

2012 Annual Report



**Steven R. Bird, Judge
Williams County Probate/Juvenile Court
Bryan, Ohio**

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Court Personnel



**The Hon. Steven R. Bird
Probate/Juvenile Judge
15 years in Office**



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

Williams County Probate/Juvenile Court & Probation Staff



Front Row: Holly Schlosser ,Probate Court Administrator; Hon. Steven R. Bird, Probate/Juvenile Judge; Helena Morris, Deputy Clerk; Crystal Feeney, Defiance College Student Intern;
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Back Row: Jon Ely, Probation Officer; Cam Miller, Deputy Clerk/Secretary; Kathy Nern, Juvenile Court Administrator; Cindy Schultz, Deputy Clerk; and Deb Willis, Probation Officer

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Probation Officer/Bailiff
26 years experience

Holly L. Doseck
Deputy Clerk/Bookkeeper
29 years service

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Probation Officer
7 years service

Cynthia J. Schultz
Deputy Clerk
2 years service

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11 years service

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Juvenile Court
Administrator
30+ years experience

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Probate Court
Administrator
33 years experience

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Deputy Clerk
5 years service

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LSW**
Probation Officer
24 years service

**Nick Woodall, B.A.,
M.Div.**
Diversion Counselor
23 years service

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 2012 Report

The year 2012 marks the achievement of several significant goals for the Williams County Juvenile Court and the Probation Department. Significant among these accomplishments has been the conclusion of a two year project to draft and implement Juvenile Court Local Rules for Williams, Henry and Defiance Counties. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of the three county juvenile judges and their magistrates, we now have uniform local rules for the conduct of the courts' business across the region.

The Williams County Juvenile Court and Probation Department have also made significant strides toward finalizing our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). The COOP plan is mandated by the Ohio Supreme Court and will allow operations to continue in the event the court must temporarily relocate due to fire, natural disaster or epidemic. But beyond this immediate goal, the COOP Manual provides a roadmap for the operation of the court and probation department. The final stage for implementation of the COOP Plan involves finalizing memorandums of understanding for alternate operation sites and setting up remote on-line access to files and operating systems required in the event of relocation.

The updated Policy Handbook was implemented in July 2011. The Procedure Manual has continued to undergo fine tuning during the past year. Together with the COOP efforts, these documents have helped us update our practices, streamline processes and simplify case flow management while providing invaluable documentation of the work we handle on a daily basis.

For several years the court has been working to implement the *Key Principles for Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases* developed under the leadership of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Of the sixteen principles, we have been able to substantially comply with all sixteen recommendations, with the exception of providing "*separate and safe waiting areas for victims and offenders, secure holding facilities, private meeting space*" which remain a challenge due to the physical limitations of the building. Looking forward, we are considering pursuing NCJFCJ *Juvenile Justice Model Court* status so that we can receive NCJFCJ training, technical assistance, assessment and strategic planning to continue to provide the very highest level of services to the community.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the staff, clerks and probation officers of the Williams County Probate and Juvenile Court whose combined experience of over 180 years uniquely positions us to provide a depth of experience and skill possessed by very few similarly situated courts in Ohio. The enthusiasm and optimism with which our staff approaches each day's challenges results in a climate that nurtures success, welcomes change and seeks improvement in the lives of our clients. I hope you will enjoy seeing the story unfold in the following pages of our 2012 Annual Report.

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/Interventions

Intake

Filed complaints and police reports are processed through the Probation Department to determine whether the case should be diverted to the Court's Diversion Counselor or scheduled for official hearing before the Judge.

There were 284 complaints/police reports logged through intake in 2012. Of those, 172 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 137 cases in 2012, 99 of which were closed successfully. Sixty of the juveniles referred were female; seventy seven were males. Eleven were referred officially to Court. (Note: some cases were filed in 2011 and processed in 2012).

Diversion: An Historical Perspective

The history of Diversion in the Williams County Juvenile Court began with the formation of a Youth Advisory Board in the early 1980's. The Board consisted of Probate/Juvenile Judge Harry

Rigdon, Superintendent of Williams County Schools, Mr. Richard Harpster and selected community leaders. Together, the Board created one position consisting of two roles: a Diversion Counselor to work with the Juvenile Probation Department and an Attendance Officer to work with the schools. Time and tasks were split between the two entities.

Mrs. Pam Harger served as the first Diversion Counselor/Attendance Officer until the fall of 1986, when the roles were divided between two people: Pam focused her work with youth and families through Diversion and Rev. Nick Woodall was hired by the Williams County Schools as Attendance Officer.

In the Fall of 1989, the two positions were once again combined under one person. When Judge Steven Bird was elected into office in 1996, he maintained the combined position that has been held by Rev. Woodall since.

The Diversion Counselor processes an average 150 cases per year, working with youth and their families to overcome a variety of issues: unruliness, family conflict, and minor criminal offenses. With an average 90% success rate, Diversion helps young people avoid formal Court intervention. The Attendance Officer averages 250 referrals each school year.

Unofficial Cases Filed in 2012

Offense	Males	Females	TOTALS
Ungovernable	23	26	49
Curfew	1	1	2
Truancy	10	8	18
Runaway	3	6	9
Tobacco	7	1	8
Theft	3	1	4
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1
Criminal Mischief	0	1	1
Criminal Trespass	0	1	1
Criminal Damaging	1	2	3
Assault	1	2	3
Agg. Menacing	1	0	1
Totals:	51	49	100

Official Probation

Williams County Juvenile Court is fortunate to have three seasoned probation officers with nearly 60 years of relevant juvenile justice 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 52 cases involving alcohol or drug related offenses, accounting for around 23 percent of all delinquency cases filed in 2012.

Assessment of each youth guides the disposition of these cases. Referral and treatment at the local Recovery Services offers community based intervention. The Juvenile Detention Center offers a Life Without Drugs Program (LWD), an intensive institutionally based treatment option for youth with more severe substance abuse challenges.

A re-entry LWD plan monitored by the Probation Department follows a protocol with close community-based supervision and regular review hearings that afford an opportunity for accountability, modification of treatment, and/or celebration.

Drug Screening

Probationers are subject to drug screening. Laboratories are utilized if further verification is required. Drug screens/verifications totaled 162 for the year.

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. The protocol is a derivative from other jurisdictions that addresses the specific needs of the local community, victims and the offender. This protocol has proven to be an effective tool as sex offenders comprise about 10% of the caseload.

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.

Eleven youth (8 males, 3 females) experienced some type of electronic or alcohol monitoring or GPS system in 2012. Cost for this type of service ranges from \$10 - \$14 per day. State funds provided service for 3 males.

On-Call Officer

A 24/7 on-call probation officer is available to law enforcement when severe juvenile related matters occur in the county. Probation officers can authorize a youth's detention or assist in determining an alternative arrangement pending a next business day hearing. Pre-arranged safety plans for each youth on probation are a resource that can be used as a detention alternative.

Secure Detention

Sixty intakes (46 males and 14 females) to the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention and Training Center utilized 1730 bed days in 2012.

The Bailiff or Probation Officers transported 44 males and 11 females this past year. The total mileage incurred for these transports was 2162 miles. The Williams County Sheriff's Department conducts transports when Court staff is not available or needs extra assistance.

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 separate 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 982 and involved 18 boys and 7 girls. Calculating hours at minimum wage, \$7659.60 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 has saved time and mileage as we have used it for hearings, training and for youth interviews with the Juvenile Residential Center in Bowling Green. The videoconferencing is also utilized for family visitation when there are transportation barriers.

The Court has used similar technology through the Court of Common Pleas for occasional hearings.

TREATMENT SERVICES

Functional Family Therapy

The copyrighted Functional Family Therapy Model has been discontinued by Four County Family Services due to funding issues. The Agency adopted a similar model of Intensive Case Management for appropriate referrals from Williams County. This effort is critical to intervention with the entire family system. Twelve youth and their families benefitted from this service in 2012.

Intensive Home Based Therapy

Intensive Home Based Therapy (IHBT) is a service provided by Four County Family Services that provides individual and family counseling and case management services to high risk youth and their families. Services are designed to meet the individual needs of each case. In 2012, Intensive Home Based Therapy worked with 7 youth from the Juvenile Probation Department.

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. In 2012, 49 youth were referred by the Court to Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio.

Other Mental Health Services

Williams County is fortunate to have a variety of resources and social services available for youth and families. Mental health assessment and treatment services are available from several agencies and organizations, private practitioners and First Call for Help. Regional hospitals offer in patient services as appropriate. The Juvenile Probation Department often acts as a resource and referral guide for those seeking options for services.

Tobacco Education Class

Tobacco citations are processed through the Juvenile Probation Department. First offenders are ordered into an education class facilitated by the Williams County Health Department. The classes consist of six hours of education. Successful completion of the class avoids a formal Court appearance.

Eight boys and one girl completed this class in 2012.

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-two referrals were made by the Court to VORP in 2012. The referrals involved 22 unduplicated juveniles and 29 unduplicated victims in five Williams County communities.

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, 2011 through September 30, 2012 Williams County Victim Assistance Services provided advocacy and information for 41 cases involving juveniles.

Restitution

A youth who commits an offense harms the victim of the crime and the community, and there is an obligation to repair that harm to the greatest extent possible. Restitution is part of that repair.

Payments totaling \$3153.77 were paid by eight youth to nine different victims. 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. As a true community collaboration, CAHF sponsored its sixth annual *Ready, Set Relax!* event in October. Participant surveys reveal continued strong support for the event and a growing understanding of the underlying principal: *making family moments count.*

Family Fun Movie Nights hosted by Bryan High School and co-sponsored with CAHF invited families to the gym to see a recently released movie at no cost. Community response continues to be positive for this type of event.

Summit on Children/Summit Breakfast

In June 2008, the Williams County Summit convened to carry out the tasks from the Ohio Summit attended in May of that year. The challenge was to assess local strengths and challenges in order to identify gaps in service. As a result, a series of Williams County Summit Breakfasts were conducted to educate key people from the county about the services and programs that are available to assist kids and families. The goal was also to build on existing initiatives and to foster collaborative efforts to enhance the safety, well-being and permanent home environments of children.

Programming and resources available for area youth and families are presented at each breakfast. Attendance is maintaining at approximately 65 people at each event, representing 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.

The Bryan Eagles continues to generously provide meeting space for the quarterly breakfasts.

Student Experiences

The Court continues to participate in Bryan High School's Teaching Responsibility and Understanding through Service Training (TRUST) program, an academic and service learning opportunity. Two students assisted with daily operations last year.

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 presented for classes at Northwest State Community College. The Judge and entire court staff participate in the annual high school senior Courthouse tours.

Judge Bird gave several presentations this year including the Bryan High School TRUST students, World Day of Prayer, and Stryker Senior Center.

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 11 members and meets a minimum of one time per year. The council met in June to review the 2011 Annual Report. The Council learned about the increasing number of severe mental health issues with younger youth, the Court's Continuity of Operations Plan, and an update on the ReClaim funding.

The Court recognizes and appreciates the volunteer members of the Advisory Council: Jenny Tule, Edward Ewers, Dave Brown, Karen Gallagher, Lew Hilkert, Don Kurcher, John Lewis, Les McCaslin,, Katherine Middleton, Craig Rupp, and Geri Severs,

PLACEMENT, JRC/DYS

When community-based treatment is found to be ineffective, insufficient or unsuccessful, the court may order out of home placement to meet the treatment and accountability needs of the 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 did not place any youth in foster care during 2012 as a dispositional order for a delinquent or unruly charge. However, through a shared agreement with the 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 a collaborative community arrangement.

Juvenile Residential Center Of Northwest Ohio

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio (JRC) located in Bowling Green, Ohio 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.

Four Williams County youth were served at JRC in 2012.

Ohio Department of Youth Services

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) is the state correctional system for juvenile offenders aged 10 – 18 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.

Four males and one female were incarcerated at ODYS during 2012. Of the five, three were carryover from 2011, one was revoked, and one was a new commitment.

OTHER COURT SERVICES

Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency

The Court processed 66 new cases of abuse, neglect, and dependency in 2012. 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 2012

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Dependent	5	17	22
Abused/Dependent	13	13	26
Neglected/Dependent	6	12	18
TOTALS:	24	42	66

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” for children 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 available time and energy. V-GALs participate in a minimum of six hours of training each year.

In 2012, seven volunteers served 38 cases. Twenty-nine cases were served by attorneys.

Parentage Cases/Unmarried Parents

New cases involving unmarried parents numbered 138 for the year 2012. These cases involve child support, custody/visitation and paternity. Most cases are referred by the Williams County Child Support and Enforcement Agency, but some are filed through attorneys.

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, Pamela Weiner 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 2012, 106 persons 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 237 cases in 2012.

Child support collection also helps defray the costs of youth ordered to detention or other placement outside of their home. \$29,821.71 was collected in 2012 for this purpose and deposited into the General Fund.

Juvenile Traffic Court

In 2012, a total of 209 traffic citations were filed with the Williams County Juvenile Court. A sum of \$1,803.50 was collected in traffic fines and \$400.00 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 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.

Fifty-six Williams County youth participated in CARTEENS during 2012. Of those 56 youth, 6 received another citation after their participation in the CARTEENS program.

STATISTICS

2012 Traffic Statistics

Violation Name:	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Speed	54	40	94
Seat Belt/Driver	9	2	11
Seat Belt/Passenger	4	1	5
OMVI	1	0	1
No Operator's License	6	4	10
Failure to Control	12	8	20
Failure to Yield	3	3	6
Stop Sign	4	2	6
Reckless Operation	6	0	6
Red Light (Traffic Control Lights)	2	1	3
A.C.D.A.	8	3	11
Improper Starting/Backing	0	1	1
Improper Turn	0	1	1
Dr's Lic Viol (Juv) – Curfew	2	2	4
Dr.'s Restrictions Violation	1	0	1
School Bus Violation	0	1	1
Marked Lanes	2	1	3
Registration Violation	3	0	3
ATV Violations	1	0	1
Expired Plates	0	1	1
Fictitious Plates	1	0	1
Peeling	1	0	1
Excessive Passengers – Juvenile	2	1	3
Temp Permit Viol – No Adult	1	2	3
Outside Restrictions	1	0	1
Turn Signal Violation	1	0	1
Dr Under FRA Suspension	1	0	1
Headlight Violation	1	0	1
Failure to Furnish License	1	0	1
Moped Violation	2	0	2
Littering	0	1	1
Wrongful Entrustment	1	0	1
No Taillights	1	0	1
Obstructing View	1	0	1
Equipment Violation	0	1	1
TOTALS:	133	76	209

2012 Felony Statistics

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agg. Possession of Drugs	F5	1	0	1
Agg. Robbery	F1	1	0	1
Assault	F2	2	0	2
	F4	0	1	1
	F5	5	0	5
Assault on a Corrections Officer	F5	4	0	4
B & E	F5	6	0	6
Burglary	F2	1	0	1
	F3	3	0	3
Gross Sexual Imposition	F3	3	1	4
Gross Sexual Imposition	F4	1	0	1
Harassment by Bodily Substance	F5	1	0	1
Illegal Possession of Deadly Weapon in School Zone/On School Property	F5	2	0	2
Illegal Use of Minor in Nude Orientated Material or Performance	F2	1	0	1
	F5	0	1	1
Trafficking of Drugs	F4	3	0	3
Rape	F1	5	0	5
	F5	3	0	3
Attempted Rape	F2	1	0	1
Importuning	F3	2	1	3
Rec Stolen Property	F4	1	0	1
Theft	F5	8	0	8
Theft of Drugs	F4	2	0	2
Grand Theft Auto	F4	2	0	2
Vandalism	F5	2	1	3
TOTALS		60	5	65

2012 Court Initiated Charges/Hearings

<u>Violation Name</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
Probation Violations	20	9	29
Court Order Violation	1	1	2
Parole Violations	3	0	3
Show Cause Motion	0	0	0
D.Y.S. Release Hearings	2	1	3
D.Y.S. Parole Review Hearings	10	0	10
J.R.C. Release Hearings	1	0	1
J.R.C. Review Hearings	5	0	5
Life w/o Drugs Furlough Hearings	3	3	6
Life w/o Drugs Review Hearings	9	7	16
Probation Review Hearings	3	0	3
Detention Review Hearing	1	0	1
Detention Release Hearing	1	0	1
Annual Review Hearing	0	0	0

Semi-Annual Review Hearing	0	0	0
Sexual Classification Hearing	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTALS:	61	21	82

2012 Delinquency Charges

<u>Offenses:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Theft	32	7	39
B & E	6	0	6
Attempted B & E	2	0	2
Burglary	4	0	4
Agg. Robbery	1	0	1
Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	0	2
Criminal Damaging	9	2	11
Criminal Trespass	7	0	7
Criminal Mischief	3	0	3
Property Damage	1	0	1
Assault	27	1	28
Assault on Corrections Officer	4	0	4
Offenses Involving Minors	10	5	15
Open Container	1	2	3
Theft of Drugs	2	0	2
Possession of Drugs	6	0	6
Agg. Possession of Drugs	1	1	2
Possession of Cocaine	0	1	1
Possession of Marijuana	0	1	1
Drug Abuse/MJ	8	0	8
Drug Abuse	2	0	2
Drug Paraphernalia	6	1	7
Illegal Use or Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia	1	0	1
Trafficking in Drugs	3	0	3
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	1	0	1
Rape	8	0	8
Attempted Rape	1	0	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	4	1	5
Sexual Imposition	2	0	2
Illegal Use of Minors in Nudity Orient. Matter or Performance	1	1	2
Importuning	2	1	3
Voyeurism	1	0	1
Telephone Harassment	4	1	5
Harassment Bodily Substance	1	0	1
Illegal Possession of Deadly Weapon in School Zone /On School Property	2	0	2
Falsification	0	1	1
Unauthorized Use of MV	4	1	5

Rec. Stolen Property	4	0	4
Failure to Comply w/Police Order	1	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	3	4	7
Menacing	1	0	1
Agg. Menacing	1	1	2
Resisting Arrest	1	1	2
Complicity	1	0	1
Escape	1	0	1
Obstructing Official Business	5	0	5
Arson	1	0	1
Domestic Violence	4	0	4
Vandalism	3	1	4
TOTALS:	195	33	228

2012 Unruly Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ungovernable	5	1	6
Tobacco	1	0	1
Truancy	2	2	4
Runaway	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL:	8	4	12

2012 Other Cases Filed

Adult Contributing	2
Parentage	2
U.I.F.S.A.	1
Support Cases (establish & contempt)	85
Permanent Custody	1
Custody, Custodianships, Visitation & Contempt	81
Misc. Cases	0
TOTAL:	172

5 Year Comparison of Cases Filed

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Delinquency	317	235	219	215	263
Unruly	11	9	17	11	12
Traffic	283	276	238	216	209
Neglected-Dependent-Abused	61	57	65	66	66
Adult Contributing	2	1	0	1	2
Parentage	17	9	1	5	2
Custody, Visitation	47	61	45	57	81
Support	170	135	127	142	85
U.I.F.S.A	2	1	0	0	1
Misc. Cases	2	4	3	7	3
TOTALS:	912	788	715	720	724

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

Program Funding Through Subsidy Grants

Fund	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 (FY 2012)	2012 (FY 2013)
Diversion	28,207	29,773	30,500	30,489	30,489	33,536	34,905
A.C.E. Program	83,385	82,559	65,492	80,914	9,728	0	0
Community Service	5,036	4,927	5,049	1,261	0	0	0
Monitoring/Surveillance	19,956	25,596	3,451	3,120	1,770	3,270	7,920
Probation	0	0	15,223	30,957	63,582	13,236	16,534
Family Preservation		65,016	35,350	33,000	54,000	36,000	11,520
Suspension Center	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
Out of Home Placement	158,151	83,221	5,112	18,000	1,097	15,850	100,959
Program Administration	27,744	32,375	32,801	36,109	32,603	33,732	40,402
Conflict Mediation			1,000	0	0	0	0
Wraparound Services			6,000	6,000	0	0	0
Parent Support				9,800	0	0	5,035
Clinical Assessment					4,825	4,800	4,800
Alternatives to Detention						7,992	7,176
TOTAL:	\$327,479	\$328,467	\$199,978	\$249,650	\$200,104	\$148,416	\$229,251

2012 Juvenile Court Deposits

Department of Youth Services Support Payments	\$9,380.44
Placement Support Payments	\$23.53
Juvenile Residential Center Support Payments	\$4,019.35
Detention Support Payments	\$9,179.68
Life without Drugs Support Payments	\$7,218.71
Juvenile Court IV-E Money Received	\$1,497.62
Supervision Fees Collected (includes \$10,000.00 Grant award)	\$18,085.00
Electronic Monitoring Reimbursement	\$5,687.00
Misc. Deposits (refunds, speakers' fee etc.)	\$ -0-
TOTAL:	\$55,091.33

Breakdown of Court Costs and Fines Collected in 2012

County: General Fund/Local Costs	\$15,892.43
Computerization Fund	4,314.50
Legal Computer Research	1,290.21
Traffic Fines – County Fund	631.21
Traffic Fines A&G Vehicle Fund	261.04
Traffic Fines – Law Library	911.25
Juvenile Fines—County Fund	43.77
Juvenile Fines—A&G Vehicle Fund	31.23
Juvenile Fines—Law Library	1,250.00
Liquor Violations—County Fund	543.25
Liquor Violations—Law Library	543.25
Drug Fines—County Fund	0
Tobacco Fines—County Fund	0
Adult Contributing—County Fund	0
Adult Contributing—Law Library	250.00
Public Defender Fee (\$25 each)	875.00
DI-Alcohol Monitoring, Indigent Traffic Off.	210.00
Special Project Fund (Mediation)	78.00
State: Victims of Crime	2,838.00
State Highway Fines	1,041.50
Liquor Violations	1,086.50
Seat Belt Fines	400.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund	6,335.00
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	472.40
Justice Program Service Fund	14.00
Other: Supervision Fees	7,145.88
Restitution	3,153.77
Sheriff Fees	844.95
Arresting Agency (Drug)	700.00
Board of Pharmacy (Drug)	295.00
Sundries	23,742.39
TOTAL	\$75,194.53

Supervision Fees

Each youth on official probation pays a supervision fee to the Court. These fees cover costs such as training and seminars and their related costs for Probation Officers and Court Staff, drug screening, materials, and miscellaneous expenses involved with supervising youth on probation. Total collected in 2012 was \$7,145.88 (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.

2012 Probate Cases Filed

Type of Case	2010 Cases Filed	2011 Cases Filed	2012 Cases Filed	Pending
Adoptions	24	18	17	4
Civil Actions	3	6	6	7
Estates	299	242	249	173
Guardianships (Incompetent)	20	19	17	135
Guardianships (Minors)	10	11	10	53
Mental Illness	24	15	15	0
Miscellaneous-Miscellaneous	3	1	1	0
Miscellaneous-Change of Name	19	8	14	0
Miscellaneous-Adult Protective Service	3	0	1	1
Miscellaneous-Minor Settlement	8	6	2	0
Registration or Change of Birth	5	3	2	0
Marriage Licenses	264	252	263	0
Trusts	4	3	8	61
TOTAL:	686	577	605	

Probate Court Costs Collected

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

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 Guardian treats the ward with dignity and respect while assisting in making basic life decisions.

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.

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 142.50 hours of training and continuing education in 2012. Topics included substance abuse, security and safety, traumatic brain injury, AED/CPR/First Aid, ethics, interviewing and adoption law.

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.

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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
Bryan Recycling Center
Four County Family Services
Bryan Area Eagles
Chief Jeff Lehman, Montpelier Police Department
All School Systems in Williams County
Northwest Ohio Educational Services Center
Staff of Independent Education Center
Department of Aging

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