



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
JUVENILE COURT**
A Division of the Court of Common Pleas

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

**COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
JUVENILE DIVISION**

**ANTHONY CAPIZZI, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
HELEN WALLACE, JUDGE**

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.

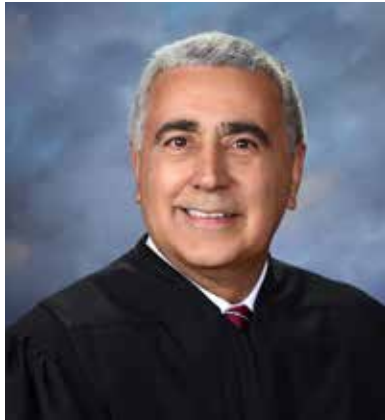
Goals:

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
- Demand high professional standards for ourselves and make every effort possible to demand the same standards from other governmental agencies and service providers
- Strive to recognize and eliminate implicit bias and racial inequities
- We must pursue these goals vigorously and honestly with the utmost respect for the right of all our citizens.



ANTHONY CAPIZZI



Judge Capizzi has been a strong advocate for youth throughout his career, serving as a voice for children on issues such as shackling, disproportionate representation of minorities, and drug and mental health treatment. He was elected Montgomery County, Ohio Juvenile Court Judge in 2004. He previously served as an Acting Judge for Dayton Municipal Court and in private practice for over 25 years. Judge Capizzi is admitted to the Ohio and U.S. Federal Bar, received his J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law and a B.A. from Saint Bonaventure University.

Judge Capizzi was the proud recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2015 in recognition of his distinguished service to the community and to the law school.

Judge Capizzi has overseen the growth of the Juvenile Treatment Court and the implementation of a Juvenile Mental Health Court and Family Treatment Court. He led the initiative to create multiple Evening Reporting Centers in partnership with Mt. Enon Baptist Church, put into practice the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), created the Pro Se Services program to help those clients that choose to file legal documents without attorney representation, and strengthened the Court's Reclaiming Futures and Natural Helpers programs to better serve youth and their families in our community. Judge Capizzi led the Court into the 21st century technology-wise by instituting real-time entries and the use of texting to remind families of hearing dates. In addition, he implemented the use of IBM Watson Artificial Intelligence in case management and health management issues of youth and instituted virtual hearing capabilities in all courtrooms.

Judge Capizzi is a Past President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He is Chair of NCJFCJ International Committee and serves on the Development Committee. He serves on the Council of Advisors for the National Court Appointed Special Advocates Association and the Stewards of Change Institute National Board.

Judge Capizzi serves as a Senior Judicial Fellow for Reclaiming Futures and on the NADCP Project Advisory Board (PAB) for the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) Training and Technical Assistance Project.

Judge Capizzi served on the U.S. DOJ Global Justice Information Sharing Committee (GAC) and as a member of the Global Strategic Solution Working Group, Corrections Management and Reentry Task Team Chair and on the Global Advisory Committee Executive Board from 2007 – 2014.

Judge Capizzi was appointed by Governor DeWine in December, 2019 as one of only two judges statewide to serve on the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council. He is the Immediate Past-Chair of the Ohio Judicial College Board of Trustees and Past-President of the Juvenile Judges Association. He lectures at state, national and international conferences focusing on judicial leadership, juvenile treatment courts, substance abuse, the roles and responsibilities of guardians ad litem, juveniles' rights in delinquency court, abuse, neglect and dependency, racial and ethnic disparity, data and information sharing/exchange and mental health issues.

Judge Capizzi co-authored: *The State of Child Protection and Juvenile Justice*, *The State of Black Dayton: Opportunities Lost*, (Jenell Walton ed., Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, 2017) and *A Decade of Diversion: Ohio's Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Initiative*, *Focal Point: Youth, Young Adults & Mental Health Justice and Recovery*, 2017, v.31. In addition, he has authored articles entitled *A Model for Judicial Leadership*, *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, which addresses judges' roles in communities' responses to juvenile substance abuse concerns, and *What You Need to Know About Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protections for Courts*, *Future Trends in State Courts*, published by the National Center for State Courts.

He remains enthusiastic and energetic about working to promote the welfare of children, as has been his focus throughout his legal career.

HELEN WALLACE



Judge Helen Wallace is the first woman elected to serve as a Montgomery County Juvenile Court Judge. Judge Wallace is committed to keeping our community safe and protecting children and families. She strongly believes all people deserve an equal and fair start in life. Prior to being elected, Judge Wallace worked as a prosecutor, defense attorney, guardian ad litem, family law and civil litigation attorney for nearly twenty years. Judge Wallace earned her law degree from George Washington University Law School after obtaining a bachelor's degree in International Affairs from the University of Cincinnati and attending Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. While obtaining her education, Judge Wallace interned for the United States Department of Justice, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, the Cincinnati Public Defender's Office and United States Senator John Glenn's Office. Judge Wallace is a proud mother to two teenagers and a wife to her husband of over 20 years.

Research shows that chronic absence from school correlates with lower grades, dropping out of high school, and trouble with the law. Many barriers, such as lack of transportation, unstable housing, substance abuse, and mental health issues prevent children from attending school. To address these barriers and needs, Judge Wallace restructured the Court's School Absentee dockets and founded the Court's Education Unit. The Education Unit front-loads services to meet the needs of our children and families through a multi-disciplinary collaboration with community partners.

Judge Wallace believes all people learn differently. She secured the H.E.L.P. (Helping Everyone Learn Program) grant from the Ohio Supreme Court to take a unique, innovative approach to better understand the needs of a child. The grant funds neuropsychological evaluations on youth before the Court. These evaluations give great insights on behavioral issues and overall brain development. Once issues are identified, the Court works to implement interventions to remediate and teach youth through cognitive behavior instruction and education that is tailored to their needs. Judge Wallace believes this approach will increase success in teaching children and reduce recidivism.

Judge Wallace believes in using technology to improve and modernize the Courts. Judge Wallace advocated for a new Court website and text messaging capability and achieved both.

Judge Wallace oversees young adults transitioning from Children Services' custody to independence. Judge Wallace works with the State of Ohio's Bridges Program and Children Services to ensure that transition plans have been executed for each young adult and that the young adult understands and knows about all the resources available to them.

Judge Wallace has partnered with the Children's Defense Fund of Ohio to run a Safe Baby Court. The purpose of the docket is to keep parents and babies exposed to violence and opiates unified safely through community partners and resources. Funding was provided by a State Expansion Grant from Zero to Three, a national organization involved in strong early childhood development programs.

Judge Wallace created Book Nooks all around the courthouse to promote reading. The Book Nooks provide free books (donated by the community) to all families that enter the Court.

Judge Wallace authored *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Juvenile Court* (Dayton Bar Briefs, April 2020). Judge Wallace is the immediate past co-Chair of the Juvenile Law section for the Dayton Bar Association (having served as Chair twice).

Judge Wallace loves to learn and grow and strives to consistently improve herself and the Court for the public it serves.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nicholas Residential Treatment Center: Grand Opening

On September 26, 2019, Judge Capizzi, Judge Wallace, and Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (NRTC) Director Shannon Crabtree led a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated and modernized Dora Lee Tate Youth Center building in Jefferson Township. The official dedication of the Judge Nick Kuntz gymnasium also took place, with several members of Judge Kuntz's family in attendance.

The NRTC, the only of its kind in Montgomery County, is a twenty-four hour, non-secure residential facility that offers behavioral intervention, substance abuse and mental health treatment for both males and females, age 11 to 17, who reside in Montgomery County. The center is a setting for youth who have not thrived in services or interventions offered by the Court, schools, or outpatient services.

The renovation was made possible with the collaboration of the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners, MCJFS-CSD, the Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board, South Community, Inc., and other community partners.

Truancy Redesign: Education Unit

In September 2019, under the leadership of Judge Helen Wallace, the Intervention Center and Probation Services departments collaborated to formulate an inclusive approach to address the truancy issues found within the community. In previous years, the Probation Department's Start Right Program processed the Failure to Send referrals against parents and guardians, and the Intervention Center's Truancy Court processed Truancy referrals against youth in grades 6 through 12. The program's redesign eliminated the segregation of referrals and instead combined the handling of both juvenile and adult educational referrals within the same program. A multi-disciplinary team response was also initiated, which provided the opportunity for the Court to partner with the school systems, mental health agencies, insurance providers and community programming. As a result, the Education Unit is now able to obtain a comprehensive assessment of each family's needs. The core issues that are prevalent in each educational referral are identified and families are linked to supportive services that will ultimately contribute to their continued success.



Neuropsychological Evaluations

In 2019, under the leadership of Judge Helen Wallace, the Juvenile Court received a \$50,000 grant from the State Justice Institute to begin offering neuropsychological evaluations for students to help identify and overcome barriers to learning. The Court enlisted the services of a licensed psychologist to perform the evaluations on youth referred by the Court. The evaluations examined intellectual functioning, verbal reasoning and language, visual spatial skills, fluid reasoning, learning and memory, executive functioning and academic achievement. The Court envisions these evaluations will help educate youth and reduce criminogenic needs contributing to juvenile delinquency and adult crime and unemployment.

The comprehensive evaluations are being used by the Juvenile Court to better understand youth needs, along with informing any specialized remedial work and Individualized Education Plans. The psychologist delivered a final report to the Court in Spring 2020, giving recommendations of how the Court can continue to help youth succeed academically.

Juvenile Treatment Court: Relapse Prevention Treatment Expansion

In October 2019, the Juvenile Court was awarded a three-year enhancement grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for a total of \$400,000. The funding will be used to enhance services for youth who are close to graduating from the Juvenile Treatment Court docket. Grant funds will be used to help youth avoid or address substance abuse relapse by providing additional treatment and peer recovery services. An Education Liaison from the Court's Education Department will also assist youth and families to reconnect with their child's home schools to ensure their continued academic success.

The Court is partnering with South Community, Inc. and Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley to provide additional treatment services.

CASA Program: Continued Growth & Expansion

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program expanded its department to include nine full-time employees. Currently the CASA department employs a Program Manager, two Volunteer Coordinators, a Trainer/Volunteer Coordinator, a Staff Attorney/Volunteer Coordinator, an Administrative Secretary and a Deputy Clerk. Two other Volunteer Coordinators were hired in 2020. The CASA department received another Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant in October 2019, totaling just over \$300,000. Funds were used primarily to support staff salaries, but also supported social media marketing to recruit more CASA volunteers and helped expand the CASA's growing resource library.

The CASA store also launched in 2019 thanks to the surplus of donations given to the program. CASA volunteers can now "shop" for no cost at the store for items needed by their CASA children. These gifts help volunteers develop trusting relationships with their children.

SODA Program Successes

Launched in 2018 at the request of Judge Capizzi, the Sexually Oriented Diversion Approach (SODA) Program offers appropriate interventions to youth receiving first time sexually related charges without the legal stigma associated with an official adjudication. The SODA program is designed to provide low- and moderate-risk youth who are charged for the first time with a sexually oriented offense the same level of services and supervision (unofficially) as a youth who is officially adjudicated of a like offense.

In October of 2019, the SODA Program attained certification to administer juvenile sex offender assessments through the Department of Youth Services Juvenile Sex Offender Advisory Board. This endorsement will remove transportation barriers for families and decrease the time associated with the initial screening process. Additional treatment providers were also added.



SODA Program Successes *(continued...)*

In 2019, SODA received 33 referrals, of which 13 were eligible and accepted into the program. After the first year of programming, SODA showed an 86% success rate. The program has received positive feedback from all parties involved. Program accolades have included feedback such as, “The SODA program resolves complicated issues without adverse impact, supports more efficient use of resources, expedites treatment for the youth and reduces official Court involvement.”

Streamlining Court Services

Throughout 2019, the Court continued to utilize Clerk in the Courtroom (CIC). The technology has helped to streamline the hearing process by providing a more efficient case action procedure. The CIC software has also provided a means of recording key aspects of the hearing in a resourceful manner, allowing entries to be generated directly from the hearing checklists in the courtroom with an electronic signature from the Magistrates and Judges. Entries are then distributed to the parties before they leave the courtroom.

2020 GOALS

Probation Enhancement

In December 2019, the Court was awarded a one-year, \$50,000 Competitive RECLAIM grant through the Ohio Department of Youth Services for Probation Services. Under the grant, Probation will be focusing on tracking youth progress and outcomes while in probation, along with overall recidivism rates through an interactive dashboard. The dashboard’s reports will help the Court identify areas of improvement to support better outcomes for the youth and families the department serves, particularly with minority populations. The dashboard will share live data on all probation youth and will display reports in an electronic report card format.

The Court will also develop a Graduated Response Program or a menu of sanctions and incentives for probation youth. This will help Probation Officers promote youth success and lessen the use of more serious sanctions such as detention and out-of-home placements. The menu will offer staff a structured system of options of how to deal with a youth’s noncompliance and will give youth time to realize the consequences of their behavior long-term. The Court is partnering with SoftTec, the Court’s contracted Information Technology service provider, to complete project goals.

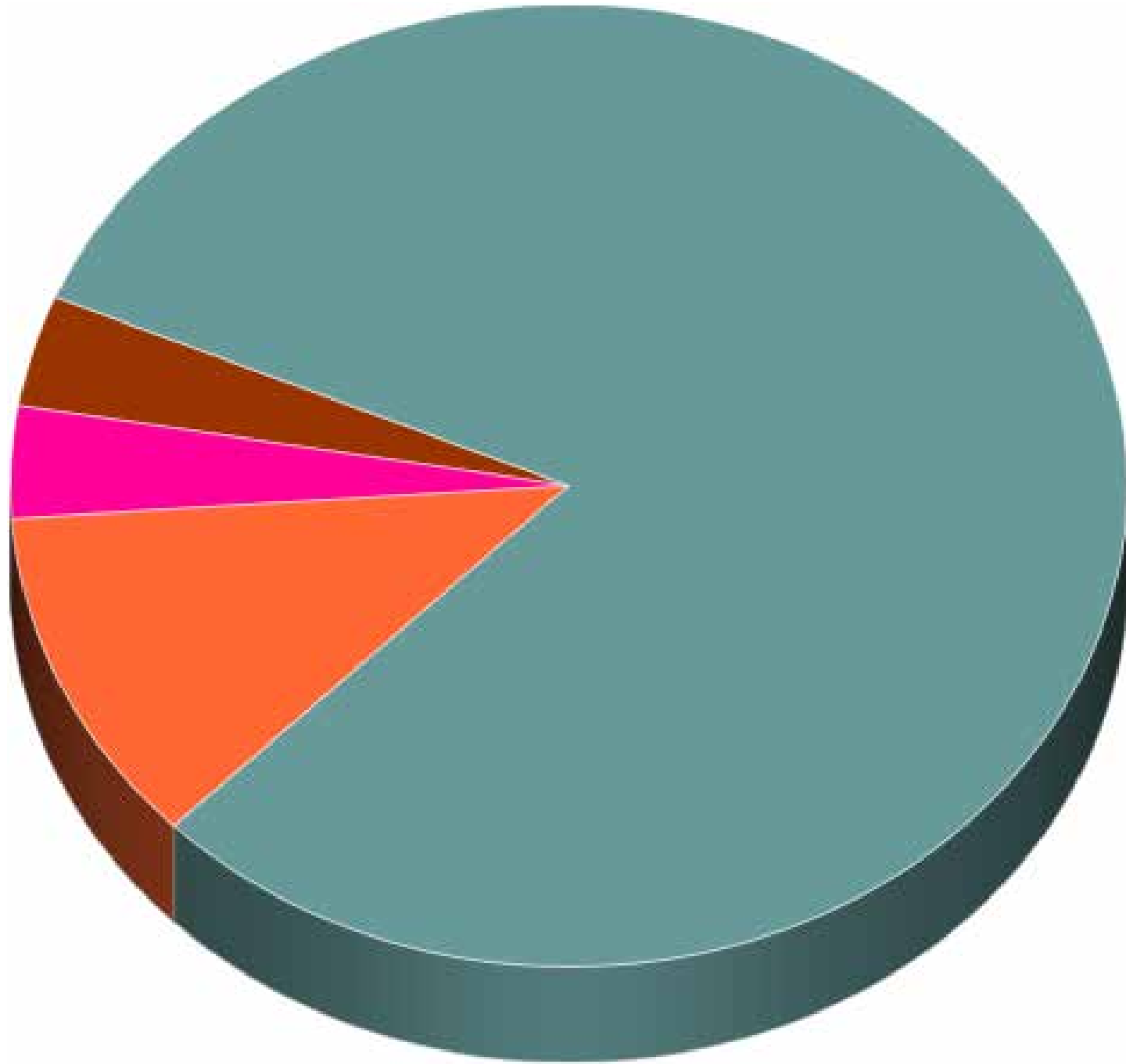
Website Redesign

The Court will be partnering with Jetpack, a local web design and development agency, to redesign the Juvenile Court’s website and online presence. The Court plans to modernize the website and include access to more online resources, including a job listings page with the ability to apply to openings online. Other items will include a staff member page with biographies, mobile and tablet friendly designs and updated departmental pages with contact information. The Court plans to publish its new website in Summer 2020.

Court Services Technology Upgrades

Within the Court Services Department, the Court plans to roll out several technology upgrades to help staff and community members with Court-related business. The Court will introduce text messaging reminders to all persons with upcoming hearing dates. These reminders will be sent automatically and will help decrease the rescheduling of hearings, making Court operations run more smoothly. The Court will also be developing plans to partner with a private carrier to deliver summons to parties in cases. The Court will receive an automated confirmation of receipt or missed delivery, and will display the live status of each summons in the Court’s database system for judges, magistrates and other court personnel to view.

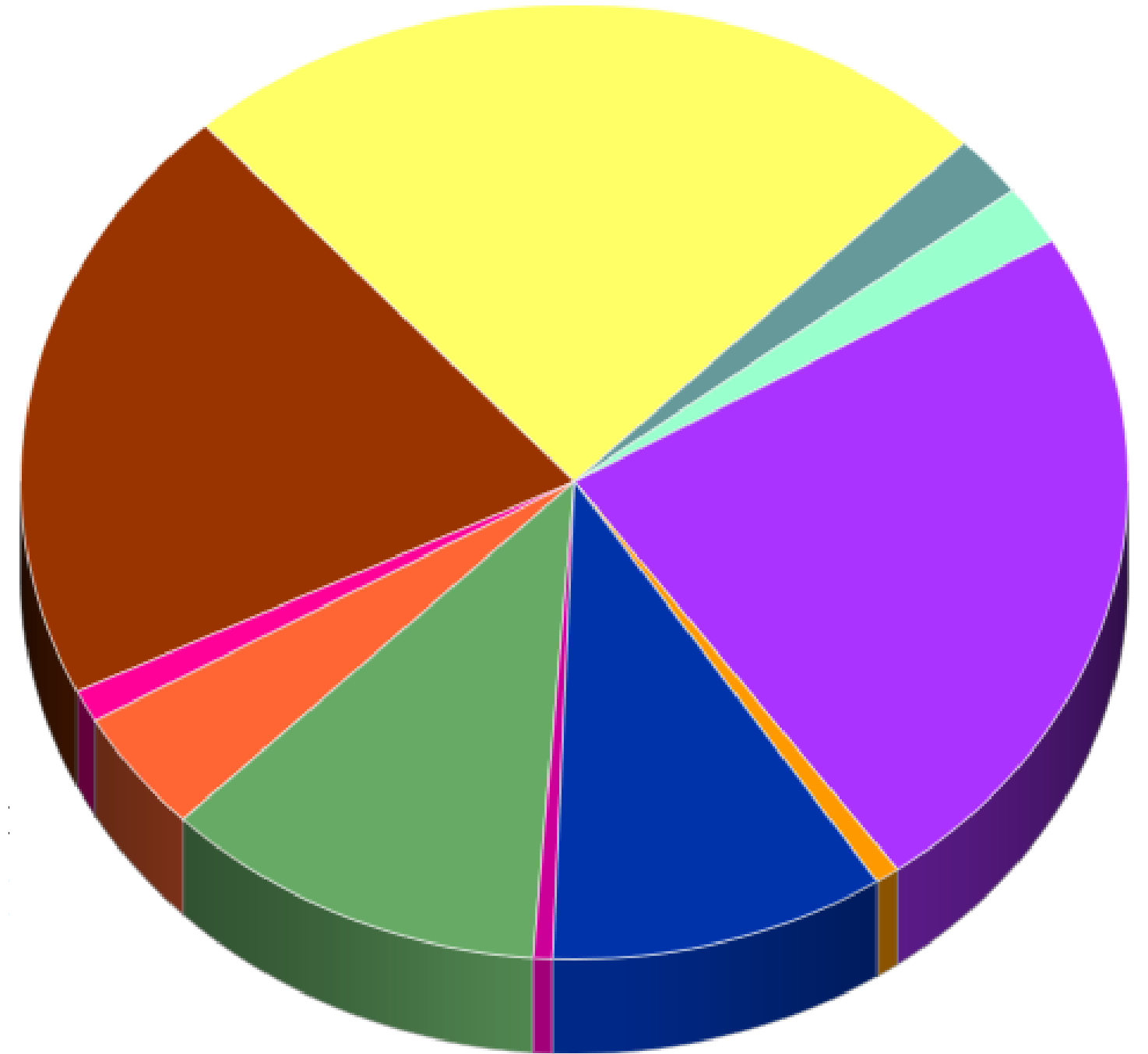
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NUMBERS
 2019 Expenditures



Total: \$32,509,808

■ Personnel Services	\$25,778,863
■ Professional Services	.....	\$3,700,821
■ Capital Outlays	.....	\$1,939,035
■ Operating Expenses	.....	\$1,091,088

Juvenile Charges



Total Referrals: 18,455

■ Abuse, Dependency, Neglect	.....	735	■ Support	.....	4,878
■ Adult	.....	244	■ Tobacco	.....	126
■ Custody Related	.....	3,804	■ Traffic	.....	1,564
■ Delinquency	.....	3,955	■ UIFSA	.....	185
■ Miscellaneous	.....	423	■ Unruly	.....	2,126
■ Parentage	.....	415			

ZIP CODE OF DELINQUENT & UNRULY YOUTH BY GENDER*		
ZIP CODE	MALE	FEMALE
45005	0	2
45011	0	1
45309	34	18
45315	4	3
45322	63	21
45327	20	23
45342	112	54
45345	30	15
45354	1	2
45377	53	40
45401	0	4
45402	68	33
45403	65	42
45404	92	35
45405	396	134
45406	258	88
45408	1	0
45409	10	1
45410	82	50
45414	39	29
45415	23	17
45416	48	9
45417	265	154
45419	36	8
45420	76	47
45424	210	70
45426	66	36
45429	74	30
45430	0	2
45431	57	41
45432	13	6
45434	0	1
45439	95	24
45440	34	10
45449	57	25
45458	63	24
45459	29	15
OUT OF COUNTY	185	118
OUT OF STATE	42	8
UNKNOWN	10	0
TOTAL	2711	1240
GRAND TOTAL	3951	



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
2019	6	1	0	55
2018	10	3	0	81
2017	13	9	0	91
2016	15	0	0	62
2015	27	4	0	77
2014	13	1	0	46
2013	15	4	1	50
2012	24	3	0	195
2011	28	1	5	74
2010	36	0	2	75
2009	38	29	0	72
2008	126	42	7	80
2007	106	50	8	83
2006	100	55	11	78
2005	111	80	18	77

*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 felony offense and committed to DYS for a term of six months or longer.

Motions to Transfer Delinquency Cases to Adult Court

YEAR	BINDOVER MOTIONS FILED	MOTIONS GRANTED	MOTIONS DENIED/WITHDRAWN/PENDING
2019	29	14	15
2018	37	15	19
2017	29	14	15
2016	34	14	20
2015	39	8	31
2014	29	5	24
2013	24	12	12
2012	32	17	15
2011	29	15	14
2010	28	12	16
2009	48	28	20
2008	29	10	19
2007	35	16	19
2006	31	22	9
2005	29	11	8
2004	23	6	17

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

STORIES FROM THE COURT

CASA Grows in 2019

As CASA celebrated its 31st year in Montgomery County, the program continued to grow and recommitted to its mission to give a voice to abused and neglected children.

Throughout the year, Judge Anthony Capizzi championed the CASA program, its volunteers, and abused and neglected children both nationally and locally. He, once again, served as the Master of Ceremonies at the National CASA Conference, and offered his support to Ohio CASA, coordinating the first ever Judges' Panel for the annual conference.

In February the program added a Staff Attorney. This is the first time the program has had a designated attorney assigned solely for CASA cases, providing a tremendous asset to CASA and its volunteers.

CASA held its annual Recognition Dinner in May at the Kohler Presidential Banquet Center. The winners of the CASA Gold Star Awards included volunteers Daliah Saleh, Angie Worley, Carmen Culotta and Kenyatta Mays. The Power of One Award went to volunteer Rick Smith. The Rylee Sellars Memorial Award, recognizing continued and distinguished commitment to the CASA Program, was awarded to Connie Beal.

Along with these achievements, CASA engaged with the community in many other ways:

- Thanks to Living Hope Church and other local organizations, CASA volunteers distributed bags to children for storing personal items.
- CASA invited the Miami Valley Pet Therapy Association to the Court for CASA volunteers and Juvenile Court staff on two occasions.
- Students in grades 1-6 from across Montgomery County participated in the CASA Calendar contest. The winners were honored at an event held at the K12 Gallery & TEJAS and received a framed copy of their drawing and art-related gifts. Thanks to the generosity of the Dayton Art Institute, the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, the Dayton Performing Arts Guild, and the K12 Gallery & TEJAS, the children were also gifted family passes to those respective facilities.

Pushing Positive Outcomes at CAS

At CAS, the goal is clear: instilling positive values, improving social competencies, and influencing our youth to have a positive outlook towards the future. While the goal is clear, the route for each individual can vary. Although each youth's track may differ, a common thread exists for nearly every case: positivity is powerful.

In 2019, CAS took that sentiment to heart by implementing a behavior management system. Through the system, youths were incentivized to prosocial behaviors—being honest, apologizing, showing patience, pro-socially expressing feelings, avoiding conflict, being a role-model, good manners and more—by earning Positive Praise Forms. Conversely, if a youth received a high-level infraction and was placed on a behavior contract, the youth had to earn back privileges by completing selected interventions.

The results of the system were clear after a short time. CAS was challenged to write a ratio of four Positive Praise Forms to each infraction; CAS met this goal within three months of implementation.

Along with the system, CAS empowered and encouraged various departments to produce enticing incentives and activities for residents, such as Spa Day, Fall Fest, Winter Wonderland, laser tag, co-ed picnics and staff-versus-kids events, to positively reinforce the prosocial behaviors.

Along with positivity, CAS knows family involvement is a vital aspect of a child's treatment. To that end, CAS worked to facilitate family connections, including transportation to the facility, family sessions via phone or video, extended visitation hours, monthly clinicals, and fun family events.

To verify compliance with national standards, CAS renewed their American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation in October 2019. CAS also successfully completed a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit in June of 2018 to ensure practices are in place to protect youth and prevent assault.

Growing & Refining Detention

To meet the needs of the region and the goals of the department, Detention Services took many steps in 2019 to both grow and refine the practices and procedures of the department. These steps include:

- Hired and trained 33 new staff members, including 29 Youth Specialists, three Trained Medical Techs and one Facility Support.
- Worked diligently with the Population Control Committee in reviewing all of the youth detained and developing a release list of youth deemed eligible for provisional release.
- Continued to work in partnership with Caring For Kids to design and implement system changes and programs to address the mental health needs of the youth.
- Maintained relationships with community partners that provide religious services for JCARE, Corrections, and Detention units.
- Youth Specialist training regarding Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) has continued in 2019. PBIS strategies are being utilized with all youth in Detention Services. PBIS is an alternative to traditional disciplinary practices.
- Created partnerships with local community organizations that provide programs geared towards strengthening the development of our youth.
- Established a youth advisory board that consists of our population to assist with the implementation of ongoing EMPOWERMENT programs.
- Provided education for youth on effective communication with parents, peers, and authority figures.



Growing Partnerships to Serve Youth

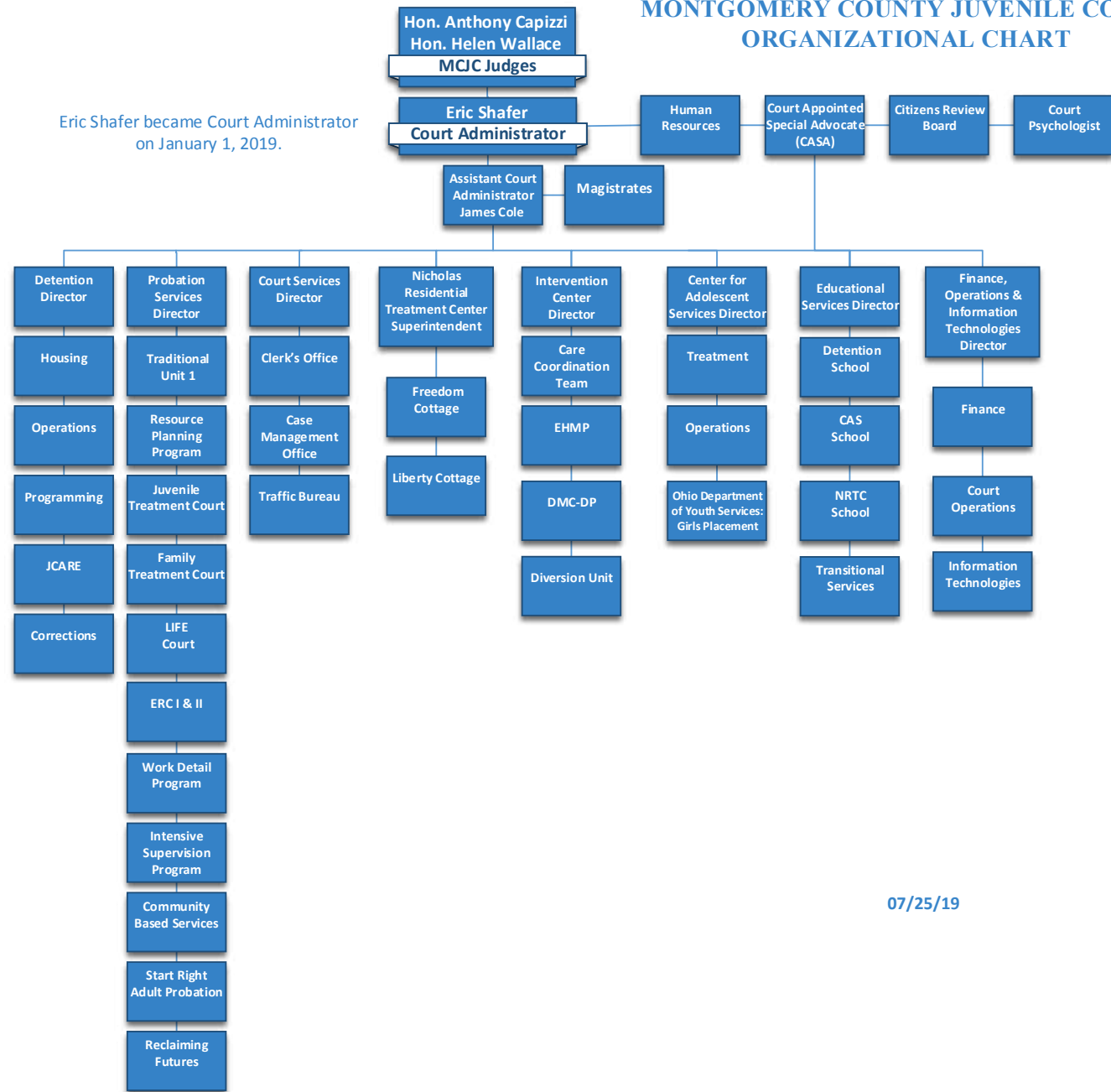
The Intervention Center, in its mission to keep youth out of the Court system, partners with local organizations. The IC worked closely with the following organizations in 2019:

- **Caring For Kids** - Caring For Kids provided the Court with a full-time Program Manager, nine full-time therapists, five part-time therapists, a full-time psychiatric nurse, a part-time psychiatrist and two administrative support staff persons to deliver services to youth facing mental health, drug, alcohol, and abuse/neglect and dependency issues.
- **Better Business Bureau** - 104 youth attended the Stop Shoplifting class, designed "to reduce the occurrence of repeat offenders of shoplifting or theft through information, education and self-evaluation." Since 2008, approximately 2,668 youth have attended the class.
- **Public Health Dayton And Montgomery County Risky Business Program:** 115 youth attended, with 92 successfully completing, Risky Business, a six-week program that educates and provides awareness regarding poor decision making, violence prevention, problem gambling prevention, sexual risk behavior and drug and alcohol abuse.
- **Sexual Educational Session** - 53 youth attended Sexual Education Sessions, a bi-monthly sexual education class by Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County that educates youth on the risks and subsequent consequences of disease related to sexual activity.

DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Eric Shafer became Court Administrator on January 1, 2019.



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Court Administration

Eric J. Shafer, **Court Administrator**

James D. Cole, **Assistant Court Administrator**

Court Administration is responsible for overseeing the operation of eleven major departments: the Center for Adolescent Services, Detention Services, Business Services, Human Resources, the Intervention Center, the Nicholas Residential Treatment Center, Probation Services, CASA, Court Services, Psychological Services, and Education Services.

Court Apointed Special Advocates Program

Jane P. Novick, ESQ., **Program Manager**

The CASA program trains and supervises adult volunteers to serve as Guardians Ad Litem (GAL) for abused, neglected, and dependent children. CASA volunteers conduct independent investigations, provide written reports to the Court and monitor a child's case as long as it remains in the Court system. As informed, independent and objective voices for children, CASA volunteers advocate for what is in the best interest of children.

Psychological Services

Dr. Laura Fujimura, **Court Psychologist**

The Psychological Services department provides psychological evaluation services for referred youth to aid Court staff in case planning. Consultative services are available to assist in determining the best possible dispositional alternative. The department also conducts competency and amenability evaluations, as directed by the Juvenile Court Judges or Magistrates.

Court Services

Steven Mongelli, **Director**

The Clerk's Office is responsible for processing official filings for the Court and maintaining the official court docket and journal. Documents requiring filing are received via mail or in-person from several sources, including private citizens, law enforcement, attorneys representing private or agency parties, appointed counsel and agencies themselves.

Center For Adolescent Services

Michael Garrett, **Director**

The Center for Adolescent Services is a Community Correctional Facility for the Montgomery County Juvenile Court that provides services for both males and females. Under the leadership of Judge Anthony Capizzi and Judge Helen Wallace, the facility puts a strong emphasis on going beyond conventional treatment services by integrating the 40 Developmental Assets into case management, therapeutic groups, and daily activities. This strength-based, asset-driven approach creates a welcoming environment for guests, residents, and staff.

Detention Services

Bruce L. Graham, **Director**

Detention Services' mission is to provide a comprehensive program for pre- and post-dispositional youth in a safe and secure environment while protecting public safety. As a whole, Detention Services houses 5 distinct populations within its 144-bed facility capacity. All youth receive evidence-based programming, as well as full educational, mental health, medical, physical, and life-skills programming.

Detention Services includes the following units and programs:

- Juvenile Cognitive Alternative Rehabilitative Effort-Aggression Replacement Training Program (JCARE-ART)
- Juvenile Cognitive Alternative Rehabilitative Effort-Specialized Treatment Program (JCARE-STP)
- Corrections (Short Term)

Intervention Center

Tiffany Dulin, **Director**

The Intervention Center (IC) is the 24-hour, seven days a week centralized intake, screening, assessment and case processing department for all youth referred to the Court for delinquency and unruly behavior. Referrals come from a variety of sources including law enforcement, schools and parents.

The Court's unofficial hearings and diversionary programming are also housed within the IC. There are numerous specialized units that provide assessment, linkage to services and case management to youth who have yet to penetrate the official Court system.

Intake/Assessments

Dorian Davis, **Intake Manager**
Brett Jung, **Assessment Manager**

Programing Unit (Diversion)

Jodi Benson, **Program Manager**

The Programing Unit oversees the following programs:

- 10 & Under Program
- Disproportionate Minority Contact Diversion Program (DMC/DP)
- Education Unit
- Diversion Supervision Unit
- Screening Brief Intervention And Referral To Treatment (SBIRT)
- Sexually Oriented Diversion Approach (SODA)



Judge Frank W. Nicholas Residential Treatment Center

Shannon M. Crabtree, **Director**

The Frank W. Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (NRTC) is a 24-hour, non-secure, residential facility that provides behavioral intervention and substance abuse and mental health treatment for youth. It has proudly served the youth of Montgomery County since 1970.

NRTC is committed to assisting at-risk youth in becoming productive, responsible citizens through providing quality, diverse, and comprehensive treatment and rehabilitative services with a mission to reduce or eliminate their involvement in the juvenile justice and/or child welfare systems.

Probation Services

Tricia Lucido, **Director**

Probation Services provides evidence-based services for the youth and families in its charge. The mission of the Department extends beyond ensuring that youth meet their Court obligations. In 2019, the Department continued utilizing the Learning Independence and Family Empowerment (LIFE) program, which connects probationers to Functional Family Therapy (FFT), placed emphasis on the use of Motivational Interviewing, and increased the use of Cognitive Behavioral (CBT) and Trauma Focused therapy models in its programs.

The Probation Services Department is comprised of the following units and programs:

- Traditional Unit
- Resource Planning Program (RPP)
- Intensive Probation Services (IPSU)
 - JCARE-ART
 - Adjudicated Sex Offender Supervision
 - LIFE Program
 - LIFE COURT
- Adult Probation
- Juvenile Treatment Court (JTC)
- Reclaiming Futures
- Family Treatment Court (FTC)
- Evening Reporting Center I & II (ERC)
- Community Based Services (CBS)
- Juvenile Court Work Program (JCWP)
- Transportation

Business Services

Brian K. Buttrey, **Director**

While the Judges, Magistrates, and Court Services deal with the daily legal operations of the Court, the Business Services department manages the daily business operations of the Court. This consists of accounts receivable, accounts payable, grant writing and planning, management of the facilities, and support of the Court's information technology needs.

Education Services

Dr. Joseph A. Hall, **Director**

MCJCS is a non-graded non-public school district chartered by the Ohio Department of Education that offers a comprehensive and individualized year round educational programming to students placed in each of three facilities within the county: Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (NRTC), Center for Adolescent Services (CAS), and the Juvenile Justice Center (Detention). The district employs 16 full-time teachers to facilitate instruction for each core academic content area, art, and physical education in addition to 3 licensed K-12 intervention specialists.