

The Court Reporter

[A Message from Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio](#)

With the ever-growing reliance placed on the internet as an information source, it was actually an easy decision to upgrade the Juvenile Court's website, which was created 17 years ago. But, redesigning it was another matter. The re-design of the website took months to accomplish, but I couldn't be happier with the results, which are outlined in the article below.

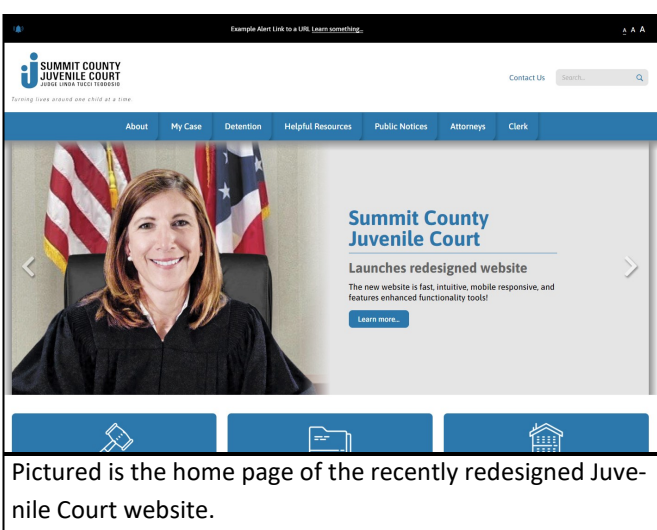
Also featured in this newsletter is a story about a woman who wanted to better herself as a professional, but learned that by making the commitment to attend the Court's Parent Project, she is now better equipped to handle the challenges that parenthood can present. It is an interesting perspective, and I appreciate that Hope Sayre was willing to share her experience.



Judge Teodosio

[SUMMIT COUNTY JUVENILE COURT UNVEILS REVAMPED WEBSITE](#)

The Summit County Juvenile Court rolled out an updated website that revealed a fresh, new look and promises to be easier to navigate. The current website was first launched in 2006. The re-designed website went live the morning of July 31st.



Pictured is the home page of the recently redesigned Juvenile Court website.

The new website offers faster response times, direct contact information, and enhanced functionality tools.

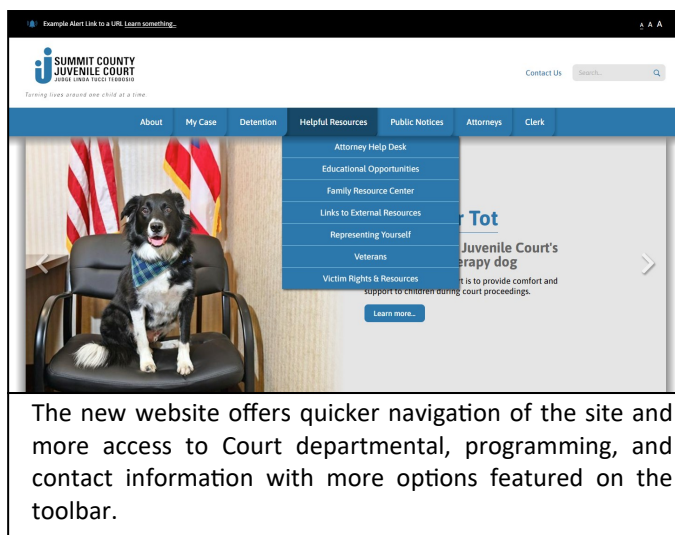
There are two primary new features on the revamped site. One will allow attorneys to have greater access to hearing dates, pertinent forms, and case file information. Those facets will be provided on a link displayed on the website's home page specifically for attorneys.

The other will provide the public the opportunity to pay fines and Court costs online. The website will provide a QR Code and a link to a page where information can be keystroked onto a form and sent directly to the Court's Clerk's Office for processing.

"Those elements are exactly what I was hoping to realize when the updating of the website began," said Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio. "I think a website should provide contact information and be accessible as possible to people who have contact with the Court."

The website will also contain a thorough look at all of the Court's departments and programming.

"Considerable effort and detail were placed in the construction of the new website," said Judge Teodosio. "I think special mention should be given to Todd Schauffler, who is our Director of Information Technology. He was the catalyst for this project, and I think he and the members of our staff who contributed to it did an outstanding job."



The new website offers quicker navigation of the site and more access to Court departmental, programming, and contact information with more options featured on the toolbar.

The address to access the re-designed website is <https://juvenilecourt.summitoh.net>.

[PARENT PROJECT PROVES HELPFUL TO COUNSELOR](#)

Hope Sayre was not your typical participant in The Parent Project. Or, at least, that's what she thought.

The Summit County Juvenile Court began to offer the national program in 2018 to local parents who needed assistance in working with a difficult child in the home. The curriculum was developed by Dr. Roger Morgan, a licensed psychiatrist, and retired Police Officer William "Bud" Fry over 30 years ago. They developed a curriculum which specializes in the treatment of children who presented behavioral problems. The Parent Project also offers methods for parents to apply interventions in the home.

When she entered the program, Hope had a 6-year old daughter who presented no issues. But Hope's job entails her to work with young adults as a counselor for the Summit County Continuum of Care, a collaboration of local agencies that assist the homeless in the community. She also works with homeless youth in their teens. As one might expect, communicating with that demographic could be challenging.

"I heard about what The Parent Project did in helping parents better communicate with their kids," she said. "My thought process was that it could be very beneficial to me to establish ways to interact with the population I work with, so I inquired about The Parent Project."

Once in the program, it didn't take long for Hope to understand its value. In fact, she readily admits that she wished such a program was available to her and her family when she was younger, because she wasn't exactly a model daughter, and her folks weren't going to be candidates for Parents of the Year.

"I realized my issues were two-fold and The Parent Project magnified those for me," she said. "We are all products of our environment, and it was a 50/50 possibility that I was going to mirror the activity in my own home and spiral into the kind of behavior that could have had negative consequences. But I sought community resources to put some distance between me and my home life. That made all the difference in the world for me. I wanted to be part of that network of care for others."

That is why Hope came to the program, so she could seek assistance to better engage the youth with which she worked. But she also found herself being drawn into the curriculum that addressed her issues growing up and how to reconcile those memories. It also equipped her with ways to handle situations with her own daughter if issues arise in the not-too-distance future.

Hope lauded the facilitators of The Parent Project, Court staff members Natasha Ervin and Jimmy Oliver, indicating that they were accessible and attentive to what each class member needed to succeed. She also appreciated how they worked to foster trust among the participants. They encouraged them to have open and honest dialogue about how each approached situations in their homes and how they applied methods learned in the program to cope with them.

What Hope says she got most out of the program is that if parents are willing to listen, apply patience, put in the necessary time to work on their parenting skills, and take a both-sides-of-the-story approach to communicating with their child, their chances to succeed will improve dramatically.

"The program lasts for 10 weeks, and I highly recommend it. I tell people about The Parent Project all the time," she said. "That two-and-a-half-month investment could have a lifetime of benefits."

The next session of The Parent Project will begin on September 7th. If you are interested in being referred to the program or know someone who you feel could benefit from what The Parent Project offers, please contact Ms. Ervin at 330-643-5332 (nervin@cpccourt.summitoh.net) or Mr. Oliver at 330-643-7952 (joliver@cpccourt.summitoh.net).