

CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-JUVENILE DIVISION

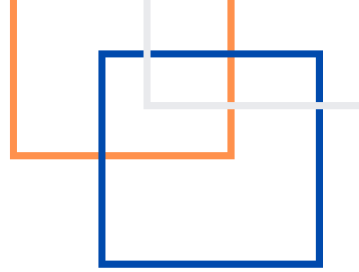
# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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# Judges, Court Administrator & Mission Statement

## Judges



Honorable Administrative  
Judge Thomas F. O'Malley



Honorable Judge  
Patrick F. Corrigan



Honorable Judge  
Alison L. Floyd



Honorable Judge  
Kristin W. Sweeney



Honorable Judge  
Michael J. Ryan



Honorable Judge  
Jennifer L. O'Malley

## Court Administrator

Terease Z. Neff

## Mission Statement

To administer justice,  
rehabilitate juveniles, support  
and strengthen families, and  
promote public safety.



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THOMAS F. O'MALLEY

**COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

TEREASE Z. NEFF

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PATRICK F. CORRIGAN

ALISON L. FLOYD

KRISTIN W. SWEENEY

MICHAEL J. RYAN

JENNIFER L. O'MALLEY

**The Citizens of Cuyahoga County**

The Honorable Maureen O'Connor

**Chief Justice, The Supreme Court of Ohio**

Armond Budish

**Cuyahoga County Executive**

Dan Brady

**President, Cuyahoga County Council**

Ryan Gies

**Director, Ohio Department of Youth Services**

Greetings,

COVID-19 has completely changed the way our Court and Courts around the world operate and while we hope these changes are temporary, the pandemic is defining a new normal. 2020 will be remembered for COVID-19, the mask, the vaccine, social distancing, home schooling, working from home, travel restrictions, stay at home orders, curfew, zoom, essential workers, hand sanitizer, no handshake, Black Lives Matter, fencing around the Courthouse, the March on the Capital, and the presidential election. To say the year was filled with unexpected surprises is an understatement. Who would have thought that something you cannot see or touch would have such a profound impact on the way we live our lives and conduct business?

On behalf of my fellow jurists, I would like to thank all the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court employees and their families. They were asked to adjust to the numerous changes that were implemented in 2020. These changes were often put into place with very little notice. The only way that the Juvenile Court could continue to serve the children and families of Cuyahoga County during this global pandemic was by having dedicated and loyal employees. While I would define all Juvenile Court employees as essential workers, I need to acknowledge all those individuals who were not able to work from home. Those include members of the Clerk's Office, Court Administration, Probation Department, Human Resources Department, Judges and their staff, Magistrates and their clerk's and everyone in the Detention Center. Those who could not work from home were asked to interact with the public and their fellow workers, in the height of the pandemic while trying to remain socially distant and safe. Their dedication to the families of Cuyahoga County never wavered and for that they must be commended and recognized.

2020 was a year when we saw eighty-five (85) of our dedicated and valued employees leave the Court. Timothy McDevitt, Deputy Court Administrator and Linda Brooks, our Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts, both retired after each serving the court and the citizens of Cuyahoga County for over thirty years. We extend to Tim and Linda and all those who have left the Court our deepest gratitude and best wishes.

One of the many programs that the Court was proud of in 2020 is the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Early Intervention and Diversion Center (EIDC). The EIDC was created with the tireless input from the Court's Probation Department, the Court's Programming, Training & Quality Assurance Department, County Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender's Office, ADAMHS Board, Cleveland Board of Education, Cleveland Police, Ohio Department of Youth Services, as well as community members. EIDC is designed to reduce juvenile incarceration and Court involvement for low level, non-violent offenders. This program allows youth to be referred for services in lieu of formal Court proceedings when community safety is not at risk. In 2020 there were 2,123 youth referred to EIDC. There were 913 cases closed with 86% closed as successful.

I would like to thank my fellow Cuyahoga County Administrative Judge's, Brendan Sheehan, General Division, Anthony Russo, Probate Court, Leslie Celebrezze, Domestic Relations Court and Eileen T. Gallagher, 8th District Court of Appeals, for their assistance and guidance. The Administrative Judges and respective Court Administrators met and continue to meet every Monday and Thursday morning to discuss the operations of each Court. A special thank you goes out to Presiding and Administrative Judge Brendan Sheehan for his wisdom and guidance in these unprecedented times. The statement by Judge Sheehan at one of our first meetings, "we're building the boat, but we are already in the water," couldn't have been more true. COVID compliance could not have been achieved without the assistance from our County Executive Armond Budish and the office of Public Works. As a result, we were able to install social distancing markers on the floors, in the elevators, redesign the lobby to achieve safe distancing, provide personal protective equipment to all our employees and to anyone who came into the building unprepared. We also installed plexiglass in all thirty-two (32) Courtrooms to provide an extra layer of protection. This accomplishment was truly a group effort. The County Sheriff, deputies and Protective Services assigned to the Juvenile Court also deserve recognition. Besides placing themselves in danger every day by the very nature of their job, they also were asked to enforce compliance of COVID requirements. That placed each of them at a greater risk of contracting COVID. Thank you from all of us.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our Court Administrator Tess Neff, Deputy Court Administrator's Timothy McDevitt and Thomas Rehnert, Director of Fiscal Resources Timothy Lubbe, Director of Human Resources Sandy Spilker, Chief Technology Officer Kal Alnazer, Chief Probation Officer Van Ward and Detention Center Superintendent Brandon Winarchick along with their support staff. A global pandemic was not going to deter these dedicated individuals from doing an outstanding job and for that they deserve special recognition.

I was fortunate to take over as Administrative Judge from Judge Kristin W. Sweeney who served as Administrative Judge from 2014-2019. Judge Sweeney's accomplishments are too numerous to list however, I want her to be reassured they did not go unnoticed.

The accomplishments and changes in the way the Juvenile Court operates would not have been achieved without the support of my colleagues on the Juvenile Court Bench. I am lucky to be able to serve with these truly dedicated individuals. I am even luckier to call each of them my friend.

I would like to thank my bailiffs, magistrates, and clerks for their unwavering support over the past year. It would almost be impossible to serve as the Administrative Judge without a caring and dedicated staff.

In closing, I look forward to 2021 and getting back to “normal.” If when you read this, you can define the new “normal”, give me a call!

Along with the report of our achievements, I hereby submit, in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code 2151.18 and 215.71 the 2020 Annual Report of the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court regarding the number and kinds of cases coming before it, their dispositions, and other data pertaining to the work of the Court.

Respectively,



Thomas F. O'Malley  
Administrative Judge, 2020



# Main Court, Detention Center & Metzenbaum Building Office Locations

## Main Court

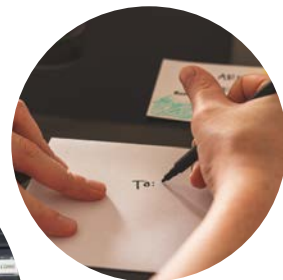
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## Detention Center

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center  
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## Metzenbaum Building

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Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
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## Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center Diversion Office Location

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Cleveland, Ohio 44106  
(216) 443-3300

## West Side Locations

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Lakewood, Ohio 44107  
(216) 518-3332; (216) 521-2216 (Fax)

5361 Pearl Road  
Parma, Ohio 44129  
(216) 443-5381; (216) 749-2031 (Fax)

## East Side Locations

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Garfield Hts., Ohio 44125  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106  
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(216) 443-3573; (216) 698-2714 (fax)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

9300 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106  
(216) 698-4727; (216) 443-3494 (fax)

## COMMUNITY BASED INTERVENTION CENTER

3343 Community College Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
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## EAST CLEVELAND/UNIVERSITY CIRCLE Regional 4

11811 Shaker Boulevard 3rd Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44120  
(216) 698-4554; (216) 443-8035 (fax)

## EARLY INTERVENTION & DIVERSION CENTER

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(216) 443-5493; (216) 443-3494 (fax)

## MULTI-SYSTEMIC THERAPY

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## NEAR WEST SUPERVISION

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## PLACEMENT AFTER CARE UNIT

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## PROBATION SUPPORT SERVICES

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## SOUTHEAST SUPERVISION

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## SOUTHWEST SUPERVISION

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## SPECIALIZED SERVICES

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## PLACEMENT PLANNING

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## Detention Services Overview

Detention Services is responsible for the care of all residents in the secure detention continuum. The Detention Center continuum consists of Secure Detention and Shelter Care Services. During 2020 the Detention Center had an average daily population of 110 residents. Shelter Care Services had an average daily population of 13 residents.

## The Impact of COVID-19

In late January 2020, health officials from the State of Washington confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus within in the United States. In anticipation of the potential impact of this health crisis on Detention Center operations, members of the Juvenile Detention Center Administration proactively contacted the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Agency in February 2020 to request a meeting for consultation regarding the possible escalation of the novel coronavirus into a global pandemic.

On Wednesday, March 3, 2020, the Juvenile Detention Center Administration became the first department within Cuyahoga County to meet with representatives from the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Agency to begin planning for the operational impact that the COVID-19 virus may cause. In the immediate weeks that followed this seminal strategy meeting, the Detention Center established cooperative working relationships with representatives from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the Center for Health Affairs, as well as medical staff from University Hospitals and the MetroHealth System. The relationships forged with these local healthcare experts led to the implementation of recurring, oftentimes daily, meetings to continuously review the ever-changing scope of the international health crisis and modify the facility's response to best mitigate potential health risks to staff and the residents in our care.

In the months that followed, the country's mitigation response to COVID-19 evolved to include shelter-in-place orders at both the State and local levels. However, given the nature of our agency, the Juvenile Detention Center did not have the luxury of shuttering the doors and directing employees to remain at home. In the face of fear and uncertainty regarding the virus, the Detention Center Staff remained responsible for the provision of programs and services to the youth in our care and the maintenance of a safe and secure environment within our building. The obstacles were many, but all of the employees of the Juvenile Court and Juvenile Detention Center banded together to find creative solutions to each of the challenges they faced, allowing our facility to continue to meet the needs of our resident population during this extraordinary time.

**110**  
Average daily  
population in  
detention center

**1st**  
Department to begin  
meeting with Cuyahoga  
County Emergency  
Management Agency



## Staffing Updates

As with many aspects of Detention Center operations, the interviewing / hiring process was greatly impacted by COVID-19. For several months, the ability to complete in-person interviews was interrupted by State and local government shelter-in-place orders. In response to this challenge, representatives from the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's Human Resources Department assisted Detention Center Administration in migrating to an interview strategy that relied heavily on the use of video-conferencing technologies. When shelter-in-place orders were lifted, large day-long hiring "palooza" events were held. Additionally, a structured approach was established in which recurring interview dates were scheduled to ensure a consistent supply of readily available applicants.

In addition to the modification of interviewing practices, the Detention Center Administration developed and implemented a paradigm change in terms of the onboarding of new employees. Rather than onboard new employees individually or in relatively small groups, the Administration transitioned to an academy-style onboarding process, which allowed for larger classes of new employees, a strategy which was designed with the intention of maximizing the impact that incoming employee classes may have on facility staffing.

During this time, the Detention Administration also labored to develop a supervisory staffing pattern which would enhance the opportunities available for direct supervision of staff and residents on housing units. Once developed, the proposed plan was submitted to the Court Administration for consideration. The Court approved the supervisory staffing plan and granted the Detention Administration the authority to hire an additional four (4) Unit Managers. The supervision staffing pattern made possible with the addition of these approved positions will afford managers ongoing increased opportunity to observe, coach, counsel, and assist in the continuing professional development of staff.



## Training

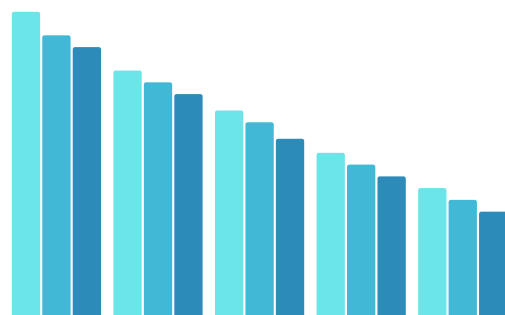
In response to the need for a juvenile focused training for juvenile facility Directors / Superintendents, the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP), developed a first-of-its-kind training program for juvenile correctional facility leadership. The training program was comprised of a 4-day in-person conference and 6-month Training and Technical Assistance / webinar series. The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center Superintendent, Deputy Director of Programming, and Deputy Director of Security were selected to participate in the program following the completion of a competitive application process.

As previously discussed, the Detention Center Administration implemented a paradigm change in terms of the on-boarding of new employees. Concurrent with the changes to the hiring process, the Detention Center Training Manager and the Detention Center Administration overhauled the training curriculum utilized to provide pre-service and orientation training to recently hired individuals in an effort to provide a more thorough understanding of the responsibilities for each of their roles and responsibilities within the agency. The new training regimen was enhanced to consist of six (6) weeks of training, including two (2) weeks of instructor-led classroom-based training, increased exposure to hands-on / application training, and several weeks of rotational on-the-job training.

As a component of the new staff orientation training, the Volunteer Coordinator facilitated training sessions entitled, Fostering Positive Staff & Volunteers Service Providers Relationships, which focused on encouraging mutual understanding of staff and volunteers' expectations within our secured facility.

In addition to modifying the training regimen for newly hired staff members, through the technical assistance of the Cuyahoga Juvenile Court's Programming, Training, and Quality Assurance team, the Detention Center Training Manager implemented the use of data visualization tools to assist in tracking the continuing education / annual training requirements of all existing Detention Center Staff.

Through the utilization of this enhanced tracking system, the Training Manager was able to achieve **100% compliance in the provision of training hours** and training topics required by the Ohio Administrative Code, including, but not limited to: review of the facility personnel manual as well as operating policies and procedures manual; maintenance of CPR / First Aid / AED certification; emergency procedures; verbal intervention techniques / response to resistance; mandatory reporting of child abuse; and the Prison Rape Elimination Act.



# Detention Services (Programming Highlights)

## Cleveland Municipal School District funds Wi-Fi Installation to JDC

At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, students within the Detention Center encountered disruption to their provided education services that paralleled those experienced by students within the community. Much as local school districts outside of the Detention Center were required to quickly pivot and reimagine how to provide educational services to students in this challenging time, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District was faced with the dilemma of providing distance-learning materials to the students within the Juvenile Detention Center. Almost immediately, teaching staff began preparing individualized educational work packets for our students to encourage their continued engagement with the educational process. As this temporary solution was mobilized, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District coordinated with members of the Detention Administration to design and install an expanded educational Wi-Fi network which extended computer-based distance learning capabilities to all housing units within the Detention Center; a capital renovation project that was funded entirely by the School District. This network infrastructure expansion ensured that residents were able to learn virtually on their Chromebooks without requiring the students to leave their assigned housing units. Furthermore, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District implemented an online educational strategy that provided students the opportunity for regular interaction with and support from their regular and special education teachers via videoconferencing technologies.



## Applewood Centers Inc. Provides Instrumental Services and Support to Residents During COVID-19 Pandemic Uncertainty

Under the direct supervision of Michelle Sims, Director of Juvenile Justice Programming, the Mental Health Therapist Team of Tiffany Winters, Jane Petty, Kelli Shanklin, and Rebecca Serfozo were an unwavering support to our residents during the new experience of COVID-19 procedures at the facility. This dynamic group of professionals worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic ensuring that all the mental health needs of the residents were met. In addition to their contracted services, they also provided games, snacks, incentives and more to keep the residents engaged during times of medically directed quarantine. The team also provided resident “goody bags” of hygiene and snack items for Thanksgiving and Christmas to uplift the spirits of the residents during the holiday season.



# Detention Services (Programming Highlights)

## Volunteer Services

Volunteer Service programs are crucial to Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center's vision to aid in the rehabilitation of juveniles. Though the unprecedented pandemic caused some initial disruption to the provision of volunteer-led programs, these complications did not discourage volunteers' enthusiasm for providing programming and services essential to residents' needs. In-person visits were replaced by virtual and/or call-in pre-scheduled activities. Our valued community partnerships continue to serve as a platform for volunteers and service providers with access to CCJDC residents' participation in programs and activities designed to promote healthy lifestyle choices and to acquire life and social skills.



## CCJDC Volunteers Shift to Virtual and Conference Call in Programs for CCJDC Residents

A grant-funded virtual music project was introduced to include an art workshop and three (3) pre-recorded concerts. Residents listened to music and had the option to draw, paint or write their emotions while listening to classical music. The last session was virtual to meet Minju Kim, musician and sponsor of this endeavor. The sessions included an introduction and a comment card for participants.

## Religious Services

Chaplain Jimmie Smith and Chaplain Mark Stradiot, True Freedom Ministries recorded weekly scripture messages, provided handouts as well as called in for small group and individual prayer time. Brother Keith Jefferson and Stephanie Lowery, religious services volunteers also provided weekly Call In conference prayer sessions on several houses.

True Freedom Ministries (TFM) in partnership with Grace Church gifted Detention Services essential staff a beautiful orchid plant in appreciation of their dedication and commitment to the workplace during the initial onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Orchids were distributed by Richard Gibson, True Freedom Ministries Board Member and Senior Pastor, Elizabeth Baptist Church and CCJDC Chaplain Mark Stradiot and TFM volunteers.

Youth For Christ Minister Michael Howard facilitated a Black History Month program with guest speakers, Evangelist James Polk reciting the famous "I Have A Dream" speech and Timothy White, Author and motivational speaker. Minister Mike also led a Conference Call in small group session entitled, "Coping with anxiety during COVID 19!" Residents learned coping techniques especially beneficial during imposed quarantines.



# Detention Services (Programming Highlights)

## CWRU Student Organizations Continue Activities Utilizing Technology

Art Forward Student Club members implemented a self-directed “Create Your Own Mask Design” activity, along with a City of Cleveland Skyline mini-canvases project by preparing a template and written instructions for the youth to continue their art sessions. The CWRU students sent the mask designs to a company specializing in personal masks. This project inspired residents to work individually and come together to make one large piece in a time of social distancing.

Cleveland Liberty Expressions program encourages literacy through poems, prose, writing workshops and creative writing.

The group also introduced PERIOD, a health education program focused on menstrual and reproductive health for female residents.



Above: CWRU Cleveland Liberty Expressions Student Club Members

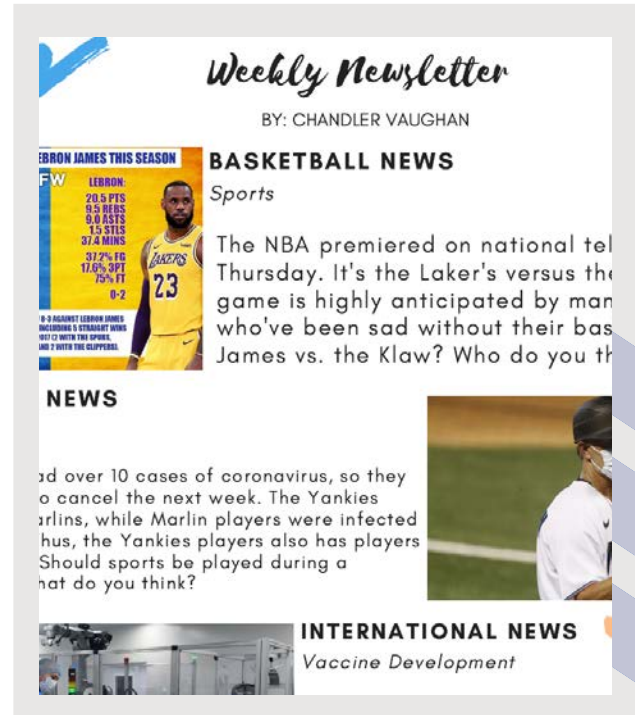
# Detention Services (Programming Highlights)

## Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Services Chandler Vaughan, Elon University Student

The Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHEP) summer internship program is designed to unite students to learn first-hand about the multiple dimensions of poverty in the United States and work with agencies to develop professional experience and skills for future civic involvement and employment. Chandler Vaughan, a junior at Elon University, North Carolina designed a youth friendly newsletter with activities and inspirational quotes and coordinated a "Letters of Encouragement" drive and art supplies donation.

## Cleveland's Hope Movement Barber Day

Brian Hickerson, Cleveland's Hope Movement and The Keratin Barber College sponsored a Barber Day on Monday March 3, 2020 with barber students eager to utilize their skills.



**Summer Intern  
Chandler Vaughan**



# Detention Services (Programming Highlights)

## LaBarberia Institute of Hair Barber Students Service & Learning Go Hand in Hand

Under the careful supervision of Mr. Waverly Willis, Community Outreach Director, barber students attending LaBarberia Institute of Hair provided haircuts to the residents in the Detention Center. The diverse group of barber students valued the hands-on learning experience to provide services along with their belief that being well groomed positively affects a person's attitude.

## Health & Fitness

Jim Chones, former NBA player met with CCJDC volunteers and community partners to brainstorm ideas to assist residents with successful reentry. The meetings focused on programs and services required during their stay focusing on the total person to provide needed resources to include parenting, education, job training, mental health, etc. The goal is to present ideas to NBA related platforms and community members who are currently serving at-risk youth in various cities. After the meetings, Mr. Chones visited with the youth.

MomsFirst, an initiative of the Cleveland Department of Public Health provided staff to present on the topics of "Healthy Relationships" and "Responsible Parenting" for the male graduate students to learn healthy behavior and how to improve their quality of life.

University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Rotation fellows, residents, medical students and nurses from the General Adolescent Medicine & Pediatric Hospital Medicine department visited the Juvenile Detention Center for educational tours conducted during the months of January and February.

Cleveland Clinic Langston Hughes Center Government and Community Relations staff hosted a video presentation for graduate students entitled, "All About Sports Injuries."

Yoga with Wendy session scheduled with House 1 residents included meditation and relaxation poses for House 1 residents.



# Detention Services (Programming Highlights)

## 2020 Annual Residents' Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner Sponsors

Our Lady of Peace & St. Adalbert/Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament - Father Gary Churma & Sister Rita Mrema

Christmas Cookie Donations - Chaplain CCJDC & Pastor Jimmie Smith, Lake Galilee Baptist Church

Thanksgiving Food Solutions @ Detention Center Two Week Project / Stewards of Strong (S.O.S.) Initiatives, Inc.

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, S.O.S. has reformed and redirected its service efforts to continue helping the community. Instead of in-class workshops, this year S.O.S. has crafted special projects unlike any other food programs, dispatching its driver units to distribute quality cooked and frozen food to the needy across several Cleveland-area zip codes. S.O.S. Initiatives Mission Statement: To Help Disadvantaged Youth & Adults in Northeast Ohio Solve Their Own Problems Through Education, Advocacy & Resources.

To help the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center, S.O.S. Founder and Executive Director, Donna-Dixon-Stovall recently created a food donor federation among critically acclaimed local restaurants. The restaurants donate the prepared foods and are delivered to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center (CCJDC). S.O.S. Initiatives delivered hundreds of pounds of food to the CCJDC to feed all detention center youth, and staff for the weeks of November 16th and November 23rd! Ms. Dixon-Stovall not only is a long-time treasured CCJDC volunteer, but is also, a mother, Evangelist at Zion Pentecostal Church of Christ, Entrepreneur, Rotarian (Rotary Cleveland) and member of Delta Sigma Theta, Tau Gamma Delta Chapter.

Though Father Gary and Sister Rita's weekly visits are postponed (due to COVID-19 restrictions) that has not deferred the generosity of Father Gary's parishioners at Our Lady of Peace & St. Adalbert / Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to sponsor a delectable Christmas dinner for our residents. Father Gary shared, "This year, more than ever, this is the highlight of our holiday." Edwin's Restaurant prepared 150 dinners for all houses and staff to enjoy. Also, there were lots of cookies, candy bars, soda, snack gift bags, and Christmas cards for the residents to send to their families. The Sisters of Our Lady of the Peace & St. Adalbert / Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament also included a joyful message in Christmas cards for the youth.

COGIC Pastor Kennedy & First Lady Darrylyn Lockhart & Karen Noisette, Faith Alliance Baptist Church sponsored a Pizza Party for all five living units.

During the holiday season, "Christmas Cards for CCJDC Residents" campaign lead by Leah Ross included cards from adults and children either handmade or store bought with an uplifting greeting to cheer up our detained youth.



## 2020 CCJDC Donations

Ping pong table, art supplies, televisions, Blu-ray players, sports equipment, books, cooking supplies for the life skills room, laptops, iPads, yoga mats, gaming systems, games, cards



# Probation Investigation & Probation Supervision

## Probation Investigation

Probation Investigation is responsible for conducting an initial risk assessment called the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS), which measures the youth's risk level in addition to preparing a report for the jurist that includes previous charges, family history, school performance, mental health, and substance abuse issues. Investigative Probation Officers also make recommendations for various assessments to evaluate specific issues, such as substance abuse, mental health, and sex offending behavior. The Investigative Probation Officer then writes a report detailing all of the collected information and presents a carefully considered recommendation to the jurist that weighs the Court's mission to both protect the community and rehabilitate juvenile offenders. The Probation Department has two investigative teams: Team I and Team II.

## Probation Supervision

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court has five probation supervision units in four locations throughout the county. Supervisory 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 reoffend. Probation Officers are well trained in the use of Effective Practice in Community Supervision (EPICS) and Motivational Interviewing (MI) to engage youths and families. Probation Officers participate in a variety of activities with youth and families, including home visits, school visits, court hearings, and 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 families to their neighborhood and community to foster positive relationships. The Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) is also utilized in supervision to track progress and reassess case planning needs. Probation Officers use a variety of graduated sanctions and rewards aimed at encouraging positive behavior and correcting negative behavior. The overarching goal of community supervision is to provide interventions that identify and develop youth and family strengths while building supports to sustain and support positive change.

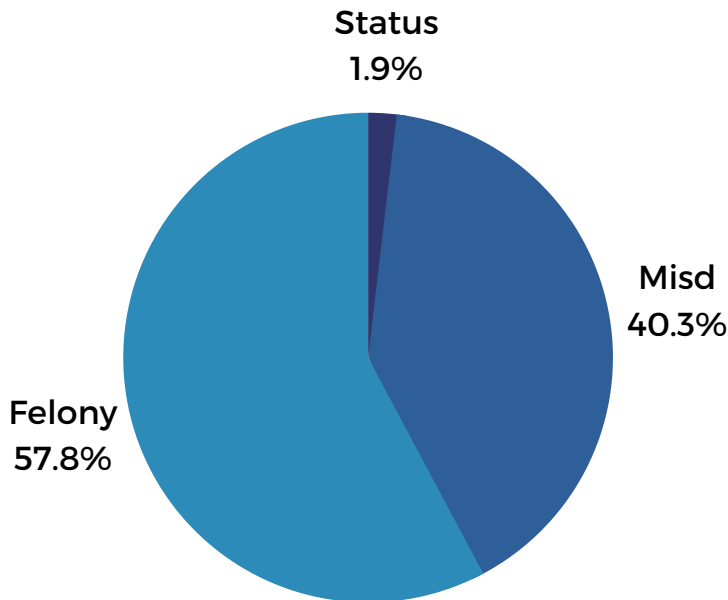
## Probation Support Services

The essential purpose of this unit is to provide support to families and youth being placed on probation. This unit is responsible for assisting court room staff, including the jurist, probation officers, and youth, along with their families, to ensure accurate interpretation of the Court's probation orders. Youths who are adjudicated delinquent for committing a felony offense are required to submit DNA samples; this unit obtains and submits those samples to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. This unit also collects fingerprints and sends them to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for all qualifying charges as required by law. When a youth is committed to ODYS, this unit will interview the youth's family, prepare the required documents, and facilitate the approval process for the youth's admission and transportation. The unit provides customer service and probation information for incoming calls through the court's general phone line. Social history records are created, maintained, and tracked for accountability within the unit. It is also the responsibility of this unit to destroy records based on sealing and expungement requests or reaching the age of majority.



# Probation Investigation & Probation Supervision

Youth Assigned to Probation  
by Adjudicated Degree (2020)



## 5-year low

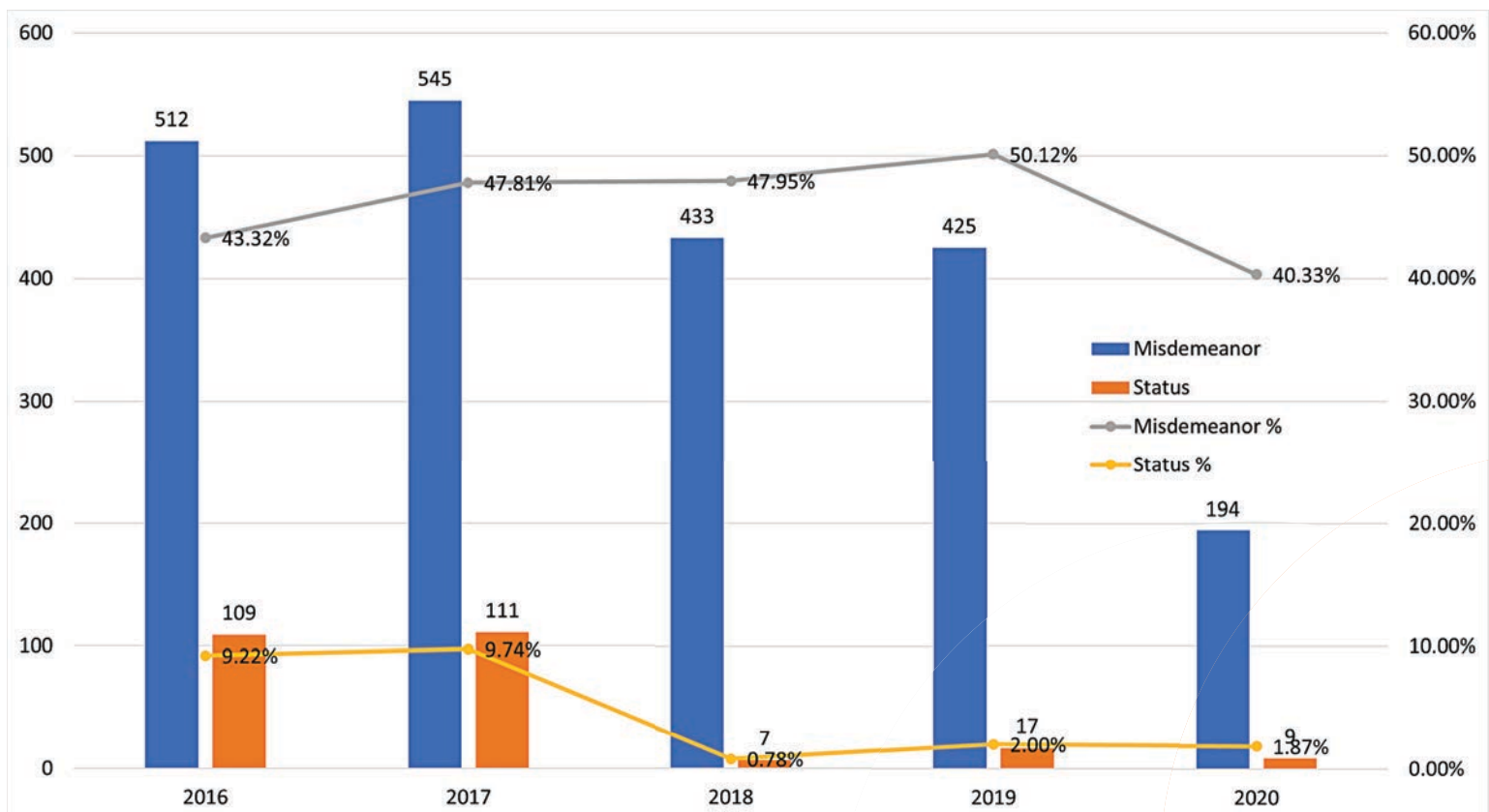
for % of youth assigned to probation on adjudicated misdemeanors in 2020

**40.33%**

of youth assigned to probation in 2020 were for adjudicated misdemeanors

**< 2%**

of youth assigned to probation for the past three years have been for adjudicated status offenses



# Probation Specialized Services

## Pre-Trial Monitoring

Pre-Trial Monitoring (PTM), formally known as Home Detention, provides 24 hour-7 days a week- 365 days a year monitoring, supervision, and accountability of all youth as an alternative to detention, as a step-down from secured detention, and/or as an order by jurists pending further court action. The Pre-Trial Monitoring Unit, with the assistance of SCRAM Systems, accurately tracks the Global Positioning System (GPS) to a specific location and the rate of speed at which the youth is traveling. Additionally, the GPS can pinpoint any stops, the duration of a stop, and can send commands both auditable and through vibration to communicate with the youth at any time, even without access to a hard telephone line. Pre-Trial Monitors are skilled and knowledgeable staff that assist youth and their families successfully in navigating the period pre-disposition and/or pre-adjudication in the court process.

Pre-Trial Monitoring works together with a multitude of different committees and units across the Juvenile Justice Center including: Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), Population Management, and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Center (CBIC). These collaborations are the key to successfully transitioning youth from secured detention back to the community.

**388**  
Youth assigned to  
Pre-Trial Monitoring in  
2020

**78%**  
of youth assigned  
completed  
successfully

## Community Service/Restitution Program

Developed in 1986, the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's Community Service/Restitution Program was designed to assist youth and families in locating appropriate community service activities to then provide opportunities for the youth to make amends for harm done to victims and the community. The program encourages juvenile probationers to take responsibility for their actions and can be used as a court-ordered dispositional option. In 2020 youth participation led to the completion of 16,301.50 community service hours at various non-profit community sites. Normal operation involves each Community Service Coordinator networking with different non-profit sites around the city (churches, food banks, community gardens, thrift shops, recreation centers, organizations etc.), where probationers are placed and monitored by Community Service Coordinators until community service hours are completed. In addition, every Saturday morning probationers are given opportunities to report to Metzenbaum Center to be transported and supervised at designated community sites. During spring and summer breaks, Monday-Saturdays, summer work crews are organized and supervised by the Community Service Coordinators.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, community service site locations have suspended placement of youth due to the adherence to COVID-19 safety rules and mandates. The Community Service unit has been creative in assisting youth in completion of hours by offering the following projects: virtual "how to" videos (educational, resume, positive rap-anti-drug, anti-bullying, skits), virtual videos showing appreciation/support for first responders (i.e., sidewalk chalk art); "neighborhood helping hands" to elderly neighbors (i.e., clean their homes and organize their belongings as weather gets warmer), "Yard Charge" (mow lawns, rake leaves, shovel snow, for elderly people in the neighborhood), neighborhood trash day help (trashcans taken to the curb and returned for elderly neighbors), suicide prevention research essay and skit development (written or virtually), and the creation and donations of holiday cards to nursing home and children hospital patients in the area.

In 2006, the Court's Victims Assistance Restitution Program (VARP) was implemented to give assistance to youth in paying back all or a portion of what they owe to victim(s). In 2020 there were 696 youth that participated in the Victim Aid Restitution Program (VARP) and earned upwards to \$100 per case to satisfy court ordered restitution. The successful completion of community service hours towards restitution has resulted in a total of \$4,229.90 being paid to victims by the Court in 2020.

**16,301**  
Community Service  
Hours Completed

**\$4,229**  
Paid to Victims

**696**  
Youth participants in  
VARP

# Probation Specialized Services

## Juvenile Drug Court

Juvenile Drug Court was established in July of 1998. It serves as a pre-adjudication diversion option for youth, who if not for their underlying issues with substance abuse, would not have come to the Court's attention. This docket best serves moderate to high-risk youth who have a substance abuse diagnosis or co-occurring disorders. This intensive docket requires participants to attend regularly scheduled court hearings, participate in individualized treatment, meet with a case manager multiple times a week, and submit to random drug screens. All youth and families have access to in-home Integrated Co-Occurring Treatment, Intensive Outpatient Programming (IOP) and residential options when necessary. Graduated rewards and sanctions are utilized as juveniles move through the three phases of the program to aid in behavior management and modification.

## Family Drug Court

Family Drug Court was established in August of 2001 and is a docket that operates similarly to Juvenile Drug Court with the exception of participant criteria. The participants are parents of children who are alleged to be abused, neglected, and/or dependent, and are at risk of losing custody of those children due to their drug dependency. This intensive program is designed to reduce the time that a child may have to spend in out-of-home placement while the parent receives treatment for their substance abuse addiction.

## Re-entry Court

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 before their release. This specialized docket provides needed support and intensive supervision through joint efforts with ODYS 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. Juvenile Court and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) have teamed up with community partners such as Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS), Catholic Charities, and Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) to form the Juvenile Court Judicial Release Committee. The committee reviews cases of youth who have reached their midpoint of their ODYS sentence. Qualifying youth that have demonstrated positive change and program engagement while in ODYS will have the opportunity to be reviewed by the committee, receiving the opportunity to earn a recommendation to be released early into the community under supervision. The committee only provides a recommendation to the committing Jurist. If the Jurist accepts the recommendation, upon release the youth and family are expected to participate in parole services such as Re-entry Court, counseling, educational, and/or vocational programming.



## The Safe Harbor Docket

The Safe Harbor docket serves identified survivors of human trafficking or youth deemed at-risk of being trafficked. Upon referral, all youth will receive a Human Trafficking Victim Assessment (HTVA). Participants are provided community or residentially based trauma-informed, wrap-around supportive services to promote healing, empowerment, and family engagement. Youth on the docket are served in both a pre-adjudicated and post-adjudicated capacity. Youth identified for the pre-adjudicated track have cases that are directly related to their trafficking victimization as determined by the presiding jurist. Post-adjudicated youth are considered at-risk and receive preventative probation interventions. As the docket is voluntary, the youth and their families must agree to participate before they are officially enrolled on the docket.

## The Community Based Intervention Center (CBIC)

The Community Based Intervention Center (CBIC) is an evidenced-based, intensive, day treatment program. In 2017, the Court expanded the program from afterschool hours to operating from 9:30 am—7:00 pm Monday through Friday, and half days on Saturdays. This change allows the Court to serve both pre- and post- adjudicated youth, while giving participants time to improve their behavior and learn new skills prior to disposition, increasing their chances to successfully remain in the community while on probation.

The CBIC program is designed to target youth who are assessed to be moderate to high risk for recidivism. The program addresses the criminogenic thinking patterns and behaviors that have impacted the youth's abilities to function as a productive part of society. This program has been successful in assisting youth who exhibit criminogenic behaviors to make pro-social choices and reduce recidivism. The CBIC program is based on the curriculum of *Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention - A Comprehensive Curriculum for Juveniles* developed by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute. The two distinct parts of the curriculum are cognitive restructuring and social skill interventions, which build upon one another and lay the foundation for problem-solving skill development. The program can vary in length depending on the youth's participation; approximately 10 or more weeks to complete. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020 the program had to make accommodations and adjustments to continue to provide quality services to the youth referred by holding sessions virtually through Zoom. The youth are currently receiving cognitive intervention groups in both half and full day programming, as well an education component on virtual platforms.

**19**  
Youth served in Safe Harbor docket in 2020

**6 Days a week**  
The CBIC program is open 6 days a week for improved access

**46**  
Youth served within CBIC in 2020

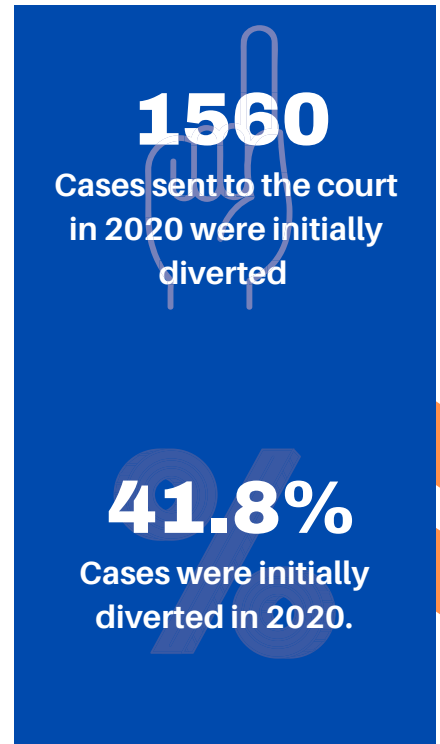
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# Probation Specialized Services

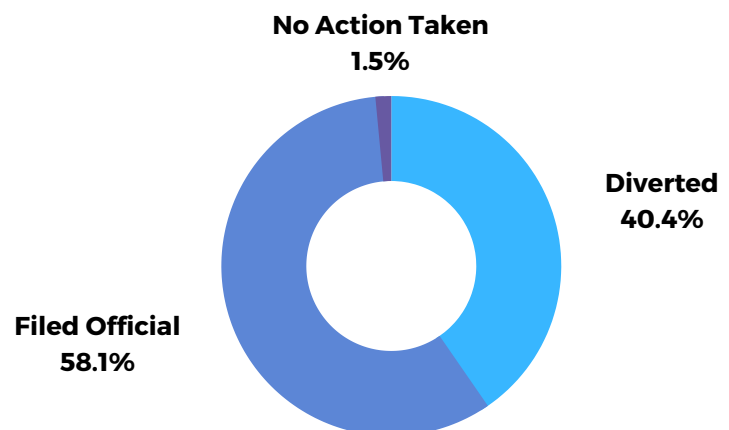
## Early Intervention and Diversion Center (EIDC)

The development of the Early Intervention and Diversion Center (EIDC) was a large endeavor for the Court which began in 2018. Keeping with the principles of Annie E. Casey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and with the goal to improve outcomes for all youth, the Court collaborated with the Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the ADAMHS Board, the Educational Services Center, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Cleveland Police Department, and community representatives to redesign the process of which a youth enters the Juvenile Justice System. In 2019, this project made progress in the continued development of procedures and programming to best serve this population. The overarching goal of the Early Intervention and Diversion Center is to increase diversion opportunities for low risk offenders. The secondary, but equally significant, goal of the EIDC is to identify behavioral health issues for youth at the earliest point in the juvenile justice system. Through the EIDC each youth will be screened for potential behavioral health issues. The EIDC is working together with mental health clinicians to develop comprehensive services for youth in order to decrease their likelihood to reoffend. This allows youth to be referred to appropriate services in lieu of formal court processing when community safety is not at risk.

While the COVID-19 pandemic slowed down the progress of moving forward, it did not stop the staff from screening and providing diversion services to appropriate youth. Staff have screened and case managed youth and families over virtual platforms and telephones. The pandemic kept the Court in the first phase of implementation in 2020. The EIDC's intention of the future phase is for all youth's cases to be processed through the EIDC, including police referrals for youth that need immediate services. This option will be available to law enforcement agencies once EIDC is fully staffed to support the number of increased referrals. Another additional benefit of the EIDC is an improved process of collecting outcome data for diversion decisions. With the assistance of the collaborating agencies, the Court developed a comprehensive list of data points to be collected in order to monitor diversion outcomes more effectively. The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office has secured funding for a three-year process and outcome evaluation that will be conducted by Case Western Reserve University's Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education. Jeff Kretschmar, PhD is the evaluator for the project. Dr. Kretschmar has extensive experience in research in the field of criminal justice specific to adolescent behavioral health.



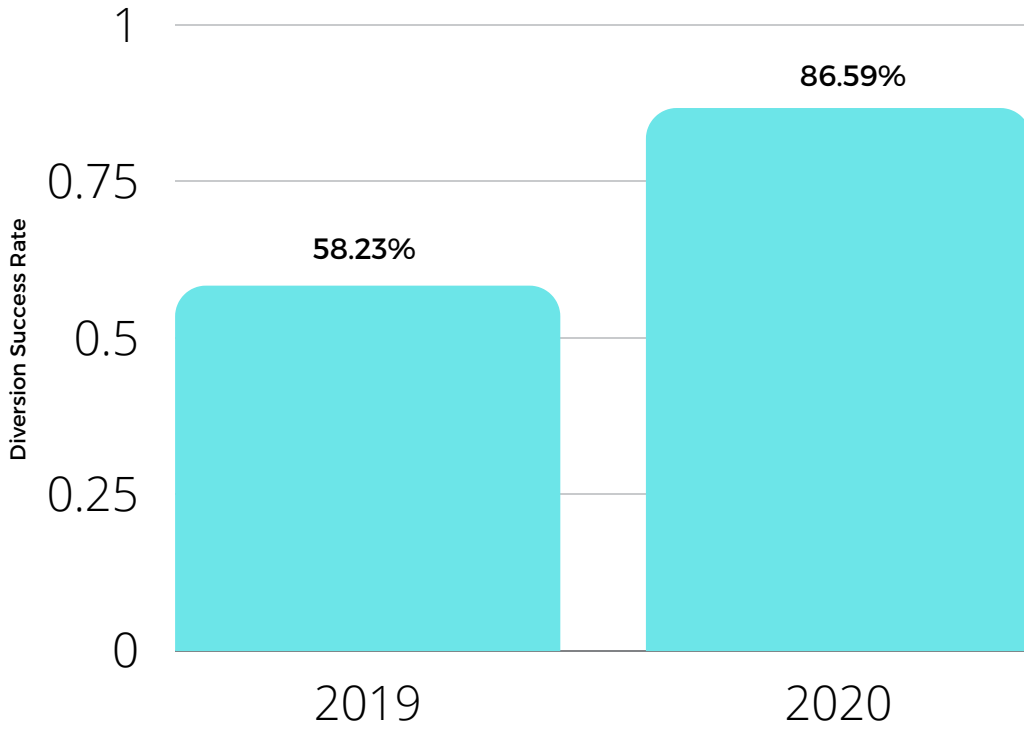
## Initial Decision of Court Referrals (2020)





# Early Intervention and Diversion Center Data

**Diversion Success Rate (2019 & 2020)**



**2,123**

Cases processed through diversion center

**86.59%**

of initially diverted cases closed in 2020 were completed successfully

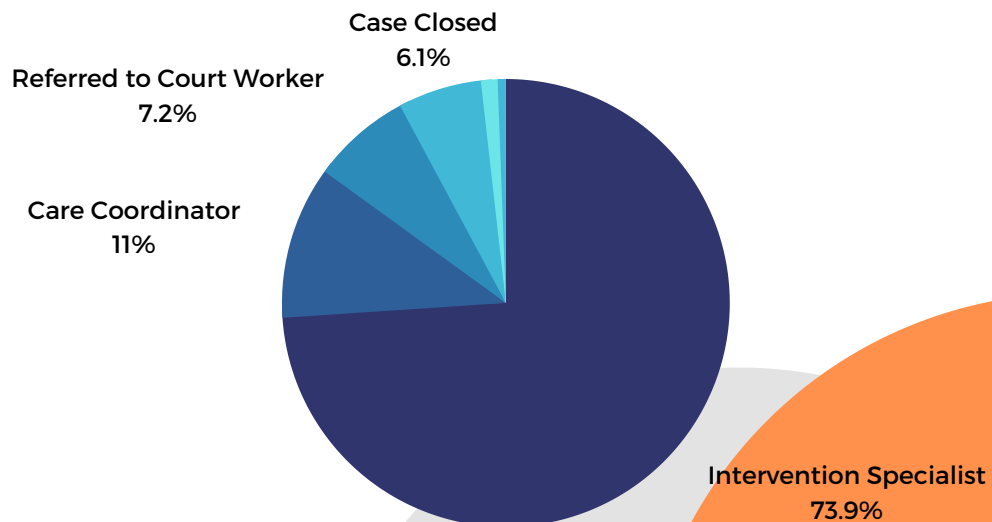
**28%**  
improvement over 2019

While most EIDC referrals remained with our Intervention Specialists, many were escalated to Care Coordinators for an individualized service plan.

**73.9%**  
of Diversion referrals were sent to Intervention Specialists

**11%**  
of Diversion referrals were sent to Care Coordinators

**Initial Step for Diversion Cases (2020)**



# Probation Specialized Services

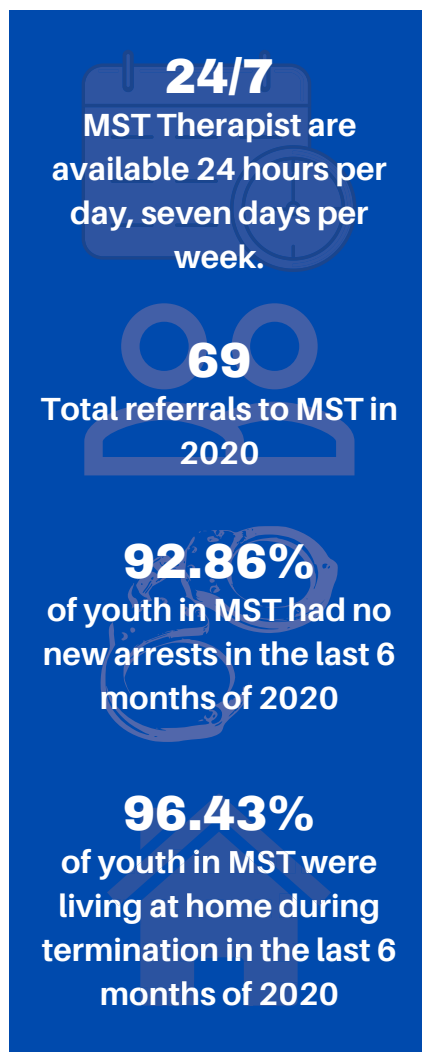
## Multi-Systemic Therapy

The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Multi-Systemic Therapy Program (MST) has been in existence for over 15 years. The program employs eight therapists, one manager, and the addition of an assistant manager in the second half of 2020. The program serves 120 youth and families per year. The MST Program is a unique, goal-oriented, comprehensive, and evidence-based, 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. Therapists are available 24-hours-per-day, seven-days-a-week. Each therapist has a caseload size of 4-6 families to allow for the necessary intensity of the services. The average length of treatment is between 3-5 months. During the Covid-19 pandemic MST continued their treatment and services to the youth on their caseload, as well as new referrals. The MST teams adapted to virtual platforms to meet the needs of the families and to ensure safety for all. The MST therapists have shown great resiliency in the unfamiliar environment that the pandemic has created.

Each MST team has a supervisor and an expert consultant from the Center for Innovative Practice who consults weekly on all cases. MST is effective in reducing anti-social behaviors and recidivism. The MST model increases parenting skills and improves school behaviors by limiting truancy and academic problems. It assists in reducing criminal behavior, as well as substance abuse and association with negative peers.

MST provides youth and families with a complete assessment of the youth with emphasis placed on their family system, school, and community. The MST therapist focuses on understanding the "fit" of the child and family's issues, navigating how to best resolve them. In addition, MST focuses on assisting parents in building support systems and social networks within the community, empowering 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.



# Probation Specialized Services

## Phoenix Court

Phoenix Court is designed to divert youth from local and state detention centers into a more comprehensive, community based mental and behavioral health treatment. Services include: Case Management, Intensive Probation Services, access to Crisis/Stabilization bed and evidence based in-home therapy, such as, Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) and In-Home Integrated Co-occurring Treatment (ICT). The docket requires participants to attend regularly scheduled court hearings, participate in treatment, meet with the assigned mental health coordinator on a regular basis and therapist on a weekly basis. Graduated rewards and sanctions are utilized as the youth moves through each phase of the program.

### For Phoenix Court:

**29**  
Youth served in  
2020

**70%**  
of terminations  
in 2020 were  
successful

## Promise Team

The Promise Team is a new program that started in 2020. The Promise Team serves girls with a history of trauma and behavioral health disorders who are currently on probation and have current or recent involvement with Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The Promise Team is designed to divert girls from local and state detention centers into a more comprehensive, community based behavioral health treatment. The Promise Team believes in the promise and potential of each girl. The Promise Team views each girl as an asset in our community. Services include: Case Management, Intensive Probation Services, access to Crisis/Stabilization bed and evidence based in-home therapy, such as, Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST), Integrated Co-occurring Treatment (ICT) and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), and enhanced supportive services including educational/vocational services, mentoring, and access to prosocial services and funds. Graduated rewards and sanctions are utilized as the youth moves through each phase of the program. Each girl will receive an aftercare plan prior to successful completion.

Target Youth



State & Local  
Detention

Evidence Based Therapy  
and Programs

# Enhanced Probation Interventions

## Placement Aftercare

Residential Placement is out-of-home therapeutic placement for youth needing the most intensive level of services. All the facilities used by the Court are licensed by the State of Ohio and are staff secure, providing intensive counseling and supervision 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. Youth placed in residential treatment are typically youth 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.
- Medication evaluation and monitoring.
- Educational services including special education, GED preparation & vocational education

Aftercare planning is strengths-based and begins prior to, and continues throughout placement. Prior to discharge, the Placement Aftercare Coordinators create aftercare plans with the youth, family and community partners that address both youth and family needs to ensure a seamless transition to community-based services from residential treatment. Placement Aftercare Coordinators work closely with the family and community teams, reassess risk and needs to adjust the aftercare plans and help the family identify natural supports who will assist them and guide the youth when new difficulties arise.

## Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS)

The OYAS is an Ohio-specific juvenile justice assessment system developed by the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the University of Cincinnati, Ohio 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 the criminogenic needs and risks of the youth. The OYAS contains five assessment tools: Diversion, Detention, Disposition, Residential, and Re-entry. While the tools give an overall picture of risk to reoffend, the disposition tool also determines the areas that present the greatest risk and are the best predictors of further delinquency. The OYAS gives probation staff the ability to focus interventions on areas of highest risk, such as: family and living arrangements, peers and social support networks, education and employment, pro-social skills, substance abuse/mental health, personality and criminal values, beliefs, and attitudes.

## Effective Practice in Community Supervision (EPICS)

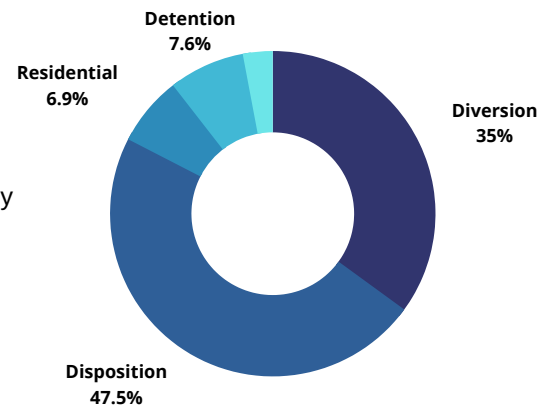
The Court's Probation Officers utilize EPICS in all of their interactions with moderate and high risk youths and their families. EPICS is a research-based model that combines intervention strategies with community supervision. The purpose of EPICS is to structure visits with youth in a way that ensures the application of principles of effective intervention in our community supervision practices. The model is designed to use a combination of monitoring, referrals, and face to face interactions to provide the youths with the correct dosage of treatment according to risk level and make the best possible use of time to develop a collaborative working relationship. Cuyahoga County Juvenile Probation Staff completed EPICS training in 2011 and have fully implemented the model into their daily practice. In 2012, selected employees were trained by the University of Cincinnati to become trainers in the model, and staff that were already trained continue to have refreshers to ensure our fidelity to the model.

**20**  
Youth were residentially placed in 2020

**5**  
OYAS tools utilized:

- Diversion Instrument
- Disposition Instrument
- Residential Instrument
- Detention Instrument
- Reentry Instrument

## Administered OYAS Screenings (2020)



# Enhanced Probation Interventions

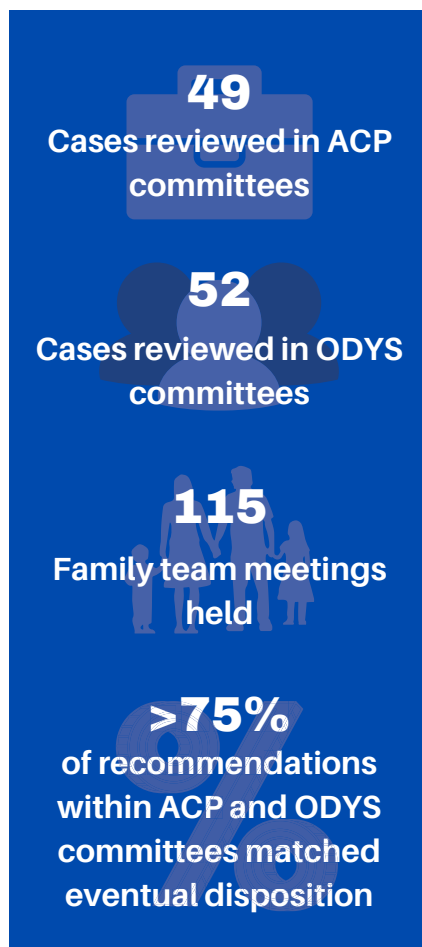
## Motivational Interviewing

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is an evidence-based treatment that addresses ambivalence to change. It is a conversational approach designed to help people identify their readiness, willingness, and ability to change and to make use of their own change-talk. MI is a core component of evidence-based practices, and emerging best practices in criminal justice. MI is a firm, fair, and consistent stance where probation officers work to form a positive, collaborative relationship with their clients while also holding them accountable. All probation officers were trained in MI in 2015. MI works well with EPICS as a client's willingness to change increases; the EPICS model provides them the tools and skills to do so.

## Systems Planning Coordination

The Systems Planning Coordination Unit provides support for youth, families, and community partners in Cuyahoga County. The unit consists of the manager, Probation Systems Navigator, and two Placement Specialists within the Probation Department. The unit is responsible for the facilitation of the ODYS and ACP (Alternative Case Planning) committees, Service Coordination Team meetings, and Onsite Service Coordination meetings. The committees review cases that need intensive services and are at high risk of being removed from the community into a placement setting. Committee members consist of Jurist, Probation Administration and managers, Probation Officers, Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (CCDCFS), ODYS Parole, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Probation Services, and community-partners. The committees create goals and recommendations for the jurist to consider in lieu of out of home placements, when possible. In 2020 during the global pandemic, the ACP committee convened on 49 cases and the ODYS committee convened 52 times. The Systems Planning Coordination Unit is also responsible for sending all the referrals for residential placement and coordinating the transportation of youth to placement facilities.

The Systems Planning Coordination Unit is also responsible for facilitating all Service Coordination Team (SCT) meetings and Onsite Service Coordination meetings for the Court. The Cuyahoga County Family and Children's First Council oversees the Service Coordination process for all youth serving agencies in Cuyahoga County. The manager and Probation Systems Navigator are the Service Coordination Liaisons for the Juvenile Court. Service Coordination is a meeting process that involves youth serving agencies in the county including Juvenile Court, CCDCFS, ADAMHS Board, Board of Developmental Disabilities, ODYS, CMSD, Job and Family Services. Families that are involved with multiple agencies can meet with the liaisons from those agencies when they need additional services and supports. Onsite Service Coordination happens when the Jurist requests assistance from the Court's SCT liaisons to help families explore alternative services and supports to allow the youth to be released from the Detention Center. Parents usually have some concerns regarding taking their youth home and the Onsite Service Coordination Team (OSSCT) helps families feel supported by offering services to meet their specific needs. In 2020, the Court's SCT liaisons held 115 family team meetings and 17 OSSCT meetings/consultations.



## The goal and focus of the Juvenile Court Division's Human Resources Department has been:

- To foster a culture of excellence, fairness, professionalism, inclusion, and integrity.
- To serve as partners with the Juvenile Court Division Departments, their teams, and employees.
- To support the success of the Court and its employees through leadership, delivery of excellent service, and teamwork.

Our focus has always been to extend beyond the walls of the Court in our partnership with the employees of the Court to demonstrate our commitment to the success of each employee professionally and personally. In 2020, the HR Department was given opportunity to demonstrate that commitment.

## In 2020,

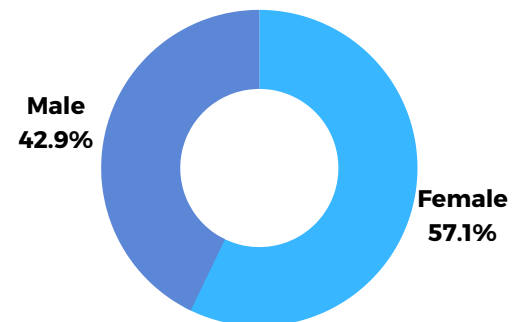
- The HR Department partnered with Juvenile Court Division departments and employees working from home assisting with the continued operations of the Court.
- The HR Team continued to work onsite at the Juvenile Justice Center to ensure being available to serve Court employees.
- The HR Department also implemented and carried out a policy and procedure for the reporting and handling of employee positive coronavirus test results. A member of the HR team was designated as the contact person to serve Court employees through the procedure.
- In response to the concerns of our community surrounding political and social issues, the HR Department was part of the establishment of the SHARE Initiative. The SHARE Initiative is a conversational series between Court employees about race, equity, diversity, inclusion, and other topics that are of importance to our community. A few SHARE Initiative conversations have been recorded and will be made available for viewing in the spring of 2021.

## Over the last year, the HR Department evaluated many of our procedures and developed plans to be implemented in 2021. We enter 2021 with plans to:

- Provide training and development opportunities for Court employees at all levels,
- Increase our availability, visibility, and connectedness with Court employees,
- Champion the diversity and inclusion efforts of the Court,
- Continue seeking out ways to improve and enhance our partnership with the Juvenile Court Division departments, Court employees and the communities we serve.

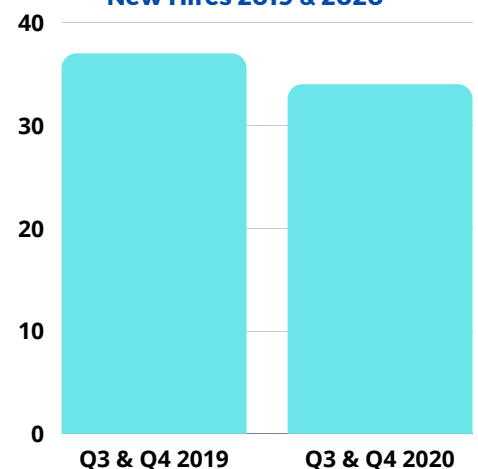


## Professional Hires in 2020



Professional hires in 2020 were mostly female at 57.1%

## New Hires 2019 & 2020



The court has shown signs of resilience throughout COVID: Q3 and Q4 hire rates in 2019 and 2020 were comparable, showing only an 8% decrease.

## Legal Department

The Legal Department consists of four full-time attorneys and functions as in-house counsel for all judges, magistrates, and the various departments throughout the Court. The Department routinely provides legal advice on topics including labor and employment law, contracts and fiscal concerns, policy and procedure related to detention and probation, and substantive juvenile law and procedure. The Department also regularly presents trainings for new Court employees on legal topics, including sessions on “Juvenile Law 101” for all departments and “Federal Lawsuits and Liability” for the detention center.

In addition to providing legal advice and serving in a broadly supportive role to the Court, the Legal Department also manages the lists of appointed counsel and guardians ad litem and has two support staff who process all requests for payment (commonly referred to as “fee bills”) filed by attorneys appointed to cases. The Department also occasionally applies for Continuing Legal Education credits for judges, magistrates, and practicing attorneys when trainings are provided at the Court.

## Diagnostic Clinic

The Diagnostic Clinic conducts court-ordered mental health evaluations for youth remanded to the Juvenile Detention Center or residing in the community. The findings are communicated to jurists for use in cases regarding transfer of jurisdiction (bindovers), competency to stand trial, and disposition. The Diagnostic Clinic also assesses families involved in custody/visitation disputes. In addition, the department produces evaluations of parents in the child protective system to clarify psychiatric diagnoses and identify treatment needs.

Although the global pandemic reduced the total number of cases completed at the Diagnostic Clinic in 2020, the composition of cases remained fairly consistent (see breakdown at right).

In addition to evaluative services, the Diagnostic Clinic administers a Competency Remediation Program for youth adjudged incompetent to stand trial but having the potential to achieve the necessary capabilities. This educational program is intended to teach basics of the court process so youth can understand the charges they face, appreciate how concepts apply to their own situations, and assist their attorneys in defending them.

The Diagnostic Clinic provides teaching and training of forensic practice to university graduate students through an active internship program. As well, staff members conduct scientific research to benefit the Juvenile Court’s youth and families and to advance understanding in the field of forensic assessment.

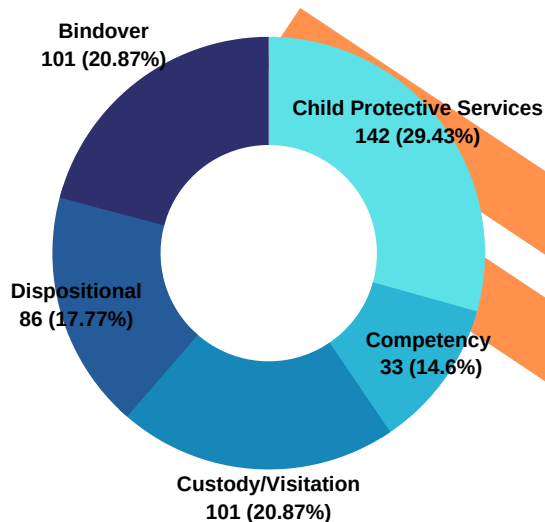
## Mediation Unit

In December of 2019, the Mediation Unit separated from the Intake Unit to better focus on the efficiency, effectiveness, and overall outcomes of the mediation hearings. The Unit is comprised of four full-time, Ohio Supreme Court-trained mediators who mediate private custody and shared parenting applications and motions filed with the Juvenile Court. The Mediation Unit also participates in a community partnership assisting with truancy mediations in local school districts.

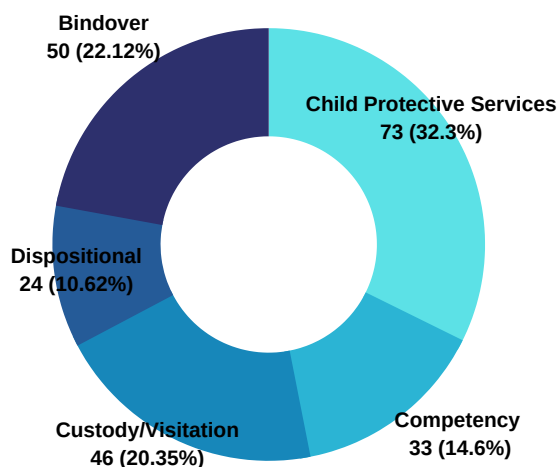
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the State of Emergency throughout Ohio, the Mediation Unit has ceased all in-person mediations. For the protection of the public and the employees, the Mediation Unit is currently conducting all mediation hearings telephonically using an accessible web-based platform. Procedures have been modified to address the issues with conducting telephonic mediations to ensure both the integrity and security of the mediation process.



### Diagnostic Clinic Cases (2019)



### Diagnostic Clinic Cases (2020)



## Clerk's Office

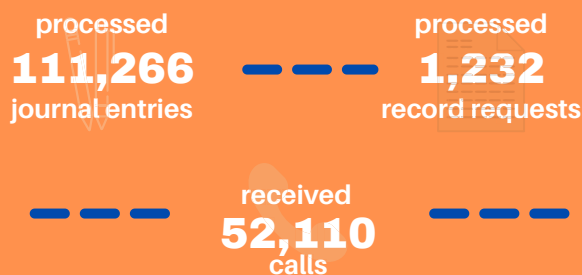
The Clerk's Office mission statement entails dedication to performing all duties with integrity and professionalism to at all times provide excellent customer service. We will continuously pursue methods to maximize efficiencies while processing filings, maintaining records, accessing information, and providing assistance to all.

The Clerk's Office, is the "heart of the Court", playing a vital role in serving the interests of justice. Our office has adapted to new challenges while continuing to serve the people of Cuyahoga County. We understand the public's confidence in the judicial system depends on timely justice being administered. The functions and duties of the Clerk's Office include a wide range of record keeping, information management, and financial management, filing, docketing, indexing, and preserving all court documents with care. The Cashiers Office is also located in our office and collects child support payments and collects and disburses fines and costs on behalf of the Court. The Clerk's Office has taken an innovative approach to reduce the number of in-person filings in order to perform these duties more efficiently and safely during COVID. All records filed with the Clerk are available for public inspection during normal business hours Monday-Friday with the exception of those records specifically exempt by judicial order or statute.

## In 2020

- Uninitiated Grandparent Power of Attorney and Caretaker Authorization Affidavit filings became available for viewing in iCase.
- In an effort to reduce the number of in-person filings during the Coronavirus pandemic, the Clerk's Office began accepting filings through dedicated emails. For those who needed to come in for assistance, the Clerk of Court also undertook measures to help ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and the general public by: limiting the number of people in and placing social distancing floor markers in the lobby, and installing plexiglass at the front counter.
- The Clerk's Office is currently working towards expanding email notifications, such as hearing notices and journal entries to all parties that prefer to receive electronic notifications. The attorney mailboxes were removed as a result of this change.
- The Clerk's Office standard procedures have been made accessible to all staff through an icon located on their desktop.
- With a focus on training and professional development, the Clerk's Office staff participated in the online webinars provided by the Supreme Court of Ohio and Moore Counseling and Mediation Services.

## In 2020, the Clerk's Office



## Resource Center

Although the COVID-19 pandemic presented unique challenges for court operations, the Resource Center has continued to adapt and evolve to help the citizens of Cuyahoga County without weakening our quality of service. The Resource Center is now equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure safety for the Juvenile Court's employees and the general public. For example, the Resource Center is fitted with large pieces of plexiglass to ensure social distancing between employees and the public. In addition, the public may access the Resource Center telephonically if they do not feel comfortable being in a public setting due to COVID. Lastly, the Court continues to provide all our forms on the Court's website to allow efficient and convenient access.

The Court will continue to help *pro se* litigants obtain free limited scope legal advice regarding their custody and child support filings by utilizing the Supreme Court of Ohio's Civil Justice Project grant. The Juvenile Court thanks the Supreme Court of Ohio for the grant to allow our staff to better serve the public. Because there is no right to appointed counsel and many individuals are not able to afford a private attorney, the public is left unaware of their custody and child support rights or how to effectively invoke these rights. This could result in parents and/or guardians not obtaining legal custody, visitation with their children, or the financial assistance necessary to provide safety and stability in the home. By continuing to utilize this grant, the Court will utilize the services of two contract attorneys to assist the public in the Resource Center for these matters. When the needs of the individual exceed the Resource Center Specialist's scope, the individual will be referred to a Civil Justice Project grant attorney for the legal advice needed.



## Fiscal Resources, Contract Management and Payroll

The Fiscal Resources and Contract Management Unit is accountable for all aspects of the Court's budget, invoicing, processing of payments and monitoring and reconciliation of accounts. Additionally, this unit is responsible for all purchases on behalf of the Court. This includes the development and processing of all requests for proposals for programming and services that the Court utilizes, such as negotiations with vendors, contract development and document processing through the County's procurement system. In order to accomplish these tasks, the Fiscal Resources and Contract Management unit works closely with our County partners, most specifically the County Office of Budget and Management and the Office of Procurement and Diversity. Both County offices assist the Court in releasing Request for Proposals to procure services and develop and manage the Court's contracts. All of these processes generally require presentation to the County Council and County Executive in order to obtain approval and contract execution.

Commencing in the fall of 2020 the responsibility for processing payroll for the Juvenile Court transferred from Human Resources to the Fiscal Resources Department. This transition will allow the Court to more closely assess the financial impact associated with personnel, which is the Court's single largest operating expense. Additionally, during the past year, the department has been continuing to transition to the County's new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. The adoption of the County's new system has proven to be both challenging and disruptive. Nevertheless, the Fiscal Resources Department has demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability in overcoming significant obstacles.

The Court's Fiscal Department continuously strives to strategically increase the Court's revenues as well as investigate ways to decrease our expenditures, all the while utilizing a variety of funding resources. Combined these efforts assist the Court and County to ensure fiscal accountability and integrity.

2020 Local Fund Expenditures	Administration	Legal	Child Support	Detention
Salaries	\$ 3,160,680.04	\$ 5,561,022.49	\$ 2,297,881.48	\$ 9,045,046.92
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,002,149.68	\$ 1,945,591.35	\$ 920,455.89	\$ 2,937,372.81
Commodities	\$ 249,300.52	\$ 365,168.74	\$ 93,663.87	\$ 509,212.70
Contracts/Services	\$ 316,585.45	\$ 1,359,190.95	\$ 433.00	\$ 177,127.79
Controlled Expenses	\$ 1,253,986.36	\$ 1,435,539.69	\$ 958,153.79	\$ 1,114,436.82
Other Expenditures	\$ 54,671.19	\$ 27,402.17	\$ 7,259.99	\$ 15,538.35
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,774.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,037,373.24</b>	<b>\$ 10,693,915.39</b>	<b>\$ 4,277,848.02</b>	<b>\$ 13,806,509.70</b>

2020 Local Fund Expenditures	Probation Services	Detention Services	Legal Services	Intervention Center
Salaries	\$ 5,353,745.03	\$ 524,653.15	\$ 656,975.48	\$ 494,621.72
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,933,772.13	\$ 182,955.43	\$ 240,997.51	\$ -
Commodities	\$ 2,295.75	\$ 9,489.72	\$ 12,109.96	\$ -
Contracts/Services	\$ 96,908.09	\$ 1,672,061.64	\$ 1,568,368.57	\$ -
Controlled Expenses	\$ 3,029,440.68	\$ -	\$ 113,154.43	\$ -
Other Expenditures	\$ 159,853.07	\$ 147.20	\$ 1,469.76	\$ 371.61
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,576,014.75</b>	<b>\$ 2,389,307.14</b>	<b>\$ 2,593,075.71</b>	<b>\$ 494,993.33</b>

2020 Local Fund Expenditures	Totals
Salaries	\$ 26,600,004.59
Fringe Benefits	\$ 9,163,294.80
Commodities	\$ 1,241,241.26
Contracts/Services	\$ 5,190,675.49
Controlled Expenses	\$ 7,904,711.77
Other Expenditures	\$ 266,341.73
Capital Outlay	\$ 7,774.31
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,869,037.28</b>

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 34,815,646.35</b>
<b>Levy Fund</b>	<b>\$ 16,053,390.93</b>

\* In 2020 Cuyahoga County implemented a new financial reporting system (ERP). As a result of numerous system problems and irregularities ambiguity is anticipated in the information reported for 2020.

# Information Technology

## IT Department

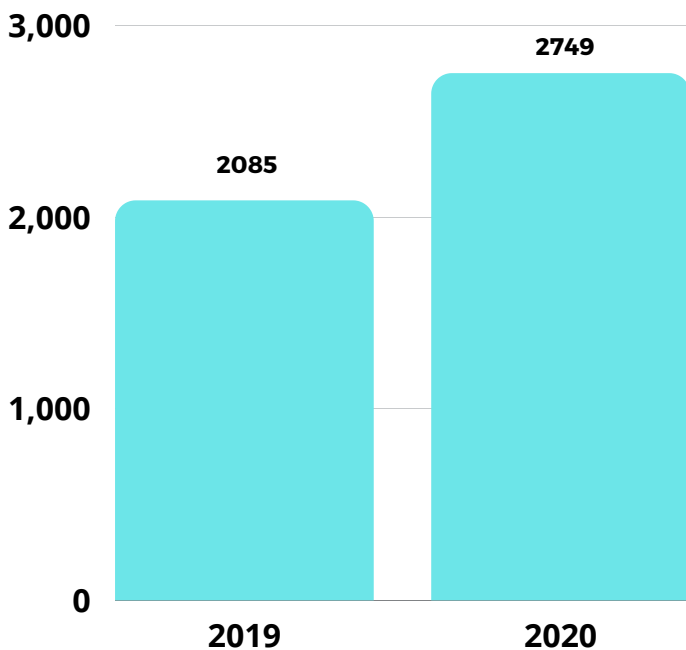
Information Technology staff provide ongoing network and desktop support as well as computer-related training for approximately 600 court staff. The court's case management system iCASE continues to provide crucial and necessary information to police and other outside agencies. With the onset of the pandemic in March of 2020, there were many unforeseen demands placed on the Information Technology Department. The majority of court staff switched to remote work, which generated the creation of 217 employee VPN accounts, as well as purchasing and distributing 80 laptops. In addition, both Help Desks experienced a surge of requests. In comparing the 4th quarter of 2019 and 2020, there was an increase of 900+ requests sent to the iCase Help Desk. The JJC Help Desk were inundated with requests for assistance relating to video-conferencing as well as assisting with Webex and Zoom hearings.

**80**  
Laptops issued in 2020

**217**  
VPN accounts established in 2020

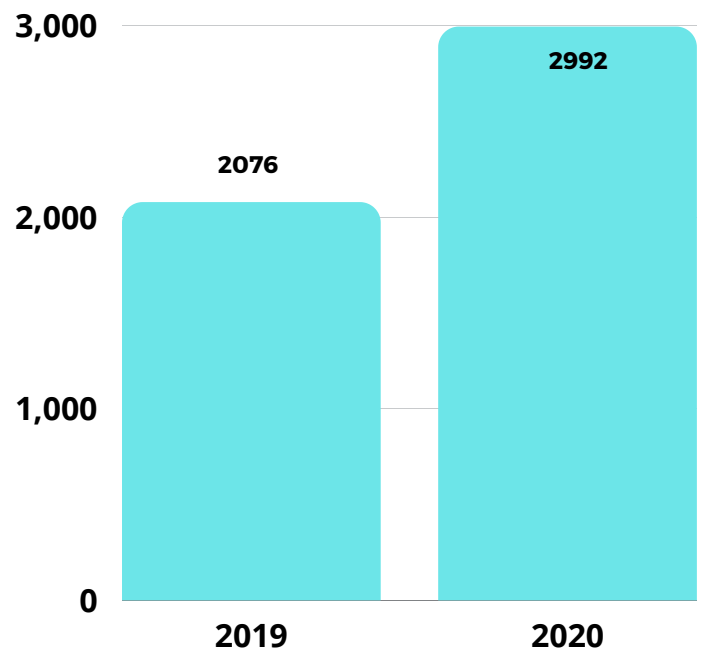
**600**  
Staff provided computer related training in 2020

JJC Tickets Closed 2019 & 2020



The IT Department closed 2749 general JJC tickets in 2020. This was up nearly **32%** from 2019.

Case Management Tickets Closed 2019 & 2020



The IT Department closed 2992 tickets related to our case management system (iCase) in 2020. This was up over **44%** from 2019.

# Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

## Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) remained a major priority across the Court in 2020. Since the inception of the Early Intervention and Diversion Center, the Court has been intentionally focused on improving diversion opportunities for youth in Cuyahoga County. Keeping diversion as a major priority has led to the next phase in juvenile justice reform with Probation Transformation. Probation Transformation uses adolescent brain science to inform best practices in probation services. These practices recommended by the research is to shift the role of Probation Officers from surveillance, sanction-based interactions, and compliance focused to engage youth in positive behavior change with an emphasis on incentives and family engagement. The Court was awarded an opportunity to receive technical assistance and training from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to move the court toward Probation Transformation.

Another core component to Probation Transformation and diversion best practices is to focus on race, equity, and inclusion as it pertains to the juvenile justice system. The Court has revamped the Race, Equity, and Inclusion (REI) Committee which involves a cross section of the court and community partners. The purpose of the committee is to take a determined and strategic action to address racial and ethnic disparities and promote equity. It was created to make sure equity is a top priority for the court, to create a culture in which issues of racial and ethnic equity are freely discussed, and to examine our data to assess disparities in our juvenile justice system.

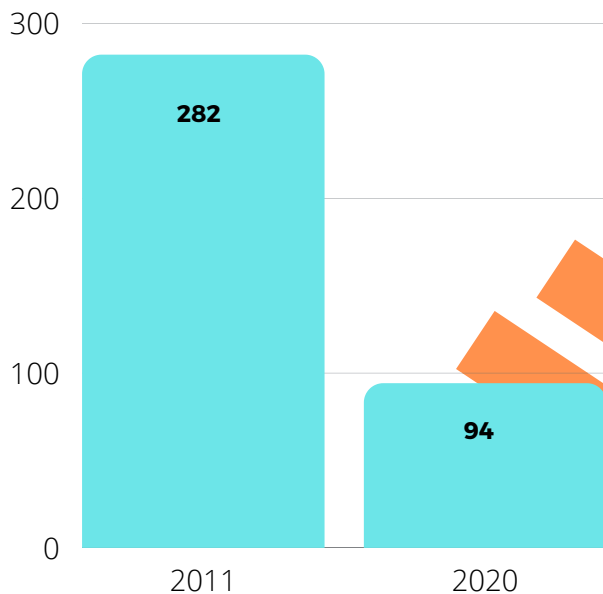
In 2020, the Court was awarded an opportunity to participate in the Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) training series. This series allowed the Court to have three staff trained as RJJ facilitators. Our Court selected Richard Grace, Kristin Bassett, and LaTania Mullins to take the lead as our Court's RJJ trainers. RJJ is a model designed to develop the capacity of professionals to support, divert, and redirect youth to appropriate and fair justice options, including those requiring a high degree of cross-system collaboration and coordination. The goal of RJJ is to engage all stakeholders, including community members to transform juvenile justice practices.

A significant focus for JDAI is to ensure that our county eliminates unnecessary detainment for low level youth offenders. One of the Court's most impactful diversion programs and alternative to detention programs is Project Coordinated Approach to Low Level Misdemeanors (CALM). Project CALM allows for full diversion for low level domestic violence offenses. Prior to the pandemic we were able to expand our (CALM) program to several more police jurisdictions.

By the end of 2021, CALM is available to each police department.

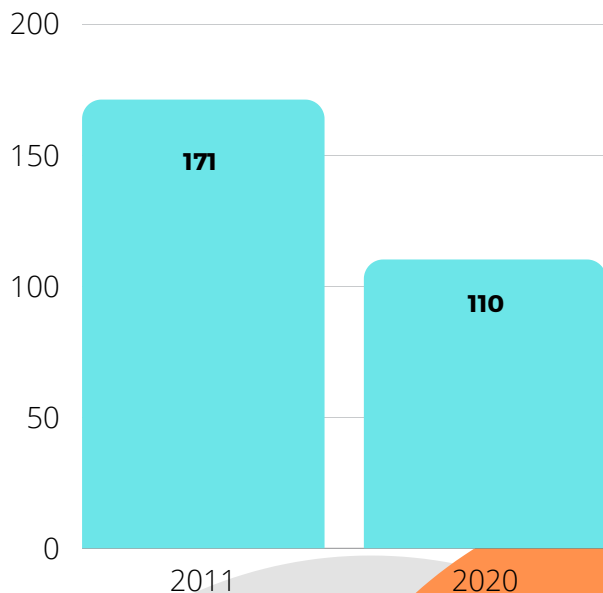
Conditions of Confinement and Alternatives to Detention committees continue their efforts with a good cross section of the court and Detention Center. The weekly Population Management Team is made up of a multi-disciplinary team to explore appropriate alternatives to detention options.

## Youth Committed to State Custody



From our baseline in 2011, commitments to state custody have decreased over 66%

## Average Daily Population of Detention Center



From our baseline in 2011, average daily population of the detention center decreased over 35%



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# Programming, Training and Quality Assurance Unit

## General

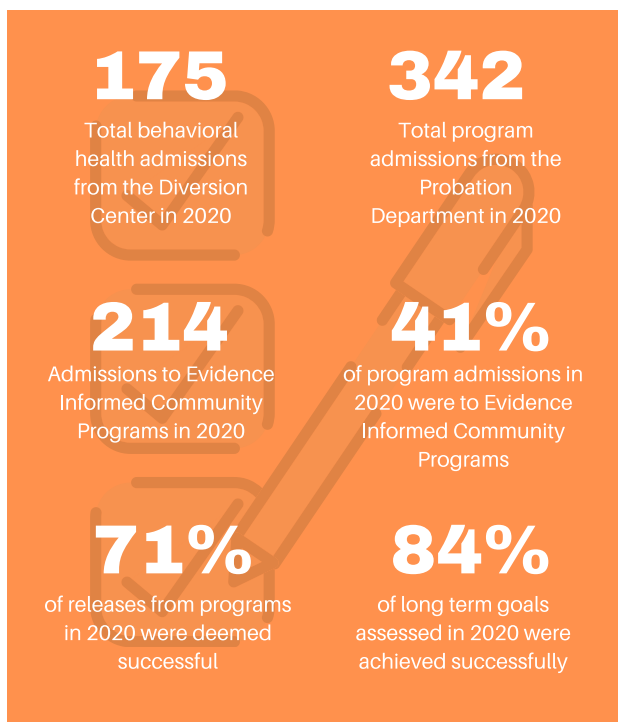
The Programming, Training, and Quality Assurance (PTQA) Unit works to implement best practice interventions across the Court. In addition to the work with departments across the Court, PTQA also works very closely with contracted behavioral health partners to ensure that youth and families are receiving evidence-based, high quality treatment interventions. PTQA consults with experts to remain current with research in the field of juvenile justice. In 2020, PTQA had the opportunity to collaborate and consult with Case Western Reserves University's Begun Center's Center of Innovative Practices for Violence Prevention Research and Education, Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Center for Children's Law and Policy. PTQA continues to receive the support from Ohio's RECLAIM Bureau of Community Reinvestment.

## Programming

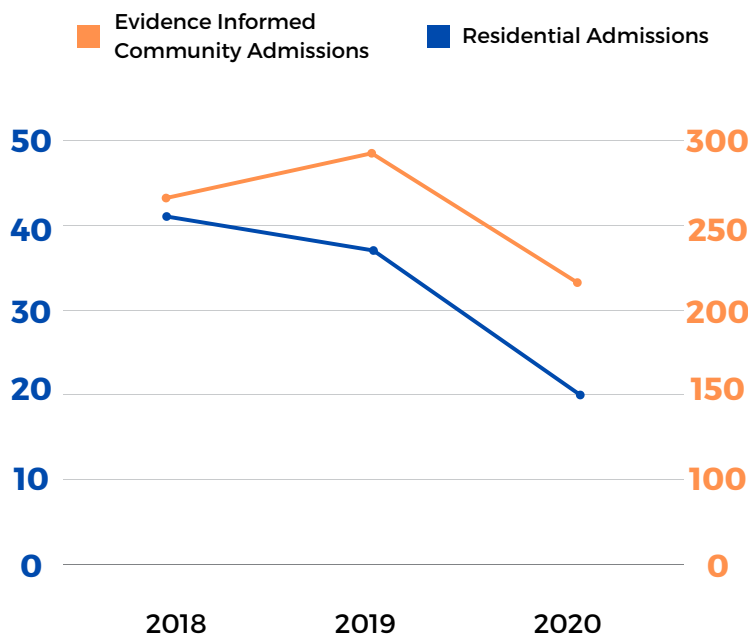
PTQA continues to provide support across departments to maximize the utilization of evidence-based programming. Each referral is processed through PTQA to track all referrals and ensure a seamless process. Each member in the PTQA unit plays a role to ensure best practices are available to the youth and families our Court serves.

## Quality Assurance

PTQA conducts quality assurance monitoring for court contracted programs, probation standards, diversion practices, and detention center conditions of confinement standards. This year PTQA brought on Program Planner, Brittany Johnson, to aid the Court in monitoring all internal and external programs through data collection, direct observation, record reviews, and/or interviews. Ms. Johnson will provide reports for both Court Administration and grant funders to assess program outcomes, ensure appropriate referrals, and to identify areas of need that may impact a program's success. PTQA staff conducted Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) audits to assess the correctional program's adherence to evidence-based practices in juvenile sex offender treatment programming and the Community-Based Intervention Center. Additionally, PTQA completed residential audits on all contracted residential treatment programs. Several of these audits were able to be conducted on-site and in-person; however, once the pandemic disrupted typical operations, the remaining audits were rescheduled and conducted virtually.



Admissions Over Time



While both residential and evidence informed admissions were down in 2020 due to COVID, both are expected to trend down and up respectively based on movement from 2018 to 2019.

## Training

In 2020, PTQA provided court wide training to meet the needs of the youth in the juvenile justice system. This was accomplished by PTQA continuing to identify and develop training to align with Probation Transformation. Training included an Adolescent Development module for Court Departments including the Early Intervention and Diversion Center, the Probation department, as well as the Detention Center. Adolescent Development training also introduced the impact of trauma on a youth. Dr. Bobbi Beale from Center for Innovative Practices with the Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education at Case Western Reserve University conducted a trauma training series for the Court. The trauma training was offered to diversion staff, the probation department, and jurists. In addition, SOGIE (sexual orientation, gender identity and expression) certified trainers within the PTQA department provided training across departments on working with LGBTQ youth. PTQA continued efforts to onboard new Probation Officers and Intervention Specialists to prepare them for their roles in Probation or the Early Intervention & Diversion Center.

## Data Coordination

To allow for data-driven strategic planning across the Court, the Quality Improvement Data Coordinator, was hired. The PTQA Unit welcomed Steve Cook, who is responsible for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data to create impactful reports and visualizations for all departments. The Data Coordinator position has allowed PTQA to enhance quality assurance monitoring across the Court and enables the Court to analyze data in more meaningful ways. Data dashboards have been created at each point of contact youth have with the juvenile justice system from referral to commitment. With the creation of this position, the Court has a wealth of data to measure conditions within the Detention Center, including confinement, grievances, and use of force. The Court now has data dashboards to monitor rate of diversion and all youth demographics at the earliest point of contact with the Court. Probation Standards are also collected via a data dashboard to allow Probation Managers and Administration to identify benchmarks and monitor progress.

## Grants

In 2020, the grant responsibilities under the PTQA Unit expanded based on new grant administration policies and procedures to ensure the Court maintains compliance with all requirements and to improve the utilization of grants across the Court. To assist in these new responsibilities the Grant Fiscal Monitor, Ashante Wright, was hired within the PTQA Unit. This position collaborates with the Fiscal Resource Unit in financial oversight of all grant funding to serve as a cross-check of grant accounting records. Ms. Wright is responsible for tracking and validating all grant expenses, maintaining grant general ledgers, reconciling these ledgers with the County's accounting system, and providing updates to departments on the status of grant funding. During 2020, the PTQA Unit continued to manage grant funding awarded through the ODYS RECLAIM Initiative, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and the Ohio Attorney General's Office. The Court was also awarded \$285,000.00 through the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant (CESF) from the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). The goal of this grant was to eliminate the spread of Coronavirus throughout the Court. This funding was utilized to purchase PPE and cleaning supplies for staff and residents of the Court building and detention centers. It was also utilized to provide the Court with technology to make virtual visitation possible for detention residents and their families, make training, programming and teleworking possible for Court staff, and reduce the likelihood of virus spread through sharing of equipment.



## Building Services Department

This department serves as the main liaison for the Juvenile Court with other county agencies, including Public Works, County Communications, the Print Shop, and the Sheriff's Department. We also coordinate with outside vendors and agencies including property management companies where the JJC leases space. This department also oversees Transportation and the Supply Clerk.

In 2020, the main attention of the department was to address the constantly changing protocols associated with COVID-19, allowing the court to maintain daily operations. Our responsibilities included the JJC, Metzenbaum Center, and three satellite offices.

### In conjunction with Public Works, building services:

- Retrofitted 32 courtrooms with plexiglass barriers.
- Coordinated the cleaning of each courtroom after in-person hearings.
- Redesigned entry into the building to promote safe distancing.
- Sanitized office space after any possible COVID exposure.
- Installed temporary barriers to allow people to return to work in larger workspaces.

### Additional Actions:

- Relocated office space to meet CDC spacing guidelines.
- Collaborated with the Sign Shop to provide floor markings and signage in accordance with CDC and County Protocols
- Participated in weekly County wide conference calls regarding new safety protocols and policy updates.
- Transitioned courtroom telephones to allow for virtual hearings.
- Coordinated cleaning protocols with Property Managers in our satellite space.
- Promoted local agencies that were conducting COVID testing, providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Meal Assistance, and supplying vaccination clinics to the public we serve.
- Wi-Fi for Detention Center school area: upgrade of 14 new installations and testing for signal strength.



### Coordinated building improvements with the CARES Act funding:

- Retrofitted all bathrooms to become touchless in both the JJC and Metzenbaum Center.
- Installed a permanent cubicle extension that will protect against virus spread:
  - First floor Pre-Trial Monitoring Department.
  - Second floor Clerk's office, Resource Center unit, Transportation unit, IT
  - Third floor Probation Department.
  - Fourth floor Administration Department, Fiscal department.
- Retrofitted the HVAC system to include better filtration and UV lighting.
- Automated all front entry doors for touchless entry.
- Installed Man-door from exterior to Judges' garage.
- Installed self-scanning standalone temperature readers.

32

Courtrooms fitted with plexiglass barriers

14

New Wi-Fi Installations

# 2020 Intake Activity

## Delinquency and Unruly (Resolved)

	Male	Female	Total
Official Delinquency Cases:	1,743	601	2,344
Successfully Diverted Delinquency Cases:	367	275	642
<b>Total Delinquency Cases:</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>2,986</b>
Delinquency Charges:	6,273	1,782	8,055
Unruly Charges	4	2	6
<b>Total Charges on Delinquency Cases</b>	<b>6,277</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>8,061</b>
Official Unruly Cases:	3	3	6
Successfully Diverted Unruly Cases:	132	139	271
<b>Total Unruly Cases:</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>277</b>
Delinquency Charges:	0	2	2
Unruly Charges	159	185	344
<b>Total Charges on Unruly Cases</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>346</b>
<b>Total Delinquency and Unruly Cases</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>3,263</b>
<b>Total Delinquency and Unruly Charges:</b>	<b>6,436</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>8,407</b>

## Individual Offenders (Delinquency & Unruly)

Race	Male	Female	Total
Black	998	481	1,479
White	314	227	541
Hispanic	56	26	82
Asian	3	2	5
Other	54	34	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>2,195</b>

# 2020 Intake Activity

## Initially Diverted Referrals

Race	Male	Female	Total
Amer Indian/AK Native	0	5	5
Asian	6	2	8
Black/African American	498	385	883
Hispanic	21	20	41
White	336	238	574
Other Race	29	20	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1,560</b>

## Abuse, Dependency, Neglect Charges

Charges	Total
Abuse	845
Dependent	1540
Neglect	1801
Bridges Program	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,196</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>2,132</b>

## Individual Youth (Abuse, Dependency, Neglect)

Race	Male	Female	Total
Black	510	525	1,035
White	240	226	466
Hispanic	22	20	42
Asian	2	2	4
Other	117	109	226
Unknown	16	12	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1,801</b>



## Case Type Breakdown

Case Type	Case Sub-Type	Total
<b>Adult Cases</b>	Contribute to Delinquency	4
	Contributing to Neglect	1
	Contributing to Unruly	6
	Violation Compulsory Attendance Law	3
	<b>Total Adult Cases</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Abuse, Dependency, Neglect</b>	Abuse	735
	Bridges Jurisdiction Transfer	10
	Dependency	488
	Neglect	899
	<b>Total Abuse, Dependency, Neglect Cases</b>	<b>2,132</b>
<b>Family</b>	CAA Caretaker Authorization Affidavit	14
	Administrative Support Order	410
	Application for Parenting Time or Visitation	114
	Application for Permanent Surrender	9
	Application to Determine Custody	548
	Application to Determine Support	130
	Application to Marry	1
	Establish the Parent Child Relationship	257
	Parentage Same Sex	3
	POA Grandparent Power of Attorney	71
	Register a Foreign Decree	5
	Register Support Order	2
	Standard Custody	261
	Writ of Habeas Corpus	4
<b>Total Family Cases</b>	<b>1,829</b>	
<b>Interstate Compact</b>	Standard	8
	<b>Total Interstate Compact:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Protection Orders</b>	Civil Protection Petition	16
	Domestic Violence Petition	1
	<b>Total Protection Orders:</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Traffic</b>	Moving Violation	1,625
	Non-Moving Violation	76
	Tobacco Violation	37
	<b>Total Traffic Cases:</b>	<b>1,738</b>
<b>Total Delinquency Cases:</b>		<b>2,986</b>
<b>Total Unruly Cases:</b>		<b>277</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL CASES:</b>		<b>9,001</b>

# 2020 Dispositions in Official Cases

## Dispositions in Delinquency Cases

Case Type	Disposition	Male	Female	Total Youth	Total Cases
<b>Bindover</b>	Discretionary	41	1	42	63
	Mandatory	39	1	40	50
<b>Reverse Bindover</b>	Remained in Juvenile Court	1	0	1	1
	Returned to Criminal Court	3	0	3	3
<b>Commitment</b>	Detention Commitment	18	1	19	40
	ODYS	63	9	72	146
	Return to ODYS	2	1	3	4
<b>Serious Youthful Offender</b>	Imposed	11	1	12	14
	Not Imposed	5	0	5	6
	Dismissed	3	0	3	3
<b>Other</b>	Case Dismissed	362	172	534	620
	Monitored Time	3	0	3	3
	Pay Court Costs or Fines	136	43	179	201
	Supervision of Parent or Custodian	59	36	95	122
	Supervision of Self	18	10	28	35
	Transfer Case	32	16	48	68
	Waive Costs/Fines	473	180	653	972
	Juvenile Offender Registry	8	0	8	8
<b>Placement</b>	Residential Placement	18	5	23	28
	CCF	18	2	20	20
<b>Probation</b>	Probation	296	111	407	430
	Community Service	80	19	99	107
	Detention Commitment - Suspended	27	3	30	36
	Restitution	40	7	47	48
	ODYS Commitment Suspended	111	27	138	172
<b>Total</b>		1,867	645	2,512	3,200

## Dispositions in Unruly Cases

Disposition	Males	Females	Total Youth	Total Cases
Supervision of Parent	1	0	1	1
Supervision of Custodian	0	1	1	1
Case Dismissed	18	20	38	41
Probation	1	0	1	1
Waive Costs/Fines	5	0	5	5
<b>Total</b>	25	21	46	49

# 2020 Dispositions in Official Cases

## Dispositions in Abuse, Dependency, Neglect Cases

Disposition	Total
Case Dismissed	1,228
CFS Emergency	4
CFS Permanent	254
CFS PPLA	49
CFS Temporary	872
Continue Custody With Review	2,224
Protective Supervision	672
Recusal	14
Refer to other case	1
Review	639
Shared Custody	3
Shared Parenting	18
Sole Custody	1,324
Terminate Custody	305
Terminate Protective Supervision	780
Transfer	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,408</b>

## Dispositions in Custody Cases

Disposition	Total
Case Dismissed	277
Continue Custody With Review	1
Custody Application Granted	770
Custody Order	50
Mediation Agreement	137
Parent Visitation	276
Power of Attorney	7
Recusal	11
Refer to other case	18
Shared Custody	8
Shared Parenting	255
Sole Custody	299
Terminate Custody	1
Transfer	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,136</b>

# 2020 Dispositions in Official Cases

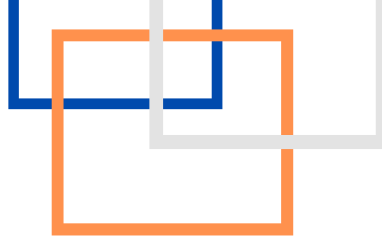
## Dispositions in Parent/Child Relationship Cases

Disposition	Total
Case Dismissed	220
Custody Application Granted	18
Mediation Agreement	2
Parent Child Relationship Established	74
Parent Visitation	8
Power of Attorney	1
Recusal	2
Refer to other case	3
Shared Parenting	8
Sole Custody	10
Support	253
Support Awarded	66
Transfer	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>

## Dispositions in Support Cases

Disposition	Total
Case Dismissed	395
Pay Arrears	208
Recusal	3
Refer to other case	5
Support	921
Support Awarded	250
Support Modified	693
Support Suspended	12
Support Terminated	153
Transfer	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,684</b>

# 2020 Dispositions in Official Cases



## Dispositions in Traffic Cases

Disposition	Total
Case Dismissed	651
Costs Ordered	2,116
Costs Waived	60
Driving Program	28
Fine Ordered	1,110
Suspended	551
Tobacco Fine	9
Transfer	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,529</b>



# 2020 Delinquent and Unruly Youth, Cases and Charges (By Area of Residence)

## Cleveland Statistical Planning Area

Cleveland SPA	Total Youth	Total Cases	Total Charges	Person	Property	Drug	Public Order	Other	Unruly
Bellaire-Puritas	20	28	76	23	30	0	16	0	7
Brooklyn Centre	19	30	64	18	25	1	17	0	3
Buckeye Shaker	20	41	158	65	62	0	26	0	5
Buckeye Woodhill	34	59	149	53	58	0	38	0	0
Central	67	126	347	164	114	2	58	0	9
Clark Fulton	56	84	231	97	77	4	47	0	6
Cleveland PO Box	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Corlett	31	62	243	108	70	3	62	0	0
Cudell	27	50	200	35	123	0	41	0	1
Cuyahoga Valley	2	3	11	5	5	0	1	0	0
Detroit Shoreway	16	22	44	10	13	0	17	0	4
Edgewater	6	10	46	25	13	0	6	0	2
Euclid Green	18	37	83	13	42	3	23	0	2
Fairfax	19	26	143	86	28	0	26	0	3
Forest Hills	30	39	97	35	34	2	20	0	6
Glenville	44	78	238	103	87	0	44	2	2
Hopkins	11	15	29	11	8	0	8	0	2
Hough	32	58	192	97	47	2	37	0	9
Jefferson	26	34	74	22	25	0	26	0	1
Kamms Corner	7	11	28	8	6	0	7	5	2
Kinsman	18	39	150	91	37	0	21	0	1
Lee Seville	34	57	137	40	50	1	41	0	5
Mount Pleasant	36	69	208	99	47	0	55	0	7
North Broadway	13	18	41	22	14	0	4	0	1
North Collinwood	27	48	123	54	33	1	30	0	5
Ohio City	15	38	124	59	27	0	35	0	3
Old Brooklyn	58	74	188	54	81	2	41	0	10
Payne Kirtland Park	80	154	443	165	175	0	93	0	10
Saint Clair Superior	19	30	151	73	32	6	27	0	13
South Broadway	48	69	208	90	64	3	39	0	12
South Collinwood	24	35	152	53	63	0	35	0	1
Tremont	6	8	21	8	4	0	9	0	0
Union Miles	28	47	155	62	54	0	38	0	1
University	3	5	24	11	7	0	6	0	0
UNKOWN CLEVELAND	43	58	171	75	55	0	36	0	5
West Boulevard	34	54	158	56	52	1	42	0	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>4,909</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>145</b>

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## Suburbs

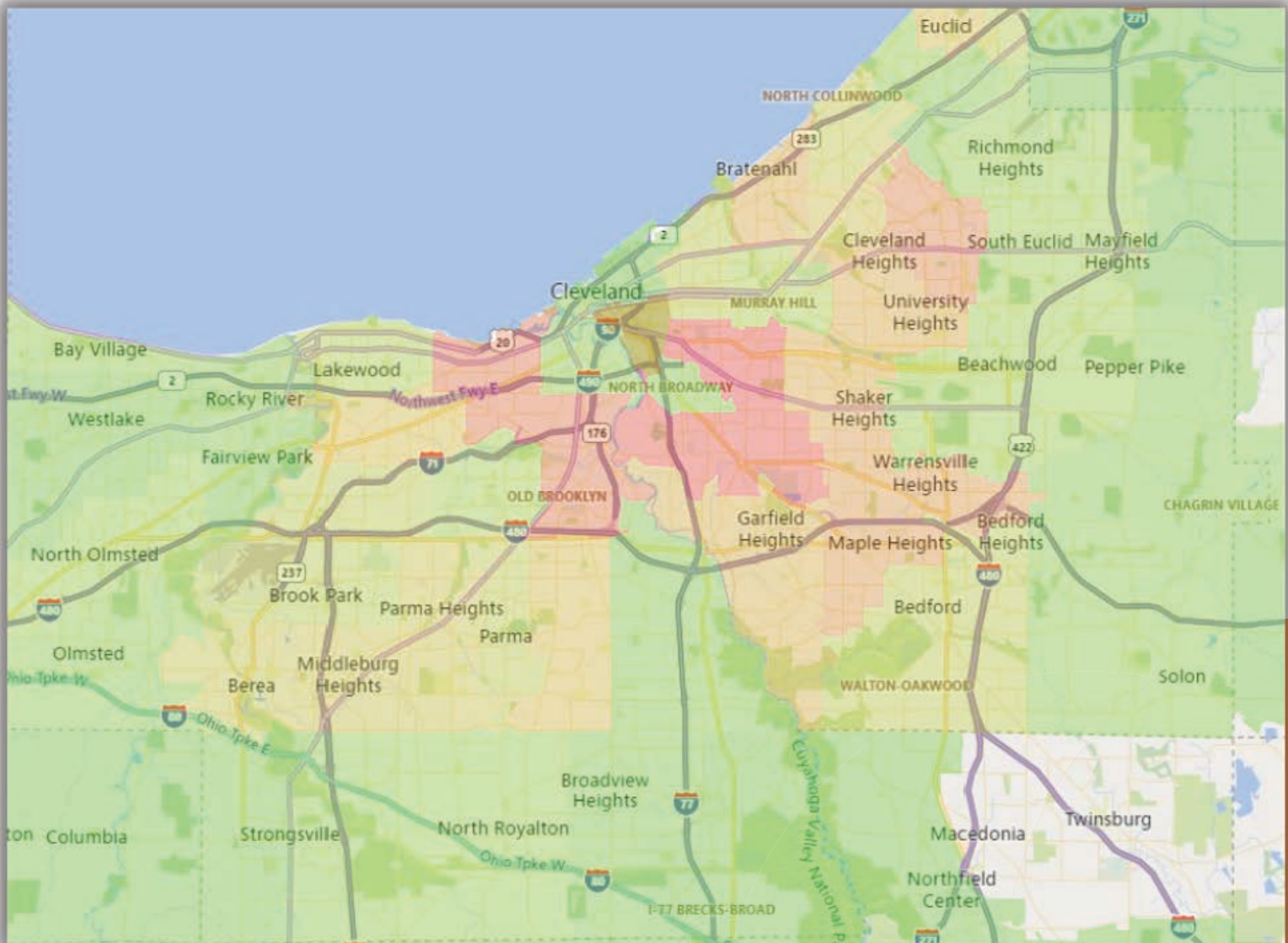
Suburb	Total Youth	Total Cases	Total Charges	Person	Property	Drug	Public Order	Other	Unruly
Bay Village	19	22	24	6	5	1	11	0	1
Beachwood	6	7	25	3	17	0	4	0	1
Bedford	34	46	119	54	32	0	32	0	1
Bedford Heights	10	18	33	18	8	0	7	0	0
Berea	47	70	118	53	34	0	25	0	6
Bratenahl	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Brecksville	1	2	4	0	2	0	2	0	0
Broadview Heights	8	11	23	7	13	0	2	0	1
Brooklyn	16	19	33	11	9	0	7	0	6
Brookpark	40	47	74	22	16	0	28	0	8
Chagrin Falls	11	11	18	2	15	0	1	0	0
Cleveland Heights	89	118	213	72	46	1	70	0	24
East Cleveland	36	58	150	66	41	0	35	0	8
Euclid	129	175	425	125	140	2	127	1	30
Fairview Park	6	10	17	11	0	2	4	0	0
Garfield Heights	62	80	198	78	55	1	59	0	5
Gates mills	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Highland Heights	7	7	17	1	13	0	0	0	3
Highland Hills	8	12	20	9	4	0	7	0	0
Independence	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Lakewood	34	58	138	40	61	0	36	0	1
Linndale	6	17	53	13	28	0	11	0	1
Lyndhurst	11	17	27	7	11	0	7	0	2
Maple Heights	78	104	232	90	74	4	55	0	9
Mayfield Heights	12	22	46	21	15	0	9	0	1
Mayfield Village	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Middleburg Heights	8	12	20	8	6	1	3	0	2
Moreland hills	3	4	6	1	4	0	1	0	0
Newburgh Heights	4	6	22	5	7	0	9	0	1
North Olmsted	23	27	41	21	10	1	8	0	1
North Royalton	21	26	51	12	17	3	16	0	3
Oakwood Village	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Olmsted Falls	9	13	20	5	5	1	8	0	1
Olmsted Township	7	8	15	1	4	4	5	0	1
Orange	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Parma	119	138	229	50	65	17	64	0	33
Parma Heights	31	41	54	13	10	1	20	0	10
Pepper Pike	4	4	9	0	5	0	2	0	2
Richmond Heights	12	17	91	66	12	0	11	0	2
Rocky River	12	22	43	14	12	0	17	0	0
Seven Hills	9	12	26	8	10	4	3	0	1
Shaker Heights	35	45	90	23	36	0	26	0	5
Solon	15	17	39	19	8	0	7	0	5
South Euclid	55	77	132	31	42	0	41	0	18
Strongsville	23	28	55	17	15	7	14	0	2
University Heights	13	19	47	22	13	0	11	0	1
Valley View	8	8	9	0	8	0	1	0	0
Warrensville Heights	26	47	146	56	64	0	18	0	8
Westlake	5	5	12	1	5	2	4	0	0
Woodmere	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>204</b>

# 2020 Delinquent and Unruly Youth, Cases and Charges (By Area of Residence)

## Area of Residence Summary

	Total Youth	Total Cases	Total Charges	Person	Property	Drug	Public Order	Other	Unruly
Cleveland	972	1,617	4,909	1,991	1,662	31	1,073	7	145
Suburbs	1,120	1,515	3,176	1,088	1,000	52	831	1	204
Out of County	103	131	322	99	143	1	78	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>3,263</b>	<b>8,407</b>	<b>3,178</b>	<b>2,805</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>350</b>

## Delinquent and Unruly Youth by Area of Residence (Heatmap)





# 2020 Charges in Delinquency and Unruly Cases

## Offense Breakdown

Person Offenses	Charges
<b>Assault</b>	<b>1,004</b>
<i>Felony</i>	417
<i>Misdemeanor</i>	587
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>93</b>
<i>Aggravated Murder, Specific Intention</i>	22
<i>Attempted Aggravated Murder, Specific Intention</i>	2
<i>Murder</i>	29
<i>Attempted Murder</i>	33
<i>Voluntary Manslaughter</i>	4
<i>Involuntary Manslaughter</i>	1
<i>Reckless Homicide</i>	2
<b>Kidnapping and Extortion</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Sex Offenses</b>	<b>278</b>
<i>Rape</i>	101
<i>Gross Sexual Imposition</i>	78
<i>Other Sex Offenses</i>	99
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>Harassment</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Menacing</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>1,184</b>
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>3,178</b>

Drug Offenses	Charges
<b>Trafficking</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Possession</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Paraphernalia</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>84</b>

Public Order Offenses	Charges
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>498</b>
<b>Liquor Violations</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Obstruction of Justice</b>	<b>575</b>
<b>Resisting Arrest</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Riot/Inducing Panic</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Weapons</b>	<b>528</b>
<i>Felony</i>	457
<i>Misdemeanor</i>	71
<b>Possessing Criminal Tools</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Littering</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>1,982</b>

Property Offenses	Charges
<b>Arson</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>Fraud/Forgery</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Receiving Stolen Property</b>	<b>478</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>1,136</b>
<b>Trespassing</b>	<b>337</b>
<b>Vandalism</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>2,805</b>

Other Offenses	Charges
<b>Cruelty Against Companion Animal</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>8</b>

Unruly Offenses	Charges
<b>Unruly Offenses Include Truancy, Curfew and Incurrigibility</b>	<b>350</b>

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**Grand Total Charges** 8,407

# 2020 Detention Services Population

## Secure Detention

Admissions	Male	Female	Total
Black	347	75	422
White	38	12	50
Hispanic	17	3	20
Asian	1	0	1
Other	12	5	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>510</b>
<b>Average Length of Stay, Non-Bindovers</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Average Length of Stay, Bindovers</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>110</b>

## Pre-Trial Monitoring

Admissions	Male	Female	Total
Black	243	67	310
White	37	20	57
Hispanic	10	1	11
Asian	0	0	0
Other	9	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>388</b>
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>81</b>

## Shelter Care

Admissions	Male	Female	Total
Black	78	30	108
White	13	3	16
Hispanic	6	0	6
Asian	0	0	0
Other	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>

*Note: Average length of stay is measured in days*

# 2020 Age and Sex at Time of Filing

## Male Youth

Age	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Male Total
9	1	0	0	0	0	1
10	10	4	0	0	2	16
11	16	1	2	0	2	21
12	31	5	2	0	4	42
13	72	15	8	0	8	103
14	124	23	8	0	6	161
15	178	60	10	0	10	258
16	231	62	10	1	9	313
17	271	101	14	0	12	398
18+	64	43	2	2	1	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1,425</b>

## Female Youth

Age	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Female Total
9	0	1	0	0	0	1
10	1	0	0	0	0	1
11	7	1	0	0	0	8
12	26	10	1	0	3	40
13	40	15	2	0	7	64
14	56	31	4	0	2	93
15	83	37	4	0	3	127
16	105	52	5	1	8	171
17	121	62	7	1	6	197
18+	42	18	3	0	5	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>770</b>

## All Youth

Age	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Total
9	1	1	0	0	0	2
10	11	4	0	0	2	17
11	23	2	2	0	2	29
12	57	15	3	0	7	82
13	112	30	10	0	15	167
14	180	54	12	0	8	254
15	261	97	14	0	13	385
16	336	114	15	2	17	484
17	392	163	21	1	18	595
18+	106	61	5	2	6	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2,195</b>

## Habitually Truant Youth by Outcome

Outcome	Male	Female	Total
Successfully Diverted	53	57	110
Unsuccessfully Diverted	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>110</b>

## Habitually Truant Youth Breakdown

Race	Male	Female	Total
Black	15	14	29
White	28	35	63
Hispanic	6	2	8
Asian	1	1	2
Other	3	5	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>110</b>

## Youth Committed

Race	Male	Female	Total Youth
Black	61	7	68
White	2	1	3
Hispanic	2	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74</b>

## Age at Commitment

Age	Total Youth
13	2
14	6
15	14
16	14
17	18
18+	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>

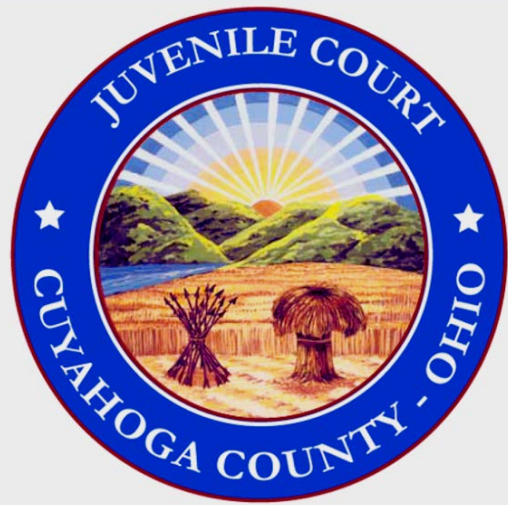
## Charges

Charge	Total Charges
Aggravated Assault	4
Aggravated Burglary	5
Aggravated Riot	5
Aggravated Robbery	48
Aggravated Trafficking In Drugs	1
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	1
Assault	9
Breaking And Entering	1
Burglary	8
Carrying Concealed Weapons	7
Drug Possession	3
Escape	3
Failure To Comply	2
Felonious Assault	18
Gross Sexual Imposition	2
Harassment By Inmate	2
Having Weapons While Under Disability	11
Improperly Handling Firearms In A Motor Vehicle	7
Intimidation Of Crime Victim Or Witness	1
Involuntary Manslaughter	1
Kidnapping	4
Misuse Of Credit Cards	1
Murder	1
Possessing Criminal Tools	1
Rape	6
Receiving Stolen Property	18
Reckless Homicide	1
Revocation	10
Robbery	34
Sexual Battery	5
Tampering With Evidence	1
Theft	13
Vandalism	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>

## Degree of Charges

Degree	Total Charges
F1	61
F2	45
F3	44
F4	56
F5	21
PV	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>

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