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Cuyahoga County
Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Court Division

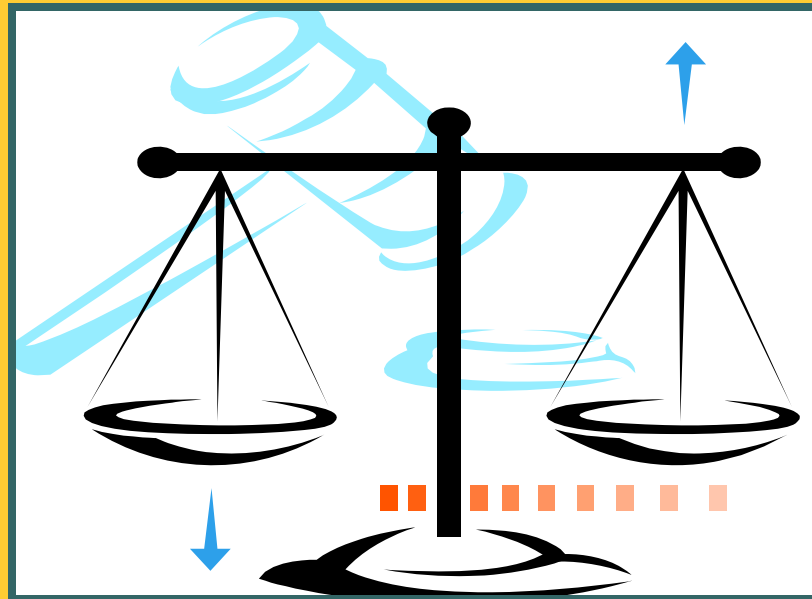


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OPEN LETTER

To:

The Citizens of Cuyahoga County

The Honorable Eric Brown

Chief Justice, The Supreme Court of Ohio

The Honorable Jimmy Dimora

The Honorable Timothy Hagan

The Honorable Peter Lawson Jones

Commissioners of Cuyahoga County

The Honorable Christine Money

Interim Director, Ohio Department of Youth Services

From:

The Honorable Thomas F. O'Malley, Administrative Judge

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court

One way to characterize 2009 is as a year of departures, exits, and reductions. Major personnel changes occurred and some longstanding ways of performing the Court's business were dramatically modified.

As a result of the 2009 Cuyahoga County Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) eighty-six (86) staff left the Court's employ. This translates to a depletion of 2,288 years of experience and public service! A key participant in the ERIP was our distinguished Court Administrator, Mr. Kenneth J. Lusnia, who skillfully managed our Court for over ten (10) years. We extend to Ken and all of the retirees our deepest gratitude and fondest best wishes. It is our intention to appoint a new Court Administrator in 2010. Pursuant to the parameters of ERIP, the vast majority of the other vacated positions will not be filled.

OPEN LETTER continued

The County's Youth Development Center (YDC) which, since 1926, provided residential placement services for many thousands of Court-involved youth permanently closed its doors. As a result, we partnered with the County's Department of Children & Family Services and Justice Affairs as well as multiple private providers to create the Youth & Family Community Partnership (YFCP), a new and improved alternative to the YDC. Guided by the 1999 Youth Development Center studies conducted by the University of Cincinnati, YFCP built on lessons learned in several specific areas. Juveniles are now placed in local residential treatment facilities. Utilization of standardized risk assessments, concentration on youth criminogenic needs, comprehensive staff training, and enhanced aftercare are highly emphasized. In 2009, 268 youth were screened for, and 88 placed, in YFCP. The early results and outcomes are very promising. Average lengths of stay in these out-of-home placements have been reduced by 50%. There are likely to be considerable cost reductions if these trends continue. The savings to the community are even greater when we consider our efforts to limit the human costs of removing youth from their community, which breaks or strains whatever positive bonds they have with their family members.

For decades, the Court has committed delinquent youth to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). This year, we were asked and agreed, to reduce our commitments by 30% for the period of July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010. One element of this targeted RECLAIM Initiative includes a careful review of specific delinquency cases. With the full support of my fellow Judges, I began to chair regular meetings with appropriate staff to review the circumstances of every juvenile for whom an ODYS commitment is a probability. Our goal is to recommend viable alternatives to ODYS particularly for those youth who have been assessed as low to moderate risk. At the end of the year, we were on pace to meet our target. Moreover, we are eager to analyze what we believe will be better and more positive outcomes for this segment of our population.

OPEN LETTER continued

Our Detention Center staff began to mobilize for the American Correctional Association (ACA) re-accreditation process. Site visits and record reviews were performed by the ACA in late 2009 and it is anticipated that the Detention Center will again meet all substantive ACA standards and receive accreditation in January of this year. Due to budget constraints, one living unit of the Detention Center was closed this year. However, due to the willingness of my fellow Jurists to limit alleged misdemeanor admissions and the use of detention as a disposition, the average daily population has been reduced and is notably manageable.

As I complete my first year as Administrative Judge, I must express my public gratitude to my fellow Judges for all of their cooperation and assistance. I would be remiss if I did not single out my colleague, Judge Joseph F. Russo, who passed the baton to me! He was our Administrative Judge for a decade and his accomplishments are too numerous to mention. I am looking forward to another year in this capacity, and we are all eagerly awaiting the arrival of 2011, and our move into our new Juvenile Justice Center.

Along with the report of our achievements, I hereby submit, in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.18, the 2009 Annual Report of the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court concerning the number and kinds of cases before it, their dispositions, and other data pertaining to the work of the Court.

Respectfully,



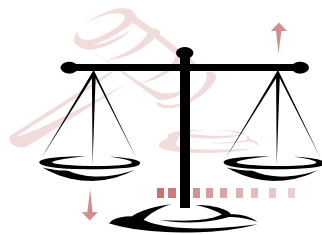
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas O'Malley".

Honorable Thomas F. O'Malley
Administrative Judge, 2009

JUDGES



**Bottom Row (Left to Right): Judge Kristin W. Sweeney,
Judge Peter M. Sikora and Judge Alison L. Floyd.
Top Row (Left to Right): Judge Patrick F. Corrigan,
Administrative Judge Thomas F. O'Malley
and Judge Joseph F. Russo.**



MISSION STATEMENT
TO
ADMINISTER JUSTICE,
REHABILITATE
JUVENILES,
SUPPORT
AND
STRENGTHEN FAMILIES,
AND
PROMOTE
PUBLIC SAFETY.

OFFICE LOCATIONS

COURT LOCATIONS

Main Court

2163 East 22nd St.

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

(216) 443-8400

Metzenbaum Building

3343 Community College Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

(216) 443-3452

Walter G. Whitlatch Building

1910 Carnegie Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

(216) 443-8400

Administration/Court Services

Annex Building

2210 Cedar Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

(216) 443- 8401 or 8402

Detention Center

2209 Central Ave.

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

(216) 443-3300

INTAKE & DIVERSION OFFICE LOCATIONS

CENTRAL

Metzenbaum Building
 3343 Community College Avenue
 Cleveland, Ohio 44115
 216-698-6545
 (Fax) 216-698-6568

WEST SIDE

LAKESWOOD

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 Lakewood, Ohio 44107
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5361 Pearl Road
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GARFIELD

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 4th Floor
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 Maple Hts., Ohio 44137
 216-663-6583
 (Fax) 216-663-2351

PROBATION OFFICE LOCATIONS

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216-443-3573 (Fax) 216-443-8438**

**Community Service 3343 Community College Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
216-698-4727 (Fax) 216-698-6568**

**Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Program/Community Service
3343 Community College Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115 216-443-3131 (Fax) 216-443-3138**

**East Cleveland/University Circle Regional Office 11811 Shaker Blvd.,
East Cleveland 3rd Floor, University Circle 4th Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44120
216-443-5493 (Fax) 216-443-8046**

**Grants Management 1849 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
216-698-4791 (Fax) 216-443-8433**

**Multi-Systemic Therapy 3343 Community College Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
216-443-5003 (Fax) 216-443-8438**

**Near West Supervision 4115 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113
216-698-6629 (Fax) 216-281-9783**

**Placement After Care Unit 3343 Community College Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
216-443-3107 (Fax) 216-443-2185**

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216-443-3538 (Fax) 216-443-3483**

**School Based Liaison 3343 Community College Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
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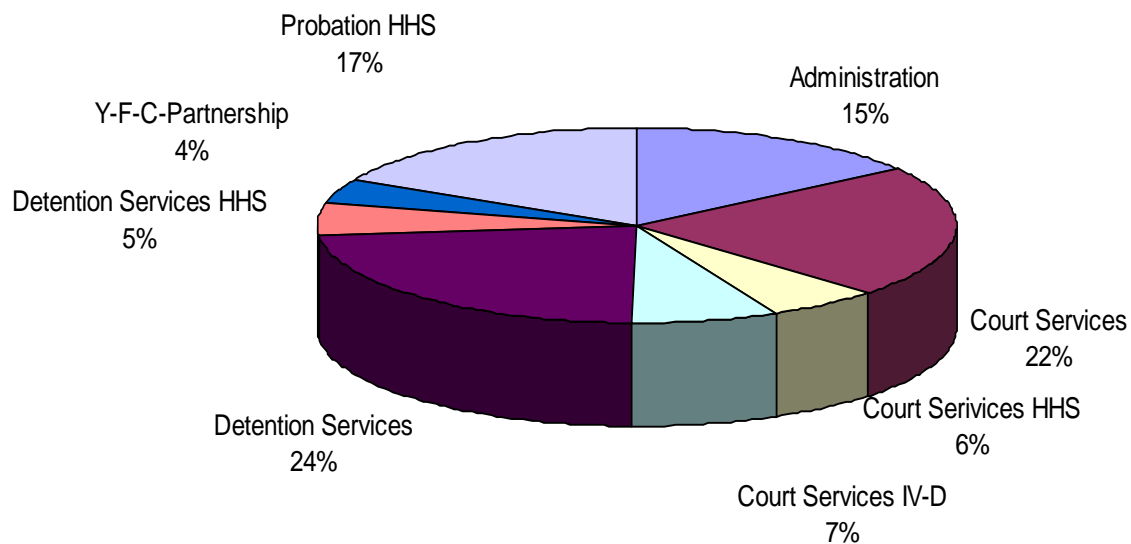
**Special Services Investigations 1910 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
216-443-3573 (Fax) 216-443-3494**

**Youth & Family Community Partnership 3343 Community College Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio 44115 216-698-6578 (Fax) 216-443-2185**

FISCAL 2009 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



	Administration	Court Services	Court Services HHS	Court Services IV-D	Detention Services	Detention Services HHS	Y-F-C Partnership	Probation HHS	Total
Salaries	\$ 1,371,243	6,306,123	412,499	1,935,453	6,760,701	351,562	240,809	4,184,207	21,562,597
Fringe Benefits	526,810	2,204,821	151,755	862,810	2,442,129	144,191	93,741	1,626,057	8,052,314
Commodities	108,683	27,000	9,680	981	453,851	5,935	1,389	41,244	648,763
Contracts/Services	236,383	2,472,090	2,205,677	115,130	471,969	2,239,700	173,315	1,093,667	9,007,931
Controlled Expenses	4,649,201	164,253	2,450	749,231	1,788,065		5,519	114,966	7,473,685
Other Expenditures	931,553	187,431	148,675	106,837	93,014		1,626,610	1,779,981	4,874,101
Capital Outlay	389	14,663		1,105	4,010		8,108	3,932	32,207
Total	\$ 7,824,262	11,376,381	2,930,736	3,771,547	12,013,739	2,741,388	2,149,491	8,844,054	51,651,598



DETENTION SERVICES

Detention Services manages the care of all juveniles in the secure detention continuum, including the Detention Center, Shelter Care, and Home Detention. During the year 2009, the Detention Center had an average daily population of 125 juveniles, Shelter Care an average daily population of 53 juveniles, and Home Detention monitored an average daily caseload of 111 juveniles.

ACCREDITATION

In September 2009, national auditors assessed the Detention Center's continued compliance with the American Correctional Association (ACA) national standards for accreditation, which in January 2007, was awarded for a three-year period. The standards address services, programs, and operations essential to effective correctional management. Through accreditation, an agency demonstrates a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health, and safety of staff and detention center residents.

The auditors found 100% compliance for mandatory standards and 98% compliance for non-mandatory standards, which exceeds the 90% requirement for a recommendation to the ACA Commission on Accreditation for Corrections for continued accreditation in the year 2010.

POPULATION

Detention Admission Screening Officers score all juveniles arrested by law enforcement for admission to secure detention using the Detention Admission Screening Instrument (DASI). Due to limited space, admission is restricted to the most serious offenders. The Admission Screening Unit scans and emails police reports to on-call Assistant County Prosecutors after business hours to improve efficiency in the admission process of juveniles.

DETENTION SERVICES

POPULATION continued: In 2008, the Court and Board of County Commissioners jointly established the Youth and Family Community Partnership to locate out-of-home placements for Juvenile Detention residents who formerly were placed at the now closed county Youth Development Center.

As an alternative to Detention, selected residents are placed in the community while awaiting hearings, either in Shelter Care or on Home Detention. Home Detention Officers can provide electronic monitoring surveillance 24-hours-per-day, seven-days-a-week, so violations can be addressed as they occur.

In late 2008, the Juvenile Court added active GPS surveillance, in order to track the whereabouts of designated juveniles in real time. Technology now allows the electronic monitoring of juveniles who do not have telephone landlines.

LIVING UNITS

Newly admitted residents are provided a thorough orientation by their assigned Social Worker, Unit Manager and Detention Officers. The Social Worker provides information pertaining to Court related detention procedures. The Unit Manager and Detention Officers provide information about the daily schedule, including school, activities, programs, medical and mental health services, visitation schedules, and special programming. They are also given information about the Behavior Management program, detention rules and sanctions.

Unit 1B houses the girls and has a program to assist them in growth and development. Unit 1B won first place in the Social Climate Survey Program, which measures resident quality of life. Community and volunteer programs work with the residents in life skills, arts, crafts, and behavior management. They are involved in many activities including, speakers, church services, group, gym and yoga activities, reading, TV, library and game time, hair styling, grief counseling, school tutoring, 4-H and Girl Scouts. The residents have written newsletters and a book.

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Unit 2A houses the youngest male residents. Staff members work hard to keep them motivated and conduct group sessions to teach appropriate behavior and expectations, using a Behavior Management Program. The Behavior Management program strengthens the growth and development of the residents. Sports activities at play time help to promote good team spirit. Other activities include after-school tutoring and health education programs, conducted by community volunteers.

Unit 2B houses the oldest male residents. Community volunteers include college students who tutor the residents and interns who work with residents. Volunteers also help the residents with jobs and support once they leave the facility. Other unit activities include substance abuse awareness programming and gym activities for large and small muscle exercise.

Unit 3A houses the middle teenage male residents. Like the other living units, residents participate in a number of programs and activities to assist in their growth and development. These activities are facilitated by staff, interns, and community volunteers.

Unit 3B houses the older teenage male residents. Community volunteers work with the residents to help in their development and growth. The unit Social Worker conducts a very successful reading group with the residents. The Behavior Management program and Life Skills Programs have strengthened the overall operation of this unit.

Residents throughout the Detention Center continue to rate their quality of life at the Detention Center as very good, based on their responses to a Social Climate Quality of Life Survey conducted twice each year.



DETENTION SERVICES

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Volunteer Services Coordinator has the responsibility for recruiting, training and monitoring the volunteers. Before volunteers and college interns can work with residents, they must be cleared through criminal background checks.

Numerous community volunteers provide programming in the areas of life skills, substance abuse awareness, health and hygiene counseling, arts and crafts, anger management, job readiness and the job market, and conflict resolution. This programming has been instrumental in the growth and development of the residents at the Detention Center.

Community leaders, athletes, and military personnel give motivational presentations and entertainers present plays throughout the year. Community organizations provide after-school tutoring to help residents achieve in the classroom.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) provides education at the Juvenile Detention Center and the residents attend school on-site. The CMSD provides a principal, ten core subject teachers, two special education teachers, one physical education teacher, three educational aides, and one secretary. Residents receive school credits for any academic work completed in grades six through twelve from their home school district. The Detention Center also administers the Ohio Graduation Test and the Ohio Achievement Assessment test and provides an after-school Tutoring Program for students who need additional instruction. In addition, the Juvenile Court provides the funding for Summer School with programs with emphasis on reading and math skills.

DETENTION SERVICES

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Detention Center contracts with the MetroHealth Nursing Department to provide on-site nursing services for residents, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Staffing includes one Managing Registered Nurse, one other Registered Nurse, six Licensed Practical Nurses, and two Licensed Practical Nurses as needed. A Physician or Nurse Practitioner is also on-site, four hours every week-day.

The Medical Services unit has been participating in the Ohio Department of Health's Region V Infertility Prevention Project since 2003, thereby saving substantial funds for sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment.

The Detention Center prepared for the impending flu season by ordering appropriate supplies and planning for possible medical isolations and dietary needs. Hand sanitizers were purchased and placed around the building and public lobby. Seasonal flu vaccines were obtained and the Center got on the list to receive the H1N1 vaccine through the Ohio Department of Health. Social Workers handed out vaccine consent forms to parents during visitation sessions. The Detention Center did not experience a flu epidemic, partly due to preventative actions.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Cuyahoga County Community Board of Mental Health contracts with Catholic Charities to provide Mental Health Services for Detention Center and shelter care residents. Independent Licensed Social Workers are on-site forty hours each week and are on-call after hours to assist with any mental health crisis. They served 250 residents during 2009 and provided special training for the Detention Center staff. Psychiatrists are on-site 16 hours each week. They provide evaluation, counseling, psychotropic medication referral and monitoring, crisis intervention, and referrals for hospital admissions, if deemed necessary.

DETENTION SERVICES

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Detention Center contracts with Lutheran Chaplaincy Services to provide religious counseling and services to residents. The Chaplain serves the religious needs of residents of all faiths and, when needed, makes arrangements with appropriate community ministries. The Chaplain also provides residents with grief counseling associated with family deaths. Special holiday services are conducted complete with dinners served by Religious Services volunteers.

STAFF TRAINING

All Juvenile Detention employees and contracted staff receive annual mandatory Core Competency training in the areas of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and Automatic External Defibrillator, Standard First Aid, Blood-borne Pathogens and Communicable Diseases, Emergency Response (suicide prevention and intervention), Crisis Prevention Institute Verbal De-Escalation and Unarmed Self-Defense, and fire extinguisher training. Those staff who directly supervise residents, receive additional training for a total of 40 hours annually, in accordance with ACA Accreditation standards. All newly hired direct service staff receive 40 hours of pre-service orientation training and 120 hours of on-the-job training, before assuming their responsibilities.

NEW DETENTION CENTER

Construction of the new Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Court Complex commenced in 2008 and is on schedule to open in the year 2011. Operational planning has included the development of a Detention Management System (DMS). The DMS will enhance the capability of Detention Services Staff to fully incorporate 21st century wireless security system technology, including real time tracking of secure detention center residents with touch screen and infra red technology.

COURT SERVICES

The Court Services Department is responsible for all of the legal and clerical functions, information services and other activities necessary to ensure that court hearing processes are executed in a timely, comprehensive, and efficient manner.

The Department has many units. In addition to the six elected Judges to whom all of the cases filed with the Court are assigned, there are twenty full-time magistrates. Together, the jurists resolve the delinquency, unruly, juvenile traffic, custody, support, visitation, dependency, abuse, neglect, parent-child relationship, and waiver of parental notification matters that are filed.

DOCKET INITIATIVES

As a result of the Early Retirement Incentive Program, in 2009, the Court lost six magistrates, which pursuant to the terms of the Program, the Court could not replace. One way in which the Court addressed the issue of having a reduced number of magistrates, was to shift the responsibility for hearing the private custody filings to the six existing abuse, dependency and neglect magistrates. This modification in the method of hearing cases also improved the delivery of services to the Cuyahoga County residents who file private custody matters, as the cases are now heard by six magistrates rather than by three, as was formerly the case. It is hoped that private custody cases will now be resolved more quickly

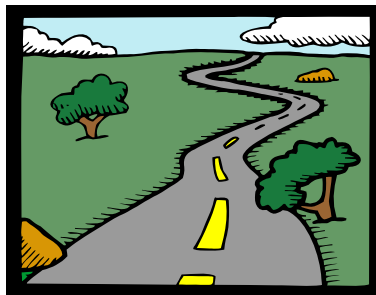
Commencing on January 1, 2010, the Court established a Traffic Violations Bureau intended for juveniles given citations by the Cuyahoga County Police Agencies for a limited set of infractions. The juveniles will have the option of waiving their appearances before the Magistrates at the Juvenile Court traffic unit.

COURT SERVICES

DOCKET INITIATIVES continued: A Traffic Violations Bureau web site will be available to the citizens whose sole purpose is to advise parties of the waiver process. A list of infractions that can be waived will be posted at the web site, as well as those infractions that cannot be waived.

The Waiver Bureau participants must be a minimum of 16 years of age. The citation must be the child's first moving violation. If the child has multiple citations for moving violations arising out of one traffic stop, the child will be ineligible to waive his or her appearance. If the child is eligible to participate, he or she will be able to sign the Waiver of Appearance and Admission form. The child's parent, guardian or legal custodian must also sign the document. The Waiver of Appearance and Plea of Admissions to Traffic Violations form will be available at the Court's web site. If the child is cited with a moving violation, proof of insurance at the time of the citation was issued must be provided. The fine and court cost will be able to be paid up to the day of the child's court date. The payment will be able to be mailed or paid at the Traffic Violations Bureau. Costs and fines will be available to be viewed at the web site. Notice of the Sealing and Expungement Rights will also be able to be found there.

The Court created the Traffic Violation Bureau to improve service to the citizens of Cuyahoga County; reduce the number of hearings the Court's traffic magistrates conduct; reduce the number of journal entries the unit would be required to create; and if possible, to increase the revenue the Court collects.



COURT SERVICES

INFORMATION SERVICES

iCASE is the Court's Case Management System and its primary responsibility is to provide case and parties' data to the system's users. Over 550 case management system users have access to *iCASE* Standard, ad hoc data and statistical reports. It is also web-based and provides the opportunity for collaboration with other agencies. *iCASE* excels at capturing information that is used by the system to create these reports that range from the number of delinquency filings received by the Court during a year, whether the filings were handled officially, unofficially or bypassed, to the average daily population of the detention center, to the number of paternity and support orders that were established, to name a few. Administrative personnel, in addition can find instant answers regarding the Court's 'docket health' by examining data reflecting disposition rates and cases that exceed the Supreme Court's Guidelines.

Perhaps the biggest innovation is the ability to create journal entries by jurists and courtroom staff using *iCASE*. If the user enters information regarding hearing participants, charges, motion rulings, dispositions and court costs, this information automatically populates the journal entries court personnel create, making the task of preparing the entries less time consuming and more efficient.

Another unique feature designed into *iCASE*, is the creation of task lists.

Judges, Magistrates, judges' clerks, case management clerks, probation services clerks and journal clerks receive to inform them of action that needs to be taken. As an example, when a new complaint or motion is filed with the Clerk's Office, the filing is processed and a 'task' is sent to the appropriate jurist, notifying him or her that something requires the jurist's attention. Tasks created by *iCASE* include: placing a child on probation, scheduling or transferring a hearing, signing an order, journalizing a journal entry, issuing a warrant, ruling on a motion, admitting or releasing a child from detention services and entering hearing results.

COURT SERVICES

INFORMATION SERVICES continued: In 2009, Information Services' personnel began working with some of the police departments in Cuyahoga County, setting up online access to *iCASE*. In addition to other concerns, police officials argue that due to many juveniles being the subject of warrants and committing more serious delinquencies, there is a heightened need to know in advance who they are approaching as police make routine traffic stops. Information Services' (IS) personnel have installed *iCASE* in 45 of the 64 police departments thus far in Cuyahoga County. Specific officers in those municipalities have been trained to access case information using *iCASE*. The process of bringing additional police departments online and providing training continues. Connectivity can be obtained through Cuyahoga County's IS Center's portal using various forms of Cisco technology, or through the Cuyahoga Regional Information System C.R.I.S. portal.

INTAKE

The Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) also greatly impacted the Court's Intake & Diversion Unit. As a result of the ERIP, there has been a 45% reduction in Intake & Diversion Officers and only five of the nine Intake & Diversion offices remain open.

Intake receives referrals from law enforcement, parents, citizens, agencies, etc., and reviews them to determine probable cause and jurisdiction of alleged delinquent and/or unruly acts. Intake & Diversion Officers are responsible for making appropriate decisions regarding whether to officially file or to divert cases and they must prepare and process complaints. They also conduct mediation and informal hearings to resolve bypassed matters and make appropriate referrals to the Court's Community Diversion Program. A total of 1,875 filings were diverted in 2009.

COURT SERVICES

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS

During 2009, the Court continued its specialized dockets: Juvenile Drug Court, Family Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Re-entry Court. The value of this approach to youth involved in the Court system is that the Court is able to focus on the special needs of those served.

The Juvenile Drug Court requires participants to attend regularly scheduled court hearings, meet with a case manager multiple times a week, and submit to random drug screens. Participants are also required to attend treatment. Graduated rewards and sanctions are utilized as juveniles move through the multiple phases of the program.

The Family Drug Court operates similarly to the Delinquency Drug Court but the participants are parents whose children are alleged to be abused, neglected or dependent and the parents are at risk of losing custody of their children because of drug dependency. The intensive program is designed to reduce the time that a child may have to spend in placement while the parent receives treatment for their substance abuse addiction.

The Mental Health Court focuses on youth who if not for their mental health status would most likely not be involved in the Court system. Through collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Tapestry System of Care, the youth and families involved in this docket are able to receive community-based supports that enable them to stay in their homes, address their mental health issues, and reduce the possibility of further Court involvement. This year the docket was moved out of it's pilot stage in order to serve more Court involved youth.

COURT SERVICES

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS continued: The Re-entry Court is designed to address the needs of youth returning to the community from Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) institutions. Identified youth who are at high risk for further delinquent activity are selected. The specialized docket provides needed support and intensive supervision through joint efforts with ODYS, Catholic Charities, Justice Affairs and other County agencies for youth and families. Education, employment, and life skills opportunities are provided in an effort to maintain youth safely in their communities.

DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

The Clinic's Psychologists perform high quality forensic mental health evaluations on youth and/or families who have matters pending before the Court. Fourteen consulting Psychologists who work at the Court one or two days per month to as many as a dozen days each month, numerous interns and fellows and two Psychometrists completed the evaluations in 2009.

LEGAL

Staff Attorneys respond to legal research inquiries from the bench and Court Administration, update and educate staff with respect to statutory changes, and assist with public records requests.



COURT SERVICES

COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM (CDP)

Commenced in 1998, this Court supported community-based sanction program diverts first time misdemeanor and status offenders from official court action. The primary goal of the Community Diversion Program (CDP) is to make a juvenile's first offense, his or her last offense. The program permits communities to tailor treatment and penalties to fit the needs of the individual juvenile and the concerns and safety of the community, as well as offering youth the opportunity to avoid an official juvenile court record. The program is designed to decrease negative conduct and promote positive behavior.

The Court refers eligible candidates for diversion to the appropriate Community Diversion Program. In 2009, forty-nine programs served fifty-two communities in Cuyahoga County. **Central-Metzenbaum Office** serves Cleveland Police Districts 1-5, Steelyard Commons & 3rd District store downtown security, Positive Education Program referrals, Cleveland Lakefront State Park, CCDCFS, CMSD-B.O.E. Cases, Sheriff's Dept., Mayfield Village, Euclid, East Cleveland, Metro Health, CWRU, Waiver of Parental Notification. **West Side Office** serves Lakewood, Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, Brook Park, Linndale, Brooklyn Hts., North Royalton, Parma, Parma Hts., Seven Hills, Broadview Hts., Berea, Middleburg Hts., Strongsville, Suburban Boards of Education, Parents/Citizens and walk in cases. **East Side Office** serves Brecksville, Independence, Garfield Hts., Maple Hts., Cuyahoga Hts., Valley View, Walton Hills, Garfield Post-OSHP, Ohio Dept. of Liquor Control, Division of Ohio State Highway Patrol, Gates Mills, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Hts., Bratenahl, University Circle, South Euclid, Euclid Store Security, Lyndhurst, Richmond Hts., Beachwood, Bedford, Bedford Hts., Bentleyville, Highland Hills, Highland Hts., Oakwood, Pepper Pike, Shaker Hts., University Hts., Glenwillow, Solon, Orange, Chagrin Falls and TWP., North Randall, Hunting Valley, Suburban Boards of Education, Parents/Citizens and walk in cases.

PROBATION SERVICES

The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Probation Department employs 122 staff whose mission is to execute case investigations and provide the Court with Pre-Dispositional Reports. Our officers are also responsible for keeping informed about the behavior and circumstances of each person under Probation Supervision and providing the necessary corrective counseling and referral services consistent with youths' needs and risk to offend again.

INVESTIGATIONS

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court currently has 2 investigative probation units, Central Probation Investigations and Special Services Investigations. Central Investigations is a general investigative unit whereas Special Services Investigations primarily address the detention center population, inter-state and intra-state compact cases. The Probation Investigation units are responsible for conducting an initial risk assessment called the Ohio Youth Assessment System (O.Y.A.S.) which measures the youth's risk level in addition to preparing a report for the jurist that includes previous charges, family history, school performance, and mental health and substance abuse issues. Investigative Probation Officers also make recommendations for various assessments, and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Assessments. The Investigative Probation Officer then writes a report detailing all of the collected information and presents conscientious recommendations to the jurist.

SUPERVISION

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court currently has 5 Probation Supervision Units. Supervision Probation Officers are responsible for the ongoing monitoring of youth in the community. Supervisory Probation Officers conduct assessments and develop case plans with youth and families designed to lower the youth's risk to offend again. Probation Officers engage in a variety of activities with youth and families including home visits, school visits, court hearings,

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SUPERVISION continued: community and collateral contacts. Additionally, Probation Officers work closely with school officials, law enforcement and community stakeholders to not only address problems and concerns but to also link them to their neighborhood and community to foster positive relationships. Supervisory Probation Officers also utilize the Ohio Youth Assessment System (O.Y.A.S.) in order to track progress and re-assess case planning needs. Probation Officers utilize a variety of graduated sanctions to correct negative behavior. Probation's comprehensive scope utilizes a strength based approach while linking families with community based, mental health, neighborhood collaborative and community service activities. This is done so that youth and their families are provided natural supports to sustain the positive changes that the youth has made in order to eliminate further court involvement and reduce recidivism.

OHIO YOUTH ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (O.Y.A.S.)

The Ohio Youth Assessment System (O.Y.A.S.) is a new Ohio-specific juvenile justice assessment system developed in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Youth Services, The University of Cincinnati, Juvenile Courts, community corrections facilities, and other community programs. The development of this instrument was based on the need to create a risk/needs assessment that provided the juvenile justice system with a standardized process of evaluating criminogenic needs and risk of the youth. The O.Y.A.S. contains a total of 5 assessment tools: diversion, detention, disposition, residential, and re-entry. The assessment tools address the following domains: juvenile justice history, family and living arrangements, peers and social support networks, education and employment, pro-social skills, substance abuse/mental health, personality, values/beliefs and attitudes. Juvenile Court Probation Officers are trained and certified to use this assessment tool. Probation Officers conduct the O.Y.A.S. with all youth for initial assessment purposes as well as re-evaluation, dispositional and case planning purposes.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JUVENILE JUSTICE

In the spring of 2006, the Court and its system partners, The Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County and the Family and Children First Council, were awarded a grant by the State of Ohio to provide intensive services to female offenders with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse diagnoses. In 2009, the program was expanded to serve males. With this expansion an additional (40) forty youth have been served. The program continues its success as none of the youth involved have been committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). The services provided are: Wraparound Case Management, Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST), In-Home Integrated Co-occurring Treatment, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Short-Term Inpatient and Residential Treatment. Court Placement Aftercare Coordinators also provided an intensive level of Court supervision for these offenders.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/RESTITUTION PROGRAM

Developed in 1986, the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's Community Service/Restitution Program was designed to provide a positive intermediate sanction giving youth an opportunity to make amends for harm done to the victim and the community. The program encourages juvenile probationers to take responsibility for their actions, and can be used as a court-ordered dispositional alternative. Probation Officers may also use community service as a sanction. Additionally, youth are provided the opportunity to pay restitution to victims.

In 2009, there were 2015 court ordered community service referrals. There were 1521 successful referrals, with a carryover of 496 referrals to the following year of 2010. These probationers were assigned to over 300 service sites throughout Cuyahoga County, consisting of nursing homes, churches, museums, hunger

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centers, Boys and Girls' Clubs, libraries, county and municipal agencies, as well as recreation centers and parks to complete their community service orders. Community service activities have included gardening, painting, litter collection, greeting the public at special events, and interacting with senior citizens by reading and assisting with crafts.

The Program has 20 gardening sites which are also located throughout the county. Non court-ordered community service referrals included 133 youth referred to the Probation Suspension Program, as well as 41 referrals from the Drug Court, and 18 referrals from the Traffic Court. The total number of community service referrals in 2009 was 2,015 which is an increase of approximately 8% compared to the previous year. Every Saturday an average of 25 youth participate in community service activities with several full-time and part-time staff. A total of 253 youth completed community service hours on Saturdays. The average number of community service hours per youth was 40 hours. In 2009, there were 54,600 community service hours completed by juvenile probationers in Cuyahoga County, an increase of 6.5% from 2008. The Probation Department has continued with success to use the Probation Suspension Program, in which youth suspended from school for up to ten days are required to participate in community service projects. The mandatory one-day community service for all youth placed on probation has continued with a 90% success rate. In 2006 a program was implemented that allowed youth who owed restitution to earn up to \$400.00 by doing Community Service with our Community Service Program. This gave the youth the opportunity to pay back to the victim a portion or all of what they owed. The program has been successful collecting a total of \$47,487 since its inception. The average restitution order in 2009 was \$265.

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CUYAHOGA TAPESTRY SYSTEM OF CARE

Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care (CTSOC) began with a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the development of “Project Tapestry” written and submitted by the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) and the Family & Children First Council (FCFC) on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in the spring of 2003. In April 2007, Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care expanded and began accepting two specific Juvenile Court populations: Youth charged with domestic violence in the Detention Center or Shelter Care and youth identified by a Jurist as being at imminent risk of removal from the home. CTSOC provides “High Fidelity” Wraparound to this select group of court-involved youth and their families. The goal of a System of Care “Child and Family Team” is to work together, in the family’s neighborhood, building supports and addressing needs using a strength-based approach.

MULTI-SYSTEMIC THERAPY PROGRAM (MST)

The Multi-Systemic Therapy Program (MST) has been in existence for over 12 years. The program employs seven therapists and one manager. The program serves over 120 youth and families per year and has an 87% success rate.

The MST Program is unique, goal oriented, comprehensive treatment program designed to serve youth with multiple problems in their communities. MST is a community based treatment program that has been cost effective for youth with complex emotional, social and academic needs.

MST utilizes a home-based model whereby therapists provide intensive services within the family’s ecology, including the home, school, and community.

Therapist are available 24/7, having a case load size of 4-6 families to allow for the necessary intensity. The average length of treatment is between 3-5 months.

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MST PROGRAM continued: Each MST team has a supervisor and an expert consultant from Multisystem Therapy Services, Inc. in Charleston, SC, who consults weekly on all cases. MST is effective in reducing anti-social behaviors and recidivism. The MST model increases parenting skills, improves school behaviors limiting truancy and academic problems. It assists in reducing criminal behavior as well as substance abuse and association with negative peers.

MST provides youth/families with a complete assessment of the youth with emphasis placed on their families system, school and community. The MST therapist focuses on understanding the “fit” of the child’s/family’s issues and how to best resolve them. In addition, MST focuses on assisting parents in building support systems and social networks within their community and empowers them to address their family’s needs more effectively. A heavy emphasis is placed on ensuring the family’s ability to sustain the positive changes and avoid recidivism once the therapy has ended.

PLACEMENT AFTERCARE

Residential Placement is out-of-home therapeutic placement for youth needing the most intensive level of services. All of the facilities used by the Court are licensed by the State of Ohio and are staff secure, providing intensive counseling and supervision non-stop. Youth placed in residential treatment are typically youngsters who have not adjusted well to community-based services. Removing a youth from his/her home is always a difficult decision. The Court’s goal is to work with youth and their families in the least restrictive environment and to only place a youth out of home after community-based resources have been exhausted. Services in placement include but are not limited to:

- Individual, group, anger management, sex offender, chemical dependency, and family counseling.
- Mental health care, psychological and psychiatric evaluations and monitoring.

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PLACEMENT AFTERCARE continued:

- Medication evaluation and monitoring.
- Educational services including special education, GED preparation and vocational education.

Upon discharge, the youth and family are provided with court aftercare supervision. This is an intensive level of supervision that gradually gives the youth more freedom and responsibility. Aftercare planning starts even before the youth is placed. During the early part of aftercare, the youth and family have weekly contact with a Court Placement Aftercare Coordinator and are also involved with other specialized counseling specific to the needs of the youth and family.

By the end of aftercare, contact with Court and system representatives is monthly and the family and youth have built community supports and resources outside of the system. The hope is that these new supports and resources will prevent further system involvement in the future.

SCHOOL BASED PROBATION

In May 2003, the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's Probation Department received a Project Neighborhood Safe Grant through the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance, in conjunction with Ohio Criminal Justice Services to fund a School-based Probation Violent Offender Project. The project involved a collaborative effort with the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD), the Cleveland Police Department's First and Sixth Districts, and the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. After the grant period ended, due to the success of the program, the project was sustained by Reclaim Ohio funding.

The Probation Department has placed a staff person referred to as a School-based Liaison (SBL) in the following Cleveland Municipal School District High Schools: Glenville, John Marshall, South High and John F. Kennedy (JFK).

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SCHOOL BASED PROBATION continued: The Cleveland Heights/ University Heights District, recognizing the value of the project, provided funding in 2009 to place an officer in Cleveland Heights High. The intent is to provide intensive probation supervision within the immediate environment of juvenile offenders attending these schools, sharing information with school and law enforcement officials. Probationers are seen on a daily basis. With a goal of increasing parental involvement, the School-based Liaison will participate when necessary in probationers' Individual Educational Plans and Individual Behavioral Plans. The SBL may become involved with school social workers in pro-social skill group sessions.

The expectation is to reduce recidivism, reduce truancy, and assist youth in developing positive pro-social skill behavior. School-based Liaisons work closely with the Cleveland Police Department especially with respect to youth-at-risk and youth fleeing from justice. Probation Staff have received special training in order to work effectively in this collaborative Project Safe Neighborhood endeavor.

YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Throughout 2008 the Court, Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care (CTSOC) and the Board of County Commissioners partnered to ensure that youth needing out-of-home placement continued to have access to this important service. In November 2008 the Court began placing youth in the Youth and Family Community Partnership (YFCP) program. Youth referred to YFCP are placed in local residential treatment centers and are assigned to Court Placement Aftercare Coordinators (PAC). The PAC supervises the youth in placement ensuring that they receive services and engages the family to make certain that they stay involved throughout the course of their child's treatment. Youth and their families are referred to CTSOC. CTSOC assigns a care coordinator who provides wraparound services that address the needs of the youth and family.

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YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP continued: During both placement and aftercare the PAC and the care coordinator work together to provide services that meet needs and ensure accountability, structure, and public safety. A program evaluation is currently in process with Kent State University.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Although an integral part of the Probation Department, the Strategic Planning and Grants Management unit works with all departments of the Court, managing program planning, grants, contracts and invoicing at the Court. As Court personnel look to bring new best practice programming to youth, or to enhance current programs, Grants Management staff develop the grant documents and programming, and then oversee all the grant data and reporting requirements. In addition, when the Court is looking for community-based service providers, the unit pulls together key Court personnel to manage the Request for Proposal process.

Grants Management monitors programs to ensure contract compliance and program fidelity, working closely with service providers to ensure that program referral, service delivery and invoicing is smooth and efficient. Monitoring programs also involves data collection and analysis of program usage and program effectiveness; which is key when considering continuation of youth programs.

Lastly, the Grants Management staff oversee the Court Unruly Program and the ODYS Population Management program. Both programs work to maximize Court resources in order to minimize Court involvement for youth diverted from formal Court action or, respectively, sentenced to the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

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THE COURT UNRULY PROGRAM

The Court Unruly Program makes available contracted providers completing in-home assessments and individualized service plans as well as case management services for all youth whose unruly cases have been diverted from formal Court action by the Court Intake Officers.

The Court has learned that the following objectives are essential to any successful youth unruly program:

- Be family-centered; driven by the needs of the youth and their families, and built on the strengths of the family.
- Empower the parents to take responsibility for the needs of their families and support and enhance the parent-youth relationship, while recognizing that youth in this program are best served through diversion from formal Court processing.
- Be comprehensive, developing a continuum of resources for the families.
- Strengthen the ability of the participating youth and families to help themselves.
- Be available and accessible to the youth and families, using a variety of private, community and personal resources to create the best use of services.

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DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT

Frequently, youth whose behavior seems to indicate the presence of a mental health problem come to Probation undiagnosed and untreated. Tools used by the Court to identify youth with mental health problems relied primarily on whether or not the youth had received mental health care in the past. Often, the youth who “screened in” were non-minority youth who had been fortunate enough to receive treatment in the past.

As a result of this type of screening, mostly non-minority youth were identified for the Court’s range of intensive treatment options, while minority youth progressed deeper into more restrictive settings. In these settings, the youth often fail to receive the types of interventions necessary to treat the problems they experience.

To remedy this issue, the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) assessment program was developed. Through the use of this service, African American youth receive access to assessments to identify (diagnose) them for appropriate care, often before the need for out of home placement arises.

This program is funded through a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) and includes not only a full psycho-social assessment, but additional drug screening through urinalysis, youth and parenting mentoring services and female gender-specific group therapy.

Table I: Intake Activity

DELINQUENCY AND UNRULY

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
OFFICIAL Delinquency Cases:	6,338	2,246	8,584
BYPASSED Delinquency Cases:	208	101	309
TOTAL Delinquency Cases:	6,546	2,347	8,893
TOTAL Delinquency Charges:	10,387	3,066	13,453
OFFICIAL Unruly Cases:	351	312	663
BYPASSED Unruly Cases:	663	575	1,238
TOTAL UNRULY Cases:	1,014	887	1,901
TOTAL Unruly Charges:	1,034	908	1,942
TOTAL Delinquency and Unruly Cases:	7,560	3,234	10,794
TOTAL Delinquency and Unruly Charges:	11,421	3,974	15,395

INDIVIDUAL OFFENDERS

Black	3,401	1,683	5,084
White	1,185	602	1,787
Hispanic	156	78	234
Asian	13	3	16
Other	20	28	48
TOTAL Individual Offenders:	4,775	2,394	7,169

TRAFFIC

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
OFFICIAL Traffic Cases:	4,582	2,206	6,788

INDIVIDUAL TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Black	1,424	636	2,060
White	2,050	1,229	3,279
Hispanic	78	21	99
Asian	24	17	41
Other	29	5	34
TOTAL Individual Offenders:	3,605	1,908	5,513

A CASE is a single unit of action identified by a file number in which a number of separate CHARGES may be alleged.

Table I: Intake Activity (continued)

ABUSE, DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT

OFFICIAL Abuse, Dependency, Neglect Cases:	1,111
Abuse Charges:	209
Dependency Charges:	922
Neglect Charges:	971
TOTAL Abuse, Dependency, Neglect Charges:	2,102

ADULT CASES

OFFICIAL Adult Cases:	12
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CUSTODY

OFFICIAL Custody Cases:	2,064
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PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP

OFFICIAL Parent Child Relationship:	1,268
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SUPPORT

OFFICIAL Support Cases:	3,199
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TOTAL—OFFICIAL AND BYPASSED CASES

OFFICIAL Cases:	23,689
BYPASSED Cases:	1,547
TOTAL Official and Bypassed Cases:	25,236

COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Black	368	298	666
White	673	487	1,160
Hispanic	15	18	33
Asian	9	2	11
Other	1	4	5
TOTAL Individual Offenders	1,066	809	1,875

GRAND TOTAL—ALL CASES FILED:	27,111
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Table II: Delinquency or Unruly dispositions by Age, Race, Sex

		No Age	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 and Over	Total
No Race	<u>No Gender</u>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	<u>Female</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	<u>Male</u>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
	<u>Total</u>	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
American Indian or Alaska Native	<u>Female</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	<u>Total</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Asian	<u>Male</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	6
	<u>Total</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	6
Black or African American	<u>Female</u>	0	1	4	9	31	61	103	176	224	241	81	931
	<u>Male</u>	1	3	10	11	41	104	211	395	566	604	337	2,283
	<u>Total</u>	1	4	14	20	72	165	314	571	790	845	418	3,214
Chinese	<u>Male</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
	<u>Total</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Filipino	<u>Male</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	<u>Total</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hispanic	<u>Female</u>	0	0	1	0	1	1	8	16	12	13	2	54
	<u>Male</u>	0	0	0	0	4	2	9	15	27	30	19	106
	<u>Total</u>	0	0	1	0	5	3	17	31	39	43	21	160
Indian	<u>Male</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	<u>Total</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other	<u>Female</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	5
	<u>Male</u>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	6
	<u>Total</u>	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	3	11
White	<u>Female</u>	0	0	0	2	8	20	23	54	80	109	47	343
	<u>Male</u>	2	0	3	5	6	39	56	121	184	217	107	740
	<u>Total</u>	2	0	3	7	14	59	79	175	264	326	154	1,083
Total		4	4	18	28	92	227	411	782	1100	1222	597	4,485

Table III: Dispositions in Official Cases

	<u>Delinquency</u>			<u>Unruly</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
PROBATION SERVICES									
ODYS Commitment Stayed	84	2	86	0	0	0	84	2	86
ODYS Commitment Suspended	235	35	270	0	0	0	235	35	270
HB400 Commitment Stayed	8	4	12	0	0	0	8	4	12
HB400 Commitment Suspended	42	18	60	0	1	1	42	19	61
<i>Total Stayed/Suspended</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>428</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>429</i>
Probation	1,370	643	2,013	108	98	206	1,478	741	2,219
Community Service	940	341	1,281	39	55	94	979	396	1,375
Restitution	408	80	488	1	0	1	409	80	489
<i>TOTAL PROBATION SERVICES</i>	<i>3,087</i>	<i>1,123</i>	<i>4,210</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>3,235</i>	<i>1,277</i>	<i>4,512</i>
COMMITMENTS									
ODYS	247	10	257	0	0	0	247	10	257
HB400	160	52	212	8	2	10	168	54	222
Return to ODYS	23	0	23	0	0	0	23	0	23
Return to Detention Center (HB400)	12	5	17	1	0	1	13	5	18
<i>TOTAL COMMITMENTS</i>	<i>442</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>451</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>520</i>
PLACEMENTS									
Private Placement	38	11	49	2	1	3	40	12	52
YFCP	57	15	72	13	5	18	70	20	90
Return to YFCP	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
<i>TOTAL PLACEMENTS</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>145</i>
BINDOVERS									
Mandatory	67	1	68	0	0	0	67	1	68
Discretionary	31	1	32	0	0	0	31	1	32
<i>TOTAL BINDOVERS</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>100</i>
OTHER DISPOSITIONS									
Supervision of Parents	272	197	469	11	19	30	283	216	499
Supervision of Custodian	44	25	69	4	4	8	48	29	77
Supervision of Self	94	24	118	0	0	0	94	24	118
Pay Costs/Fines	11	4	15	0	0	0	11	4	15
Waive Costs	34	15	49	3	1	4	37	16	53
Monitored Time	5	2	7	0	0	0	5	2	7
Unified DL Decision	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	6
Courtesy Supervision	11	6	17	2	1	3	13	7	20
Drug Court	143	28	171	2	0	2	145	28	173
Juvenile Offender Registry	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	6
Case Transferred to Other Court	144	59	203	1	0	1	145	59	204
Case Dismissed	1,320	598	1,918	93	101	194	1,413	699	2,112
Refer to Other Case	1,304	329	1,633	1275	329	1,604	2,579	658	3,237
<i>TOTAL OTHER DISPOSITIONS</i>	<i>3,394</i>	<i>1,287</i>	<i>4,681</i>	<i>1391</i>	<i>455</i>	<i>1,846</i>	<i>4,785</i>	<i>1,742</i>	<i>6,527</i>
GRAND TOTAL ALL DISPOSITIONS	7,119	2,505	9,624	1,563	617	2,180	8,682	3,122	11,804

Table III: Dispositions in Official Cases (continued)

DISPOSITIONS IN ABUSE, DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT CASES

	<u>Total</u>
CFS Temporary Custody	439
CFS Permanent Custody	248
CFS Permanent Plan Living Arrangement	70
CFS Emergency Custody	47
Sole Custody	763
Shared Custody	5
Shared Parenting	6
Custody Order	25
Mediation Agreement	172
Terminate Protective Supervision	343
Terminate Custody	509
Transfer to Drug Court	1
Continue Custody With Review	2,041
Protective Supervision	516
Review	497
Parent Visitation	116
Pay Arrears	76
Support Awarded	340
Support Modified	284
Support Terminated	112
Case Dismissed	504
Recusal	5
Transfer to Other County	3
Refer to Mediation	1
Power of Attorney	2
TOTAL ABUSE, DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT DISPOSITIONS:	7,125

DISPOSITIONS IN ADULT CASES

	<u>Total</u>
Case Dismissed	6
Court Costs	2
TOTAL ADULT DISPOSITIONS	8

Table III: Dispositions in Official Cases (continued)

DISPOSITIONS IN PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP CASES

	<u>Total</u>
Parent-Child Relationship Established:	435
Custody Application Granted	51
Custody Mediation Agreement	19
Sole Custody	21
Custody Order	1
Shared Parenting	6
Referred to Mediation	2
Parent Visitation	20
Support Awarded	1,046
Support Modified	797
Support Terminated	1,137
Pay Arrears	1,238
Case Dismissed	829
Power of Attorney	1
Transferred to Other County	5
TOTAL PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP DISPOSITIONS:	5,608

DISPOSITIONS IN TRAFFIC CASES

Driver’s License Suspended:	329
Driver’s License Restricted:	66
Driving Privileges Restored:	87
Fine Ordered:	1,421
Costs Ordered:	3,971
Costs Waived:	2,875
Transferred to Other Court:	37
Referred to Driver’s Education Programs:	59
Tobacco Fine:	27
TOTAL TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS:	8,872

Table III: Dispositions in Official Cases (continued)

DISPOSITIONS IN CUSTODY CASES	<u>Total</u>
Custody Application Granted:	1,312
Mediation Agreement:	757
Sole Custody:	573
Shared Parenting:	169
Custody Order:	19
Shared Custody:	25
Referred to Mediation:	17
Continue Custody with Review:	10
Parental Visitation:	534
Pay Arrears:	44
Support Awarded:	217
Support Modified:	111
Support Terminated:	88
Case Dismissed:	613
Recusal	3
Transfer to Other County:	8
Power of Attorney:	74
Terminate Custody	2
Transfer to Custody Review Board	<u>1</u>
TOTAL CUSTODY DISPOSITIONS	4,577
DISPOSITIONS IN SUPPORT CASES	
Support Awarded:	945
Support Modified:	1,044
Support Terminated:	565
Custody Application Granted:	65
Parent-Child Relationship Established:	7
Sole Custody	13
Shared Parenting	4
Custody Mediation Agreement:	6
Pay Arrears:	921
Parent Visitation:	11
Case Dismissed:	1,022
Recusal:	1
Transfer to Other County:	1
TOTAL SUPPORT DISPOSITIONS:	4,605
GRAND TOTAL - ALL DISPOSITIONS:	42,599

Table IV: Delinquency and Unruly Juveniles, Cases and Charges By Area of Residence

CITY OF CLEVELAND

Statistical Planning Area	Total	Total	Total	Public					
	Juveniles	Cases	Charges	Person	Property	Drug	Order	Unruly	Other
Archwood-Denison	68	91	109	29	36	17	8	19	0
Buckeye-Shaker	56	84	123	29	46	10	23	14	1
Central	276	459	597	187	137	41	91	139	2
Clark-Fulton	146	210	373	107	151	17	55	41	2
Corlett	127	176	259	65	74	32	52	34	2
Cudell	98	150	216	72	64	10	41	28	1
Detroit-Shoreway	112	160	223	79	73	10	33	27	1
Downtown	26	39	77	31	19	9	14	4	0
Edgewater	29	34	44	17	12	3	5	7	0
Euclid-Green	23	30	35	10	11	4	4	6	0
Fairfax	58	54	95	21	23	14	10	27	0
Forest Hills	102	141	192	59	51	8	36	36	2
Glenville	209	290	404	144	84	23	83	70	0
Hough	107	146	208	66	54	17	36	35	0
Industrial Valley	3	5	10	3	3	0	2	1	1
Jefferson	103	144	185	64	60	10	21	30	0
Kamms Corner	35	49	69	15	28	7	4	15	0
Kinsman	51	79	102	15	34	2	28	22	1
Lee-Miles	98	127	167	66	41	12	24	24	0
Mt. Pleasant	196	282	372	130	108	23	65	43	3
North Broadway	70	91	154	66	35	7	19	27	0
North Collinwood	45	58	88	25	23	8	14	17	1
Ohio City	49	63	115	42	34	3	11	16	9
Old Brooklyn	104	133	194	56	65	19	15	37	2
Payne Kirtland Park	59	93	115	35	27	3	22	28	0
Puritas-Longmead	88	142	196	76	45	21	30	22	2
Riverside	32	45	64	27	20	3	7	7	0
South Broadway	139	198	294	131	68	19	38	37	1
South Collinwood	161	242	397	108	186	13	47	38	5
St. Clair Superior	99	142	180	44	66	8	33	29	0
Tremont	33	45	56	17	10	3	13	13	0

Table IV: Delinquency and Unruly Juveniles, Cases and Charges By Area of Residence (continued)

CITY OF CLEVELAND (CONTINUED)

<u>Statistical Planning Area</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Public</u>					
	<u>Juveniles</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Drug</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Unruly</u>	<u>Other</u>
Union-Miles	121	171	205	58	78	10	30	29	0
University	11	21	22	4	8	0	9	1	0
West Boulevard	126	188	305	95	86	35	51	37	1
Woodland Hills	77	117	164	44	43	11	38	28	0
Cleveland PO Box	19	38	108	70	28	3	6	1	0
CITY OF CLEVELAND TOTAL:	3,156	4,537	6,517	2,107	1,931	435	1,018	989	37

SUBURBS

Bay Village	22	28	91	54	6	14	10	7	0
Beachwood	21	25	39	3	8	14	1	13	0
Bedford	108	183	232	55	49	19	57	49	3
Bedford Heights.	64	119	155	36	58	7	25	29	0
Berea	90	165	275	115	71	11	34	43	1
Bratenahl	4	6	4	2	1	0	1	0	0
Brecksville	15	23	42	22	12	1	3	4	0
Broadview Heights	44	64	92	28	28	13	10	12	1
Brooklyn	33	45	67	10	31	2	12	10	2
Brooklyn Heights	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brookpark	101	156	227	70	61	24	27	44	1
Chagrin Falls	14	15	16	4	2	6	2	2	0
Cleveland Heights	425	691	836	198	281	19	218	120	0
Cuyahoga Heights	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
East Cleveland	165	236	311	93	96	9	69	43	1
Euclid	370	539	740	169	276	50	142	100	3
Fairview Park	44	65	121	14	48	21	26	12	0
Garfield Heights	269	396	702	299	164	20	104	109	6
Gates Mills	8	12	20	10	3	2	3	2	0
Glenwillow	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	1	0
Highland Hills	32	47	49	22	14	2	8	2	1
Highland Heights	14	15	16	3	5	4	3	1	0

Table IV: Delinquency and Unruly Juveniles, Cases and Charges By Area of Residence (continued)

SUBURBS (CONTINUED)

<u>Statistical Planning Area</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Public</u>					
	<u>Juveniles</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Drug</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Unruly</u>	<u>Other</u>
Independence	18	21	32	6	8	10	5	1	2
Lakewood	208	351	542	87	167	67	125	94	2
Lyndhurst	17	22	32	6	4	4	9	9	0
Maple Heights	266	513	688	180	206	28	219	53	2
Mayfield	2	3	6	0	0	4	1	0	1
Mayfield Heights	47	71	125	15	71	13	13	13	0
Middleburg Heights	29	39	58	16	24	7	2	8	1
Newburgh Heights	14	24	22	1	13	0	3	4	1
North Olmsted	83	145	189	33	62	29	30	34	1
North Randall	5	7	11	4	1	2	1	3	0
North Royalton	52	102	141	47	47	20	11	14	2
Oakwood	25	46	63	12	29	2	7	13	0
Olmsted Falls	40	64	81	21	18	15	13	14	0
Olmsted Township	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Orange	4	10	15	12	2	0	1	0	0
Parma	230	332	460	107	142	54	66	90	1
Parma Heights	60	80	114	38	31	8	12	24	1
Pepper Pike	9	11	13	3	6	0	2	2	0
Richmond Heights	30	41	60	14	19	7	11	9	0
Rocky River	31	59	90	9	24	20	22	12	3
Seven Hills	13	16	16	0	7	1	2	6	0
Shaker Heights	134	206	292	99	79	20	53	41	0
Solon	50	83	123	36	51	12	18	6	0
South Euclid	140	199	283	61	101	19	51	50	1
Strongsville	94	158	217	48	80	50	21	15	3
University Heights	44	72	86	15	26	5	21	19	0

Table IV: Delinquency and Unruly Juveniles, Cases and Charges By Area of Residence (continued)

SUBURBS (CONTINUED)

<u>Statistical Planning Area</u>	Total	Total	Total	Public					
	<u>Juveniles</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Drug</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Unruly</u>	<u>Other</u>
Valley View	3	12	15	8	0	0	4	3	0
Walton Hills	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
Warrensville Heights	114	172	243	70	88	19	33	33	0
Westlake	52	80	147	17	44	37	32	17	0
Woodmere	4	5	8	4	1	0	3	0	0
SUBURB TOTAL	3,667	5,781	8,217	2,179	2,568	691	1,546	1,193	40
OUT OF COUNTY	268	350	466	106	190	42	81	37	10
UNKNOWN STATISTICAL PLANNING AREA	78	126	195	57	65	19	28	25	1
CLEVELAND TOTAL	3,156	4,537	6,517	2,107	1,931	435	1,018	989	37
GRAND TOTAL	7,169	10,794	15,395	4,449	4,754	1,187	2,673	2,244	88



Table V: Official and Bypassed Charges in Delinquency and Unruly Cases

PERSON OFFENSES	<u>Total Charges</u>	DRUG OFFENSES	<u>Total Charges</u>
Assault	1,699	Drug Possession	766
<i>Felonious Assault</i>	547	Drug Trafficking	162
<i>Misdemeanor Assault</i>	1,152	Drug Paraphernalia	215
Homicide	41	Other Drug	44
<i>Aggravated Murder</i>	18	TOTAL CHARGES	1,187
<i>Murder</i>	19		
<i>Voluntary Manslaughter</i>	1		
<i>Involuntary Manslaughter</i>	2	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENSES	
<i>Reckless Homicide</i>	1	Disorderly Conduct	907
Sex Offenses	579	Liquor Violations	9
<i>Gross Sexual Imposition</i>	73	Obstruction of Justice	377
<i>Rape</i>	106	Possession of Criminal Tools	298
<i>Other Sex Offenses</i>	400	Resisting Arrest	280
Domestic Violence	866	Riot/Inducing Panic	335
Harassment	90	Weapon Possession	323
Kidnapping	77	<i>Felony Weapon</i>	146
Menacing	420	<i>Misdemeanor Weapon</i>	177
Robbery	665	Other Public Order	144
Other	12	TOTAL CHARGES:	2,673
TOTAL CHARGES:	4,449		
		UNRULY OFFENSES	
PROPERTY OFFENSES		Truancy	81
Arson	69	Curfew	302
Burglary	589	Incorrigibility	1,861
Fraud/Forgery/Misuse of Credit Cards	197	TOTAL CHARGES:	2,244
Receiving Stolen Property	458		
Theft	1,908	OTHER OFFENSES	
Trespassing	720	Interstate Compact/Supervision	21
Vandalism	810	Other Delinquency	67
Other	3	TOTAL CHARGES:	88
TOTAL CHARGES	4,754		
		GRAND TOTAL:	15,395

Table VI: Detention Services Population

Table VII: Age at Filing

TABLE VI:

										Total Detention		
	Detention Center			Home Detention			Shelter Care			Services		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Admissions												
Black	1,802	530	2,332	910	246	1,156	400	250	650	3,112	1,026	4,138
White	456	186	642	206	97	303	153	83	236	815	366	1,181
Hispanic	102	18	120	43	12	55	32	11	43	177	41	218
Asian	2	2	4	2	1	3	0	0	0	4	3	7
Other	3	1	4	2	1	3	1	0	1	6	2	8
Total:	2,365	737	3,102	1,163	357	1,520	586	344	930	4,114	1,438	5,552
Average Daily												
Population:	106.0	19.3	125.3	88.4	22.9	111.3	31.7	21.1	52.8	226.1	63.3	289.4
Average Length												
Of Stay:	13.8	8.3	12.5	27.6	23.4	26.6	19.6	22.5	20.7	18.4	15.5	17.1

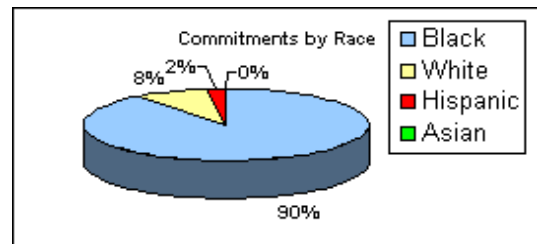
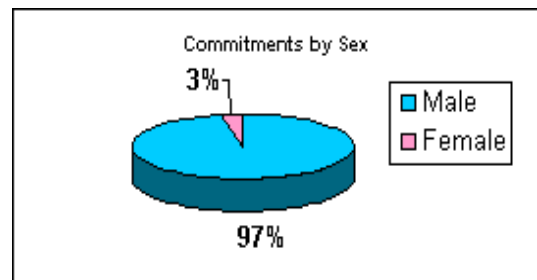
TABLE VII:

	Male	Female	Total
8 and under	3	0	3
9	21	2	23
10	36	13	49
11	65	34	99
12	154	74	228
13	278	189	467
14	513	299	812
15	891	490	1381
16	1,256	643	1899
17	1,558	650	2208
Total	4,775	2,394	7,169

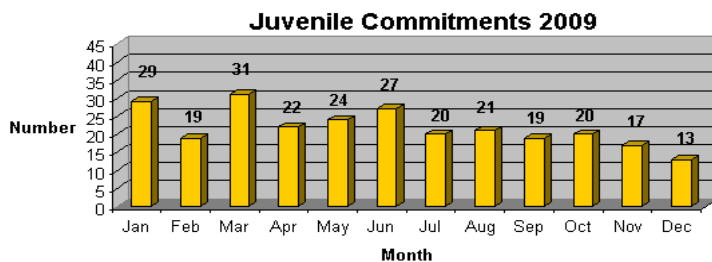
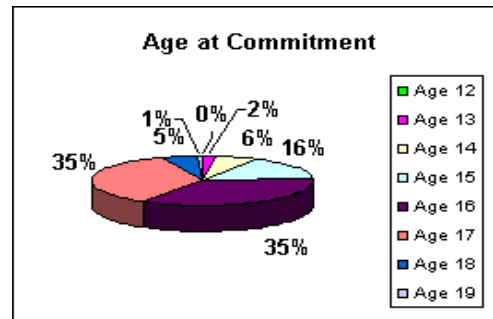
Ohio Department of Youth Services 2009 Commitments

OFFENSES <u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	SEX		RACE			
		<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>A</u>
ARSON	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
ASSAULT	27	24	3	24	1	2	0
BURGLARY	45	44	1	41	2	2	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG OFFENSE	8	7	1	5	2	1	0
KIDNAPPING	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
MURDER/HOMICIDE	5	5	0	4	1	0	0
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	6	6	0	6	0	0	0
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	25	25	0	21	4	0	0
REVOCATIONS	30	30	0	26	4	0	0
ROBBERY	75	74	1	71	4	0	0
SEX OFFENSE	8	8	0	5	2	1	0
THEFT	9	8	1	7	2	0	0
VANDALISM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEAPONS CHARGE	20	20	0	20	0	0	0
OTHER	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	262	254	8	234	22	6	0

The Year in Review: In 2009, the Juvenile Court committed 262 juveniles (232 delinquencies and 30 revocations) to ODYS. Among the delinquency charges, robbery offenses accounted for the highest number of commitments, followed by burglary and assault. These three offense types accounted for 63.4% of all delinquency commitments. The 262 juveniles committed to ODYS, in 2009, represented a 7.1% decrease from 2008.



COMMITMENTS BY AGE							
AGE 12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGE 13	5	4	1	5	0	0	0
AGE 14	16	14	2	16	0	0	0
AGE 15	42	41	1	36	5	1	0
AGE 16	91	90	1	82	6	3	0
AGE 17	93	91	2	83	8	2	0
AGE 18	13	12	1	10	3	0	0
AGE 19	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	262	254	8	234	22	6	0



Monthly Review: Throughout the year, the number of youth committed to ODYS varied from month to month, ranging from a low of 13 in December and peaking at 31 in March. The average number of juveniles committed each month was 21.8.

Diagnostic Clinic 2009

Department of Children and Family Services Cases:

Total Referrals: 112

Cases Closed Due to Non-Compliance: 22

Cases That Went Through to Completion: 90*

*Of those 90 cases, 18 had to be rescheduled.

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: 26.3

Custody/Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Cases:

Total Referrals: 148

Cases Closed Due to Non-Compliance 26

Cases that Went Through to Completion: 122*

*Of those 122 cases, 30 had to be rescheduled.

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: 85.8

Delinquencies:

Total Referrals: 219*

*Of those 219 cases, 173 were Standard Delinquencies,

28 were Competency Evaluations, and 18 were Rule 30/Amenability Evaluations.



Diagnostic Clinic 2009 (continued)

Standard Delinquencies :

Total Referrals: **173**

Located in the Detention Center: **95**

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **19.5**

Located in Shelter Care: **20**

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **21.6**

Located at Home: **58***

*Of those 58 cases, **13** had to be rescheduled.

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **28.4**

Competency Evaluations:

Total Referrals: **28**

Located in the Detention Center: **9**

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **30.4**

Located in Shelter Care: **3**

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **23.3**

Located at Home: **16***

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **49.1**

Rule 30/Amenability Evaluations:

Total Referrals: **18**

Located in the Detention Center: **13**

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **20.5**

Located in the County Jail: **3**

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **34.3**

Located at Home: **2**

Average Number of Days from Date Received to Report Date: **19.5**

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