

2013 Annual Report



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Bryan, Ohio**

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Court Personnel



**The Hon. Steven R. Bird
Probate/Juvenile Judge
Serving since 1997**



**Hon. David P. Rupp, Jr., Magistrate
Serving since 7/16/07**

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Statement of Judicial Philosophy

The Juvenile Court has the responsibility to carry out its functions with compassion and concern for the well being of both the juvenile and the communities in which they live. To that end, the administration of justice should be handled in a fair, impartial and efficient manner.

The Juvenile Court is charged with providing for the care, protection and mental, emotional, and physical development of children; protecting the public interest through provision of programs for the supervision, care and rehabilitation of youth. This goal is the same whether the youth has been adjudicated unruly, delinquent, abused, neglected or dependant. All of this must be achieved within the context of the family whenever possible, while at the same time providing for judicial procedures within the system of due process. When necessary these goals may have to be achieved outside the context of the family. The changing nature of the communities and society in which we live has made these goals both more important and more difficult.

In order to adapt to these changing needs, the court must develop a variety of tools for administering justice. These can best be accomplished by working with the community and its schools, parents and organizations to identify and understand the challenges our youth are facing. Creative and innovative solutions must be sought out to address the changing needs of our youth and communities. To the extent possible, these needs should be met within the context of the communities in which our youth live, attend school, and will eventually work and raise families.

The Juvenile Court must meet the children where it finds them, intervene when necessary and address the problems with energy and commitment. We cannot afford to merely pass the problems on to the adult system. We cannot allow our frustration with the complexity of the problems to overwhelm the system we have put in place. It is the court's responsibility to confront these problems head-on and seek to find more effective solutions.

Judge Bird's 2013 Report

In September 2013, Williams County's *LINC (Linking Individuals with Needs to the Community)* Project was awarded \$2.1 million as part of a SAMHSA Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative through the State of Ohio Department of Mental Health. The purpose of the initiative is to address the full scope of mental health issues of students from pre-school through grade twelve and also in the community. The goal is to impact a wide range of professionals through the provision of basic mental health education and training to better identify mental health issues and access appropriate interventions. This will be accomplished by establishing an on-going training and educational curriculum for teachers, students and other professionals.

This initiative is the culmination of several years of work by a collaborative that included the Williams County Juvenile Court. Since attending the *Reclaiming Futures Conference* in 2011, the Court has been striving to use the principles learned there to create a community-based approach to better serve children and families whose mental health challenges bring them into contact with the Juvenile Justice System.

Locally, we set out to target mental health related issues because they are particularly difficult to deal with in the juvenile delinquency process. Despite the best efforts of the education system, the associated behaviors of mental illness often land juveniles in the delinquency court. In many cases, mental health issues are buried beneath many layers of coping mechanisms such as Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Reactive Attachment Disorder as well as substance abuse and other forms of self-destructive behavior.

Our approach was to form a *Think Tank* to examine the issue. Under the leadership of Cory Dobbelaere, *Ohio Supreme Court Committee on Mental Health and the Courts*, the *Think Tank* consisted of psychologist Laura Eckhart, Ph.D.; Kerrie Gearhart, Superintendent of the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center; Scott Acus of Acus Therapy Services; and others. Over the next two years we looked at research, talked to educators and treatment providers and examined models of mental health courts.

It became apparent that what was needed was a change in the basic culture surrounding emotional and mental health intervention and treatment. Stigma and misinformation discourage families from seeking assistance. Teachers are often ill-equipped to recognize mental health needs that become confused with "behavior" problems. The resulting scenario finds educators increasingly frustrated and parents growing defensive while the child's needs go unaddressed.

LINC has the potential to create a new paradigm: one that seizes the opportunity to identify and understand the greatest needs at the earliest stages when they are most responsive to intervention and treatment can have the greatest impact. It will also foster understanding and, therefore, improve the environment for these children and their families.

For children whose problems are less severe, *LINC* has the potential to take corrective action to get them back on track by initiating therapy early and providing parents with education that will equip them with better coping tools and parenting skills necessary to work with challenging children. It also has the potential to impact the culture in the schools by teaching students to be more tolerant and understanding of children with a wide range of behavioral challenges/mental health concerns and thus reduce bullying and other negative behaviors based on stigma and misunderstanding.

This year (2014) the Williams County Juvenile Court will pursue certification of an alternative *Specialized Docket Mental Health Court*. This process will potentially reduce the number of serious mental health cases that present as delinquency complaints in the Court. These cases typically involve children whose behaviors have spiraled out of control to the point of a charge being filed. Often schools have struggled to control the child's behaviors for years and have exhausted their ability to cope within the traditional school structure. The patterns have become deeply ingrained and often result in co-occurring conditions such as Oppositional Defiant Disorder in addition to an underlying mental health disorder. Such young people are very difficult to treat. They simply do not respond to the tools the Juvenile Court has traditionally employed.

LINC provides hope for these kids. By early identification and intervention we hope to reduce the degree to which these behaviors become in-grained and complicated by co-occurring disorders. *LINC* has the potential to divert these children from the delinquency track altogether or at the very least to reduce the severity of the issues that present for the first time in Juvenile Court.

Steven R. Bird, Judge

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

(1997)

The Juvenile Probation Department is part of the Williams County Juvenile Court. The fundamental purpose of the department is to implement the orders of the Court.

The goal of the Probation Department is to concentrate on reducing delinquency among juveniles and its effects on the community. This goal is achieved by providing services to adolescents and their families through programming that emphasizes the traditional ideals of family, school, and community as the basis for human development.

To this end, the Juvenile Probation Department is committed to serve the citizens and youth of Williams County.

Probation Department Services

Intake

Complaints and police reports filed with the Court are processed through intake to determine whether the case should be diverted to the Court's Diversion Counselor or scheduled for an official hearing before the Judge.

There were 256 complaints/police reports logged through intake in 2013. Of those, 185 were referred for official hearing.

Diversion

The goal of the Diversion Program is to resolve matters with juveniles without formally involving the Court.

The Diversion Counselor processed 119 cases in 2013. Sixty completed the program and 49 were closed successfully. Ten were referred officially to Court and one moved out of the area. Forty four of the total cases were female.

While working with the Diversion Counselor, 91 % of the youth did not have new charges filed. Fifty-seven percent of the cases closed within four months.

Unofficial Cases Filed in 2013

Offense	Males	Females	TOTALS
Ungovernable	31	26	57
Curfew	4	0	4
Truancy	13	10	23
Runaway	2	0	2
Tobacco	6	2	8
Theft	7	1	8
Disorderly Conduct	2	1	3
Criminal Mischief	1	0	1
Criminal Damaging	4	0	4
Dom. Violence	1	0	1
Menacing	1	0	1
Pandering Sexual Oriented Material	1	0	1
Inducing Panic	1	0	1
Telecommunications Harassment	1	0	1
Obstructing Official Business	1	0	1
Littering	0	1	1
Littering from Motor Vehicle	1	0	1
Totals:	77	41	118

Official Probation

Williams County Juvenile Court is fortunate to have three seasoned probation officers with approximately 60 years of relevant experience. One male and one female probation officer carry reporting caseloads that are a mix of adjudicated delinquents in terms of age, sex and race; level of offense; geographic location and home school. A Probation Officer/Bailiff manages a non-reporting caseload. Support services are provided to the probation department by two deputy clerks with over 40 years of combined experience.

Drug and Alcohol Offenders

The Juvenile Court heard 51 cases involving alcohol or drug related offenses, accounting for around 22 percent of all delinquency cases filed in 2013. This number and percentage has remained fairly constant over the past few years.

Assessment of each youth guides the disposition of each case. Referral to Recovery Services offers community based intervention. The Juvenile Detention Center offers an in-house Life Without Drugs Program (LWD), an intensive institutionally based treatment option for youth with more severe substance abuse challenges.

After completion of LWD, each youth is engaged in a furlough plan monitored by the Probation Department. The plan follows a protocol with close community-based supervision and regular review hearings with the Judge that provides for accountability, any modification of treatment implementation, and/or celebration.

Drug Screening

Probationers are subject to drug screening. Laboratories are utilized if further verification is required. Screens are conducted through urine and saliva samples.

Sex Offender Protocol

To promote public safety, protection of victims, and consistency of accountability and treatment of the sexual offender, the Probation Department follows a Sex Offender Protocol that outlines time frames, safety and accountability measures, and treatment options while working with juvenile sex offenders in the community. The protocol is a derivative from other jurisdictions that addresses the specific needs of the local community, victims and the offenders. This protocol has proven to be an effective tool as sex offenders comprise about 10% of the youth that come before the Court.

Electronic Monitoring

Advances in technology have expanded the options available for electronic monitoring. GPS systems and alcohol monitoring have proven to be useful tools to ensure compliance with court orders and treatment plans. State funding has provided electronic monitoring for appropriately screened “status” offenders to prevent or reduce the time and costs of secure detention.

Ten youth (5 males, 5 females) experienced electronic monitoring in 2013. Cost for this service is approximately \$14 per day. Alternative to Detention funds from the State of Ohio provided service for 2 females.

On-Call Officer

A probation officer is available to law enforcement 24/7 for consult on juvenile matters. Probation officers can authorize a youth’s detention or assist in determining an alternative arrangement pending a court hearing. Pre-arranged safety plans for each youth on probation are a resource utilized as an alternative to detention.

Secure Detention and Transport

Sixty-six intakes (53 males and 13 females) to the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention and Training Center utilized 2103 bed days in 2013. This compares to 1730 bed days in 2012.

The Probation Department transported 86 males and 31 females this past year. The total mileage incurred for these transports was 5142 miles. This was a significant increase over the 2162 detention transport miles in 2012 due to some youth being placed out of the county. Fortunately, these transports were all conducted safely and without incident. The State of Ohio assisted the Probation Department in the purchase of a new car in 2012 which allowed for a safer transport vehicle.

The Williams County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) occasionally conducts transports when Court staff is not available or needs extra assistance. When the Probation Department transports, the WCSO can attend to other duties in the county.

Community Service Program

The Community Service Program (CSP) collaborates with a variety of public service and non-profit organizations representing every municipality in the county. The cooperation from each allows young people the opportunity to “give back” to their community. No additional program funds are expended for this effort. Coordination of the program is conducted by a probation officer. The court expresses its gratitude to all of the entities that make CSP possible. It is a real “win-win” effort.

Hours contributed this past year totaled 520 and involved 17 boys and 4 girls. Calculating hours at minimum wage, \$4134.00 worth of labor was contributed by the CSP.

Videoconferencing

Utilizing funding provided by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, the Ohio Department of Youth Services purchased and installed videoconferencing equipment in selected juvenile courts and community correction facilities to support re-entry planning and efficiencies in conducting training, meetings and hearings. Williams County Juvenile Court was connected in 2011.

This new technology saves time and reduces costs as it is used for hearings, trainings and for youth interviews with the Juvenile Residential Center in Bowling Green and other Community Correctional Facilities in the state. The videoconferencing is also utilized for family visitation to overcome transportation barriers and promote vital family connections and involvement in the treatment process.

TREATMENT SERVICES

Four County Family Services

Four County Family Services provides individual and family counseling and case management services to youth and their families. Services are designed to meet the individual needs of each case. In 2013, this agency served over 35 referrals from the Juvenile Court and the Diversion Program. A majority of the treatment services occur in the home setting; overcoming transportation, child care, and other barriers that may prevent a youth and family from participating in office-based service provision.

Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio

Youth charged with underage drinking often receive substance abuse assessment and education from Recovery Services. In addition to education, Recovery Services also provides individual and group counseling and aftercare for those on furlough from the Life Without Drugs Program. In 2013, forty youth were referred by the Court to Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio.

Recovery Services recently implemented Integrated Health Care at the Bryan office. This provides individuals the opportunity to receive many services under one roof: medical, behavioral, pharmaceutical, integrated dual disorder treatment, case management, psychiatric, education, substance abuse services, etc. The number one priority is helping people stay physically and mentally healthy.

Other Mental Health Services

Williams County is fortunate to have a variety of resources and services available for youth and families. The Juvenile Probation Department often acts as a resource and referral guide for those seeking options or assistance.

Tobacco Education

Tobacco citations are processed through the Juvenile Probation Department. First offenders are ordered into an education class facilitated by Recovery Services. Successful completion of the class avoids a formal Court appearance.

One youth was referred in 2013.

VICTIM SERVICES

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP)

The Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) provided through Shalom Ministries encourages healing and reconciliation through mediation, and focuses on accountability, responsibility, and restitution for persons in conflict with others. It exemplifies Restorative Justice at work.

Thirty referrals were made by the Court to VORP in 2013. The most common types of cases referred included criminal mischief, theft, trespass, and criminal damaging

Victim Assistance

A victim of a juvenile who has been found delinquent by a judge has particular rights as defined by the Ohio Revised Code. The Williams County Victim Assistance Services Office notifies victims of their rights, including the right to notification, to recover damages, and to submit a victim impact statement.

During the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 Williams County Victim Assistance Services provided advocacy and information for 31 cases involving juveniles.

Restitution

Restitution is often a part of the repair to the victim who has been harmed as a result of a delinquent act.

Payments totaling \$3,233.83 were paid by fourteen youth to sixteen victims in 2013. To the extent possible, efforts are made by the Probation Department to assure all victims are reimbursed in a fair and timely manner.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS/INVOLVEMENT

Williams County Family and Children First Council

The Williams County Family and Children First Council (FCFC) has a required mandate to provide a formalized venue to facilitate the alignment of systems, policies, resources, and services. The Juvenile Court is a mandated member of council in an advisory capacity. The full council meets four times per year.

Community Advocates for Healthy Families (C.A.H.F.)

Formed in 2005, CAHF's efforts are directed at the causes of high-risk behaviors among youth rather than treating the symptoms. CAHF sponsored its seventh annual *Ready, Set Relax!* in October. Participant surveys reveal continued strong support for the event and a growing understanding of the underlying principal: *making family moments count*.

This year we began a partnership with Bryan City Schools 21st Century grant to provide a free meal to families attending *Family Fun Movie Night*. Community response continues to be very positive for this type of event.

Summit on Children/Summit Breakfast

The Williams County Summit on Children has been convening for five years. The challenge posed by the Ohio Summit in 2008 was to assess the strengths of local services for children. A series of breakfast meetings have been held to educate key people from the county about the services and programs that are available to assist kids and families.

The efforts of the last five years were recognized by Chief Justice Maureen O'Conner during her annual State of the Judiciary Address to the Ohio Judicial Conference on September 13, 2013. Highlighting some of the innovative practices of judges around the state, she stated, "*Williams County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge Steven Bird is just one of many judges who put the goals of the 2008 Ohio Summit on Children on his agenda and they never left. Each quarter more than 60 professionals and concerned people from across the county meet at Summit Breakfasts to discuss challenges and obstacles to the safety, well-being, and permanent home environments of children in the county. Because of this constant communication about the local services on hand, Williams County is serving children and families more effectively.*"

Programming and resources available for area youth and families are presented at each breakfast. Attendees represent a broad range of participants including school personnel, law enforcement, court staff, mental health professionals, and social service providers. The breakfasts are also a networking opportunity to enhance communication among youth/family service providers and to share ideas and challenges. Thank you to the Bryan Eagles who continue to generously provide meeting space for the quarterly breakfasts.

Student Experiences

For several years the Juvenile Probation Department has participated in Bryan High School's Teaching Responsibility and Understanding through Service Training (TRUST) program, an academic and service learning opportunity. One student assisted with daily operations last year. However, the program terminated in the fall of 2013.

During the spring semester, one student from the Defiance College Social Work Program completed her internship with the Probation Department. Among the accomplishments provided by this student were an analysis of the Diversion Program and organization of the Probation Department's Procedure Manual.

We value our relationships with area high schools and institutions of higher learning and look forward to interacting with their students.

Community Education

We welcome opportunities to present information about the Court's history and mandate, operations and processes, program and treatment options, and current issues and challenges that impact the Court. Probation staff present for classes at Northwest State Community College. The Judge and Court staff participate in the annual high school senior Courthouse tours.

Juvenile Court Advisory Council

The Juvenile Court Advisory Council has existed since 2005 to act as a sounding board for the Court in planning for the needs of the Court and youth/families. The Council is composed of eleven volunteers and meets a minimum of one time per year. The council met in June to review the 2012 Annual Report. The Council learned about the increasing number of severe mental health issues with younger youth, the Court's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), and an update on the Reclaim Grant.

The Reclaim funding made possible through the Department of Youth Service provides resources for the Diversion Program, part of a probation officer's salary, parent training, administrative support services, clinical assessment, electronic monitoring services, home based services/family support, and residential treatment.

While the amount of this funding has fluctuated over the past years, (see chart on page 21) it remains a critical resource for conducting community-based services to youth and families with the goal of preventing further penetration of youth into the juvenile justice system, out of home placement, and family disintegration.

Mandatory program reporting, quality assurance monitoring, and fiscal auditing occurs annually for the Reclaim Grant. There was a clean audit for FY 12 and Program Monitoring required no correction plan.

PLACEMENT, JRC/DYS

When community-based treatment is ineffective, insufficient or unsuccessful, the court may order out of home placement to meet the treatment and accountability needs of a youth. Placement may be in the form of foster or group home care, or a private residential facility, keeping in mind the least restrictive alternative, the best interest of the child, and the safety of the community.

The Court placed three youth in 2013; two in foster homes and one in a residential treatment center. This was a significant increase as the Court placed only one youth during the past five years. Through a shared agreement with the Williams County Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS), the Court utilized budgeted placement dollars for two youth placed by DJFS and another youth in placement through collaboration with community partners.

Juvenile Residential Center Of Northwest Ohio

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio (JRC) located in Bowling Green is a secure treatment facility for adjudicated males who commit felony level offenses. The facility has 42 beds and is an alternative for youth who may otherwise be committed to the Department of Youth Services.

Seven Williams County youth were served at JRC in 2013.

Ohio Department of Youth Services

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) is the state correctional system for juvenile offenders aged 10 – 21 who commit offenses that would be felonies if committed by an adult. ODYS provides security, programming and treatment.

Parole services are provided to the youth upon release to assist in the transition from the institution back into the community.

Three Williams County males were incarcerated at ODYS during 2013; one was a carryover from 2012.

OTHER COURT SERVICES

Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency

The Court processed 38 new cases of abuse, neglect, and dependency in 2013. Initial investigation and on-going case management is provided by the Williams County Department of Job and Family Services under the mandates and guidelines of the State of Ohio.

Abuse, Neglect & Dependency Cases Filed in 2013

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Dependent	9	5	14
Abused/Dependent	7	9	16
Neglected/Dependent	3	5	8
TOTALS:	19	19	38

Volunteer Guardian ad Litem (V-GAL) Program

The Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program (V-GAL) is designed to serve children and the Court by assigning trained volunteers, rather than attorneys, to “be the voice of the child in Court” in cases involving child neglect and dependency. (Child abuse cases are assigned to an Attorney Guardian ad Litem).

The role of the V-GAL is to advocate for the child’s best interest. The V-GAL visits the child(ren) monthly and is available to attend other meetings on behalf of the child(ren). Periodic case reviews are held where the Court is updated by the V-GAL regarding the current status of each child.

Volunteers are screened and trained before any case assignment. Caseload size is dependent upon the volunteer’s availability. V-GALs participate in a minimum of three training hours each year.

In 2013, seven volunteers served 12 new cases in addition to their on-going and carry-over caseloads. Twenty-six new cases were served by attorneys.

A four year comparison reveals 12 volunteers with 50 new cases and 25 more with attorneys in 2010; 7 volunteers with 35 new cases and 30 with attorneys in 2011; 7 volunteers with 38 new cases and 29 by attorneys in 2012.

Parentage Cases/Unmarried Parents

New cases involving unmarried parents numbered 134 for the year 2013. These cases involve child support, custody/visitation and paternity. The majority of these cases are referred by the Williams County Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Williams County has offered a Pro Se Clinic since August, 2010. The Clinic allows time with a legal aid attorney, at no charge, for those who desire to represent themselves. The attorney provides forms for the preparation and the review of documents pertaining to child support, paternity, custody and allocation of parental rights.

Two clinics are offered per month. A deposit is required upon the actual filing of documents with the court. In 2013, 65 individuals registered for the Pro Se Clinic.

Child Support Enforcement

The Magistrate hears cases when a party fails to pay child support; an arrearage is to be collected or to determine any deviation from an Administrative Order. The Magistrate heard 267 cases in 2013.

Child support collection also helps defray the costs of youth ordered to detention or other placement outside of their home. \$39,608.25 was collected in 2013 for this purpose and deposited into the General Fund.

Juvenile Traffic Court

In 2013, a total of 201 traffic citations were filed with the Williams County Juvenile Court. A sum of \$1,916.50 was collected in traffic fines and \$340 in seat belt fines. Court costs are also assessed in juvenile traffic cases.

Juveniles receiving a traffic citation must appear in front of the Judge with at least one parent or legal guardian. Those receiving a seat belt citation only are allowed to post a fine and court costs with no appearance required.

OHIO 4-H CARTEENS

CARTEENS is a teen facilitated traffic safety program for juvenile traffic offenders. It is presented through the collaboration of the Northwest Ohio OSU Extension 4-H Professionals, volunteer teen leaders, the juvenile courts of Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. It brings together teens and adults representing local agencies and organizations to educate teen drivers and save lives on Ohio roads. CARTEENS' goals include: reduce the number of initial and repeat juvenile traffic offenders and increase teen awareness of traffic and vehicular safety.

Williams County Juvenile Traffic Court began using CARTEENS in April of 2011. First offense moving violations with no accident involving property damage or injuries to third parties are eligible for the program held on Saturdays at Northwest State Community College. If a youth successfully completes the program and examination, the case can be vacated with no record.

Thirty-four Williams County youth participated in CARTEENS during 2013. Of those 34 youth, 3 received another citation after their participation in the CARTEENS program.

STATISTICS

2013 Traffic Statistics

Violation Name:	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Speed	33	48	81
Seat Belt/Driver	9	5	14
Seat Belt/Passenger	0	2	2
OMVI	1	0	1
OVUAC	2	0	2
No Operator's License	8	1	9
Failure to Control	8	8	16
Failure to Yield	2	3	5
Stop Sign	4	2	6
Improper Backing/Starting	1	1	2
Improper Turn	0	1	1
Peeling	1	0	1
Temp Permit – Curfew Violation	0	1	1
Dr Lic Viol – Dr During Restricted Hours	4	3	7
Dr Lic Viol – Excessive Passengers (Juv)	1	1	2
Dr's Restrictions – Violations	3	1	4
Turn Signal Violation	0	1	1
A.C.D.A.	6	9	15
Reckless Operation/Private Property	1	0	1
Hit/Skip – Private Property	1	0	1
No Tail Lights	1	1	2
Tag/Sticker Violation	1	1	2
Expired Plates	1	1	2
Leaving the Scene	1	0	1
Red Light	2	1	3
ATV Violations	2	0	2
No Lic Plate Light	1	0	1
Failure to Dim Lights	1	0	1
Left of Center	1	1	2
No Lic Driver	1	0	1
Dr Under Medical Supervision	0	1	1
Street Racing	2	0	2
Permitted Unlicensed Driver to Drive	0	1	1
Motorcycle Violations	2	0	2
Wearing Headphones	1	0	1
Bicycle Violation	0	1	1
OL Expired 6 months	1	0	1
Headlights Required	0	1	1
No Child Restraint	1	0	1
Failure to Display Plates	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTALS:	105	96	201

2013 Felony Statistics

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Forgery	F5	1	0	1
Assault	F5	2	0	2
Assault on a Corrections Officer	F5	2	0	2
B & E	F5	2	0	2
Burglary	F2	11	0	11
Gross Sexual Imposition	F3	3	0	3
Gross Sexual Imposition	F4	0	1	1
Illegal Conveyance of Weapon in School Safety Zone	F5	1	0	1
Trafficking in Marijuana	F5	1	0	1
Trafficking of Drugs	F4	5	0	5
Illegal Possession for Sale of Drugs	F4	0	2	2
Illegal Sale of Drugs	F4	0	1	1
Agg. Possession of Drugs	F5	3	0	3
Possession of Drugs	F5	2	0	2
Possession of Controlled Substance	F5	1	0	1
Rape	F1	6	3	9
Importuning	F3	1	0	1
Grand Theft	F4	2	0	2
	F3	3	0	3
Theft of Drugs	F4	0	3	3
Grand Theft Auto	F4	6	0	6
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Ordinance	F5	2	0	2
Vandalism	F5	2	0	2
TOTALS		56	10	66

2013 Court Initiated Charges/Hearings

<u>Violation Name</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
Probation Violations	30	10	40
Court Order Violation	1	0	1
Parole Violations	1	0	1
Contempt Motion Filed Against Parents	0	1	1
D.Y.S. Release Hearings	2	0	2
D.Y.S. Parole Review Hearings	7	0	7
J.R.C. Release Hearings	2	0	2
J.R.C. Review Hearings	3	0	3
Life w/o Drugs Furlough Hearings	3	2	5
Life w/o Drugs Review Hearings	5	1	6
Probation Review Hearings	1	0	1
Rev. Probation Trans in from Another County	2	0	2
Semi-Annual Review Hearing	2	0	2
Sexual Classification Hearing	2	0	2
TOTALS:	61	14	75

2013 Delinquency Charges

<u>Offenses:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Theft	47	2	49
Grand Theft	5	0	5
B & E	2	0	2
Burglary	11	0	11
Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	0	5
Forgery	1	0	1
Criminal Damaging	13	0	13
Criminal Trespass	7	0	7
Complicity to Criminal Trespass	1	0	1
Criminal Mischief	10	0	10
Assault	12	0	12
Assault on Corrections Officer	2	0	2
Offenses Involving Minors	10	6	16
Open Container	1	0	1
Under Age Consumption	1	0	1
Theft of Drugs	0	3	3
Possession of Drugs	7	2	9
Agg. Possession of Drugs	3	0	3
Possession of Controlled Substance	1	0	1
Possession of Drug Abuse Instrument	0	1	1
Possession of Marijuana	1	0	1
Drug Abuse/MJ	11	2	13
Drug Paraphernalia	6	1	7
Illegal Possession of Marijuana/Drug Paraphernalia	3	0	3
Illegal Possession for Sale of Drugs	0	2	2
Illegal Sale of Drugs	0	1	1
Trafficking in Drugs	5	0	5
Trafficking in Marijuana	1	0	1
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	2	0	2
Rape	6	3	9
Gross Sexual Imposition	3	1	4
Importuning	1	0	1
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Ordinance	2	0	2
Telecommunications Harassment	1	0	1
Illegal Convenience of Weapon in School Safety Zone	1	0	1
Inciting Violence	2	0	2
Falsification	1	1	2
Unauthorized Use of MV	5	1	6
Rec. Stolen Property	2	0	2

Discharging Firearms	1	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	3	1	4
Menacing	2	0	2
Agg. Menacing	0	1	1
Resisting Arrest	3	0	3
Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juvenile	0	1	1
Obstructing Official Business	3	2	5
Arson	1	0	1
Domestic Violence	5	2	7
Vandalism	2	0	2
Chronic Truant	1	1	2
TOTALS:	213	34	247

2013 Unruly Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ungovernable	2	0	2
Tobacco	2	0	2
Truancy	0	1	1
TOTAL:	2	1	5

2013 Other Cases Filed

Adult Contributing	2
Parentage	5
U.I.F.S.A.	0
Support Cases (establish & contempt)	116
Permanent Custody	5
Custody, Custodianships, Visitation & Contempt	72
Misc. Cases	1
TOTAL:	201

5 Year Comparison of Cases Filed

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Delinquency	235	219	215	263	247
Unruly	9	17	11	12	5
Traffic	276	238	216	209	201
Neglected-Dependent-Abused	57	65	66	66	38
Adult Contributing	1	0	1	2	2
Parentage	9	1	5	2	5
Custody, Visitation	61	45	57	81	72
Support	135	127	142	85	116
U.I.F.S.A.	1	0	0	1	0
Misc. Cases	4	3	7	3	1
TOTALS:	788	715	720	724	687

JUVENILE COURT OPERATING FUNDS

Grants and Other Funding

Year	Title IV-D	Juv. Acct. Blk Gt	Title II	Title IV-E
1997	15,521			
1998	16,961			
1999	17,040	11,673		
2000	11,287	13,714		
2001	15,519			
2002	27,227	6,847		
2003	25,048	6,162	15,000	
2004	17,497			
2005	16,010			
2006	23,613			55,584
2007	18,140			114,498
2008	18,429			10,066
2009	16,117			4,232
2010	26,150			61,796
2011				61,694
2012				1,480
2013				8,843

Program Funding Through Subsidy Grants

Fund	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 (FY 2012)	2012 (FY 2013)	2013 (FY 2014)
Diversion	29,773	30,500	30,489	30,489	33,536	34,905	37,738
A.C.E. Program	82,559	65,492	80,914	9,728	0	0	0
Community Service	4,927	5,049	1,261	0	0	0	0
Monitoring/Surveillance	25,596	3,451	3,120	1,770	3,270	7,920	7,620
Probation	0	15,223	30,957	63,582	13,236	16,534	17,484
Family Preservation	65,016	35,350	33,000	54,000	36,000	11,520	10,322
Suspension Center	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out of Home Placement	83,221	5,112	18,000	1,097	15,850	100,959	137,001
Program Administration	32,375	32,801	36,109	32,603	33,732	40,402	42,536
Conflict Mediation		1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Wraparound Services		6,000	6,000	0	0	0	0
Parent Support			9,800	0	0	5,035	6,450
Clinical Assessment				4,825	4,800	4,800	5,600
Alternatives to Detention					7,992	7,176	5,384
TOTAL:	\$328,467	\$199,978	\$249,650	\$200,104	\$148,416	\$229,251	\$270,136

2013 Juvenile Court Deposits

Department of Youth Services Support Payments	\$4,034.45
Placement Support Payments	\$23.53
Juvenile Residential Center Support Payments	\$17,304.59
Detention Support Payments	\$10,097.54
Life without Drugs Support Payments	\$8,171.67
Juvenile Court IV-E Money Received	\$8,843.14
Supervision Fees Collected	\$8,202.73
Electronic Monitoring Reimbursement	\$1,089.00
Misc. Deposits (refunds, speakers' fee etc.)	\$ -0-
TOTAL:	\$57,766.65

Breakdown of Court Costs and Fines Collected in 2013

County: General Fund/Local Costs	\$15293.17
Computerization Fund	4,110.08
Legal Computer Research	1,202.48
Traffic Fines – County Fund	440.96
Traffic Fines A&G Vehicle Fund	517.29
Traffic Fines – Law Library	958.25
Juvenile Fines—County Fund	9.38
Juvenile Fines—A&G Vehicle Fund	9.37
Juvenile Fines—Law Library	418.75
Liquor Violations—County Fund	381.75
Liquor Violations—Law Library	381.75
Drug Fines—County Fund	0
Tobacco Fines—County Fund	0
Adult Contributing—County Fund	0
Adult Contributing—Law Library	0
Public Defender Fee (\$25 each)	1,065.55
Special Projects Funds	3,952.93
DI-Alcohol Monitoring, Indigent Traffic Offender	198.00
State: Victims of Crime	2,577.00
State Highway Fines	814.00
Liquor Violations	763.50
Seat Belt Fines	340.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund	5,992.00
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	448.80
Justice Program Service Fund	13.20
Other: Supervision Fees	7,603.62
Restitution	3,233.83
Sheriff Fees	520.50
Arresting Agency (Drug)	850.00
Board of Pharmacy (Drug)	125.00
Sundries	31,363.80
TOTAL	\$83,584.96

Supervision Fees

Each youth on official probation pays a supervision fee to the Court. These fees cover costs for drug screening materials, training and miscellaneous expenses involved with supervising youth on probation. Total collected in 2013 was \$7603.62 (see above chart).

Probate Court

The Probate Court is responsible for the handling of Estates, Incompetent Guardianships, Minor Guardianships, Trusts, Birth Registration and Corrections, Marriage Licenses, Adoptions, Name Changes, Adult Protective Services, Mental Commitments and Minor Settlements.

2013 Probate Cases Filed

Type of Case	2010 Cases Filed	2011 Cases Filed	2012 Cases Filed	2013 Cases Filed	Pending
Adoptions	24	18	17	16	5
Civil Actions	3	6	6	13	12
Estates	299	242	249	284	201
Guardianships (Incompetent)	20	19	17	17	137
Guardianships (Minors)	10	11	10	6	57
Mental Illness	24	15	15	16	0
Miscellaneous-Miscellaneous	3	1	1	3	0
Miscellaneous-Change of Name	19	8	14	8	3
Misc-Adult Protective Service	3	0	1	1	0
Miscellaneous-Minor Settlement	8	6	2	4	0
Registration or Change of Birth	5	3	2	3	0
Marriage Licenses	264	252	263	247	0
Trusts	4	3	8	7	60
TOTAL:	686	577	605	625	475

Probate Court Costs Collected

Probate Court Costs Collected	2011	2012	2013
County: General Fund	31,780.63	32,326.20	31,119.52
Indigent Guardianship	10,517.84	6,294.00	7,806.00
Conduct of Business-Probate Fund	252.00	263.00	259.00
Computerization Fund	5,490.00	5,530.00	5,440.00
Legal Computer Research	888.00	870.00	855.00
Domestic Violence	4,284.00	4,471.00	4,403.00
State: Legal Aid	5,928.00	5,798.00	6,084.00
Ohio Putative Father Registry	390.00	480.00	450.00
TOTAL:	\$61,541.47	\$56,032.20	58,429.52

Volunteer Guardianship Program

When a person is no longer capable of managing themselves, their property and assets, or both; under Ohio Law a person can be determined incompetent. A finding of incompetency results in the Probate Court appointing a guardian to assist the “ward”.

The Volunteer Guardianship Program is only for persons who live in long term care facilities. The guardian makes sure the ward’s basic needs are being met, seeks services to help the ward reach the highest possible potential, authorizes treatment, executes documents on the ward’s behalf, and makes end of life decisions for the benefit of the ward.

Usually a family member or close friend is the first choice of the Court to serve as the guardian. However, for a variety of reasons, there continues to be cases where no suitable person exists or is willing to act as guardian. Local attorneys cannot meet the high demand. The Volunteer Guardianship Program fills the void by providing a pool of screened and trained volunteers to serve those who cannot help themselves.

As a collaborative with the Probate Court, the program is administered by the Department of Aging with Melissa Cronin as the Coordinator. For 2013, eleven people acted as volunteer guardians for eleven individual wards. They contributed approximately 462 volunteer contact hours. Four long term care facilities in our community have volunteer placements.

Staff Development

Our commitment to staff development and training is second only to the commitment to provide the best possible service to those we serve.

The probation staff engaged in 220.5 hours of training and continuing education in 2013. Topics included verbal judo and tactical communication, defensive driving, substance abuse and illicit drugs, drug testing, interviewing and adoption law and instruction on the new DSM-5.

Two of our staff are required to earn 30 continuing education units every two years to maintain licensure. The Probate/Juvenile Judge is required annually to obtain continuing legal education, and participates in several conferences throughout the year.

Acknowledgments

We value our partners and colleagues as we strive together to deliver the best services possible to our community. The Court particularly acknowledges:

Williams County Commissioners
Williams County Job & Family Services
Williams County Sheriff's Department
Williams County Prosecutor
Ohio Department of Youth Services
Williams County Family and Children First Council
Williams County Juvenile Court Advisory Council
All Local and Regional Law Enforcement Agencies
Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training and Rehabilitation Center
Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio
Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio
Maumee Valley Guidance Center
Shalom Counseling and Mediation Services
Bryan Fire Department
Four County Family Services
Bryan Area Eagles
All School Systems in Williams County
Northwest Ohio Educational Services Center
Staff of Independent Education Center
Department of Aging

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