

2002 ANNUAL REPORT

JUVENILE DIVISION

COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

We, at the Court, mourn the passing of Judge Arthur O'Neil Fisher on January 24, 2002. He served as Juvenile Court Judge from 1978 until his retirement in 1994.

In addition, major funding cuts at the State and a sluggish economy impacted several court projects, delaying their development or implementation.

Center for Adolescent Services (CAS)

Because of funding cuts, the implementation of a girls' unit is at a standstill. In addition, CAS is working with a more limited budget in serving its juvenile offenders. In November 2002, CAS did open up the Transition Unit to house 10 residents ready for aftercare and transitioning back with their family and into the community.

New Detention Facility

Major State budget cuts also have translated to slowing down the construction of the new Detention Facility. However, the County Commission has stated that it will move forward. The new facility is unlikely to be completed until 2005. We are currently in the design stage.

New Information System

The Juvenile Court is moving forward with the SoftTec JCS computer system. Many of its modules (Juvenile Tracking, Adult Tracking, Placement, Supervision, etc.) are now functional.

Reclaiming Futures Grant

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant, "Reclaiming Futures" is underway. Under this grant, the Court is in partnership with Wright State University. Its planning focus is substance abuse treatment and intervention, strengths based focus on youth and families and natural helpers as an informal support system. This is a community-wide effort.

Re-location of Probation Services

As 2002 closed, the Department had finished its first full year at the Merrimac Offices. As a Department, it marks the first time in well over 25 years that the Department has been located in one building. The building has provided the Department with extraordinary opportunities to serve youth and families.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Court of law dedicated to the task of upholding the Constitution and administering the laws of our land in a just and equal manner. We must strive to provide individualized justice for our children and protect our community, carefully balancing the interests of both. We believe there must be consequences for violation of the laws and that treatment begins with legal consequences. These consequences are intended to teach one responsibility and accountability for their actions. Yet our goal is not to punish but to rehabilitate whenever rehabilitation can be effected without endangering the community.

Goals:

We are a Juvenile Court and, although protecting children is everyone's responsibility, we must be the catalyst in rallying the entire community toward that end:

Provide for the protection of the community through just and speedy consequences;

Protect the abandoned, neglected and abused and assess and seek treatment for children in need;

Be sensitive and responsive to individual victims and their families;

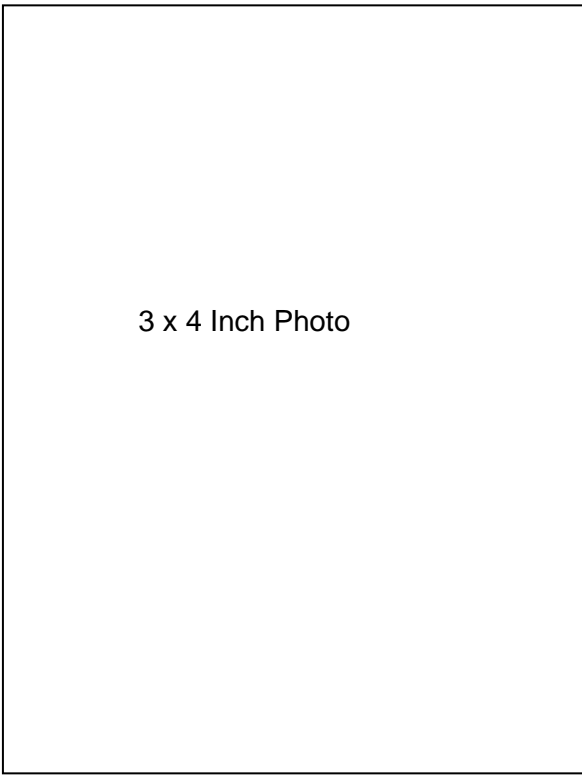
Provide individualized justice for the offenders;

Hold those accountable who fail to meet their obligations as parents, guardians or custodians;

Be a leader in the effective and cost-efficient utilization of community resources for the treatment of children and families; and

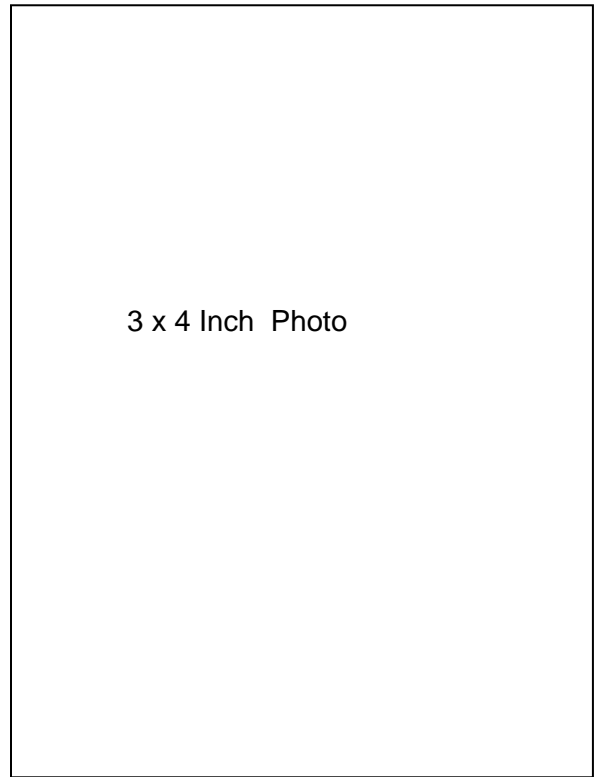
Demand high professional standards for ourselves and make every effort possible to demand the same standards from other government agencies and service providers.

We must pursue these goals vigorously and honestly with the utmost respect for the rights of all our citizens.



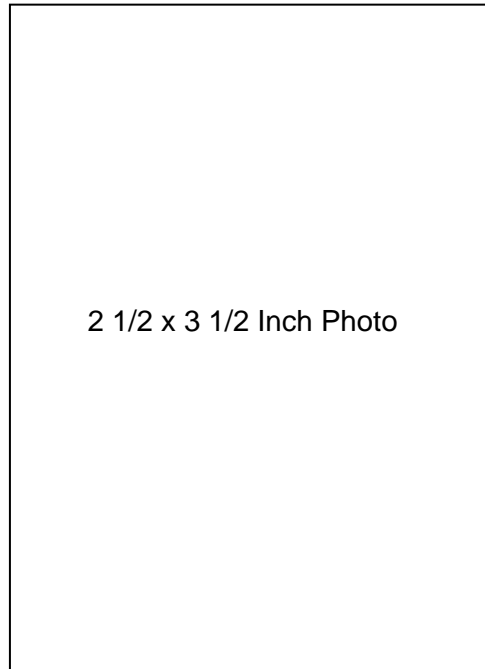
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**JUDGE MICHAEL B. MURPHY
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE**



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JUDGE NICK KUNTZ



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**LEE E. TOWNSEL
COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

REFERRAL SOURCES

THE FOLLOWING REFERRAL SOURCE INFORMATION IS DERIVED FROM ALL COMPLAINTS ON CHILDREN EXCEPT TRAFFIC REFERRALS.

Law Enforcement Agencies	Number of Referrals	Law Enforcement Agencies	Number of Referrals
Sheriff	903	Miamisburg	305
Dayton	3,694	Moraine	238
Ohio State Patrol	3	New Lebanon	69
Brookville	49	Oakwood	70
Butler Township	30	Perry Township	11
Centerville	260	Phillipsburg	1
Clayton	71	Riverside	292
Clay Township	35	Trotwood	822
Englewood	129	Union	67
German Township	23	Vandalia	188
Germantown	53	Washington Township	0
Harrison Township	2	West Carrollton	233
Huber Heights	668		
Jackson Township	18	Five Rivers MetroParks	24
Jefferson Township	2	Dayton Airport Police	30
Kettering Police	635	University of Dayton Police	6
Madison Township	2	Wright Patterson Air Force Base Police	6
Miami Township	541		

TOTAL: 9,480

Other Sources	Number of Referrals	Other Sources	Number of Referrals
Agencies:		School Districts (Continued):	
Juvenile Court	508	Northmont	14
Transferred from Other Counties	543	Northridge Local	54
Children Services Board	1,160	Oakwood	0
County Prosecuting Attorney	1,130	Trotwood-Madison	29
		Valley View	20
School Districts:		Vandalia-Butler	14
Brookville Local	4	West Carrollton	58
Centerville	7	Other Boards of Education	3
Dayton Public Schools	843		
Jefferson Township Local	1	Other Sources:	
Huber Heights	54	Parents or Relatives	255
Kettering	18	Attorneys	502
Mad River Local	18	Other	186
Miamisburg	84	Pro Se	693
Montgomery County	20		

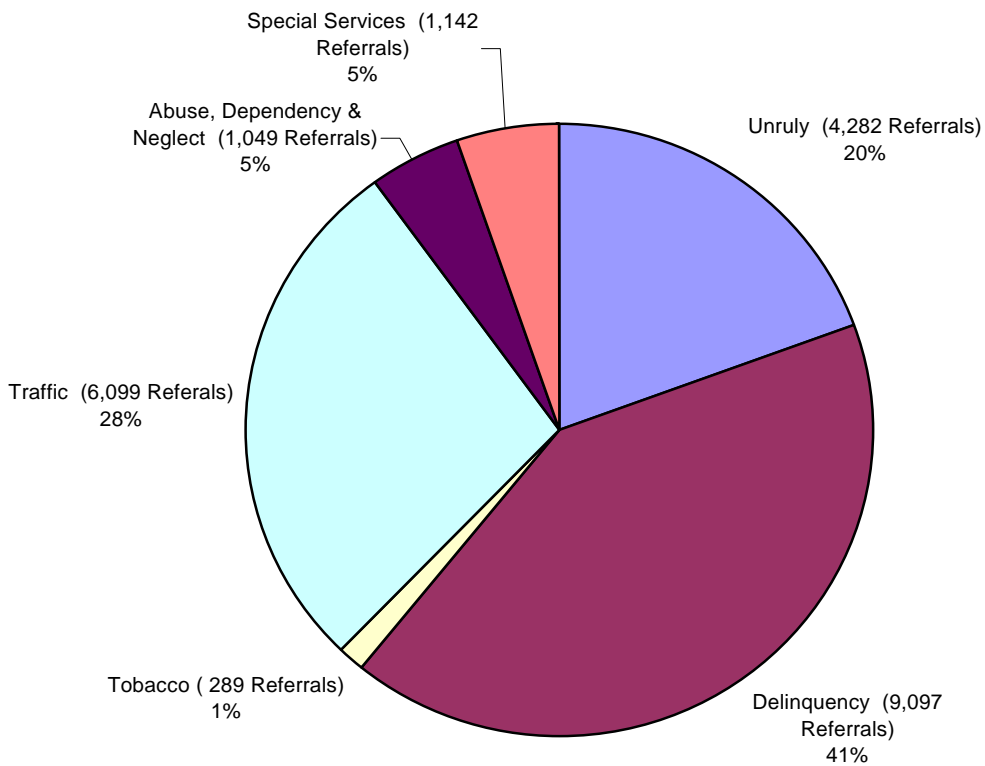
TOTAL: 6,218

REFERRALS ON JUVENILES

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION IS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HANDLING CASES ON DELINQUENT AND UNRULY CHILDREN AS WELL AS THOSE CHARGED WITH TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. THE COURT MUST ALSO MAKE JUDICIAL DETERMINATION RELATING TO DEPENDENT, NEGLECTED AND ABUSED CHILDREN.

2002 JUVENILE REFERRALS

Total Referrals: 21,958



UNRULY CHILD

FAMILY STATUS OF UNRULY YOUTH BY RACE AND SEX

	BLACK		WHITE		OTHER		UNKNOWN		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Both Parents	41	32	150	97	3	1	3	1	197	131	328
Mother Only	452	304	385	303	21	24	35	32	893	663	1,556
Father Only	46	34	98	41	3	2	11	6	158	83	241
Mother & Stepfather	20	17	50	29	2	0	0	0	72	46	118
Father & Stepmother	10	3	16	8	1	0	0	0	27	11	38
Stepfather Only	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Stepmother Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foster Home, Relative or Non-Relative	111	98	59	60	5	2	2	6	177	166	343
Group Home	11	2	10	1	0	1	0	0	21	4	25
Guardian	14	14	16	17	0	0	2	3	32	34	66
Other	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	8	5	13
Unknown	18	20	25	22	0	1	3	3	46	46	92
Total	730	527	814	580	35	31	56	51	1,635	1,189	2,824

UNRULY REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

	11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Truancy	1	1	13	14	123	105	343	275	480	395	875
Runaway	4	2	28	19	102	141	357	428	491	590	1,081
Ungovernable	6	2	17	6	41	48	177	161	241	217	458
Conditions Injurious to Morals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew	7	1	14	3	115	60	512	234	648	298	946
Other Unruly Behavior	21	4	43	23	110	106	339	276	513	409	922
Total	39	10	115	65	491	460	1,728	1,374	2,373	1,909	4,282

UNRULY REFERRALS BY RACE

Referral Reason	Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
Truancy	450	319	19	87	875
Runaway	529	535	14	3	1,081
Ungovernable	166	286	4	2	458
Conditions Injurious to Morals	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew	401	531	9	5	946
Other Unruly Behavior	340	551	14	17	922
TOTAL:	1,886	2,222	60	114	4,282

NON-JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN UNRULY COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	228
Work Program Diversion	57
Dismissed	1
Dismissed Without Prejudice	2,162
Restitution/Community Service	30
Other Community Service/Restitution	231
Parent Enforced House arrest	116
Refer to Mediation	251
Tour of Detention	150
Tour of Montgomery County Jail	78
Write a Letter of Apology	294
Write an Essay	223
Treatment:	
Crisis Care Assessment	71
Mental Health Assessment	36
Counseling	31
The Partnership for Youth	123
Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP) for evaluation	43
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	36
Urinalysis Ordered	80

Non-judicial dispositions are made on unofficial referrals in case reviews.

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN UNRULY COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	106
Application Rights or License Suspension	34
Dismissed	61
Dismissed Without Prejudice	329
Court Costs	15
Fines	20
Restitution/Community Service	53
Other Community Service/Restitution	22
Transfer to Another County	4
Write a Letter of Apology	19
Write an Essay	34
Treatment:	
CrisisCare Mental Health Assessment	47
CrisisCare Alcohol/Substance Abuse Assessment	28
Counseling	173
Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP) for evaluation	90
Probation for Supervision	232
Urinalysis Ordered	11

These are the principal final dispositions ordered by the Court on official referrals. A referral can have more than one disposition.

DELINQUENT CHILD

FAMILY STATUS OF DELINQUENT YOUTH BY RACE AND SEX

	BLACK		WHITE		OTHER		UNKNOWN		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Both Parents	89	30	415	183	14	3	4	1	522	217	739
Mother Only	735	423	721	388	18	11	7	11	1,481	833	2,314
Father Only	98	31	216	78	2	4	5	0	321	113	434
Mother & Stepfather	41	19	83	37	2	0	0	1	126	57	183
Father & Stepmother	11	4	30	7	1	0	0	0	42	11	53
Stepfather Only	3	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	3	11
Stepmother Only	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Foster Home, Relative or Non-Relative	166	102	92	65	8	1	2	5	268	173	441
Group Home	22	3	18	4	1	0	1	0	42	7	49
Guardian	40	16	33	16	0	0	4	2	77	34	111
Other	9	7	11	5	1	0	0	0	21	12	33
Unknown	42	24	71	40	0	2	6	3	119	69	188
Total	1,258	660	1,695	825	47	21	29	23	3,029	1,529	4,558

DELINQUENCY REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

	11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	10
Assault & Menacing	54	13	88	49	216	116	550	289	908	467	1,375
Kidnapping & Extortion	0	0	3	0	2	0	13	1	18	1	19
Sexual Offenses	23	6	24	1	59	0	160	10	266	17	283
Arson & Related Offenses	39	6	90	21	169	23	490	77	788	127	915
Robbery, Burglary & Trespassing	9	7	51	16	128	22	478	81	666	126	792
Theft & Fraud	19	6	60	30	240	151	1,064	543	1,383	730	2,113
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Against Public Peace	4	2	14	11	61	36	304	155	383	204	587
Against Family	4	3	21	9	89	67	274	183	388	262	650
Against Justice & Public Administration	1	1	10	1	39	18	273	94	323	114	437
Weapons Control	4	1	5	2	20	11	150	19	179	33	212
Drug Offenses	0	0	1	1	32	8	446	94	479	103	582
Federal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinances	1	0	1	0	14	4	86	12	102	16	118
Violation of Court Order	0	0	1	1	31	32	229	120	261	153	414
Liquor Violation	0	1	2	1	20	14	373	146	395	162	557
Other Delinquency	0	0	0	0	2	1	19	10	21	11	32
Total	158	46	371	143	1,122	503	4,920	1,834	6,571	2,526	9,097

DELINQUENCY REFERRALS BY RACE

Referral Reason	Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
Homicide	3	7	0	0	10
Assault & Menacing	677	685	5	8	1,375
Kidnapping & Extortion	11	8	0	0	19
Sexual Offenses	115	162	0	6	283
Arson & Related Offenses	251	657	3	4	915
Robbery, Burglary & Trespassing	405	380	3	4	792
Theft & Fraud	1,051	1,035	16	11	2,113
Gambling	1	0	0	0	1
Against Public Peace	210	371	2	4	587
Against Family	228	407	8	7	650
Against Justice & Public Administration	213	222	0	2	437
Weapons Control	110	101	1	0	212
Drug Offenses	144	430	6	2	582
Federal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
Local Ordinances	68	47	3	0	118
Violation of Court Order	217	192	5	0	414
Liquor Violation	34	508	7	8	557
Other Delinquency	8	20	1	3	32
Total:	3,746	5,232	60	59	9,097

NON-JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:

Ordered:	
Admonished	198
Work Program Diversion	148
Dismissed	1
Dismissed Without Prejudice	612
Restitution/Community Service	156
Other Community Service/Restitution	581
Parent Enforced House Arrest	152
Referred to Mediation	431
Tour of Detention	214
Tour of County Jail	123
Transferred to Another Jurisdiction	4
Write a Letter of Apology	570
Write an Essay	368
Treatment:	
CrisisCare Assessment	82
Mental Health Assessment	22
Counseling	115
Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP) for evaluation	61
Urinalysis Ordered	109
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	20
Fire-setters Program	5

Non-judicial dispositions are made on unofficial referrals.

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS IN DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Admonished	703
Application Rights or License Suspension	405
Dismissed	1,347
Dismissed Without Prejudice	1,033
Fines	135
Court Costs	180
Work Program (Community Service/Restitution)	1,495
Other Community Service/Restitution	406
Dayton Mediation Center Referral	57
Transferred to Another Jurisdiction	176
Write a Letter of Apology	472
Write an Essay	201
Tour of Detention	19
Tour of County Jail	11
Commitment:	
Center for Adolescent Services	23
Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS)	167
DYS Revocation	55
Placement:	
Legal Custody	2
Temporary Custody	40
Termination of Temporary Custody	32
Treatment:	
Crisis Care Mental Health Assessments	307
Crisis Care Alcohol or Drug (AoD) Assessments	247
Drug Court	76
Counseling	1,216
Dora Lee Tate Center	624
Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP)	267
Urinalysis Ordered	57
Chemical Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program	4
Chemical Abuse Residential Treatment Program	13
Probation Supervision	1,840
Continued on Probation	312
Sexual Offender Assessment	57
Fire-setters Program	2

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**YOUTH COMMITMENTS TO
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES (DYS)
AND
THE CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT SERVICES (CAS)**

YEAR	DYS COMMITMENTS	DYS REVOCATIONS*	DYS RE-COMMITMENTS**	CAS COMMITMENTS
2002	107	56	17	37
2001	117	45	25	15
2000	146	55	23	-
1999	141	33	27	-
1998	101	28	32	-

*Youth who are on parole with DYS after their release from a DYS institution and are found guilty on a technical violation and returned to DYS for one to three months.

**Youth who are on parole with DYS after their release from a DYS institution and are found guilty of a new felony offense and committed to DYS for a term of six months or longer.

**MOTIONS TO TRANSFER DELINQUENCY CASES
TO ADULT COURT**

The Prosecutor's Office initiates the motions, which request the transfer of delinquency cases to the adult court for prosecution. A case can include more than one referral on a youth.

YEAR	BINDOVER MOTIONS FILED	MOTIONS GRANTED	MOTIONS DENIED OR WITHDRAWN
2002	38	11	24*
2001	36	16	20
2000	43	19	24
1999	32	12	20
1998	25	11	14
1997	32	20	12
1996	34	19	15
1995	31	9	22

* Three of these cases were still pending at the end of 2002.

SCHOOL ATTENDING BY TYPE OF REFERRAL

SCHOOLS	Delinquency		Unruly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
<u>PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>				
BROOKVILLE	75	23	18	7
CENTERVILLE	233	57	55	46
DAYTON CITY SCHOOLS	2,154	854	963	766
HUBER HEIGHTS	449	146	139	103
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	62	29	31	28
KETTERING	381	93	122	100
MAD RIVER	156	90	49	48
MIAMISBURG	220	106	97	104
NEW LEBANON	39	15	7	3
NORTHMONT	204	75	45	29
NORTHRIDGE	98	57	45	67
OAKWOOD	42	3	9	0
TROTWOOD MADISON	250	100	132	118
VALLEY VIEW	57	29	19	17
VANDALIA-BUTLER	136	33	34	20
WEST CARROLLTON	338	80	100	67
<u>PRIVATE SCHOOLS</u>				
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	35	20	5	15
CHARTER SCHOOLS	64	52	35	52
DAYTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS	9	2	1	0
OTHER SCHOOLS	226	74	71	49
SPECIAL CENTERS	147	15	39	5
<u>VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS</u>				
MIAMI VALLEY CAREER TECHNOLOGY	57	14	25	6
OTHER VOCATIONAL	3	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
<u>OTHER</u>				
G.E.D.	32	11	7	8
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	1	2	0	0
HOME SCHOOLING	42	17	14	3
NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL	268	114	83	53
OUT OF COUNTY	294	107	62	52
UNKNOWN	499	308	166	143
MALE/FEMALE TOTALS:	6,571	2,526	2,373	1,909
GRAND TOTAL:	9,097		4,282	

JUVENILE TRAFFIC OFFENDER

TRAFFIC REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
2	0	6	0	83	31	3,991	1,986	4,082	2,017	6,099

TRAFFIC REFERRALS BY RACE

Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
1,454	4,431	148	66	6,099

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:

Admonished	454
Application Rights or License Suspension	872
Application Rights Suspended Until Further Notice	236
Application Rights Suspended -- Failure to Appear	25
Defensive Driving School	10
Weekend Intervention Program	8
Attitude Adjustment Driving Program	10
Dismissed	303
Dismissed Without Prejudice	411
Fines	449
Court Costs	3,446
License Suspended to Parent	13
Modified Driving Privileges	180
Juvenile Court Work Program	9
Other Community Service/Restitution	16
Transfer to Another Jurisdiction	548
Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP)	30
Probation for Supervision	43
Counseling	5
Residential Alternative Program (RAP)	3
Dora Tate Program	3

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TOBACCO REFERRALS

In 2001, a new Tobacco Bill (Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.87) was enacted. This new law expanded the offense of illegal distribution of cigarette or other tobacco products to children. Effective June 12, 2001, the Court began hearing these cases.

TOBACCO REFERRALS BY AGE AND GENDER

11 & Under		12-13		14-15		16 & Over		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1	0	1	0	13	10	201	63	216	73	289

TOBACCO REFERRALS BY RACE

Black	White	Other	Unknown	Total
50	224	3	12	289

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:

Dismissed	6
Dismissed Without Prejudice	4
Fines	53
Fine Suspended	5
Court Costs	22
Court Costs Waived	35

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ABUSED, DEPENDENT AND/OR NEGLECTED CHILD

Referral Reason	Total
Abuse	20
Abuse & Dependency	42
Abuse & Neglect	1
Abuse, Dependency & Neglect	117
Dependency	614
Dependency & Neglect	254
Neglect	1
Total:	1,049

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:

Ordered:	
Dismissed	222
Dismissed Without Prejudice	99
Emancipation of Child	24
Motion Granted	232
Motion Denied	38
Protective Supervision	252
Extension of Protective Supervision	2
Termination of Protective Supervision	2
Support Ordered	34
Termination/Suspension of Child Support	19
Visitation According to Case Plan	274
Visitation Granted	71
Visitation Denied	8
Visitation As Agreed By Parties	216
Visitation Suspended	2
Transfer to Another Jurisdiction	3
Referred to Mediation	10
Placement:	
Permanent Custody	28
Temporary Custody	158
First Extension of Temporary Custody	3
Legal Custody	188
Termination of Legal Custody	26
Termination of Temporary Custody	19
Temporary Custody to Children Services	152
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement Granted	15

The above table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court. A referral can have more than one disposition.

SPECIAL SERVICE REFERRALS

The term "special service" pertains to matters brought before the court, which ordinarily do not involve offenses. These matters include various types of motions, record expungements, writs, and certifications from other courts. One subset is the "Custody related" cases, which pertains to matters dealing with permanent custody, change of custody, temporary custody, visitation, protective supervision, out-of-home placements and foster care.

Referral Reasons	Total
Custody Related	998
Other	144
Total	1,142

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS

Ordered:	
Dismissed	171
Dismissed Without Prejudice	214
Emancipation of Child	25
Motion Granted	822
Motion Denied	118
Protective Supervision	254
Extension of Protective Supervision	1
Termination of Protective Supervision	39
Support Ordered	62
Termination/Suspension of Child Support	95
Visitation According to Case Plan	231
Visitation Granted	274
Visitation As Agreed By Parties	477
Visitation Denied	13
Visitation Suspended	14
Referred to Mediation	65
Shared Parenting	34
Placement:	
Permanent Custody	2
Temporary Custody	82
First Extension of Temporary Custody	107
Second Extension of Temporary Custody	46
Legal Custody	758
Termination of Legal Custody	119
Termination of Temporary Custody	249
Temporary Custody to Children Services	59
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement Granted	62

The above table represents the principal final dispositions ordered by the Juvenile Court. A referral can have more than one disposition.

REFERRALS ON ADULTS

CIVIL COMPLAINTS ON ADULTS

The Court also has jurisdiction to determine the parentage of and support for a child. Support cases pertain to the establishment, modification, enforcement and termination of support. This includes U.I.F.S.A. (Uniform Inter-State Family Support Act) which pertains to out-of-state support collections.

TYPE OF REFERRAL	NEW COMPLAINTS FILED	MOTIONS FILED	TOTAL
Parentage	397	712	1,109
Support	253	1,517	1,770
U.I.F.S.A.	8	69	77
Total:	658	2,298	2,956

ADULT MISDEMEANOR COMPLAINTS

Lastly, the Court deals with misdemeanor complaints involving adults in offenses against a juvenile or with a juvenile. This can include such reasons as incest, physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, contributing to unruliness, failure to send to school, contributing to the neglect of a child charges, etc.

ADULT REFERRALS BY TYPE OF CHARGE

REFERRAL REASONS:	
Child Endangerment	44
Contributing to Unruliness/Delinquency of a Minor	14
Failure to Send to School (Grades K – 6)	482
Contributing to Education Neglect of a Minor	23
Giving Liquor to Minor	1
Illegal Distribution of Tobacco Products	1
Permitting Drug Abuse	1
Total:	566

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS ON ADULT COMPLAINTS

DISPOSITIONS ORDERED:	
Ordered:	
Fines	131
Court Costs	2
Probation Supervision	15
Dismissed	12
Dismissed Without Prejudice	179
Sentenced to Jail	17
Performance Bond	267
Referred to Project Impact	43

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DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

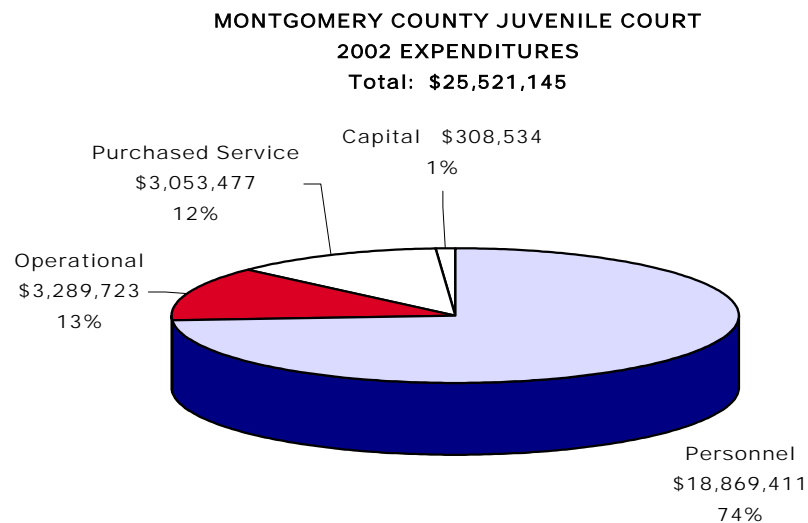
COURT ADMINISTRATION

LEE E. TOWNSEL, COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Under the direction of the Juvenile Court Judges, Court Administration houses the magistrates and their support staff. They are responsible for the judicial processing of cases through their final disposition. There are eleven magistrates who preside over cases. The type of cases handled includes delinquency, unruly, dependency, abuse, neglect, traffic, custody, parentage and child support actions. The Magistrates are located in both the Family Court Center and the Reibold Building.

Court Administration is also responsible for overseeing the operation of six (6) major departments (Ancillary Services, Center for Adolescent Services, Detention Services, Intervention Center, Nicholas Residential Treatment Center, and Probation Services). In addition, this department provides direct supervision over the Budget and Finance, the Clerk of Courts Office in the filing of official documents, the Management Information Systems, public information and community relations, Human Resources, Staff Development and Training, Caseflow Management, Grants and RECLAIM Coordination, Adult Probation, Psychological Services, Start Right and facility operation. This office also serves as the primary contact and linkage with the ADAMHS Board, the Montgomery County Children Services, and County Administration and for legislative issues relating to juvenile justice.

Presented below are the Court's Year 2002 expenditures:



SERVICES:

- Adult Probation
- Budget and Finance
- Clerk's Office
- Human Resources
- Information Systems
- Psychological Services
- Start Right Program

ADULT PROBATION

The Adult Probation Officer is responsible for all adult cases involving an adult in an offense against a juvenile or with a juvenile. This officer conducts pre-sentence investigations, monitors the progress of adults placed on probation by the Court and links those adults with needed community services. Such services can include drug and alcohol counseling, sexual abuse counseling, parenting classes, etc. In addition, the Adult Probation Officer implemented a procedure for conducting background checks on Pro Se Custody Filings. For the year 2002, 651 Web checks were conducted. Eighty-two percent (535) of these checks were for pro se filings. The remainder was for employment (88), volunteers (18) and interns (10). This averages approximately 54 background checks per month.

<u>2002 Investigations:</u>	
Beginning Number of Cases	402
New Investigations	35
Closed Investigations	12
Show Cause	0
Active at End of Year	425

<u>2002 Probation Supervision:</u>	
Beginning Number of Probation Cases	10
New Probation Cases	16
Probation Completed	15
Probation Revoked	0
Active at End of Year	11

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Under the general direction of Administration, Budget and Finance prepares and administers the Court budget and monitors, reviews and analyzes financial data for compliance to County and State budgetary guidelines.

CLERK'S OFFICE

The responsibilities of the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office include maintaining the "hard copy" filing system for all case types (i.e., Delinquency, Unruly, Traffic, Dependency, Neglect and Abuse, Custody, Support and Parentage). The Office also processes all paper work related to these files by time stamping, entering data, journalizing entries, etc., and then filing all of the paperwork into the various case files. The Office accepts all monies related to filing fees, fines and court costs. The Office also prepares all service related to the various case types, including summons, warrants, restraining orders, subpoenas, etc.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Montgomery County Juvenile Court Human Resources function practices in the areas of compensation management, recruiting, organizational development, training and benefits administration.

The Court's recruiting and hiring process was defined through the establishment of consistent procedures used throughout all Court departments. In an effort to ensure the employment of the best-qualified applicants, Human Resources directs the pre-employment process which also includes mandatory fingerprint processing for those employees working directly with children.

A recorded job-line is maintained to allow potential applicants' 24-hour access to employment opportunities available within the Juvenile Court. The Job-Line phone number is (937) 496-6882.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Information Systems (IS) is responsible for the day-to-day management and support of the Court's Local and Wide-Area Network, Personal Computers, Printers, Servers, all Database management and the Juvenile Court System (JCS). Functions of IS include system development and planning; evaluation, implementation and support of new hardware and software; computer and technical training for the Juvenile Court employees and also "Help Desk" support. Information Systems is in the process of implementing a Juvenile Court Intranet for collaboration of Court-wide data and information. We are also implementing a battery back-up system for the new Juvenile Court server room for safety and reliability.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

DR. LAURA E. FUJIMURA, DIRECTOR

The department is responsible for providing psychological evaluation services to referred youth. To assist Court staff in selecting the best possible dispositional alternatives, clinical interviews as well as cognitive and personality testing results serve as a solid basis, from which treatment recommendations can be made.

SERVICES	Male	Female
Initial Studies Completed	18	14
Certifications	7	0
Competency Evaluations	12	4
Educational Assessments	7	4
Consultations	9	4
Personality Assessments	1	0

START RIGHT

The Start Right Program, under the direction and administration of Judge Kuntz, is designed to facilitate and monitor all cases referred to the court for Parental Failure to Send and Contributing to Educational Neglect. These cases arise out of excessive absenteeism of children in grades, kindergarten through sixth grade. Start Right staff prepare these cases for court and complete follow-up work to ensure a positive change. Parents are plugged into community programming to help solve the problems these families are facing.

Out of the 453 cases received in 2002, the Start Right Program served 665 children. The Start Right Program closed 510 cases, of which 92% were closed successfully. A case is considered successful when the student has shown improvement in his or her attendance. Over 100 families were referred to community agencies for assistance. The Start Right Program is committed to connecting families to service providers who can help parents deal with issues that are affecting their ability to send their children to school.

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Start Right Program's focus will narrow to processing referrals for kindergarten through fourth grade. In doing so, the program will be able to concentrate its efforts on this at-risk population who would benefit the most from services. This will enhance the Start Right Program's ability to be more pro-active with families and intervene at the youngest ages to ensure educational success in the future.

ANCILLARY SERVICES

DOMINA MATTHEWS, ASSISTANT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

This department includes programs and services that assist the Juvenile Court in maintaining case flow and daily court operation. It also includes specialized programs which provide alternative methods of case resolution in lieu of official judicial involvement, ongoing review of children placed outside of the home, guardians ad litem for children, substance abuse services and assistance in pro se filing.

PROGRAMS:

- C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocate)
- Citizen Review Board
- Court Operations
- Community Court
- Mediation Unit
- Substance Abuse Services

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (C.A.S.A.)

The Court Appointed Special Advocate Program trains and supervises adult volunteers to serve as Guardians Ad Litem (GAL) for neglected, dependent and abused children. These volunteers conduct independent investigations, provide written reports to the Court and monitor the child's case as long as it remains in the court system.

Number of Children Served	360
Number of Cases Closed	145

<u>Outcome of Closed Cases</u>	
Returned or remained with biological parent	60
Legal custody to relative/non-relative	37
Dismissed	6
Reassigned to an attorney GAL	10
Adopted	12
Emancipated	12
Child's death	1
Transferred out of County	6
Transitioned to MR/DD	1
<u>C.A.S.A. Volunteers</u>	
Active Volunteers	79
Attorneys Providing Pro Bono Services	11

CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD

The Citizen Review Board acts as an arm of the Court to monitor the permanency planning efforts for children in foster care or other out-of-home placements and in-home care where protective supervision has been ordered by the Montgomery County Juvenile Court. To ensure timeliness of services to children and their families, the Citizen Review Board conducts Formal Reviews and Annual Review/Permanency Planning Reviews to monitor progress. Volunteers conduct on-going independent reviews of each case plan to ensure methods are in place to achieve targeted goals in the best interest of the child and the family.

Total Number of Children Served	3,951
<u>Total Number of Reports Reviewed by Board</u>	
Children Services Board Reports	4,323
Lutheran/Catholic Social Services Reports	21
Resource Planning Program Reports	<u>125</u>
Total:	4,469
<u>Total Number of Formal Reviews Held</u>	
Formal Reviews	140
Annual Permanency Planning Reviews	620
RPP Semi-Annual Reviews	<u>94</u>
Total:	854
<u>Volunteers</u>	
Volunteers	27
Number of Volunteer Hours	<u>3,240</u>

COMMUNITY COURT

The Montgomery County Juvenile Community Court Program consists of three components: Night Court, Tobacco Court and the Weekend Detained Court. Components of the Community Court are presided over by Juvenile Court Magistrates.

Night Court:

The Community Court was implemented in August 1999. This program is a diversionary process for first time and low-level youth offenders. The Community Court allows youth, who commit certain misdemeanor offenses, unruly offenses, and local ordinance violations, to have a hearing in the geographical area where the offense was committed. The offense must have occurred within Montgomery County and involve no serious injury or weapons. Participation in the Community Night Court is voluntary and the juvenile defendants must admit responsibility. A parent or guardian must be present at all hearings.

Youth referred to the Community Night Court will have a hearing conducted within 30 days of receipt of their case from the Juvenile Court's Intervention Center. Dispositions and sanctions should be completed within 60 days of their hearing. The Community Night Court locations include: Dunbar High School, Trotwood Community Center, Huber Heights Government Center and Harrison Township Government Center. Hearings are conducted in the evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The dispositions and sanctions used include community service (up to 24 hours), letters of apology, essay assignments, parent enforced house arrest, restitution for damages up to \$500, mediation, tours of the Juvenile Detention Center, urinalysis, the Residential Alternative Program (RAP), CrisisCare Triage, Partnership for Youth, and tours of the Montgomery County Adult Jail. Youth, who successfully complete their dispositions and sanctions, shall have their records remain unofficial and thus avoid an official record with the Juvenile Court.

The purpose and goals of the Community Court are to deter future delinquencies and to provide immediate sanctions for law violations. These juveniles learn to take full responsibility for their actions and work hand in hand with the community.

Number of Cases Received:	2,359
Number of Cases Closed Successfully:	1,155

Tobacco Court:

Effective June 12, 2001, the Community Court began conducting Tobacco hearings, each Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. at the Family Court Building. As of November 12, 2002, the number of Tobacco Court hearings has been reduced to once per month, on the second Tuesday of each month. The reduction in court hearings is due to the decrease in the number of Tobacco citations being written by the various Law Enforcement Agencies. The goals of these hearings are to deter the use of tobacco among youth under the age of 18. The Tobacco Court is the Montgomery County Juvenile Court's response to O.R.C. Section 2151.87, which forbids anyone younger than 18 from buying, using or possessing cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff or rolling papers. Dispositions may include a fine of not more that \$100 and court costs or attendance in a Court approved youth smoking cessation/education or smoking treatment program. The dispositions must be successfully completed within 30 days. If not, the youth and the parent/guardian will be ordered to return to court for violation of a court order. Imposed sanctions can then include increased fines with court costs, community service hours (not to exceed 20 hours) and 30 day suspension of the youth's driver's license. Failure to comply with the court appearance can result in the issuance of a warrant.

Weekend Detained Hearings:

Another component is the Weekend Detained Hearings. These hearings are conducted on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays starting at approximately 10 a.m. To make a determination regarding detainment, the Magistrate will consider the charge/offense for

which the youth was detained, the youth’s incident history, his/her involvement with the court and the youth’s family circumstances. The Magistrate may order the youth to remain detained, release the youth and possibly place the youth on Electric Home Monitoring. This component assists in alleviating the overcrowding conditions in the Juvenile Detention Center and decreases the number of detained hearings held on Monday or after a holiday.

MEDIATION UNIT

The Mediation Unit provides an alternative to litigation through the use of a non-adversarial conflict resolution process in an environment of collaborative problem solving. It allows all parties a safe, guided exchange of information following simple rules that are clearly explained at the outset. Parties are allowed to explore any avenue of possible resolution unhampered by external restraints. Having participated in the decision-making process, those who settle their cases gain a better understanding of individual and joint responsibilities.

In 2002, the Mediation Unit mediated the following type of cases: child protection cases (includes abuse, neglect, dependency, custody and visitation), truancy cases and Pro Se cases (involving disputes over custody or visitation between “never married parents” or other parties regarding the best interest of a child).

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

This section contains two programs, Drug Court and F.C.A.P. (Fisher Chemical Abuse Program).

Drug Court:

Drug Court was implemented in January 1998. This program, under the direction and administration of Judge Murphy, provides intensive intervention and supervision of those adjudicated youth at-risk of having alcohol and drug problems. The target population is adjudicated youth, ages 14 – 17 years of age, who are non-violent, charged with an felony three offense or less and who have been screened and assessed to be in need of alcohol/drug treatment. This is performed through the Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP)). F-CAP also provides urinalysis monitoring. The Drug Court has a supervision component, called T.A.S.C. (Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime). This unit closely monitors the Drug Court participants through strength-based family treatment and case management and works with the schools, community and drug treatment providers with a holistic approach to breaking the cycle of addiction.

Number of Youth Accepted:	84
Number of Youth Graduated:	57
Number of Youth Who Achieved GED or Vocational Certification While In Program:	18
Number of Youth Employed At Graduation:	38

Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP):

F-CAP is the Court's substance abuse unit. Services include: Screening, referral and urinalysis monitoring.

Number of Youth Screened	916
Number of SASSI Assessments Conducted	451
Number of Urinalysis Tests Run	53,400
Number of Individuals Tested	16,301

CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT SERVICES

RICHARD HAMNING, DIRECTOR

The Center for Adolescent Services (C.A.S.) was completed in the Fall of 2000 and was officially dedicated on May 16, 2001. It is located in the Village of New Lebanon, Ohio and is a co-educational secure residential correctional/treatment facility. It is designed to serve, at full capacity, forty boys and ten girls, ranging in ages from twelve through seventeen years of age. CAS now has a new director, Mr. Richard Hamning. He was a psychologist in private practice and is very knowledgeable about treatment needed for these youth.

This highly structured program will provide a safe and secure learning environment for the adjudicated low-level felony youth in its care. These youth will receive a behavioral management and treatment program stressing pro-social skills, self-discipline, and law-abiding principles in an active learning environment. A cognitive-behavioral approach is used to reduce and/or eliminate their delinquent behavior. Available services include individual, group and family counseling, a year-round educational program, medical and health services, activity/recreational services, food services, maintenance/custodial services, administrative services and a required program of aftercare services.

The period of placement will usually be between six and nine months depending on the youth's level of resistance to change. Youth to be released will be transitioned back into the community over a thirty-day period with aftercare supervision, as needed, for a period of up to six months.

CAS accepted its first resident on July 16, 2001 and is now operating three units for boys, totaling 40 beds. Below are the statistics for 2002:

	BOYS
Total Admitted	39
Total Days of Care	8067
Average Daily Population	22.10
Average Length of Stay	207 days

	BOYS
Age Range:	
12 – 14	11
15 – 16	18
17 – 18	10

DETENTION SERVICES

JIMMIE L. CARTER, DIRECTOR

It is the philosophy of the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Services to provide a safe and secure environment for youth who are placed in its facilities for their protection or the protection of the community. Detention Services consists of the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Center, which houses a 66-bed secure facility and the Dora Lee Tate Center, which is a staff-secure 24-bed corrections residential facility. Overcrowding at the Juvenile Detention Center is a primary concern. This facility is overcrowded over 90% of the time.

PROGRAMS:

Program Housing
Program Operations
Program Services

HOUSING

Housing consists of those services related directly to providing daily care to the youth housed in the downtown Detention facility and those sentenced to the corrections program at the Dora Lee Tate Center.

The primary goal of the Detention Center facility is to provide a safe and secure environment for youth placed in this facility for either their protection or the protection of the community. The youth ranging in ages from 8 to 18 years old are held pending court disposition or transfer to another jurisdiction or agency. During a youth's stay, staff assist the youth in developing appropriate coping skills in order to better deal with daily life situations one may encounter both within and outside the facility.

The downtown facility is set up so that each child has his own sleeping room. In the event all rooms are in use, the overflow would go on sleeping mats in the unit area. Children are under close supervision 24 hours a day.

Below are the housing statistics for the Detention Center during 2002:

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Total Detained	1,540	609	2,149
Total Days of Care	25,989	6,311	32,300
Average Daily Population	59.07	15.53	74.60
Average Length of Stay	16.88	10.36	15.03

The Dora Lee Tate Youth Center is the Detention Services 'corrections residential program located at 581 Infirmary Road. This facility is designed to house up to 24 youth, 14 boys and 10 girls, each having their own room. Its program is for adjudicated youth who have demonstrated by their court history that they are in need of a short-term, high impact intervention program. The youth, ranging in ages from 10 to 17 years old, are sentenced to Dora Tate for one of its program tracks consisting of a weekend track and three additional tiers of 10, 20, and 30 days. Its behavioral intervention program is based on a "no excuse" approach and focuses on the present behavior.

The primary goal is to provide the youth with skills to make appropriate choices and to reinforce positive behaviors. This is accomplished with dedicated staff who emphasize structure, accountability, and relationships with the youth.

Below are the housing statistics for the Dora Lee Tate Youth Center during 2002:

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Total Admissions	370	105	475
Total Days of Care	5,451	739	6,190
Average Daily Population	14.65	7.04*	16.96
Average Length of Stay	14.73	7.04	13.03

* The girls' average daily population is based upon the number of days set aside for girls for 2002.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Program operations consist of activities and services related to the daily operation at both the downtown Detention Center and Dora Lee Tate Youth Center facilities. Areas of operations include housekeeping, custodial, food services, building maintenance and related areas.

PROGRAM SERVICES

Programming consists of the activities and services provided to meet the needs of the youth at both sites. Areas of programming include recreation, chaplaincy, medical and other services.

The youth participate in a behavior modification system in which they earn points for positive behavior. Negative behavior is dealt with through fines and room time. Under this system, the youth is totally responsible for his or her own behavior. These youth are also exposed to activities and situations that will enable them to experience as many positive situations as possible in the hopes of building self-confidence and

increasing their self-concepts.

The medical department provides sixteen hours of medical services that begin at the time of admission into the facility. A physician visits the facility five days a week to perform physicals on each newly detained youth. A registered nurse and emergency medical technician assess and treat medical problems of the youth that may arise.

Academic education is provided at both sites through Detention's chartered educational program. Seven teachers are employed on a full-time year round basis and the principal is employed on a part-time basis year round. School is conducted five days a week, 51 weeks each year. Small groups of twelve youth attend classes from 9:00 a.m. until 4:20 p.m., Monday – Friday. The academic educational program includes reading, math, social science, science, life skills, physical education, and health. GED preparation and testing is available. In addition specialized tutoring for youth functioning significantly below grade level is provided through our Title One program.

Counseling services are also provided by a full-time master's degree level therapist and a part-time licensed psychiatrist. The therapist provides individual counseling to those youth that have been identified as having special needs. The psychiatrist provides clinical supervision and provides medication assessments for the youth.

INTERVENTION CENTER

GREGORY T. SCOTT, DIRECTOR

The Intervention Center is the 24-hour, seven day a week centralized intake, screening, assessment and processing department for all children referred to the Court for delinquency and unruly behavior. Referrals come from a variety of sources including law enforcement, schools and parents. The Center assists law enforcement by providing a place to bring juveniles who may not be released outright and allows the police officers to return to duty more quickly. For youth brought to the Center, services are immediately available.

If a youth's case is to be filed officially, Intervention Center staff gather more detailed information in a timelier manner. This can include a CrisisCare report, any Children Services information, a Dispositional Investigation Report (DIR), a risk/needs assessment (YoLSI), home visit, drug test results and hearing recommendations. Throughout this process, referrals for services can be made.

The same information gathering is available for cases handled unofficially. Such cases may be referred out for services including diversion programs, mental health or drug and alcohol counseling and/or treatment, work groups, individual and family counseling and mediation. Most unofficial cases are handled by Community Court, Mediation or the Center's Case Screening, usually scheduled within seven to fourteen days of referral to the Court. The Assessment Specialist uses the Case Screening to explore the issues that may have contributed to the criminal or unruly behavior so as to recommend what action the child and family might take to keep the case unofficial. Almost any recommendation the Assessment Specialist makes will include some type of service referral. The entity or agency referred to reports back as to the cooperation, success or failure of the child and family so the case may be closed or moved on for further action, as appropriate. In addition, CrisisCare conducts behavioral health screens when appropriate and may refer the child and family for a full diagnostic mental health and/or AoD (Alcohol or Drug) assessment.

The Center also prepares all of the official delinquency and most of the unruly complaints and case jackets, sealing of records, and marriage and by-pass requests. It can conduct voluntary drug screenings, and is responsible for the Electronic Home Monitoring Program. The newest addition to the Intervention Center is the Care Coordination Team. This Team is designed to address the needs of unruly and delinquent youth ten years of age or younger and other pre-teens.

PROGRAMS:

- Intake/Admissions
- Care Coordination Team
- Children Services
- CrisisCare
- Electronic Home Monitoring

INTAKE/ADMISSIONS

Referrals to the Court for alleged delinquent or unruly youth all come through the Intervention Center. All Intervention Center services, including but not limited to Case Screenings, CrisisCare assessments, drug test sampling, counseling, mediation and work program referrals may be available to any youth depending upon the nature of the referral and the particular case. A new case may start with a youth being physically brought in by the police. CrisisCare now interviews all of these youth and any others upon request. A “red-flag” screening is available for CrisisCare counselors and Children Services staff. Other cases may begin with a police report being “mailed-in” when a youth is released to their parent or guardian or a “walk-in” or phone-in by an interested party.

Case Screenings	2,066
DIR/YoLSI Interviews	1,732
Non-Secure Side “Mail-In” Cases	10,620
Non-Secure “Walk-In” Cases	422
Secure Side Admissions	2,778

CRISISCARE

CrisisCare is an Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board funded branch of Good Samaritan Hospital established to provide crisis services to the residents of Montgomery County. CrisisCare provides a multitude of services to youth seen through the Intervention Center. These youth typically have a variety of identified needs that may include mental health, drug, alcohol, and abuse/neglect and dependency issues. If an initial screening identifies a need, a therapist conducts an interview and obtains collateral information from many sources including family, school, past treatment providers and court records. Based upon these findings, CrisisCare may refer the child for a full diagnostic mental health and/or AoD assessment. In certain cases, these assessments are done at the Center or in detention. This expedites the youth being linked to services and provides additional information for Judges and Magistrates hearing the case.

CrisisCare also provides case management services to overcome barriers families may face when trying to engage in treatment. CrisisCare also provides crisis services to any youth demonstrating emotional disturbance while detained and coordinates with the Detention therapist on how best to stabilize the youth.

Behavioral Health Screens Conducted	2,351
Family/Professional Contacts	1,859
Assessment Completed (Mental Health and AoD)	638
Psychiatric Appointments	152
Mental Health Referrals	989
Chemical Dependency Referrals	398
Continued Treatment Referrals	445

CHILDREN SERVICES (MCCS)

The Montgomery County Children Services (MCCS) is committed to providing staff to handle referrals coming through the Intervention Center. Referents include CrisisCare, Probation, Judges and Magistrates, the Care Coordination Team, as well as the Intervention Center. MCCS intake staff interviews all detained juveniles identified as being in need of their services at the Court, Monday through Friday, and are available by telephone at all other times for active agency involvement and to receive alerts about juveniles needing service. For non-detained juveniles, an in-depth investigation is initiated on the first business day following a referral from the Intervention Center. This allows MCCS referrals to be investigated and acted upon more quickly. MCCS handled approximately 395 referrals through the Intervention Center during 2002.

ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING PROGRAM

The Electronic Home Monitoring Program provides an alternative to secure detention for appropriate youth. The youth is constantly monitored, subject to urine sampling to monitor drug use and managed via telephone and personal contact, as well as by agreement with certain school systems.

Number of Youth Served	668
Number of Successful Completions	450
Number of Unsuccessful Completions	178

CARE COORDINATION TEAM

Due to an increase in the number of children, who were ten years old or younger, being referred to the Court for unruly and/or delinquent behavior, Judge Murphy and Judge Kuntz requested a plan of action for identifying and serving these youth and their families. In response, through the cooperative efforts of representatives of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court, County Administration, the Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Children Services and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board, the Care Coordination Team was initiated in February 2000. Comprised of representatives from the Court, CrisisCare, Montgomery County Children Services and, as appropriate, other services providers, it provides immediate, intense and integrated services to a youth and his/her family to identify and address the issues that brought them before the Court and to prevent the youth's further involvement with the juvenile justice system. The Team's pro-active approach takes full advantage of the processes already established since the opening of the Intervention Center and enhances the ongoing inter-agency collaboration. It also affords the best opportunity to see that each child and family is engaged in appropriate programs and services with ongoing follow-up for as long as it takes to get the job done.

Number of Referrals in 2002: 215

THE JUDGE FRANK W. NICHOLAS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER FOR YOUTH

WANDA MILLS, SUPERINTENDENT

The Frank W. Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (N.R.T.C.) is a twenty-four hour non-secure residential facility (bed capacity: 24) that provides behavioral interventions for males, 11 to 17 years of age. These boys are adjudicated delinquent and/or unruly males who are residents of Montgomery County. N.R.T.C. is located on 60 acres of land in the Jefferson Township community in Montgomery County. The facility, which consists of two cottages, houses the dormitory, education program and the administrative offices. The facility is adjacent to the Arthur O. Fisher Park of 200 acres, which is utilized to extend the recreation and socialization skill building components of the program.

The mission of the Frank W. Nicholas Residential Treatment Center for Youth is “to assist each youth in becoming a productive, responsible citizen, through diverse comprehensive treatment and rehabilitative services to the youth and his family, and to reduce or eliminate the youth’s involvement in the juvenile justice system.” To meet this mission each youth upon admittance and his family are engaged in individual, group and family counseling. The youth additionally has an individualized education program, participates in work and recreational therapy and is monitored continuously upon the effectiveness of all identified behavioral interventions.

Number of Boys Served	50
Number of Successful Program Discharges	18
Number of Unsuccessful Program Discharges	5

In 2002, Nicholas received a one time only grant to implement an aftercare program, called the Family Stability Program. Seventeen youth entered the program and by the time the grant ended, fifteen of these youth had successfully completed the program and were being maintained in the community.

PROBATION SERVICES

DAVID E. LYONS, DIRECTOR

During 2002, the Probation Services Department made great strides in reducing caseloads for Probation Officers, ending the year with an average of 40 per officer, well below the 48 of the previous year. This has been the result of better planning, engaging the youth and family more often and linking them to appropriate community agencies and services.

The Probation Services Department continues to offer a variety of programming through local and regional providers. These include Lighthouse Youth Services, Inc.; providing counseling for sex offenders and day treatment for felony offenders, Partnership for Youth; providing counseling and wraparound services for delinquent youth and Project Impact Inc.; providing gender specific services for our female offenders.

Again in 2002, significant budget cuts at the State level, caused our department to become ever more creative in dealing with our youth and families. Our staff put in much extra time to ensure that Montgomery County's youth are served in the most professional and fulfilling manner.

PROGRAMS:

- Community Based Services Program
- Juvenile Court Work Program
- Geographic Probation Supervision Units (4)
- Resource Planning Program
- Volunteers in Probation

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

The Community Based Services (CBS) Program utilizes an array of Dayton area community resources in rehabilitating troubled youth. College students, volunteers, private business, service clubs, churches and collaboration with other youth serving agencies are instrumental. The program provides casework, work therapy, group-centered activities, job placement and recreation programming. An employment experience is emphasized. In addition, CBS houses the Residential Alternatives Program (RAP) which provided intensive, in-home services utilizing a vast array of community resources to 77 youth during 2002. These figures are somewhat reduced due to the unexpected death of Jill P. Sullivan, RAP Family Specialist and maternity leave for another RAP Family Specialist during 2002.

The following summary includes both services.

Total Youth Served: 274
Boys: 188
Girls: 86
**Unofficial Youth Served: 65
*Official Youth Served: 209

*Official youth refers to those youth that are on probation and are supervised by CBS.

**Unofficial youth refers to those youth that are deemed at-risk and who are the siblings of or closely associated with the officially assigned youth.

<u>Status of Official Youth at Termination of Year</u>	
Still Active	107
Employed	26
Foster or Group Home	6
Residential Treatment Center	11
Relative Placement/Moved out of County	9
Student	30
Unsuccessful	6
Commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services	13

JUVENILE COURT WORK PROGRAM

The Juvenile Court Work Program continues to provide a dispositional option based upon an accountability model. The objective of the Juvenile Court Work Program is to hold youth accountable for the offenses committed by having the youth work off their restitution. Youth are placed in supervised work groups to complete a court-ordered number of community service hours (up to 24 hours) or to compensate victims for up to \$500.00 per offense. Youth are credited at the rate of \$6.00 per hour. This program also maintains records on court-ordered restitution, which is being paid directly from the offender.

The Juvenile Court Work Program has a Victim Advocate and a Work Program Liaison component. The Victim Advocate works with the victims where restitution has not been determined and ensures that victims of juvenile crime receive their compensation. The Work Program Liaison works with youth that are first time unruly and misdemeanor offenders. It is designed to keep youth out of the juvenile justice system while still providing an immediate response to their behavior and working with the parents on ways to prevent their child from having further involvement with the Juvenile Court.

Additionally, the collaboration between the Montgomery County Juvenile Court and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office continues to demonstrate success through shared resources, increased community visibility and acceptance, and the number of youth who have completed the program.

	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Community Service</u>
Referrals Received	635	1,167
Cases Terminated Successfully	428	819
Cases Terminated Unsuccessfully	73	81

Average Length of Time in Work Program	5 weeks
Community Service Hours Provided	28,266.01
Restitution Collected for Payment	\$30,474.50
Restitution Paid from Program Funds	\$76,065.67
Total Restitution Paid	\$106,540.17
Average Restitution Per Victim	\$244.92
Number of Victims Compensated	435

PROBATION SUPERVISION UNITS

The Probation Department continues to be anchored by the four geographic units. On the average, these units provided supervision to 80% of the cases during 2002. In addition to involving the youth and families in wide variety of community resources, many of the units set up parent orientation programs, parent information and resource programs and other activities designed to involve and empower the parents in achieving the goals set for their youth.

Average Caseload Per Probation Officer: 40.43
(Average Caseload of the four Geographic Units)

RESOURCE PLANNING PROGRAM (RPP)

The Resource Planning Program (RPP) serves as a specialized unit in the Probation Services Department approving, facilitating and monitoring out-of-home placement services. In addition the unit provided the following:

- ◆ Case screening and recommendations for higher risk/need youth not responding to probation supervision and/or identified as being in need of out-of-home placement.
- ◆ Collection of financial information from parents to assess resources and prepare child support computations.
- ◆ Probation supervision and case management activities for youths placed in residential, group and treatment foster homes.

- ◆ Annual inspections conducted on contracted treatment providers.
- ◆ Reports for the Citizen Review Board, semi-annual and annual reviews for youth in the custody of the Court.
- ◆ Coordination of parent education classes and home based counseling services.
- ◆ Court representation for the Interagency Clinical Assessment Team (ICAT), Diversion Team and the Service Broker Group.
- ◆ Review and processing of referrals for Juvenile Sex Offender assessments.

Number of Youth Screened for Out-of-Home Placement	400
Number of Youth Placed Out of the Home	103
Type of Placement:	
Residential	58
Specialized Group Homes	42
Treatment Foster Homes	3
Status of Cases at Time of Closing:	
Satisfactory	72
Unsatisfactory	11

Number of Referrals for Sex Offender Assessments	50
Number of Youth Placed for Diagnostic Evaluations	11
Number of Youth Placed for Short Term Treatment of Substance Abuse or Behavioral Issues	28

Community Agency Collaboration Involvement:	
Cases reviewed by ICAT for planning and funding approval	198
ICAT cases in which the Court participated in funding	39
Families served by the Diversion Team	298

VOLUNTEERS IN PROBATION

The Probation Department's Volunteer Program is an internship opportunity that hosts students from a number of universities. These opportunities have proven to be a valuable learning experience for future professionals. In 2002, over 25 students participated in the Volunteer/internship Program. Students experienced hands-on supervision and investigation of court involved youth.

PROBATION SERVICES SUMMARY (All Units)

2002 INVESTIGATIONS

	Delinquency		Unruly		Juvenile Traffic	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Beginning	55	21	1	2	0	0
New Investigations	290	65	10	12	0	0
Ending	52	16	2	2	0	0

2002 SUPERVISIONS

	Delinquency		Unruly		Juvenile Traffic	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Beginning	742	220	68	65	13	6
New Supervisions	937	321	94	79	9	5
Ending	684	234	69	57	7	3

Additional Investigations through Initial Hearing Process: 98
(Includes all cases transferred intrastate & Interstate)

DEPARTMENTAL PHONE NUMBERS

Court Administration	225-4267
Clerk's Office	224-8093
Ancillary Services/Legal	225-4250
Center for Adolescent Services . . .	687-9427, Extension 222
Detention Services	496-7324
Intervention Center	496-6559
Nicholas Residential Treatment Center	496-7196
Probation Services	225-4163

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