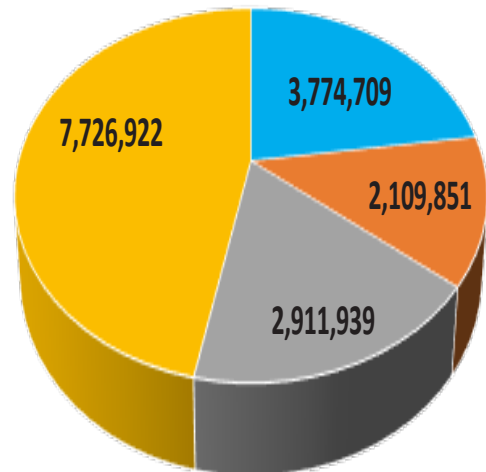
*The 2016 Summit County Juvenile court budget, consisting of both county and state/federal funding, totaled **\$16,523,421***

General Office/Judicial	\$3,774,709	RECLAIM Ohio	\$5,043,609	Personnel/Salaries & Benefits	\$11,653,003
Probation/Administration	2,109,851	Title IV-E	797,412	Contract Service	2,384,345
Detention Center	<u>2,911,939</u>	TitleXX/TANF Job Re-entry	114,244	Other	<u>2,486,073</u>
Total County Funding	\$8,796,499	Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice	297,654		\$16,523,421
		Juvenile Accountability Block	10,000		
		Victims of Crime	108,378		
		Title II DMC	9,693		
		OJJDP Family Drug Court	206,276		
		National School Lunch Program	87,547		
		Title XX Guardian ad Litem	266,625		
		TANF for Family Resource Center	419,799		
		State Victims Assistance	2,874		
		Supreme Court Improvement Funds	10,955		
		Title IV-D	29,474		
		CASA Volunteer Board	65,176		
		Ohio MHS Specialized Docket Subsidy	69,670		
		Summit Co. ADM Detention MH Services	155,016		
		Casey Foundation JDAI	<u>32,520</u>		
		Total State/Federal Grant Funding	\$7,726,922		

STATE/FEDERAL FUNDED SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS TO COURT

<u>SERVICE PROVIDER</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
Electronic Monitoring Oriana House, Inc.	95,000.00
Out of Home Placement Shelter Care Youth Assessment Shelter	137,750.00
Juvenile Court share of Summit County Family And Children First Council/Summit County Cluster for Youth Funding Agreement	131,084.00
Short Term out of Home Placement Shelter Care Youth Assessment	245,000.00
Integrated Co-Occurring Treatment (ICT) Child Guidance & Family Solution	140,000.00
Drug/Alcohol Assessments Services Community Health Center	27,000.00
Summit County Health District	55,346.00
Mentoring Akron UMADAOP	20,776.00
Akron Area YMCA	29,776.00
Competency Evaluations Summit Psychological Associates	15,000.00
Community Service/Restitution Program Funds to Victims	50,000.00
Long Term out of Home Placement Various Placement Agencies	600,000.00
Diversion Programming Distributed in varying amounts to 14 Police Departments and Sheriff's Office	208,575.00
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) Model Program Village Network	165,000.00
Youth & Family Counseling Greenleaf Family Center	65,000.00

Court Funding



■ General Office
 ■ Probation/Admin
 ■ Detention Center
 ■ State & Federal Funding

Additional 2016 Funding

Prepared by Grants Administrator, Woody Tyrrell

In addition to the county's general fund and formula funding from state/federal sources that sustain its operation, the Court actively pursues additional revenue through local, state and federal agency grant funding. These funds are typically used to create, maintain or expand programs at the Court aimed at meeting our goal of assuring that each child entering the Court leaves with increased opportunity for success in school, work, family relationships and the community. ***In 2016, grant funding committed to the court for special programming totaled \$1,917,085.58. Twenty-four (27) full- and part-time court positions and several positions for community service providers are supported by these funding streams.*** The programs either fully or partially operated by this funding in 2016 are:

Intensive Probation Supervision, \$10,000: The Court's Probation Officers offer intense services and case management to high risk offenders. Most Intensive Probation cases are placed on a suspended commitment through the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS). All participants are engaged in a minimum of 32 hours per week in structured activities. ***Funding is provided by Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds and administered by the Ohio Department of Youth Services.***

The Peace Justice and Equality Committee received **\$9,185.00** to create and implement innovative Restorative Justice programming in targeted communities as a way of addressing **Disproportionate Minority Contact** in Summit County. ***Funding is provided by Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds and administered by the Ohio Department of Youth Services.***

The Family Resource Center (FRC), \$419,719: Intensive case management is delivered to court-referred, at-risk youth and their families at the court and in the community. The FRC is also a resource for other youth and the community as a whole. It serves as a central point of referral for all services available throughout Summit County for youth and their families. More than 400 families were served in 2016. ***Funding is provided by Federal TANF/PRC funds administered by the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, Russell M. Pry, Executive.***

The Behavioral Health and Juvenile Justice Program, \$353,324.00: Intensive probation and case management services, drug/alcohol/mental health treatment and/or cognitive behavioral therapy is delivered in home families of youth who are at the greatest risk of commitment to Department of Youth Service institutions. Approximately 50 youth and their families are served annually. ***Funding is provided by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Youth Services and the program is administered in collaboration with the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board.***

Jobs Re-entry Program, \$115,000: provides intensive case management services to 20-30 youth/year in the custody of the Ohio Department of Youth Services and after their release aimed at developing life and job skills, linking them to education and training opportunities, jobs, higher education, providing mentoring and generally helping to transition them successfully back into their families and the community. ***Funding is provided by the Federal Title XX/TANF funds administered by the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, Ilene Shapiro, Executive.***

Family Reunification through Recovery Court Program was granted an extension of one additional year to spend remaining funds **\$130,205** from the original award of **\$538,636, 4-year total:** creates a specialized docket intended to re-unite and stabilize family units through the provision of suitable Intensive treatment and intervention for families who have had their children removed as a result of substance abuse or when it has been determined to be a major contributing factor to the children's removal. The Court closely collaborates with Summit County Children's Services and a host of other county agencies and providers in partnership with the county's federally funded STARRS program. Funding is provided by the United States Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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Restore Court, the Human Trafficking Specialized Docket for identified victims of human trafficking and youth found to be at high risk for becoming victims, was awarded **\$149,445.00** in 2015 by the **Ohio Department of Youth Services under its Competitive RECLAIM funding project**. The program offers youth an array of services including case management, therapy/counseling and targeted mentoring through community partners and court staff as well as intensive judicial monitoring and support.

Restore Court was also supported beginning in 2016 through an **Innovation Grant for \$61,300 by the State of Ohio Supreme Court**. The grant specifically funds the creation of a Mentoring/activity Center in Akron operated by Rahab Ministries staff. The project provides space and structured activities for the Restore Court victim population as well as other non-court involved victims/at-risk youth in the community.

Specialized Docket funds were received in 2016 for the court's two Ohio Supreme Court certified specialized dockets—***Crossroads Co-occurring mental health and substance abuse Court*** and the ***Family Reunification through Recovery Court***. Combined, the two problem-solving courts received **\$92,537.00** from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as part of newly approved state legislation under House Bill 483.

The **Information Technology Department** received a grant from the **Ohio Department of Youth Services Category III Detention Alternatives and Enhancements funding project for “One-Time Physical Plant Enhancements and Policy/Procedure Modifications Promoting the Safety of Youth and Staff” in 2016**. The Court received **\$120,508.00** to upgrade and modernize the detention facility's automated door locking and intercom systems.

CASA/GAL Child Advocate Team, \$281,398: provides a team of Licensed Social Workers (LSW) GAL positions devoted to directly providing child advocacy/case management services to children removed from their homes. Typically, these professionals are assigned in place of volunteer CASAs when the youth removed from the home are also involved in delinquency cases, when they are placed outside of Summit County and extensive travel will be involved for the assigned worker or in otherwise complicated/complex removals. ***Funding is provided by Federal Title XX/TANF funds administered by the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, Ilene Shapiro, Executive.***

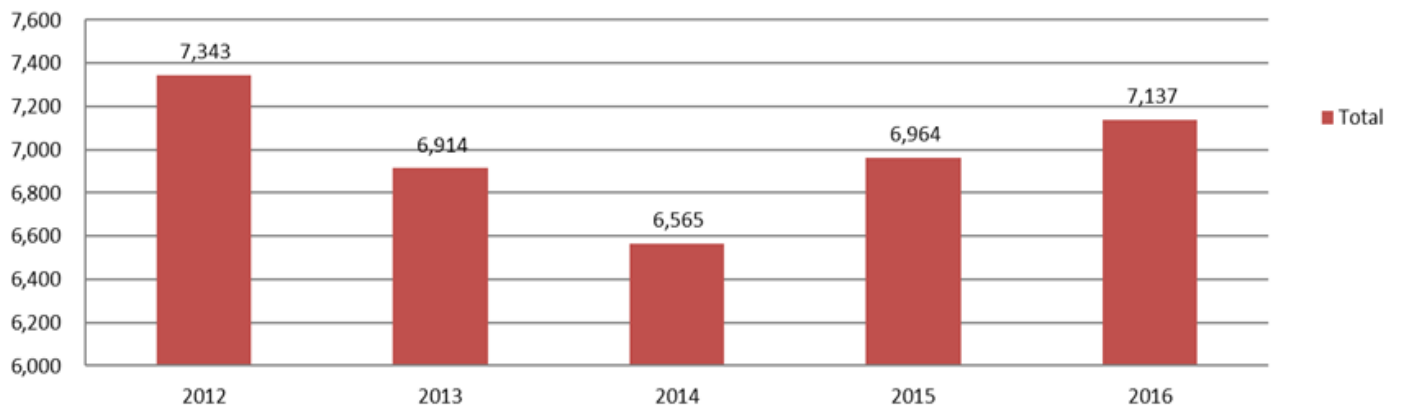
Additional CASA/GAL Program Funding awarded in 2016 was again provided by a variety of sources including:

Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds, \$171,175.58 for operating costs and State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA), \$3,286 for supplies and technology were received through and administered by the ***State of Ohio Attorney General's Office.***

The Summit County CASA Volunteer Board Association also generously contributes significant funds to the CASA program as reported in the CASA Program section of this annual report.

RECLAIM Ohio Funding

For over a decade, the Court has been one of the top two counties in Ohio in receiving RECLAIM Ohio funds. The Court received those funds based on the number of felony adjudications and Ohio Department of Youth Services bed-day usage. Those numbers are factored into a formula and compared to the activity of other counties in the state. The funding is a product of responsible management at the Court while providing innovative programming and education at the community level. This has allowed the Court to enhance its rehabilitation for youth who remain under Court supervision. This has resulted in a decrease in bed-days, which is becoming a positive trend. Although our bed-day usage did increase by 379 bed-days (an increase of 11% from the previous fiscal year) our RECLAIM funding stayed strong. As a result, the Court yielded \$4.28 million, or a 13.99% share of available variable RECLAIM funds. The Court also received allocations of \$726,589 from the Youth Services Grant, \$351,896 for Targeted RECLAIM, \$81,354 for Competitive RECLAIM, and \$120,508 from the Detention Alternatives & Enhancements Grant. All totaled, the Court received \$5,564,182.13 from the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

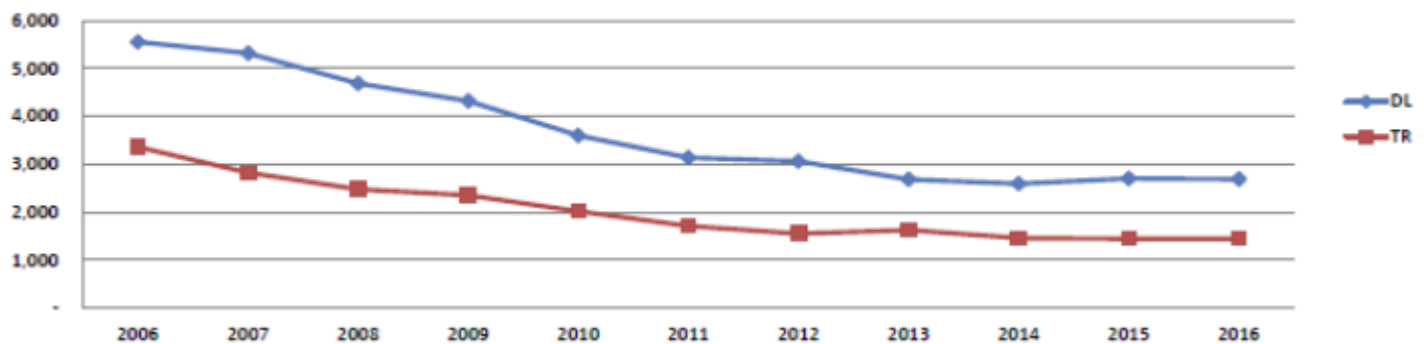


Case Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
DL	5,555	5,320	4,688	4,319	3,601	3,139	3,064	2,682	2,591	2,700	2,687
TR	3,359	2,821	2,475	2,351	2,016	1,709	1,549	1,625	1,458	1,442	1,441
DN	1,276	1,207	1,025	980	915	858	805	832	843	915	1,062
FS	947	1,012	623	592	526	464	420	492	431	607	532
UN	826	747	907	654	549	388	401	283	259	253	257
RF	341	210	214	444	509	463	605	485	483	621	618
LC	238	298	255	270	261	254	312	293	288	272	343
GP	79	151	128	136	103	115	123	165	148	88	129
PS	87	60	46	38	9	9	14	14	10	11	13
CT	10	9	16	18	17	18	17	13	19	15	12
PO	-	-	-	-	10	25	33	30	34	40	43
CR	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
Total	12,718	11,835	10,377	9,803	8,516	7,444	7,343	6,914	6,565	6,964	7,137

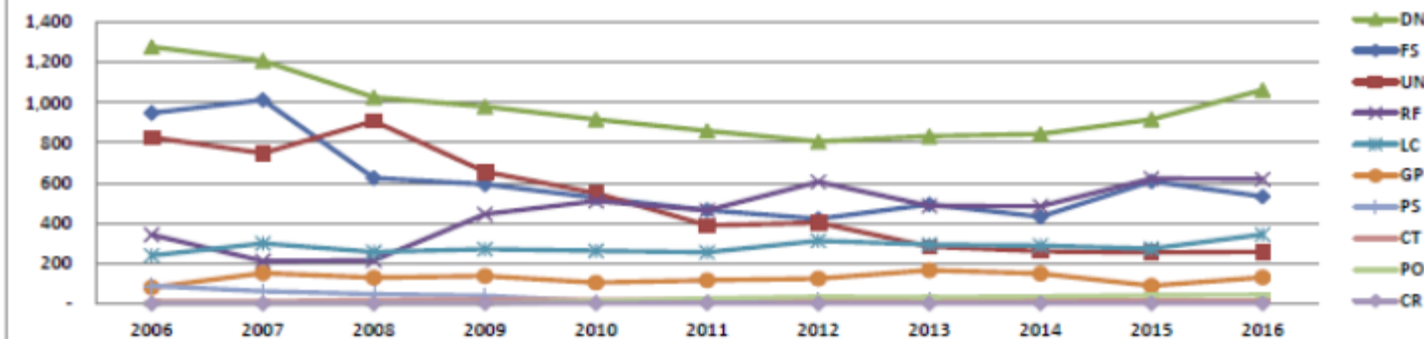
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TR	Traffic	CR	Criminal (Adult)	FS	Failure to send (Adult)	PS	Permanent Surrender	PO	Protection Order	RF	Unofficial

DL TR Case Types - 10 year Trend 2006 - 2016



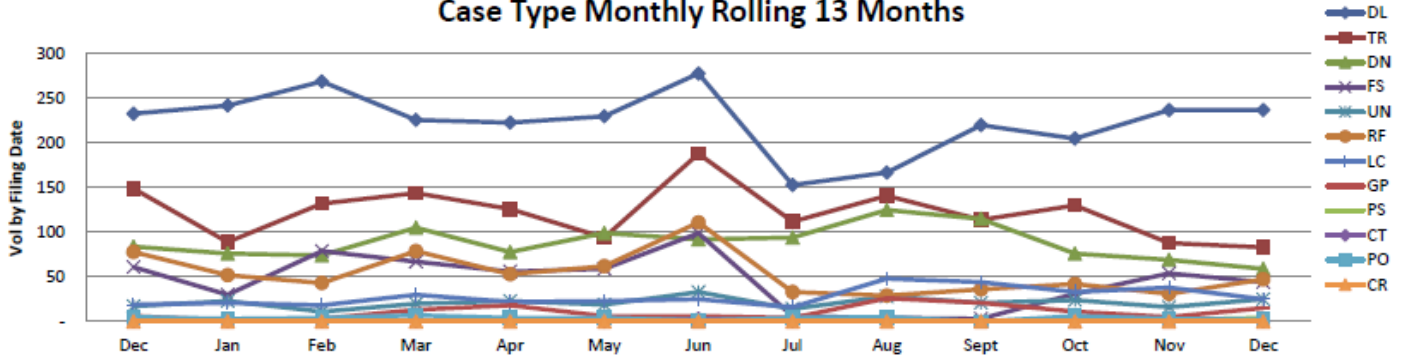
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Case Type Monthly Breakout

	2015	2016												2016	2016 % of
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Total
DL	233	242	269	226	223	230	278	153	167	220	205	237	237	2,687	37.65%
TR	149	89	132	144	126	94	188	112	141	114	130	88	83	1,441	20.19%
DN	84	76	74	105	78	99	92	94	125	115	76	69	59	1,062	14.88%
FS	61	30	79	67	56	59	99	6	4	3	31	54	44	532	7.45%
UN	17	23	11	20	23	19	33	14	28	21	24	16	25	257	3.60%
RF	78	52	43	79	53	62	111	33	29	36	42	31	47	618	8.66%
LC	19	21	18	30	22	23	25	16	48	44	33	38	25	343	4.81%
GP	6	1	3	13	18	6	6	4	26	21	11	5	15	129	1.81%
PS	2	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	2	4	13	0.18%
CT	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	-	3	-	12	0.17%
PO	5	3	4	7	4	4	1	4	5	-	6	3	2	43	0.60%
CR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Total	654	537	635	691	605	597	838	436	578	575	558	546	541	7,137	100.00%

Case Type Monthly Rolling 13 Months



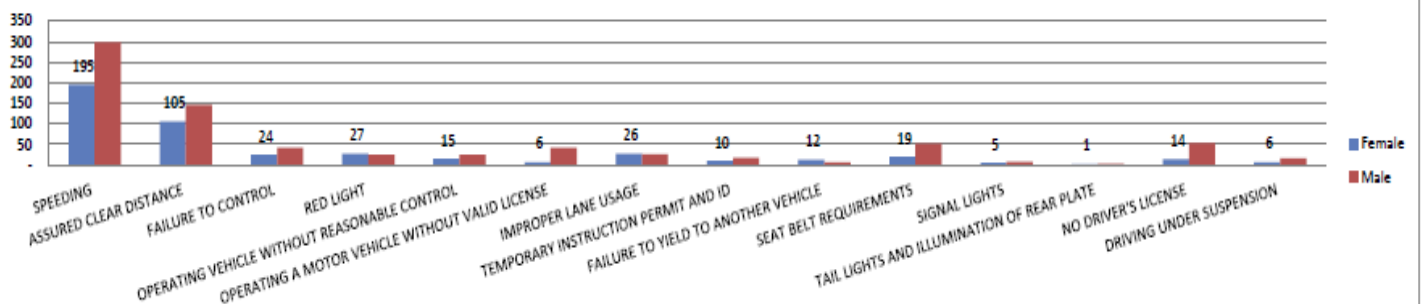
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Traffic Offenses

Traffic Offenses	Dec-16			2016 Totals			2015 Totals			Percent Inc/Dec Over Last Year		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
SPEEDING	6	15	21	195	298	493	180	315	495	8%	-5%	0%
ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE	7	13	20	105	146	251	128	123	251	-18%	19%	0%
FAILURE TO CONTROL	4	3	7	24	42	66	16	44	60	50%	-5%	10%
RED LIGHT	2	3	5	27	24	51	15	19	34	80%	26%	50%
OPERATING VEHICLE WITHOUT REASONABLE CONTROL	1	3	4	15	24	39	13	25	38	15%	-4%	3%
OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT VALID LICENSE	1	2	3	6	41	47	9	31	40	-33%	32%	18%
IMPROPER LANE USAGE	1	2	3	26	25	51	24	36	60	8%	-31%	-15%
TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT AND ID	-	2	2	10	17	27	5	21	26	100%	-19%	4%
FAILURE TO YIELD TO ANOTHER VEHICLE	2	-	2	12	6	18	10	14	24	20%	-57%	-25%
SEAT BELT REQUIREMENTS	-	2	2	19	51	70	21	49	70	-10%	4%	0%
SIGNAL LIGHTS	-	2	2	5	7	12	1	2	3	400%	250%	300%
TAIL LIGHTS AND ILLUMINATION OF REAR PLATE	1	1	2	1	2	3	-	4	4	100%	-50%	-25%
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE	-	2	2	14	52	66	19	37	56	-26%	41%	18%
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	1	1	2	6	16	22	9	12	21	-33%	33%	5%

December Top Traffic Offenses by Gender totals - 2016



Yearly Statistical Analysis of Charges

Felony	Year to Date			Year to Date Last Year			Percent Inc/Dec Over Last Year		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	12	78	90	13	83	96	-7.69%	-6.02%	-6.25%
BREAKING AND ENTERING	3	51	54	1	21	22	200.00%	142.86%	145.45%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	8	41	49	5	25	30	60.00%	64.00%	63.33%
BURGLARY	7	116	123	7	110	117	0.00%	5.45%	5.13%
ASSAULT	7	21	28	5	14	19	40.00%	50.00%	47.37%
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS	4	31	35	-	18	18	100.00%	72.22%	94.44%
TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS	1	19	20	6	12	18	-83.33%	58.33%	11.11%
OTHER	48	270	318	35	267	302	37.14%	1.12%	5.30%
Total Felony	90	627	717	72	550	622	25.00%	14.00%	15.27%
Misdemeanor	Year to Date			Year to Date Last Year			Percent Inc/Dec Over Last Year		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
CHRONIC TRUANCY	265	320	585	330	321	651	-19.70%	-0.31%	-10.14%
THEFT	194	241	435	245	257	502	-20.82%	-6.23%	-13.35%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	21	161	182	34	189	223	-38.24%	-14.81%	-18.39%
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	91	173	264	90	160	250	1.11%	8.13%	5.60%
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	32	162	194	25	133	158	28.00%	21.80%	22.78%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	136	204	340	25	133	158	444.00%	53.38%	115.19%
OTHER	340	983	1,323	441	1,010	1,451	-22.90%	-2.67%	-8.82%
Total Misdemeanor	1,079	2,244	3,323	1,190	2,203	3,393	-9.33%	1.86%	-2.06%
Status	Year to Date			Year to Date Last Year			Percent Inc/Dec Over Last Year		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
UNRULY CHILD DEFINED	176	321	497	172	325	497	2.33%	-1.23%	0.00%
PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO CIGARETTES OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS	6	21	27	5	31	36	20.00%	-32.26%	-25.00%
COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	-	1	1	-	8	8	0.00%	-87.50%	-87.50%
CURFEW VIOLATION	-	1	1	-	1	1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
TOBACCO VIOLATIONS	1	3	4	-	7	7	100.00%	-57.14%	-42.86%
OTHER	2	5	7	-	4	4	100.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Total Status	185	352	537	177	376	549	4.52%	-6.38%	-2.19%

Detention Services

Melissa Gerney, Superintendent

The Summit County Juvenile Detention Center consists of seven main housing units plus two annex units, making the total capacity for 100 juveniles, although the daily population averages for 2016 was 41 youth, 36 males and five females.

Full-time Detention Center staff members are required to receive a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education and training annually. All Detention staff members are responsible for providing a safe and secure environment for juveniles, personnel and other persons, and assist with the security of the facility. Detention Officers are also responsible for transporting juveniles to Court hearings, medical appointments, counseling appointments, diagnostic evaluations and other appointments deemed necessary by the Court.

The Detention Center continues to maintain the high standards set forth by the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and the American Correctional Association. The Detention Center received their initial ACA accreditation in May 2015 and continuously strives to adhere to the aspirational standards of JDAI. In May of 2016, the Detention Center was assessed by a team of community members serving on the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) review team. This is the second assessment the Detention Center has participated in with the first such assessment taking place in 2012. The final report of this latest assessment indicated that Detention staff are well trained, professional and dedicated to serving the mission set forth by Judge Teodosio.

In an effort to continue to build our professionalism within the facility and during Court proceedings, the Detention Center has recently purchased shirts, pants, and sweatshirts for all Detention Center staff. This provides a structured and uniformed attire for all staff representing Summit County Juvenile Detention Center.

Education remains an important facet of Detention Center operations. Certified Akron Public School teachers offer courses in health, history, language arts, math, reading and science. When the youth re-enters school upon release, a school representative assures that the curriculum the youth studied while in Detention is reported to the school he or she attends. Credit recovery from the courses studied while in the Detention Center can now be applied to their record and assist in receiving the necessary credits needed to graduate from high school. Additional tutorial services are provided by Akron Public Schools through the Title I Program.

The Detention Center has expanded the garden area to include a variety of fruits, vegetables and flowers. The garden flourishes during the summer months and provides a wide selection of produce to be served on the salad bar for our youth in the Detention Center. The greenhouse has recently undergone some renovations to include a water line, new tarp and heat lights.

Creative writing, religious services, and art programs continue to be offered to all youth in the Detention Center. It is also imperative that youth in the Detention Center maintain close family and community ties through weekly and telephone calls to parents and/or guardians.

Detention Services, con't

In 2016:

- **2,173** juveniles were brought into the Summit County Juvenile Detention Facility. Whenever a juvenile is brought to Detention they go through the Intake process which consists of re-viewing all paperwork and having the Detention Risk Assessment completed to determine whether the juvenile should be held or released.
- **769** juveniles were held in the detention facility; 582 were males and 187 were females.
- **1,404** were released through the aforementioned admission process which consists of having the Detention Risk Assessment completed and the juvenile scoring below a level established by a multi-disciplinary team.
- The average daily population of the facility was **41.86**.
- The average bed days in Detention were **12.07 days** (the average bed days represent the number of days a juvenile held in Detention spends in the facility from the time assigned to a unit until departure/release). There were **eight (8)** juveniles who had motions filed to have them bound over to the adult system. The Detention Facility continues to use the Juvenile Detention Risk Assessment device which provides information to allow staff make better decisions as to which juveniles should be to be held in Detention and which can be released.

2016 Detention Admits/Releases				
2016	Start of Month	Admits	Releases	End of Month
Jan	44	81	83	42
Feb	42	70	64	48
Mar	48	80	77	51
Apr	51	65	76	40
May	40	76	66	50
June	50	60	73	37
July	37	64	71	30
Aug	30	63	48	45
Sep	45	77	77	45
Oct	45	65	64	46
Nov	46	59	62	43
Dec	43	51	68	26
YTD	521	811	829	503

2016	ALOS	ADP
1st QTR	21	43
2nd QTR	36	30
3rd QTR	12	43
4th QTR	26	43

Key Definitions
ALOS - Average Length of Stay
ADP - Average Daily Population
YTD - Year to Date

2016 New Detention Admits by Gender/Race													
2016	Female					Male					Total	Female % of Total	Male % of Total
	Black	White	Bi-Racial	Other	Total	Black	White	Bi-Racial	Other	Total			
Jan	10	5	1	0	16	40	19	6	0	65	81	20%	80%
Feb	4	5	1	0	10	37	15	5	0	60	70	14%	86%
Mar	16	7	3	0	26	40	9	1	1	54	80	33%	68%
Apr	9	9	2	0	20	30	12	4	0	45	65	31%	69%
May	3	6	5	1	15	35	20	6	0	61	76	20%	80%
June	8	6	6	0	20	22	10	11	0	40	60	33%	67%
July	5	8	5	0	18	30	12	4	0	46	64	28%	72%
Aug	6	8	2	0	16	30	13	4	0	47	63	25%	75%
Sep	9	4	4	2	19	37	13	8	0	58	77	25%	75%
Oct	9	5	2	0	16	35	10	4	0	49	65	25%	75%
Nov	5	9	0	1	15	32	9	3	0	44	59	25%	75%
Dec	6	3	2	1	12	25	12	2	0	39	51	24%	76%
YTD	90	75	33	5	203	393	154	58	1	608	811	25%	75%

Clerk's Office

Donald Lomax, Chief Deputy Clerk

The Clerk's Office is the clearinghouse for the Juvenile Court. All case documentation is processed through the Clerk's Office. The office also responds to requests for information from appointed counsel, attorneys,, prosecutors, law enforcement, agencies and private citizens. The office is also charged with mailing notification to all parties involved in Court hearings.

The Clerk's Office staff likely comes into contact with more members of the public than any other office in the Court. Staff members realize many of the visitors to the Court are there not of their own volition. The Clerk's Office works diligently to do their best to accommodate their requests for information in a responsive and responsible manner.

Another function of the Clerk's is the accounting of fines and fees collected during the course of the year. In total in 2016, the Clerk's Office collected a total of \$224,554.68. Here is a breakdown of the monies collected:

- Computer & Legal Research, victims of crime, fees - \$119,681.61
- Traffic Fines & Costs, Indigent Defense, Legal Aid Society - \$84,798.85
- SAFTE Program - \$6,700
- Restitution - \$5,199.53
- Court Clerk Fund - \$4,020
- Delinquency Fines & Costs - \$2,506
- Merchant Services - \$1,657.69

2016 Totals Reported to the Ohio Supreme Court by the Clerk's Office

MONTH	TRIAL JUDGE	TRIAL MAGISTRATE	DISMISS	ADM JUDGE	ADM MAGISTRATE	CERTIFICATION	UNAVAILABLE	TRANSFER	REFERRAL PRIVATE JUDGE	INTERLOCUTORY	OTHER TERM
JANUARY	3	119	122	30	268	0	44	10	0	0	9
FEBRUARY	15	91	109	32	329	1	50	9	0	0	28
MARCH	7	100	144	32	341	0	59	12	0	0	19
APRIL	7	73	131	22	307	0	58	10	0	0	39
MAY	8	94	121	18	328	0	39	10	0	0	31
JUNE	5	93	190	53	326	0	73	13	0	0	33
JULY	4	90	171	45	310	1	67	10	0	0	8
AUGUST	9	95	168	23	304	0	94	11	0	0	26
SEPTEMBER	5	101	91	39	277	1	40	19	0	0	11
OCTOBER	6	111	117	27	299	0	37	13	0	0	18
NOVEMBER	10	78	111	39	255	1	50	11	0	0	52
DECEMBER	9	113	131	51	314	2	49	11	0	0	21
TOTALS	88	1158	1606	411	3658	6	660	139	0	0	295

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

Summit County Juvenile Court reached its 7-year mark as a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) site in 2016. JDAI is a juvenile justice reform initiative brought to the Ohio Department of Youth Services in 2009 through a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF). Efforts of this reform work were evident in 2016 as the number of secure admissions to the Summit County Detention Center continued to decline. Since JDAI's inception in Summit County, Detention admissions have decreased from 1,565 youth in 2009 to 769 in 2016, while delinquency cases being filed with the Court have decreased as well; meaning there has been no negative impact on public safety. That is a decrease in Detention admissions of 51% over the years. Much more is known today about the adverse effects of detention on a young person, and research continues to support the reduction of the use of a secure confinement except for the highest risk and most threatening youthful offenders. JDAI does not advocate for the irradiation of secure confinement, much the opposite it. JDAI is a philosophy that supports promoting public safety by using the Detention Center beds only for those youth who can't be effectively treated and controlled within the community, and therefore reducing the number of youth being admitted that can more effectively and efficiently be served within the community.



The JDAI framework approaches reform from both ends of the offender spectrum. On the “front” end of the system, JDAI calls for objective screening of youth being brought into the Detention Center, and the use of community alternatives for those who are identified to pose no threat to the community. Partnerships with community organizations, such as Shelter Care Safe Landing Youth Shelter, where youth can go as an alternative to detention, continue to support the reform work by providing an alternative with a level of care that is more appropriate and has less adverse long term negative effects on the youth and family.



The expansion and continuation of restorative justice practices, specifically the use of peace circles, was a highpoint of 2016's reform efforts. The Peace, Justice & Equality committee, through the leadership of its Community Advisory Committee and the generosity and support of Community Partnership of Summit County, published a coloring book using the illustrations of a local young artist Elijah M. Dority. Elijah was featured at 2016's Summit for Kids event where he participated in a book signing and provided copies of *Justice by the Book* to young attendees.

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Traditional & Intensive Probation Department

Curtis Howard, Chief Probation Officer

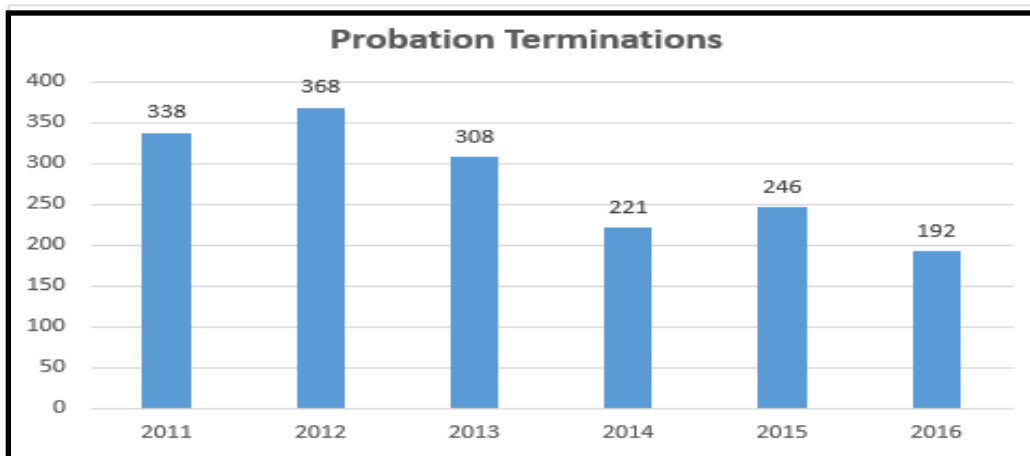
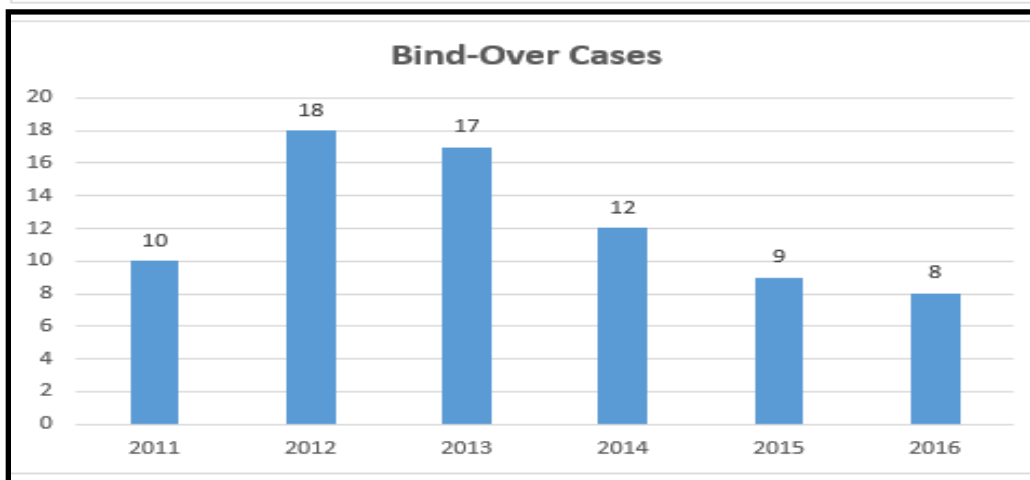
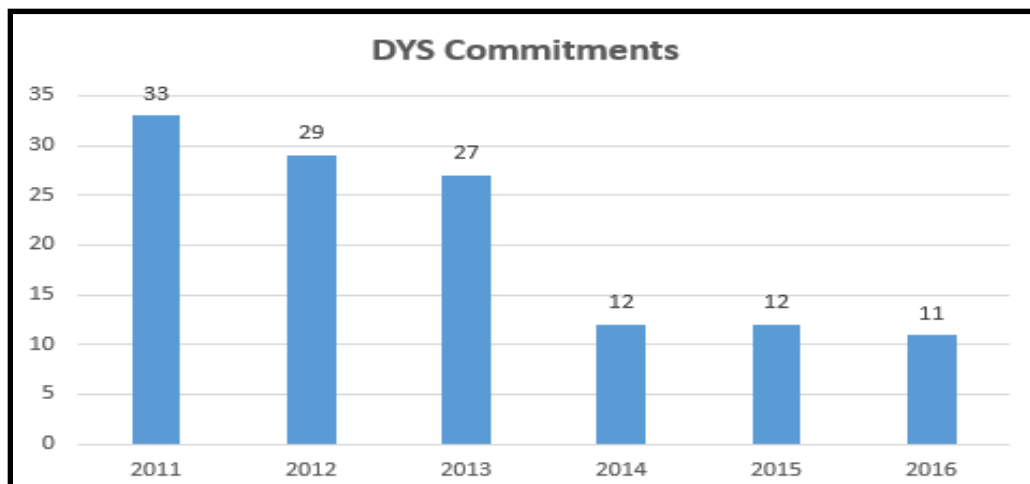
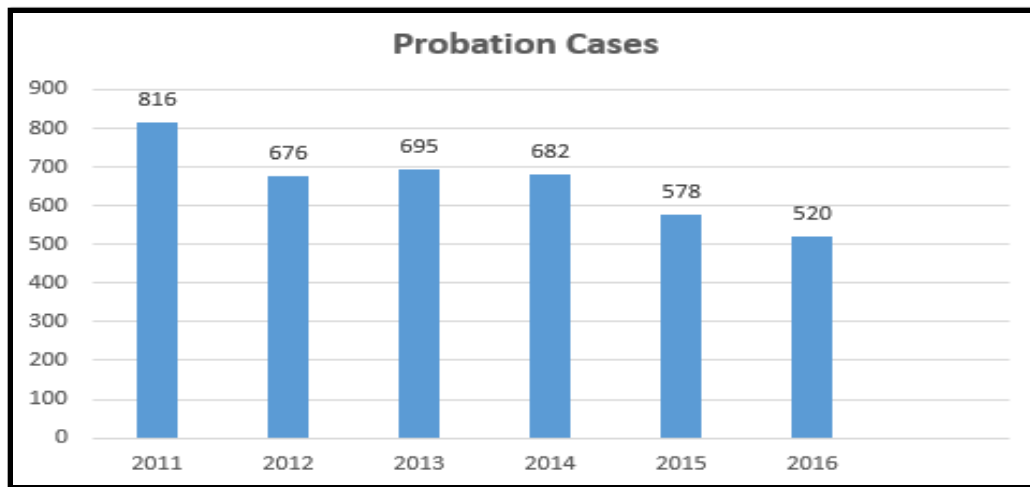
The Probation Department strives to meet three primary objectives: community safety, offender accountability and practical rehabilitation of offenders. In 2016, the department focused on improving the outcome for youth on probation incorporating evidenced based interventions and practices. This department was responsible for the supervision and investigation of 520 cases, which included 197 new assignments, 221 cases that were carried over from the previous year and 102 Intake cases. The number of cases served in 2016 was less than the previous year's total of 578 cases.

Probation case assignments are based on geographic districts, allowing Probation Officers to establish and maintain rapport with clients, families, schools and agencies within a district. The average caseload for Probation Officers in 2016 was approximately 24 cases for each Probation Officer. The Probation staff consists of Probation Officers, Probation Community Workers, Case Managers, a Probation Supervisor, an Administrative Assistant and the Chief Probation Officer. The Department collaborates internally and with community partners to serve our youth and families.

There were 8 youth who were committed or revoked to the Ohio Department of Youth Services in the 2016 calendar year. Three were on probation in this department at the time they were committed TO DYS. In 2016, 8 cases transferred from the Juvenile Division of Common Pleas Court to the General Division. Of the eight bind-over cases, three were mandatory and five were discretionary transfers. In 2016, 192 cases were successfully terminated from probation supervision.

The Probation Department and the community continued to benefit from two grants that supported evidence-based programs. The Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Grant supported two community-based programs that provided intensive in-home therapy for youth and parents. In 2016, 60 families engaged in intensive home-based therapeutic programs. The Targeted RECLAIM Grant supported additional services including the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy model "Thinking for a Change" groups which served 43 detention and community youth. The Probation Officers and Probation Community Workers delivered over 350 EPICS (Effective Practices In Community Settings) sessions and evidence-based interventions and practices.

Summit County Juvenile Court and the Probation Department continue to maintain working relationships with community agencies and committees. These efforts seek to enhance the development and security of the Summit County community, while holding juvenile offenders accountable for their actions. The community agencies, services and court programs have provided opportunities for our youth to engage in educational, substance abuse treatment and mental health services.



Intake Department
Lynda Mullins, Supervisor

The Intake Department is often the first contact youthful offenders have when becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. Upon referral, the staff of the Intake Department is charged with the important task of gathering pertinent information about the youth's background, family dynamic and demographics, and other information that can be assessed to determine the recommendations the staff members render to the Court for disposition.

Last year, the Intake Department underwent some re-evaluation and renewed planning in the manner in which it goes about performing its duties. The department realized that some programs could be updated. This has been a work in progress as it reviews practices, scheduling and available programming at the Court and in the community and the staff continues to make in-roads toward improving the methods of service it provides. The primary goal, however, remains intact: to address individualized needs while emphasizing community safety and assuring compliance to Court policies and procedures.

Intake staff continues to rely on Motivational Interviewing techniques to help break down barriers and reach resistant clients. The Intake Department also works closely with Information Technology staff to review data and to examine referral numbers, trends and recidivism. The Intake staff receives weekly updates from Information Technology, particularly regarding felony assignments.

Intake staff adheres to the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) philosophy which seeks to keep youth in the home and providing community-based services without compromising public safety. With this in mind, early intervention and use of diversion are key components applied in the Intake Department. Intake Supervisor Lynda Mullins is a member of the Detention Admissions Review Team. This is a weekly meeting of department heads that take a critical look at the detention population to ensure that the Court is holding only the youth that absolutely need to be detained. This has proven valuable to reducing bed days in the Detention Center.

The Intake Department has also had to adjust the manner in which it accepts truancy referrals. State legislators have mandated that schools take a greater responsibility in addressing those students struggling with attendance. With the passage of Ohio House Bill 410 in late 2016, it presents a new adjustment for the processing and referral of truancy cases. House Bill 410 decriminalizes truancy referrals, so the Intake Department will be handling them as unofficial referrals, not being heard by a Magistrate. The bulk of these cases will be seen by the Family Resource Center.

Court-Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem Program (CASA/GAL)

Beth Cardina, Program Director

With a blend of compassion, commitment and conscientiousness, the CASA/GAL volunteers and staff work vigilantly to assure that the Court is given information that compels the Court to act in the best interests of the child.



Staff member Sarah Harvan conducts a training session for CASA volunteers.

Volunteers complete a thorough, mandatory 40-hour training program to become advocates for abused, neglected and dependent children who come in contact with the Court system through no fault of their own. Through collaboration with key service agencies and legal counsel and utilizing other community resources, the volunteers make recommendations on behalf of the child during Court hearings. The CASA/GAL volunteers investigate and monitor many facets of the child's background and make assessments to the Court based on their findings.

The Juvenile Court funds the CASA/GAL Program, but the program also receives grants from the Victims of Crime Act and the State Victims Assistance Act. Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro offers funding from Federal Title XX/TANF funds administered through the county's Department of Job and Family Services. Several local foundations, businesses and organizations also provide much-needed funding. Additionally, the local CASA Board Volunteer Association partners with the Court to assist in the mission of the program and its volunteers. The CASA Board is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that contributed over \$78,000 to the program's general operating costs in 2016.

The CASA/GAL Program also benefits from donations from the Kimberly S. Denholm Charities, as well as other community grants to underwrite the program's annual Holiday Toy Shop, which purchases gifts that are selected and delivered to the children by their CASA volunteer. In 2016, over 400 children received an early and happier holiday because of the efforts of the CASA/GAL Program and their advocates. Additionally, the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation created Rosebuds, a program that provided holiday attire for children during the Toy Shop.

It is the task of the 19-member staff of the CASA/GAL Program to assure that the volunteers have the materials and support that they need to see each of their cases through to a successful end. In 2016, 250 volunteer child advocates provided a voice for over 1,100 dependent, abused or neglected children in Juvenile Court proceedings. The number of children served by the program ranks as the highest of any CASA/GAL Program in the state of Ohio and positions the program as one of the largest in the nation.



Pictured above are Judge Teodosio, back center, with the CASA Volunteers who graduated from training in October 2016.

Citizen's Review Board

Magistrate Rita Rochford, Director

The Citizen's Review Board (CRB) consists of four separate boards of community volunteers with a background in social work, criminal justice, education, medicine or other significant community involvement who were appointed by Judge Teodosio. The function of the CRB is to determine whether the best interests of children in Dependency, Neglect and Abuse cases are being met. Each board meets twice a month to review the standing of children who have been placed in the permanent custody of Summit County Children Services. The reviews seek to ensure that the children are receiving proper assistance and that Children Services is working to expedite the child's permanency plan, which is typically adoption.

CRB members review each case at least once every six months and, if necessary, more often than that. Working with Magistrate Rochford, the Board has the authority to issue orders during review hearings. In 2016, the Citizen's Review Board reviewed the cases of 180 children in permanent custody, conducted 222 hearings while logging 530 volunteers hours.

The Citizen's Review Board operates pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code and is supervised by Magistrate Rita Rochford under the direct authority of Judge Teodosio.

Crossroads Program and New Paths Probation Unit

Katy VanHorn, Program Supervisor

It is the first program Judge Teodosio sought to implement when she became Juvenile Court Judge in 2003 and it has become one of the most respected and decorated programs of its kind in the nation. The program, called Crossroads, is grounded in community collaboration and aims to offer youth facing the challenges of substance misuse and mental health issues a chance to be held accountable for their actions while working to unveil the core impulses that led to those actions and find a way to correct them.

The Crossroads Program views substance misuse and mental health issues as co-occurring disorders and develops an intensive probation program for each youth who are referred to and accepted into the program. While Crossroads is largely a diversionary program, a non-diversionary track was introduced in 2016 so youth who have more serious delinquency offenses can now be diverted to the program and receive the services the program provides.

Judge Teodosio's visionary program has resulted in national acceptance and recognition. It has become a model for other Juvenile Courts statewide and beyond. The Crossroads Program received further validation in 2014 when the Ohio Supreme Court granted the program final certification as a specialized docket. As noted on the adjacent page, the program received recertification in 2016.

The Crossroads Program consists of three Probation Officers and a part-time Probation Community Worker who report to the Program Supervisor. An attorney Guardian ad Litem is contracted to provide legal representation for each youth throughout their duration in the program. Crossroads is incentive-based which places a premium on accountability. In 2016, Magistrate Denise McGuckin assumed the Crossroads docket. She conducts weekly review hearings to determine whether youth have earned the ability to move forward in the program or receive sanctions for failing to adhere to the strict guidelines contained in their case plan. Family members play an essential role in the progress a youth makes in the program, which usually takes one year to achieve graduation.



Magistrate Denise McGuckin began hearing Crossroads cases in 2016.

In 2016, 49 youth were served by Crossroads. The program saw eight of its participants graduate after successfully completing program requirements. Their graduation means that their admitted offenses and any subsequent violations will be dismissed and sealed. But, more importantly, they leave the program with the tools to live a clean, happy and sober lifestyle.

The Crossroads concept has been applied to another Court program, the New Paths Probation Unit, which is staffed by the same employees who work in the Crossroads Program. New Paths is a specialized intervention service designed to address the needs of youth with a developmental disability, autism spectrum disorders and traumatic brain injuries by connecting them and their families to supportive services through schools, community agencies, and, if appropriate, Summit DD who have become Court-involved with a delinquency issue. The program served 41 youth in 2016. Staff members act as intake worker, probation officer and case manager for the youth and their families. They will help them navigate through the Court process while seeking suitable care for the youth through appropriate referrals to community providers.

The hallmark of New Paths is creating continuity of care and consistency. Magistrate Thomas Freeman has been assigned the New Paths docket and he will hear nearly every New Paths case. In the event a youth is adjudicated delinquent and placed on probation, the same staff member will follow the youth throughout the duration of the probationary period. Progress is monitored through regular school visits, contact with service providers and regular review hearings. In 2016, 46 youth were served on the New Paths docket.

Crossroads Program Re-Certified by State

On April 15, 2016, the Ohio Supreme Court notified the Juvenile Court that it re-certified the Court's Crossroads Program as a Specialized Docket. The notification was contained in a letter to Judge Teodosio from Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor. The Crossroads Program was originally certified as a Specialized Docket in November 2014. The state requires programs that have received such designation to undergo periodic re-application to maintain such status. The Crossroads Program will again seek re-certification in 2018.

In order for the program to achieve re-certification, the Court submitted an application, underwent a site visit and provided specific materials that met certification standards. The standards provide a minimum level of uniform practices for specialized dockets, and allow local Courts the autonomy to tailor the docket to meet their community's needs and resources.

"The time and hard work you applied to this effort demonstrate your commitment to innovative practices in administering justice," wrote Chief Justice O'Connor. "I know the certification process is intensive, and I appreciate your support for ensuring that we have uniform quality and consistency in specialized dockets statewide."

The Crossroads Program is a probation program for youth with substance misuse problems, mental health issues or both, which are regarded as co-occurring disorders by the Court. Once a youth is referred to and accepted into the program, the youth must remain substance-free and complete four phases of the program, which includes family involvement. When youth complete the program, the charges against them will be dismissed and their records expunged. The program was developed and implemented by Judge Teodosio in 2003 and has earned national recognition for its groundbreaking approach and has served as a model for other programs.

"I am very gratified that the Crossroads Program has received re-certification," said Judge Teodosio. "It is validation that the program continues to offer services and constructive practices to youth and families facing these issues."

Crossroads Program Wins Statewide Award

Summit County Juvenile Court's Crossroads Program received the Outstanding Program Award at the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Annual Awards Dinner on October 7, 2016. The OSBF's Outstanding Program Award is bestowed annually on a program that generates improvements in the Ohio justice system.

In 2003, Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio identified a significant number of youth being referred to the drug court who had a co-occurring mental health disorder. Addressing the drug issues alone without also treating the underlying mental health condition was often ineffective. Thus, the Summit County Crossroads program was created as one of the first of its kind nationally.



Pictured is the award received by Crossroads as Program of the Year.

The young offender, supported with family involvement, works intensively with a probation officer to develop individual goals. As the youth and family progress through four phases of treatment and supervision to address these goals, they are supported by community-based alcohol, drug and mental health provider agencies.

"Our program is a true community effort as we provide wrap-around services so the youth's real needs can be met," says Katy VanHorn, Administrative Director. "Kids often self-medicate with drugs and drink because they are overwhelmed with mental needs that have not been treated adequately. They then act out, often become aggressive and destructive, and end up being one of the 54,000 juveniles locked up nightly in this country."

Replacing negative behaviors with healthy coping skills is not an overnight process. The program typically takes a year for a participant to complete. When the youth meets the goals and remains substance-free, the delinquency charges are eventually dismissed and expunged.

VanHorn adds, "Even a juvenile who doesn't complete the program has been known to call back to say, 'I totally get it now...maybe a bit late...but I get it.' Our goal is to turn lives around. We just don't always know when."

Restore Court Docket
Andrea Lisowski, Program Coordinator

With the passage of the Safe Harbor Law by the Ohio General Assembly in 2012, local jurisdictions had the template established to begin addressing the growing epidemic of human trafficking in earnest. The Summit County Juvenile Court was on the cutting edge of confronting this disturbing issue when it established the Restore Court docket in January 2015. Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio presides over the Restore Court docket, which has received initial designation from the Ohio Supreme Court as a specialized docket and hopes to receive full certification in the coming year.

When a youth is brought to Court on charges, an assessment is taken and if the answers given reveal that the youth could be a victim of human trafficking, the process is set in motion to refer the youth to the Restore Court docket. This action will give youth an opportunity for a second chance at a normal life; a chance to make decisions on their own, a chance to be drug-free and free of the hold another has on them, to end their victimization.

Each case receives thorough examination by the Restore Court Treatment Team which provides vital recommendations to the Court prior to and during review hearings to track the progress each youth is making while receiving services provided by the program.

Since its inception, the Restore Court docket has made remarkable strides in identifying trafficked youth and those at high risk of being trafficked. It is difficult to truly account for activity on the Restore Court docket on a yearly basis because so many youth remain on the docket for extended periods of time. In fact, the average amount a time a youth spends on docket is 262 days, and the longest term of involvement was 588 days.

The Restore Court assessments have also led to some statistics that give the Treatment Team, Court staff and Judge Teodosio a more comprehensive overview of triggers that could lead to a youth becoming a target of traffickers. Overall, of the 55 of 57 youth served in Restore Court, 76% of them came from troubled home lives, with SCCS intervention in their family background, and 42% of them have been removed from their homes.

Another stunning statistic: 85% of the youth who are referred to the Restore Court docket have some sort of mental health and substance abuse diagnosis. The most common:

- 53% Disruptive, Impulse-Control and Conduct Disorders
- 32% Depressive Disorders
- 32% Substance Related and Addictive Disorders
- 28% Neurocognitive Developmental Disorders
- 26% Anxiety and Trauma and Stressor Related Disorders

The demographic breakdown of youth served in Restore Court:

- 45% Caucasian
- 39% African-American
- 14% Mixed Race
- 2% Asian

The most common charges filed are unruly, theft, domestic violence and chronic truancy.

There has been significant progress made in the relatively short amount of time since the Restore Court docket was implemented. No doubt, there are challenges that will always confront those who are victimized and those who are offering them relief from their debilitating lifestyle. Yet, Restore Court offers something even greater than the myriad of services it provides to them. It offers them hope.

Family Resource Center
Lisa Karas, Program Coordinator

The Family Resource Center (FRC) is unique to any Juvenile Court in the state of Ohio. The concept was devised by Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio in 2006. The philosophy of the FRC is that short-term assistance could result in preventing a youth from becoming Court-involved, or if a youth is Court-involved, lessening the possibility of recidivism.

The FRC offers services for youth and families faced with the challenges of community re-entry, domestic violence, teen parenting, truancy and other school-related issues and unruly behavior. Clients must be referred to the Family Resource Center and there are some income requirements that must be considered, although there are exceptions made in some instances. FRC staff members offer case management, and if the FRC cannot directly provide services for the issues facing the family, referrals will be made to the wealth of community service providers that have partnered with the FRC.

Additionally, the FRC offers tutorial and educational enrichment programs. The Court's Women's Board, the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation and the county's Department of Job and Family Services made key funding and equipment donations to facilitate the start-up of the educational component of the FRC. University of Akron students and community volunteers provide the tutoring that has proven helpful to get at-risk youth back on track academically. A computer lab offers youth remedial help with school-based curriculum. Students are also encouraged to bring with them homework and other projects that have been assigned to them. In the 2016 year, 10 youth participated in the tutoring program.

In fiscal year 2016, 504 youth and adults received case management through the FRC, and nearly 72% of those participants successfully completed the goals of their service plan.

The FRC expanded its reach into the community with the advent of the Responder Program, a school-based intervention and diversionary program, which has been coordinated through the FRC for the past six years. An FRC staff member serves as the Responder when a youth is identified as at-risk for chronic truancy, has displayed signs of mental health issues, is engaged in disruptive behavior or is lagging academically. The Responder works to bring school administrators, the youth and their parents to the table to address specific concerns and devise a work plan to correct them and, in the process, avoid a referral to Juvenile Court. In 2016, 13 schools in the Summit County area participated in the Responder Program. The case management that is provided has proven to be successful in diverting youth away from the court system, as well as linking youth to needed services within the community. Just implemented in the last quarter of 2016 is the Responder Diversion Program. Youth referred to the Court on a school related offense are eligible for the Responder Diversion Program.

The FRC also facilitates the Truancy Mediation Program, another diversionary program which addresses chronic truancy and/or failure-to-send cases. An FRC staff member mediates a meeting between school administrators and the family to resolve the truancy issue. The overall success rate for the mediation program is 68%, meaning after successful completion of mediation 68% of those filed on have not returned to Juvenile Court for Truancy.

FRC Program Coordinator Lisa Karas and other FRC staff members have taken an active role on the Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking which was empaneled in 2014. Karas remains an active team member and assists in the identification and assessment process of those at-risk youth.

Family Re-unification through Recovery Court (FRRRC)

Becky Ryba, Program Coordinator

There is nothing more important than family, and when that bond is threatened because of the actions of one member of the family, the effects of that action resonates throughout the entire family unit. Once a case has been referred to The Family Re-unification through Recovery Court (FRRRC), the FRRRC staff and its community partners are determined to complete a twofold mission: to strengthen the family unit and to assist a parent with finding the inner-strength to recover from the addiction that led to an official action that resulted in the separation of parent and children from the home.

The process is set in motion when Summit County Children Services identifies a parent with substance misuse issues serious enough to intervene and take temporary custody or protective supervision of any children in the home, it contacts the Court and makes a referral to the FRRRC. If program qualifications are met, the parent will be given a case plan from the FRRRC Treatment Team aimed at recovery. The Treatment Team also makes recommendations and reports progress to the FRRRC Magistrate during regular review hearings. Other family members will have services provided for them to assure their individual needs are addressed.

The FRRRC received its re-certification as a Specialized Docket in 2015 from the Ohio Supreme Court. Selected staff members from the Court, Children Services and other agency professionals associated with the FRRRC program received specialized training underwritten by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The FRRRC received its re-certification as a Specialized Docket in 2015 from the Ohio Supreme Court.

Once the parent successfully completes the requirements of the program, which places a premium on remaining substance-free, the program will move to reunite the family.

In 2016, 43 cases were referred to the FRRRC Program and 20 families were accepted onto the docket and, at the end of 2016, eight people graduated from the program and the families were reunited and efforts continue into 2017 to aid those individuals seeking to graduate from the FRRRC docket.

In the coming year, the FRRRC will be working with the Ohio Supreme Court as a part of the Statewide System Reform Project. This initiative is helping Ohio and other states to infuse best practices and expand the number of family drug courts around the country.

Crossover Youth Practice Model
Rashara Walker, Program Coordinator

The Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) was implemented at the Juvenile Court in 2012 in partnership with Summit County Children Services (SCCS). The Court and SCCS remain the two lead agencies of the CYPM. The collaboration between the two agencies are the bedrocks of the program, but other agencies and support that are brought in to facilitate progress in the hearings are integral to the process.

“Crossover youth” are identified as youth who are simultaneously involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The Crossover Youth Practice Model is designed to assure that specific practices are put in place to help the youth navigate between active cases at the Court. CYPM participants will have their delinquency and dependency, neglect and abuse hearings before the same Judge or Magistrate for the duration of their Court involvement.

This approach offers the best method for everyone involved to be well-versed in all the issues confronting youth and their families, whether it concerns the delinquency case or the family situation. It also gives family members a better opportunity for full participation throughout the process because of the continuity that is offered by having one judicial officer hear the families’ cases.

A youth can be referred to the CYPM under specific circumstances:

- Must be a permanent resident of Summit County or be placed in a residential facility by SCCS
- Must have an open delinquency or unruly case at Juvenile Court
- Must have an open dependency, neglect or abuse case at Juvenile Court

There are restrictions to referrals to the CYPM:

- The youth’s delinquency or dependency, neglect and abuse case is resolved or dismissed
- The youth’s case is referred to the Court’s Crossroads Program
- The youth’s case is referred to the Court’s New Paths Docket
- The youth is referred to the Court Offender Specific Unit
- The youth is placed on parole
- The youth is committed to an Ohio Department of Youth Services or community correctional facility

In 2016, 31 CYPM cases were successfully closed and 20 cases remain open.

Offender Specific Unit

Kevin Floyd, Felony Disposition Supervisor

The Offender Specific Unit has the challenging task of working with youth who have committed a serious offense against another. That task falls to the three full-time Probation Officers and the Felony Disposition Supervisor which comprise the Offender Specific Unit (OSU). Each specialized probation officer supervises an average caseload of fifteen youth who have been charged with or adjudicated for a sexually aggressive offense as described in the Ohio Revised Code. In 2016, forty-two youth were referred to this department, reflecting an increase of two youth from 2016. The average term of probation for this population is eighteen to twenty months.

These specialized Probation Officers serve a multidisciplinary role in that they supervise their youth from intake through termination of probation, including any out-of-home placements that may occur.

The Probation Officers make face-to-face contacts with youth at home, school, office, community counseling appointments and placement facilities. Using Evidence Based Practices, the unit collaborates with Child Guidance and Family Solutions to provide community based treatment to their clients. The OSU also co-facilitates three treatment groups each week, including a group which serves youth with developmental disabilities. This unit served an additional sixteen youth by offering "Wise Guys" and "Smart Girls" as an alternative for less serious offenders. Teaching victim empathy is a key element to rehabilitation and treatment and that is addressed by assigning youth projects through the "Amends" program. These projects benefit local victim and advocacy groups and allows for the offender to give back to the community. Additionally, social skill building remains a high priority with this population of youth which is achieved through ongoing group counseling and community service work.

In 2016, the Offender Specific Unit continued to provide a parent group in collaboration with Child Guidance and Family Solutions. The parent group meets regularly to provide education, support and guidance to parents of offenders.

The members of the Offender Specific Unit are generous with their time and expertise. They provided twenty-three educational presentations to Police Diversion Units, school districts and various community support organizations. In April, 2016 the Offender Specific Unit presented on effective juvenile sex offender case management and supervision at the Ohio Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers annual conference. OSU Probation Officers also sit on several important committees within the county and state. They are members of the Supreme Court of Ohio's Roundtable which provides additional training on statewide issues. These collaborations provide the Probation Officers with the opportunity to discuss best practices in order to develop new services to successfully manage juvenile offenders in the community.

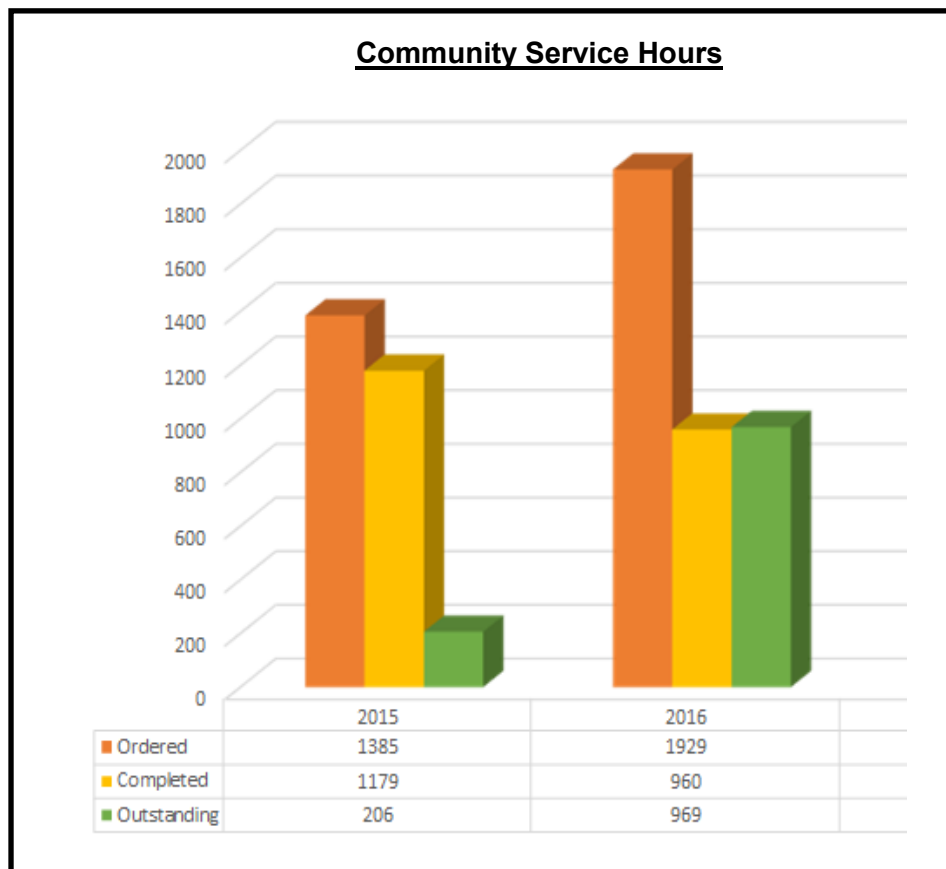
Child Responsibility Project/Community Service

Jeff Pope, Program Director

Accountability is the centerpiece of the Court's The Child Responsibility Project (CRP). Often, part of the disposition a youth receives involves restitution to the victim of their offense. Community service is another frequent sanction. The function of the CRP is to locate job sites where youth will work in order to pay restitution to the victim of their offense. The CRP staff members supervise youth working at those sites at all times. The RECLAIM Ohio grant provides the funding for the program and the hourly wages earned by the youth are paid directly to the victim by the Court in an amount that is capped at \$600. As well as providing work site supervision, CRP staff also records the amount of hours worked by the youth in the program. In 2016, there were 153 juveniles that took part in the Child Responsibility Project. In January and February of 2016, youth earned \$8 an hour and \$7,975.51 was paid to victims of their offenses. That hourly wage was increased to \$10 an hour for the remainder of the year and \$45,263.70 was forwarded to victims of crime for a total of \$53,239.21 paid for restitution.

Working closely with the Intake and Probation Departments, CRP staff assures that youth are meeting the requirements of their community service sanction. In 2016, 133 juveniles completed their community service orders, working 960 hours.

In 2003, Judge Teodosio devised the Special Projects program. This program allows a juvenile to earn credit for eight hours of ordered community service by spending \$40 to purchase toys, food or school supplies. These items are donated to the needy in Summit County. It is the responsibility of this department to track the paperwork for the projects, take custody of the items and assure the delivery of the items to those in need. A total of 63 juveniles participated in this program in 2016. This enabled the Court to donate over \$2,520 of toys, food and school supplies to needy families.



The Women's Board to the Juvenile Court

In 2017, the Women's Board will celebrate its 60th anniversary at the Summit County Juvenile Court. The previous 59 years have seen the organization perform countless acts of kindness and charity for the youth in the Detention Center and the staff members of the Court.

2016 was no different. The Women's Board continued to support the highly successful gardening program it helped launch eight years ago by purchasing bedding materials, seeds and a greenhouse to sustain the program during the autumn and winter months. The greenhouse began to show some wear, so, in 2016 the Women's Board provided funding to repair and restore the greenhouse.

Board members also routinely hold reward nights in the Detention Center for youth who have earned it by performing at positive levels and host a luncheon for Court staff every February. The members also offer volunteer services during the evenings Traffic Court is conducted and meet monthly to assist the Clerk's Office with microfilming. Five of its members have been named the Court's Volunteer of the Year including current members Jane Hutmacher (2012) and Kim Ray (2013) and Barbara Mattern (2015).

In 2016, members of the Women's Board continued their incredible dedication to the Court, logging over 4,000 volunteer hours. It is believed that the Women's Board is the only such organization serving a Juvenile Court. That is appropriate, because the Women's Board is truly one of a kind.

Teen Court

It has been an objective of the Juvenile Court to open its doors to the community. One of the programs designed for that is Teen Court. This diversionary program provides the local high school students an introductory to the juvenile justice system. Teen volunteers hear actual cases in Juvenile Court and they actually participate in the proceedings.

Teen Court accepts referrals from Court staff to have youth receive their dispositional orders in the Teen Court setting. Almost all cases involve first-time offenders who have admitted to committing a low-level misdemeanor. The youth and his or her parents or guardians must agree to have the case referred to Teen Court for a dispositional hearing literally before a jury of their peers. Volunteers receive training on Court procedure and how to apply the principles of restorative justice to their dispositional orders. The volunteers must receive mandatory training before they can serve on Teen Court. In 2016, 21 students received training and began their service on Teen Court.

Volunteers assume the roles of jurors, defense attorney and prosecutor. Akron Bar Association attorneys and assistant county prosecutors give their time to assist the teen attorneys in shaping their opening and closing statements, as well as the questions they will ask witnesses during the hearing. Once testimony has been delivered the jurors begin their deliberations and return with a disposition. Should the youth abide by the conditions of their disposition to the satisfaction of the Court, the charge against them will be dismissed.

In 2016, 68 active volunteers from 15 high schools participated in 24 cases that came before Teen Court. The charges were as follows: eleven theft, six disorderly conduct, two criminal trespass, two receiving stolen property and one each for assault, criminal mischief, possession of drug paraphernalia and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Employees of the Year



Cheryl Evans: A 34-year member of the Clerk's Office staff, Ms. Evans has been described as responsible, reliable and resilient. She has held many positions in that department, and has excelled in each. She also willingly applies the knowledge she has accumulated over the years to assist in finding solutions to issues in an office where a premium is placed on attention to detail.



Tremain Fields: Blessed with a blend of professionalism and personality, energy and enthusiasm, Fields serves as Re-entry Coordinator. His job is to counsel youth who have been placed in a juvenile detention facility and properly prepare them to transition back into the community. Among the tasks Fields undertakes is finding the youth employment. He also has the ability to communicate well with those youth and develop their trust and respect.



Kathy Hullum: Ms. Hullum is regarded as someone who often goes above and beyond the fundamental aspects of her job as a Traditional Probation Officer to place the youth and their families in the best position to succeed once they leave her caseload. She is passionate and professional and possesses the ability to assure that the lines of authority are established while also keeping the lines of communication open.



Woody Tyrrell: As the Court's Grants Administrator, Tyrrell has done an incredible job finding non-general fund revenue to keep Court programming and staffing at consistent levels, even with an 18% decrease in the Court's budget from the county's General Fund over the last eight years. Once Tyrrell finds grant opportunities that fit the scope of need at the Court, he has the ability to write the grant so well, cogently and concisely citing the Court's needs, that it makes the decision-making for the funders easier.

Women's Board's Barbara Mattern Recognized as Volunteer



There are few people in the Summit County community who can point to their range of volunteerism than the Summit County Juvenile Court's 2016 Volunteer of the Year, **Barbara Mattern**. But she is also the last person who would ever seek to make the comparison.

Ms. Mattern has been a volunteer with the Court's Women's Board for 37 years, serving as its President, Vice-President and, currently, Treasurer. She is a quiet woman, but when she speaks on behalf of a Court request for support, it carries weight because of the respect the other Women's Board members have for her. She has advocated for substantial projects such as the refurbishing of an entire wing in detention, and the garden project and greenhouse, while also agreeing to purchase something as common as a dress shirt so a Court-involved youth can prepare for a job interview. As usual, she always does so with her trademark smile.

Ms. Mattern frequently goes on church missions to third world countries to address the medical and educational needs of the children and families there. She has been recognized for her volunteerism beyond the Court. The United Way, Tallmadge City Schools, The Girl Scouts and other organizations have honored her vast contributions. The Summit County Juvenile Court gratefully acknowledges Barbara Mattern for her work on behalf of Court staff and the youth and families it serves.

Employees of the Summit County Juvenile Court *

Bruce Alexander	Christopher Fox	Denise McGuckin	Robert Singletary
Rebecca Armstrong	Thomas Freeman	Rochelle Hodoh McLane	Annie Skapin
	Alan Futo	Lisa Mancini	Eric Small
Joseph Baglieri		Tillman Manuel III	Triston Smead
Beric Banos	Danny Gabel	Dawne Marlowe	Christopher Smith
Kenzie Barclay	Tavia Galonski	Lavar Martin	Kathy Smith
David Barnes	Denzel Gambrell	Mary Martin	Thomas Smith
Tammy Barnes	Susan Gatts	Romey Martinez	Kyle Snyder
Terry Bendo	Melissa Gerney	Ronnell Massengil	Tammy Stiles
Linda Bennett	Felilsha Gillespie	Stacey Mathieu	Kristin Stricklett
Pamela Bennett	Michael Goebel	Kristin Maxwell	Maureen Sullivan
Sarah Benson	Katherine Good	Mary Ann Mendlik	
Kathy Bertsch	Cijaya Gordon	Cornelius Miller	Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio
Bob Bickett	Trent Gordon	Reese Miller	Adam Testa
Jaime Blair	Cody Grice	Sean Millhouse	Sarah Testa
Christina Bollman	Don Guthrie	Duane Mitchell	Cathy Richardson Thomas
Jennifer Bond		Twanysha Mitchell	Esther Thomas
Jon Booher	Heidi Day Hall	David Molis	Jody Tolley
Welby Broadus	Amanda Hamlin	Kandy Monroe	Woody Tyrrell
Christine Brown	Adam Harris	Joanne Moore	
Bryan Bryce	Jasmine Harris	Leslie Morris	Dante Ursetti
Justin Burton	Angela Hart	Cierra Motley	Don Ursetti
DeShayla Bush	Sarah Harvan	Lynda Mullins	
Alex Byard	Xavier Hayes	Lora Mycoskie	Katy Van Horn
	Tom Henretta	Keysha Myers	
Beth Cardina	Katie Herman		Denver Wade
Emily Caudill	Jessica Heropulos	Shanda Nagle	Fred Wagner
Crystal Chillious	Gregory Higgins	Steven Nettle	Rashara Walker
Roslyn Clark	LaTonya Hill		Terry Walton
Rollin Clayton	Kandy Hixson	Jimmy Oliver	Michael Ward
Daniel Cody	Chennel Holley		Dr. Thomas Webb
Renee Conlon	Deon Horn	Remarr Parnell	Justin Whitfield
Alexis Cooks	David Horner	John Peake	Tracy Williams
Hamilton Cosey	Chad Horstman	Ariel Perusek	Jane Wilson
Laconia Crandall	Curtis Howard	Terrie Pfeil	Jasmyne Wilson
	Katherine Hullum	Zachary Pfeil	Eddie Winstead
Felicia Daniels	Nicole Huntsman	Bathsheba Phillips	Quin Wychanko
Cassie Davis	Brittany Hysell	Lori Phillips	
Danielle Davis		Tiffany Poole	Joshua Young
William Davis	Perry James	Jonathan Pooler	Shandelia Young
Stephanie DeLeo	Michael Johnson	Jeff Pope	Tawanna Young
Candace Derry	Tammy Johnson	Kevin Prevo	
Lori Diaz	Kenneth Jones		Joan Zito
Thomas Dillingham		Rhonda Riddle	
Lisa DiSabato-Moore	Lisa Karas	Angela Robinson	
Amanda Dodson	Joe Kernan	Rita Rochford	
Carmen Dorman	Getta Kutuchief	Ralph Roebuck	
Kali Dudek		Lavell Roscoe	
	Elizabeth Lashley	Tysa Ross	
Lisa Eagle	Jeremiah Latimore	Lisa Rotondo	
Sally Ede	Shantel Lawler	Sally Roupe	
Erin Ehrhart	Bethany Lee	Becky Ryba	
Cheryl Evans	Jennifer Lewis		
Tatanina Evans	Andrea Lisowski	Sarah Sapper	
	Donald Lomax	Andrew Scaif	
Chanin Faith	Mary Lorenzo	Jolynn Schaetzle	
Holly Farah	Ashlee Lucco	Todd Schauflier	
Chris Fergus	Phil Lucco	Cory Schweigert	
Tremain Fields	Keith Luhring	Taylor Sedlak	
Kevin Floyd	Laura Lynd-Robinson	Kynasia Sherman	
Brian Fogle		Tiffany Sieg	
Darin Ford	Robert McCarty	Hannah Simionides	
Johntay Fort	Douglas McDougal	Cheryl Simpson	

* list includes part-time employees, interns and employees who worked a portion of 2016 at the Court.

