

ANNUAL REPORT

CUYAHOGA COUNTY **JUVENILE** COURT ANNUAL REPORT **1981**

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Sirs:

In compliance with Section 2151.18 of the Revised Code, we submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court for the calendar year 1981, showing the number and kind of cases that have come before it, the disposition thereof by the Court, and other data pertaining to the work of the Court of interest to you and to the general public.

Respectfully submitted,
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JUVENILE COURT TAKES

A major transition period began in 1981 as the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court took on the challenge of assuming additional responsibilities mandated by both new state legislation and reductions in community resources for youngsters during a period of economic cutbacks.

On November 23, 1981, the signing of a new statute, Amended Substitute House Bill 440, set in motion a number of significant changes in the state's juvenile justice system. Most significant under the new law:

■ ■ The Court may commit only youngsters found delinquent on felony charges for institutionalization with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS), formerly the Ohio Youth Commission. As a result, the Court is planning community alternatives for youngsters found delinquent on misdemeanor charges or for violation of court orders. These alternatives may include shelter care, day care, foster homes, group homes and other options.

■ ■ The Court's authority over youngsters committed to ODYS has expanded. With the establishment of six-month minimum commitment times in institutions for third and fourth degree felony offenders, one year for first and second degree felony offenders and until the age of 21 for murder and aggravated murder, only the committing judge may review and reduce commitment terms. This process carries with it increased paper work and court hearings. As requests for early release are filed, for example, the Court must schedule and hear these motions.

■ ■ The Court may detain status offenders, youngsters charged with offenses such as truancy, running away and incorrigibility that apply only to those under the age of 18, no longer than five days in the Detention Home. To meet the needs of those who can't return home after five days, the Court has established contracts for shelter care with community agencies and will explore other alternatives in the coming year.



ON NEW CHALLENGES

Anticipating these changes, early in 1981 the Court appointed an interdepartmental planning committee because it realized the legislation would necessitate extensive reorganization. The Court looks upon the task of successful implementation as an opportunity to reorganize and expand, where necessary, and to add to its existing services to provide a broader range of programming.

To help finance the additional programs and procedures necessary to meet these responsibilities, the new law carries with it provisions for a Youth Services Subsidy, with the subsidy amount for each county based on population. The subsidy can be used for prevention, diversion, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation and for foster care. The Court hopes to utilize Cuyahoga County's allocation to help compensate for the community resources that have diminished because of reductions in state and federal aid for youth services, as well as to underwrite the assumption of its new responsibilities.



Further changes in existing state statutes have increased Juvenile Court's responsibilities in other areas, particularly in cases where youngsters are placed outside their homes. Since 1977, the Court has monitored the plans submitted by both public and private agencies for youngsters in their care through the custody review process. In its four years of existence, the review process has grown more complex as time limits on plans for either reuniting youngsters with their original families or placing them with adoptive families have been decreased and the procedures surrounding requests for permanent custody have become more exact.

The Court has absorbed these additional requirements by adding staff to its custody review unit and increasing from two to five the number of citizens custody review boards which help examine the planning proposed for youngsters in temporary custody. Through these procedures, the Court assures that youngsters return to their families or move as quickly as possible into permanent, stable family situations.

Along with these new obligations, Juvenile Court has a wide jurisdiction of long-standing responsibilities—the adjudication and disposition of the cases of unruly, delinquent, dependent, neglected and abused youngsters as well as adult cases involving the well-being of youngsters, such as paternity, child support and contributing cases. Ever mindful of the need to explore new options in handling its functions, the Court added family counseling, home detention and victim aid services in 1981. (These are described in detail in subsequent sections of this Annual Report.)



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The research essential to the successful ongoing development of these programs and future ones will be more readily available and exact as a result of the steps taken to create a research department at the Court in 1981. Using its sophisticated Juvenile Court Information System, recognized as one of the finest in the country, the Court is designing a research department that will be capable of tracking families to plot trends, examine the effectiveness of programs and tailor services to meet the needs of youngsters and their families.



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Though its scope of jurisdiction is wide, Juvenile Court cannot and does not operate in a vacuum. It depends on community resources to supplement in-house legal, diversion, counseling and treatment services. Because of economic measures taken by both public and private funding sources, the Court saw these resources decrease in 1981. It hopes to encourage, wherever possible, the re-institution of effective programs that have been reduced or curtailed and the development of additional needed resources. Of particular need for youngsters are psychiatric facilities, substance abuse treatment programs and additional placement options for youngsters who need specialized services, but not institutionalization.

Looking to the future, the Court hopes to meld the changes that it began to undertake in 1981 with its long history of successful service to the community and its youth to provide an even stronger range of services.

CHANGES UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE DETENTION HOME

Ideally, there would be no youngsters in the Juvenile Detention Home, but reality never produces that ideal. There are always youngsters who must remain in the temporary holding facility while awaiting court appearances, placements or commitments to institutions. To make the stays of those youngsters as secure, humane and productive as possible, the staff and administration of the Detention Home continued their efforts to improve the quality of life in the facility in 1981.

Reduction of the DH population serves as the foundation for steps to better the facility. A lower population means that child care workers, teachers, activities staff, social workers, medical personnel and others can direct greater attention to individual youngsters, decreasing tensions all around. Several advances were made towards this goal in 1981.

With the support of a federal grant, the Court established a Home Detention Program that allows some youngsters who would normally be detained in DH to return to the community with special restrictions. Under the new program, youngsters who need greater security, but who could remain at home pending court hearings with closer supervision, return home after being admitted to DH. They do so under the guidance of a Home Detention worker who provides behavior supervision to supplement the parents.

Each of five Home Detention workers carries a caseload of only five youngsters and makes daily contacts with them until their cases reach court. That short-term behavior supervision may include getting youngsters involved in activities such as recreation or odd jobs to structure their time with alternatives to delinquent activities, making referrals to other agencies that offer special services for youths and their parents and helping youngsters and their parents resolve conflicts.

Eligibility for the Home Detention Program is limited to youngsters who need close supervision pending court hearings, but who have no history of violent offenses. Both the youngster and at least one parent must be willing to comply with the program's requirements for daily supervision.

While the Home Detention Program contributed significantly to a lower DH population, other measures also helped lower the population. Tighter restrictions were established to limit the length of time a youngster could remain in DH after being adjudicated delinquent and committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. In May, Administrative Judge John J. Toner ordered that the state move youngsters committed to its custody within 24 hours of the Court's completion of legal paperwork surrounding their cases.

The Court's compliance with a new state law allowing status offenders—youngsters charged with offenses such as unruliness and running away from home that are not offenses for adults—to remain in DH no more than five days further lowered the population. The Court has arranged to shelter status offenders who can't return home after five days in group homes or a runaway shelter.

As always, the DH staff continued to screen all youngsters brought there off the streets by police, security officers and individual citizens, releasing many in the custody of their parents or other responsible adults pending court appearances and holding those who present dangers to themselves or the community, those who have no homes to return to and those whose return for court appearances is doubtful.

In addition to focusing on ways to reduce the DH population, staff and administration also concentrated on providing better services to residents. A few areas of the almost 50-year-old structure were remodeled and refurbished to create a more pleasant environment. More work is needed to adapt spaces to suit needs, but so far the funds for these alterations have not been available. In particular, the gym, school and activities areas are inadequate.

Another major project, to improve DH programming, formalizing procedures, began. Within the next year this should be complete and a manual detailing standardized procedures will be available for reference as a supplement to the orientation and ongoing training that staff receive.

The Court also actively lobbied for the expansion of services in the DH school operated by the Cleveland Board of Education. Diagnostic testing, individualized learning programs and improved library resources are a few of the hoped-for additions that the Court believes would enhance the learning experiences of students in the DH school.

The Detention Home is a 24-hour operation that supplies not only basic needs such as educational, recreational, medical, laundry and food services but also supervision for a variety of youngsters. With the help of advisors from the community, consultants with special expertise in such operations and the skills of staff and administration, the Court plans to continue to meet that challenge by making every effort to provide a positive experience for the youngsters who must stay in the Detention Home.



SPECIALIZED SERVICES MEET THE

The Social Services Department has been a major component of Juvenile Court's operations since the Court was established in 1902 with a corps of volunteer probation officers. Since then, the department has grown not only in size but also in complexity and sophistication.

With the addition in 1981 of a Family Counseling Unit and a Victim Aid Services Unit, the department pursued a long-range plan for specialization of services. Both new units were funded through a subsidy from the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

Established in June, the Family Counseling Unit focuses on whole families, not just youths, because a youngster's problems may reflect a family's problems. Successful treatment of a youngster's problems may depend on helping the family to handle their problems.

Operating under the burden of heavy caseloads, probation officers don't always have the time needed to work with entire families to resolve their difficulties. They may find it difficult to see the youngsters on their caseloads more than once a month. Family counselors who carry smaller caseloads are able to schedule time with families more frequently and work more intensively with them to resolve their problems.

The other new unit, Victim Aid Services, provides dual benefits to youngsters and victims, the often forgotten element in crimes. In arranging for youngsters to make restitution for damages and losses they have caused, the new unit not only helps relieve the financial burdens of victims but also helps rehabilitate youngsters by giving them tangible responsibilities for their actions.



NEEDS OF A VARIETY OF CLIENTS

Victim Aid Services receives cases from probation officers who see that between \$15.00 and \$300.00 of damages or loss is involved. A member of the unit's staff of two visits the victim to gather information and then includes that in the family record that is presented in court when the case comes in for hearing. With this information, a judge or referee can make a restitution order that is a part of the terms of probation, if the youngster is found delinquent.

When a restitution order is made, the staff member contacts the youngster and parents about how restitution is to be made. There are a number of methods of abiding with the restitution order.

If a youngster already has a job, the payments may be made from that income, but with unemployment high for teenagers, few have jobs. As a result, a Victim Aid staff member may help the youngster find a job or odd jobs to fund the restitution. In some cases, the parents may agree to make the restitution, and the Victim Aid staff member then arranges for the youngster to "pay back" the parental payment through extra chores and responsibilities. Another option is for the youngster to work for the victim—perhaps repairing the damages done.

Regardless of the way restitution is made, both sides gain.

Plans call for expanding the unit and investigating resources to subsidize youth employment opportunities to provide jobs where a youngster could earn a paycheck, 85 percent of which would go towards restitution, and learn good work habits.

These units join the existing components of the Social Services Department in providing a full spectrum of services to advance the rehabilitation of youngsters. The services begin with the investigative probation officers who collect information about youngsters and their families for presentation during dispositional hearings when a judge or referee decides what treatment best suits youngsters' needs. They include supervisory probation officers, who oversee the rehabilitation of youngsters placed on probation; psychiatrists and psychologists, who evaluate youngsters; placement officers, who coordinate placement arrangements for youngsters to be placed outside their homes with private agencies and follow through with preparing families for the return of their youngsters at the conclusion of those placements, and custody review officers, who regularly review the custody status of youngsters who have been placed outside their homes in state-licensed facilities.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 1981

During the year 1981, a total of 29,589 actions were processed through the Court's intake office. These included 25,603 new complaints and 3,986 alias actions which involved continuing action on previously disposed of matters, such as probation violations, violations of court orders and motions to show cause.

In addition to the 29,589 complaints processed for court hearings, the intake office disposed of an additional 5,032 complaints at the point of the intake process without further court action. These included referrals to diversion programs, private and public agencies, other Courts, and by conferences and correspondence.

Taking into consideration those cases disposed of without court action, the overall volume of transactions through the intake process amounted to 34,621 actions in 1981, compared with 34,662 in 1980.

Of the new complaints processed, 22,661 concerned children's cases, including 10,308 delinquency and unruly cases (of which 656 were referred to Court and agency diversion programs), 11,578 juvenile traffic cases, 256 neglected children's cases, 294 dependent children's cases and 120 applications to determine custody. Adult cases, amounting to 2,942, included 2,329 paternity cases, 339 non-support cases and 49 cases of contributing to delinquency and/or unruliness. There were also 41 cases of child abuse filed and six cases of endangering children. In addition, 158 adults were charged with violations of the compulsory education law. (See Tables 4 and 9 for types of cases intake disposed of with official Court action.)

Delinquency complaints in 1981 numbered 8,030 compared with 7,744 in 1980, and unruly complaints totaled 1,622 compared with 1,784 in 1980. Both types of cases amounted to 9,652 juvenile cases in 1981 compared with 9,528 cases in 1980, or 124 more cases in 1981 than in 1980.

For purposes of statistical comparison, those cases, 656 and 504 respectively, referred to the Court's diversion program and the Department of Youth Services Diversion Project of Cuyahoga County are omitted from the statistical tables included in this report since no formal charges were accepted for adjudication.

In the delinquency category, charges of theft represented the single highest offenses for both boys and girls, 1,475 boys and 548 girls, for a total of 2,023 offenses. The next most frequent offense was unlawful entry and stealing, 1,279 boys and 82 girls, for a total of 1,361 cases. Injury to person was the third most frequent offense, amounting to 1,188 cases, 849 boys and 339 girls. Other offenses included 545 destruction of property offenses, 467 disorderly conduct offenses, 420 cases of theft from persons, 293 weapons charges, 194 drug and narcotics offenses and 26 homicides. Possession of weapons cases increased from 199 in 1980 to the 293 recorded in 1981; and the 26 homicides reported in 1981 totaled one more than the 25 recorded in 1980.

Unruliness complaints included 891 incorrigibility cases, 598 truancy cases and 112 runaway complaints. While incorrigibility complaints declined from 1,089 in 1980 to 891 in 1981, truancy complaints increased from 497 in 1980 to 598 in 1981. Total unruliness complaints regarding girls in 1981 remained virtually the same as in 1980, 2,247 compared with 2,245. Boys' cases increased from 7,283 in 1980 to 7,405 in 1981. (See Table 5 for a complete history of offenses filed in 1981 compared with those filed in 1980.)

Dispositions made by the Court concerning new delinquency and unruly cases filed in the Court during the calendar year 1981 are found in Table 6 of this report. In order to avoid duplication of case count, only the original dispositions related to the new filings are recorded in that table, since cases involving multiple filings or violations of probation that result in status changes from probation to placement or from probation to commitment may result in multiple dispositions in a great many instances. As far as primary dispositional alternatives, those of probation, placement and commitment to public correctional institutions, the data on those services need to be augmented as follows: total probation and placement services were provided to 5,584 children, 2,964 of whom were assigned for supervision during the year and 2,620 carried over from last year. Of the total supervised during the year, 5,201 were supervised by the Probation Department and 383 were in placement facilities under the supervision of the placement unit. Of the 383 children in private placement facilities, 137 were placed in 1981 and 246 were carried over in placement from last year.

While 529 commitments to public institutions were made regarding new complaints, a total of 723 commitments were made including those made as a result of probation violations and additional charges. Of the 723 commitments made in 1981, 623 were to the Ohio Youth Commission (557 boys and 66 girls) and 100 were to the Youth Development Center of Cuyahoga County (64 boys and 36 girls). These compare with 661 to the Ohio Youth Commission in 1980 (608 boys and 53 girls) and 156 to the Youth Development Center (120 boys and 36 girls).

Other dispositions included 34 boys bound over to the Adult Division of the Common Pleas Court to stand trial as adults. In the unofficial category of cases, an additional 1,528 cases were adjusted in informal proceedings. (See Table 6 for all dispositions made in delinquency and unruly cases.) Descriptions of Court services as reflected in these dispositions are provided elsewhere in this report.

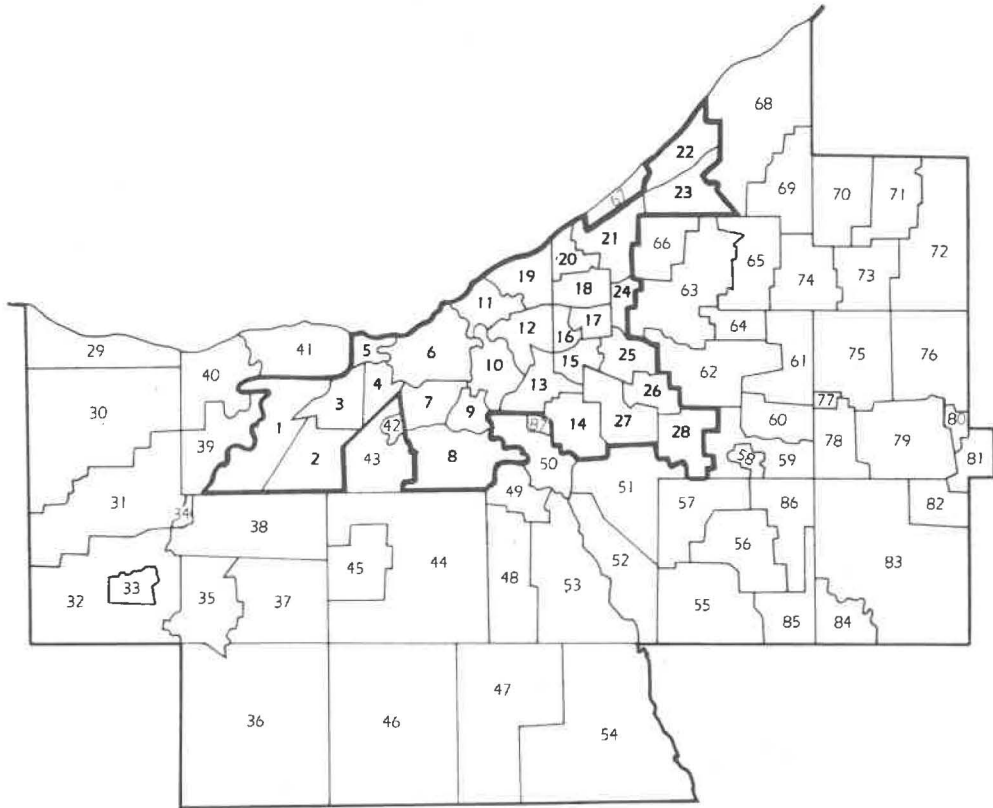
Geographical distribution of cases within the county remained virtually the same as last year, with 60 percent of the complaints concerning children living in the city of Cleveland and with 40 percent concerning children living in other areas of the county. The five highest areas of complaints in the city of Cleveland were: Corlett, 587 cases; the Central areas, 585; Glenville, 566 cases; the Near West Side, 546 cases, and Hough, 371 cases. The five highest areas of complaints from suburban areas were: Cleveland Heights, 398 cases; Lakewood, 374 cases, East Cleveland, 290 cases; Parma 283 cases, and Euclid, 224 cases. (Please see Table 1 for Delinquent and Unruly Complaints Filed by Area of Residence, 1981 and 1980.)

Suburban police departments filed 2,940 complaints with the Court, while the police department of the city of Cleveland filed 2,717 complaints. Other major sources of complaints included: parents, 938 cases; citizens, 827 cases; store security officers, 626 cases; the Cleveland Board of Education, 547 cases, and suburban school boards, 403 cases. (For a complete listing of the various sources of referral, see Table 2.)

The Court's custody review unit is responsible for reviewing the placement status of children placed out of their homes. In 1981 the unit conducted 5,365 initial and annual reviews in evaluating the placement of dependent, neglected, delinquent and unruly children placed in agency custody. The four citizens review boards assisted the unit by conducting 1,174 of the 5,365 reviews.

—Richard Gallitto
Statistician

CLEVELAND AREA MAP LOCATION OF COMMUNITIES



CITY OF CLEVELAND BY SOCIAL PLANNING AREAS

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Central 16 | Mt. Pleasant 26 |
| Central-East 17 | Near West Side 6 |
| Central-West 12 | North Broadway 13 |
| Clark-Fulton 7 | North Collinwood 22 |
| Corlett 27 | Norwood 20 |
| Denison 9 | Puritas-Belaire 2 |
| Downtown 11 | Riverside 1 |
| Edgewater 5 | South Broadway 14 |
| Glenville 21 | South Brooklyn 8 |
| Goodrich 19 | South Collinwood 23 |
| Hough 18 | Tremont 10 |
| Jefferson 3 | University 24 |
| Kinsman 15 | West Side 4 |
| Lee-Miles 28 | Woodland Hills 25 |

SUBURBAN CITIES VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS

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| Bay Village 29 | Mayfield Heights 73 |
| Beachwood 61 | Middleburg Heights 37 |
| Bedford 56 | Moreland Hills 79 |
| Bedford Heights 86 | Newburgh Heights 87 |
| Bentleyville 82 | North Olmsted 31 |
| Berea 35 | North Randall 58 |
| Bratenahl 67 | North Royalton 46 |
| Brecksville 54 | Oakwood 85 |
| Broadview Heights 47 | Olmsted Falls 33 |
| Brookpark 38 | Olmsted Township 32 |
| Brooklyn 43 | Orange 78 |
| Brooklyn Heights 49 | Parma 44 |
| Chagrin Falls 81 | Parma Heights 45 |
| Chagrin Falls | Pepper Pike 75 |
| Township 80 | Richmond Heights 69 |
| Cleveland Heights 63 | Riveredge Township 34 |
| Cuyahoga Heights 50 | Rocky River 40 |
| East Cleveland 66 | Seven Hills 48 |
| Euclid 68 | Shaker Heights 62 |
| Fairview Park 39 | Solon 83 |
| Garfield Heights 51 | South Euclid 65 |
| Gates Mills 72 | Strongsville 36 |
| Glenwillow 84 | University Heights 64 |
| Highland Heights 70 | Valley View 52 |
| Hunting Valley 76 | Walton Hills 55 |
| Independence 53 | Warrensville Heights 59 |
| Lakewood 41 | Warrensville |
| Linndale 42 | Township 60 |
| Lyndhurst 74 | Westlake 30 |
| Maple Heights 57 | Woodmere 77 |
| Mayfield 71 | |

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FILED BY AREA OF RESIDENCE 1981 AND 1980

TABLE 1

Area of Residence City of Cleveland by Social Planning Areas	Boys' Cases		Girls' Cases		Total Cases	
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
Central	110	89	43	37	153	126
Central-East	99	90	22	23	121	113
Central-West	236	218	75	59	311	277
Central-Fulton	120	122	39	52	159	174
Corlett	472	410	115	126	587	536
Denison	132	111	29	25	161	136
Downtown	4	14	8	11	12	25
Edgewater	58	59	15	27	73	86
Glenville	414	417	152	131	566	548
Goodrich	23	33	7	5	30	38
Hough	289	282	82	93	371	375
Jefferson	105	86	29	28	134	114
Kinsman	106	99	24	19	130	118
Lee-Miles	194	173	63	56	257	229
Mt. Pleasant	253	220	57	57	310	277
Near West Side	401	456	145	111	546	567
North Broadway	94	112	14	27	108	139
North Collinwood	77	51	21	20	98	71
Norwood	151	148	50	45	201	193
Puritas-Belaire	96	114	27	37	123	151
Riverside	88	78	29	23	117	101
South Broadway	129	107	43	37	172	144
South Brooklyn	102	81	39	33	141	114
South Collinwood	160	204	48	52	208	256
Tremont	130	126	35	44	165	170
University	28	31	5	10	33	41
West Side	177	137	42	38	219	175
Woodland Hills	230	183	59	64	289	247
Total, City of Cleveland	4,478	4,251	1,317	1,290	5,795	5,541

Area of Residence Suburban Cities, Villages and Townships	Boys' Cases		Girls' Cases		Total Cases	
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
Bay Village	29	59	11	16	40	75
Beachwood	4	12	9	3	13	15
Bedford	38	37	6	21	44	58
Bedford Heights	57	44	8	9	65	53
Bentleyville	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berea	60	47	18	8	78	55
Bratenahl	1	0	1	1	2	1
Brecksville	6	14	1	3	7	17
Broadview Heights	12	36	7	4	19	40
Brookpark	126	90	51	44	177	134
Brooklyn	17	12	3	8	20	20
Brooklyn Heights	4	1	2	3	6	4
Chagrin Falls	7	10	2	1	9	11
Chagrin Falls Township	0	0	1	0	1	0
Cleveland Heights	295	258	103	59	398	317
Cuyahoga Heights	4	0	0	3	4	3
East Cleveland	210	240	80	90	290	330
Euclid	166	225	58	70	224	295
Fairview Park	52	32	15	14	67	46
Garfield Heights	96	124	23	29	119	153
Gates Mills	3	3	1	0	4	3
Glenwillow	0	0	1	2	1	2

NRUPLY COMPLAINTS

FILED BY AREA OF RESIDENCE 1981 AND 1980

TABLE 1

Area of Residence	Boys' Cases		Girls' Cases		Total Cases	
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
Suburban Cities, Villages and Townships						
Highland Heights	10	17	7	0	17	17
Hunting Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independence	20	1	3	3	23	4
Lakewood	280	270	94	102	374	372
Linndale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyndhurst	33	30	14	8	47	38
Maple Heights	80	109	33	39	113	148
Mayfield	7	7	1	3	8	10
Mayfield Heights	48	34	14	11	62	45
Middleburg Heights	40	40	7	12	47	52
Moreland Hills	4	3	4	0	8	3
Newburgh Heights	9	5	0	6	9	11
North Olmsted	138	135	51	38	189	173
North Randall	1	0	0	2	1	2
North Royalton	41	68	7	11	48	79
Oakwood	35	24	7	3	42	27
Olmsted Falls	24	24	9	9	33	33
Olmsted Township	17	24	4	3	21	27
Orange	4	1	0	0	4	1
Parma	214	203	69	84	283	287
Parma Heights	43	53	14	18	57	71
Pepper Pike	15	8	5	3	20	11

Area of Residence	Boys' Cases		Girls' Cases		Total Cases	
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
Suburban Cities, Villages and Townships						
Richmond Heights	11	18	3	8	14	26
Riveredge Township	0	0	3	1	3	1
Rocky River	26	29	10	9	36	38
Seven Hills	11	15	5	13	16	28
Shaker Heights	88	69	9	19	97	88
Salon	21	22	9	9	30	31
South Euclid	68	78	21	19	89	97
Strongsville	74	82	23	18	97	100
University Heights	62	36	17	8	79	44
Valley View	2	1	1	1	3	2
Walton Hills	6	10	3	4	9	14
Warrensville Heights	98	94	20	27	118	121
Warrensville Township	0	1	0	0	0	1
Westlake	64	74	16	14	80	88
Woodmere	4	0	0	0	4	0
Total, Suburbs	2,785	2,829	884	893	3,669	3,722
Agency Residents	9	20	3	11	12	31
Out-of-County Residents	123	144	38	39	161	183
Area Designations Unknown	10	39	5	12	15	51
Grand Total	7,405*	7,283*	2,247*	2,245*	9,652*	9,528*

*Diverted Cases are not included in the above data.

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Police Department	Boys	Girls	Total
Bay Village	32	2	34
Beachwood	15	9	24
Bedford	46	4	50
Bedford Heights	42	2	44
Bentleyville	0	0	0
Berea	57	6	63
Bratenahl	9	0	9
Brecksville	0	0	0
Broadview Heights	21	0	21
Brookpark	88	14	102
Brooklyn	33	5	38
Brooklyn Heights	4	0	4
Chagrin Falls	15	2	17
Chagrin Falls Township	0	0	0
Cleveland	2,397	320	2,717
Cleveland Heights	334	46	380
Cuyahoga Heights	0	0	0
East Cleveland	102	10	112
Euclid	114	18	132
Fairview Park	46	4	50
Garfield Heights	73	10	83
Gates Mills	2	0	2

Police Department	Boys	Girls	Total
Highland Heights	6	1	7
Independence	24	4	28
Lakewood	226	41	267
Linndale	2	0	2
Lyndhurst	21	1	22
Maple Heights	79	7	86
Mayfield	12	0	12
Mayfield Heights	14	6	20
Middleburg Heights	63	17	80
Moreland Hills	2	1	3
Newburgh Heights	7	0	7
North Olmsted	101	25	126
North Randall	89	47	136
North Royalton	26	3	29
Oakwood	19	1	20
Olmsted Falls	16	4	20
Olmsted Township	7	0	7
Orange	8	0	8
Parma	195	52	247
Parma Heights	20	3	23
Pepper Pike	6	0	6
Richmond Heights	10	9	19

COMPLAINT SOURCES 1981 TABLE 2

Police Department	Boys	Girls	Total
Riveredge	1	0	1
Rocky River	30	1	31
Seven Hills	2	1	3
Shaker Heights	171	6	177
Solon	19	6	25
South Euclid	55	8	63
Strongsville	60	9	69
University Heights	8	3	11
Valley View	0	0	0
Walton Hills	14	1	15
Warrensville Heights	124	23	147
Warrensville Township	0	0	0
Westlake	52	5	57
Woodmere	1	0	1
Citizens	579	248	827
Cleveland Board of Education	406	141	547
Other School Boards	224	179	403
Parents, Relatives, Guardians	425	513	938
Social Agencies	79	76	155
Other Police	183	61	244
Store Security	391	235	626
Other Sources	198	57	255
Total	7,405*	2,247*	9,652*

*Diverted cases are not included in the above data.

AGES OF DELINQUENT AND UNRULY CHILDREN IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY 1981 TABLE 3

Ages	Boys	Girls	Total
Eight and Under	24	5	29
Nine	55	14	69
Ten	98	25	123
Eleven	196	39	235
Twelve	341	92	433
Thirteen	617	249	866
Fourteen	1,002	421	1,423
Fifteen	1,431	471	1,902
Sixteen	1,761	525	2,286
Seventeen	1,880	406	2,286
Total	7,405	2,247	9,652

TOTAL COMPLAINTS

1981 COMPARED WITH 1980 TABLE 4

New Complaints: Children's Cases	1981	1980
Delinquency: Boys	6,593	6,413
Girls	1,437	1,331
Total Delinquency	8,030	7,744
Unruliness: Boys	812	870
Girls	810	914
Total Unruliness	1,622	1,784
Children Referred to Diversion Programs	656	504
Total Cases Referred	10,308	10,032
Juvenile Traffic Cases	11,578	10,064
Neglected Children's Cases	256	320
Dependent Children's Cases	294	333
Application to Determine Custody	120	338
Application for Approval of Permanent Surrender	20	13
Application for Consent to Marry	25	16
Writ of Habeas Corpus	19	19
Other Cases	41	34
Total Children's Cases	22,661	21,169

New Complaints: Adult Cases	1981	1980
Non-Support of Children	339	357
Neglect of Children	2	3
Endangering Children	6	6
Contributing to Delinquency	17	7
Contributing to Unruliness	32	23
Paternity Complaints	2,329	2,559
Certifications and Motions	12	9
Contempt of Court	21	18
Other Cases	184	85
Total Adult Cases	2,942	3,067
Total New Complaints	25,603	24,236
Alias Complaints	3,986	4,048
Grand Total		
New and Alias Complaints	29,589	28,284

DELINQUENCY AND UNRULY COMPLAINTS 1981 COMPARED WITH 1980 TABLE 5

Complaint	Boys' Cases		Girls' Cases		Total Cases	
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
Homicide	20	21	6	4	26	25
Injury to Person	894	915	339	284	1,188	1,199
Sex Offenses	136	134	12	17	148	151
Arson	73	109	6	9	79	118
Theft from Person	379	314	41	17	420	331
Auto Theft	36	35	15	7	51	42
Unlawful Entry and Stealing	1,279	1,101	82	56	1,361	1,157
Trespassing	315	373	40	62	355	435
Auto Trespass	159	126	4	6	163	132
Destruction of Property	490	515	55	32	545	547
Other Property Offenses	332	288	34	44	366	332
Other Theft (Including Shoplifting)	1,475	1,456	548	581	2,023	2,037
Possession of Weapons	268	178	25	21	293	199
Disorderly Conduct	348	428	119	108	467	536
Drug and Narcotics Violations	164	260	30	36	194	296
Glue and Toxic Vapor Sniffing	3	1	0	0	3	1
Liquor Offenses	90	91	17	28	107	119
Curfew Violation	53	67	19	9	72	76
Truancy	305	266	293	231	598	497
Runaway	46	42	66	75	112	117
Incorrigibility	395	490	496	599	891	1,089
Other Complaint	190	73	0	19	190	92
Total	7,405*	7,283*	2,247*	2,245*	9,652*	9,528*

*Diverted cases are not included in the above data.

DISPOSITIONS MADE IN DELINQUENCY AND UNRULY CASES 1981 TABLE 6

Official Cases	Boys	Girls	Total
Placed on Probation	1,963	642	2,605
Placed in Private Treatment Centers	54	13	67
Committed to Public Institutions	474	55	529
Transferred to Criminal Division, Court of Common Pleas	34	0	34
Transferred to Other Juvenile Courts	70	29	99
Order Made in Other Case	739	103	842
Referred to Other Agency	73	67	140
Dismissed	780	155	935
Withdrawn by Complainant	120	66	186
Parental Supervision	278	95	373
Other Disposition Continued, or Set for Hearing in 1980	45	6	51
	1,275	380	1,655
Total Official Dispositions	5,905	1,611	7,516
Unofficial Cases			
Placed on Probation	119	46	165
Unofficial Supervision	12	8	20
Adjusted by Referee	1,110	418	1,528
Order Made in Other Case	5	0	5
Referred to Other Agency	26	10	36
Dismissed	113	52	165
Withdrawn by Complainant Made Official	16	12	28
	30	37	67
Continued, or Set for Hearing in 1981	69	53	122
Total Unofficial Dispositions	1,500	636	2,136

CASES UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE PROBATION AND PLACEMENT DEPARTMENTS 1981 TABLE 7

Movement of Cases	Probation Department		Placement Department	Total
	Male Staff	Female Staff		
Brought Forward, Jan. 1981	1,636	738	246	2,620
Received for Supervision	2,109	718	137	2,964
Total Under Supervision	3,745	1,456	383	5,584
Removed from Supervision	2,141	772	164	3,077
Carried Forward to 1982	1,604	684	219	2,507

CHILDREN UNDER CARE IN DETENTION HOME 1981 COMPARED WITH 1980 TABLE 8

Population Movement	Boys' Cases		Girls' Cases		Total	
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
Under Care January 1	72	44	41	23	113	67
Admitted During Year	2,084	2,125	847	912	2,931	3,037
Total Under Care	2,156	2,169	888	935	3,044	3,104
Released During Year	2,085	2,097	848	894	2,933	2,991
Under Care Dec. 31	71	72	40	41	111	113
Total Days Care Furnished	30,055	29,604	12,895	14,061	42,950	43,665
Average Daily Population	82	81	35	38	117	119
Average Length of Stay in Days	14.4	14	15.2	15	14.7	14.5

CASES DISPOSED OF WITHOUT OFFICIAL COURT ACTION TABLE 9

Referred to Court Diversion Project	572
Referred to Department of Youth Services Diversion Project	84
Referred to Other Public or Private Agency	129
Referred to Boards of Education	92
Referred to Police Departments	42
Referred to Other Courts	34
Referred to Other Services	47
Referred to Court Workers	475
Disposed of at Intake through Correspondence	1,498
Disposed of at Intake through Phone Calls	544
Disposed of at Intake through Conference	462
Disposed of at Intake, Complaint Refused	948
Complaints Held for Consideration	105
Total Disposed of Without Official Court Action	5,032

DIAGNOSIS OF PATIENTS EXAMINED BY THE COURT PSYCHIATRISTS 1981 TABLE 10

Diagnosis	Boys	Girls	Adults	Total
Psychosis				
Schizophrenia, Various	1	0	0	1
Paranoid Personality	1	0	0	1
Neurosis				
Depressive Reaction	18	12	2	32
Phobic Reaction	2	1	0	3
Other Reaction	2	2	0	4
Personality Disorders				
Passive-Aggressive Personality	2	1	0	3
Anti-Social Personality	1	0	0	1
Schizoid Personality	2	1	0	3
Other Personality Problems	10	7	1	18
Transient Situation Disturbances				
Adjustment Reaction of Childhood	1	0	0	1
Adjustment Reaction of Adolescence	73	46	0	119
Behavior Disorders				
Anxiety Reaction	15	5	0	20
Runaway Reaction	1	1	0	2
Other Behavior Disorders	13	5	1	19
Conduct Disorder	86	54	2	142
Other Disorders				
Mental Retardation	6	1	1	8
Other Diagnosis				
Diagnosis Deferred	11	5	0	16
No Diagnosis Made	77	33	6	116
Total	322	174	13	509

COLLECTION OF MONIES BY THE COURT AND DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINOR CHILDREN 1981 TABLE 11

Type of Collection:

Support of Children	\$3,875,523
Damages or Restitution	9,507
Poundage	78,695
Fines	93,147
Costs	212,489
Appearance Bonds	21,217
State of Ohio-Educational Subsidy	74,024
Miscellaneous General Collections	90,281
Total Amount Collected	\$4,454,883

Money for Support of Childen Disbursed to:

Parents and Relatives	\$2,096,087
Public Agencies:	
Cuyahoga County	
Welfare Department	1,714,980
Other Tax-Supported	
Agencies and Institutions	8,551
Total Public Agencies	1,723,531
Private Agencies:	
Residential Placements	133,470
Local Agencies and Institutions	427
Total Private Agencies	133,897
Grand Total of Support Money Disbursed	\$3,953,515

1981 BUDGET

Court

Salaries and Wages	\$4,740,947
Employee Benefits	1,076,689
Space Maintenance and Office Rentals	1,070,558*
Supplies	53,000
Equipment Rental, Purchase and Repair	59,632
Automotive Expenses	48,880*
Printing	24,000
Private Placement (Board and Care)	1,874,640
Judicial Services	97,000
Assigned Counsel	45,000
Postage	30,000
Communications	150,000*
Travel and Transportation	130,000
Data Processing	281,741*
Publications	12,000
Contractual Services	6,600
Fast Copier	36,500*
Advertising	2,000
ADP Development	5,022*
Electricity	400
Other Expenses	17,000
Subtotal	\$9,761,609

APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

Title IV-D/Child Support

Salaries and Wages	\$999,133
Employee Benefits	226,401
Space Maintenance	314,500*
Supplies	17,150
Equipment Rental, Purchase and Repair	13,122
Printing	3,386
Postage	16,000
Judicial Services	4,500
Assigned Counsel	3,713
Advertising	300
Communications	10,760*
Travel and Transportation	2,000
Fast Copier	3,207
Data Processing	66,814*
Publications	1,535
Other Expenses	1,000
Unappropriated	40,000
Subtotal	\$1,743,521

Detention Home

Salaries and Wages	\$2,084,257
Employee Benefits	414,075
Furniture and Equipment	11,000
Housekeeping Supplies	85,000
Food Supplies	140,000
Medical Supplies	7,000
Clothing Supplies	11,000
Professional and Technical Services	50,000
Other Expenses	25,000
Unappropriated	125,268
Subtotal	\$2,902,600
Total	\$14,407,730

*Charge-back items—These items are solely controlled by the Board of County Commissioners, not the Court.

JUDGES AND COURT ADMINISTRATOR

1981 saw the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court implement new and innovative programs to meet the changing needs of the children of the 80's.

During the year 1981, the Court was faced with the reduction of services for both public and private agencies, resulting from the decision by the President to reduce expenditures of public funds for both preventative and remedial programs. The Ohio Legislature drastically revised the Juvenile Code by passing Amended Substitute House Bill 440, which compelled the Court to provide all services for unruly and delinquent children who had committed a misdemeanor, as well as to assume continued responsibilities for the children committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services for violation of a felony statute. The Court, wisely, foresaw the passage of the legislation and did preliminary studies to determine the needs of the Court and ways of implementing them. The Court explored increased availability of treatment programs, family counseling, crisis intervention, remedial education, diversion, employment programs and restitution/victim services.

In 1981, the modernization of the building was being completed and plans were made to further implement branch offices for our supervising probation officers so that Court services would be more readily available to the children and families being served by our Court.

It was a year of additional challenges, particularly as it related to the problems of the violent offender and the thousands of children daily truant from school in our community. We continued to receive the services of an outstanding Court staff and dedicated Citizens Advisory Board, who reviewed various Court programs and services and assisted in improving the quality and quantity of the services provided clients by the Court. To them, as well and the Board of County Commissioners, but most especially to you the public, we express our sincere gratitude for your continued interest and support.

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