

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

A Division of the Court of Common Pleas

ANTHONY CAPIZZI, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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Judge Capizzi has been a strong advocate for youth throughout his career, serving as a voice for children on issues such as drug and mental health treatment, disproportionate representation of minorities, and using technology to better help children and families.

He has served as a Montgomery County, Ohio, Juvenile Court Judge since 2004 and Administrative Judge since 2017. He previously served as an Acting Judge in Dayton Municipal Court, and was in private practice for 25 years. He received his J.D. from the University of Dayton and Undergraduate Degree from St. Bonaventure University. He was awarded 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, put into practice the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), created the Pro Se Services program, and strengthened the Court's Reclaiming Futures and Natural Helpers programs to better serve youth and their families.

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.

He serves as Past-President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Association ("NCJFCJ"), and on the NADCP Project Advisory Board (PAB) for the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) Training and Technical Assistance Project. In addition, he serves on the National Center for State Courts National Judicial Opioid Task Force and the Stewards of Change Institute National Board.

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

He is Past-Chair of the Ohio Judicial College Board of Trustees and Past-President of the Ohio Juvenile Judges Association. He was appointed by Governor DeWine in December 2019 as one of two judges statewide to serve on the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council.

Judge Capizzi lectures at state, national, and international conferences focusing on judicial leadership, juvenile treatment and mental health courts, family 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.

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



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 (20) 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 Service's custody to independence. Judge Wallace works with the State of Ohio's Bridges Program and Children Service's 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 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.

Anthony Capizzi, Administrative Judge Helen Wallace, Judge



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To the Resident of Montgomery County, Ohio:

It goes without saying that 2020 presented our Country, State, and County with a number of challenges unlike many of us had seen in our lifetime. Even with all of the challenges of 2020, Montgomery County Juvenile Court addressed 13,557 referrals.

Like most entities, the Juvenile Court needed to find a way to continue to serve our community while ensuring the safety of everyone involved. Swift and decisive action was required.

The following is a partial list of the steps we took to maintain the health and safety of everyone while allowing us to continue to serve the community:

- Equipped staff with personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Provided masks to all parties entering Juvenile Court facilities
- o Asked staff to work from home (WFH) where possible
- o Equipped WFH staff with laptops, tablets, Zoom accounts, and/or other necessary equipment
- o Performed temperature checks and questioned all individuals entering Juvenile Court facilities
- Performed contract tracing for any suspected COVID-19 infections
- Asked staff to remain at home when showing any COVID-19 symptoms
- Reorganized Detention and Residential facilities to house COVID-19 symptomatic youth separately
- o Invested in technology to ensure juveniles could maintain family contact using e-visits
- o Equipped courtrooms with new technology to allow parties to participate remotely
- o Developed and trained staff on new processes and procedures to ensure safety of all parties
- o Sanitized our facilities and transportation vehicles multiple times daily

We could not be prouder of the dedication and fortitude of our staff to work safely through the pandemic and maintain the services to our community. The follow pages will provide you with more details of each department and the overall statistics of the Juvenile Court. We hope this information provides you with a sense of our accomplishments in 2020.

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Anthony Capizzi, Administrative Judge



Helen Wallace, Judge



COURT ADMINISTRATION ERIC SHAFER, COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Juvenile Court, a division of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Ohio, has two Judges and ten Civil, Delinquency and Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency magistrates. Court Administration consists of Finance, Human Resources, Building Operations, Information Technology, Grants Management, Psychological Services, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program.



COURT SERVICES STEVE MONGELLI, DIRECTOR

The Court Services Department is tasked with receiving and processing any and all case-related filings and documents.

- Filed 8,618 new cases and reactivations
- Began the process of emailing entries to agency partners on a limited basis to reduce the amount of paper and postage
- Received a grant to expand the capability of our case management system to begin text messaging reminders to litigants



COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)

The Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA) 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 the child's case as long as it remains in the Court system. As informed, independent and objective voices for these children, the CASA volunteer advocates for what is in the best interest of the children. The CASA Program is celebrating its 32nd year in the County.

2020 Accomplishments:

- Moved all meetings to virtual platforms, such as Zoom and FaceTime
- Shifted all in-person classroom training to virtual training
- Volunteers and staff accumulated over 700 hours in trainings. The topics included: Substance abuse, LGBTQ issues, GAL report writing, Racial and other cultural issues, Abuse, Trauma, Communication and Interviewing skills, Education, Transitioning to Independence, Permanency, Care House tour, Mental Health, Boundaries and Parenting time during COVID-19
- Attended the National CASA conference where Judge Capizzi was the Master of Ceremonies
- Awarded a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant
- Awarded a Kettering Family Foundation grant
- Awarded the Physician's Charitable Trust Foundation grant to purchase much needed items for children

Number of Families Served	294
Number of Children Served	400
Number of New Children Served	139
Number of Cases Closed	112
Number of Children in Closed Cases	154

CASA Statistics

Outcomes of Closed Cases

Adoption Finalized	21	
Emancipation (Child Aged Out)	10	DC
Legal Custody (not including to Custodial Parent)	53	
Reunification Achieved	27	
Case Dismissed	18	

Volunteers		
Active Volunteers	133	
Attorneys Providing Pro Bono Services	4	

ABUSE, NEGLECT, DEPENDENCY DOCKET

Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over children involved in the child welfare system who are alleged to be abused, neglected, and/or dependent as defined by the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C. 2151.04; 2151.03; 2151.0310). The Juvenile Court presides over cases regarding children alleged to be abused, neglected, or dependent, from the filing of the initial complaint until a permanent disposition has been rendered. Juvenile Court continues to exercise jurisdiction over a child who is adjudicated abused, neglected, or dependent until the child reaches the age of majority or until the child is terminated from the custody of a child welfare agency after the child's 18th birthday up until the child's 21st birthday. The primary focus of any child welfare case is the best interest of a child which includes the health, safety, welfare, and overall well-being of a child. The goal of any child welfare case is to strengthen families so that children can safely remain with their families whenever possible and to find permanent homes for children when that is not possible.

The pandemic has created a lot of challenges for child welfare systems and for Juvenile Courts across the nation trying to process these cases. Child welfare agencies were forced to shut down visitation centers. Caseworkers have had to find creative ways to meet with children and their families given the constraints of the pandemic. Even though child abuse and neglect referrals did not increase during the pandemic, the number of children in foster care did rise because court hearings along with reunification and family preservation services were paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The task for child welfare agencies and Juvenile Courts was to find ways to continue processing cases so that children could be safely reunified with their families or otherwise permanent-ly placed with caregivers or adoptive families.

Since June 2020, Montgomery County Juvenile Court utilized technology so that child welfare hearings could proceed virtually. Television monitors, speakers and cameras were installed in courtrooms so that virtual hearings could commence. We have seen an increase in participation by parents and caregivers in these proceedings. This technology has allowed us to continue processing cases so that children are not lingering in the foster care system without permanency.



PRIVATE CUSTODY, CHILD SUPPPORT, AND VISITATION DOCKET

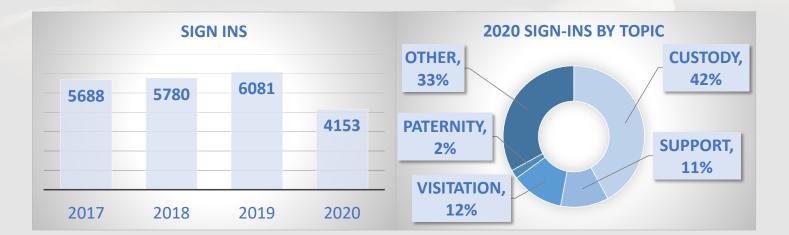
The Private Custody, Child Support, and Visitation Docket has jurisdiction over a child involving the issues of paternity, custody, parenting time, visitation, and child support when the child's parents were not married at the time of their birth, when the child's parents married after their birth but have not filed for divorce, or when a non-parent initiates a filing. This jurisdiction is pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C. 3109-3127). The Juvenile Court presides over these cases until the child emancipates, the parents divorce, or the parties relocate and register their order in another county or state. The primary goals of any case on the Civil Custody Docket are: 1) Insure that children are in the custody of someone that will keep them safe, 2) Children have the opportunity to develop, foster, and maintain a healthy relationship with their parents, custodians, and possibly other family members, and 3) Their parents provide for them economically.

The pandemic created many challenges for the Civil Custody Docket. Service of Process was one area that was largely affected. Attempts to limit face to face contact between people caused delays in the delivery of service which in turn delayed cases. Illness of parties due to COVID-19 caused cases to be continued, and the fear of spreading the virus resulted in custodial parents refusing parenting time/visits causing large gaps in time between visits.

In an attempt to remedy the delays caused by the pandemic, the Court has implemented some changes to shorten the time between the initial filing of a case and the final disposition, including Zoom hearings and adding evening hours.

Citizen Services is the pro se (representing yourself in court without an attorney) filing office located on the lower level of the Juvenile Justice building. The office was opened in 2014 as a walk-in clinic to assist pro se filers in primarily civil matters. Citizen Services remained open on a walk-in basis until 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated a reevaluation of its operating procedures from a public health and safety standpoint.

- Relocated its operations temporarily to the front lobby reception area to provide services, on a limited basis, without increasing foot traffic through the building
- Expanded telephone, mail, fax, and email assistance options
- Began offering virtual appointments via Zoom
- Updated all forms to be fillable and made them available via the Court's website via individual and packet form
- Provided simple written instructions to enable pro se filers to complete form easily and independently

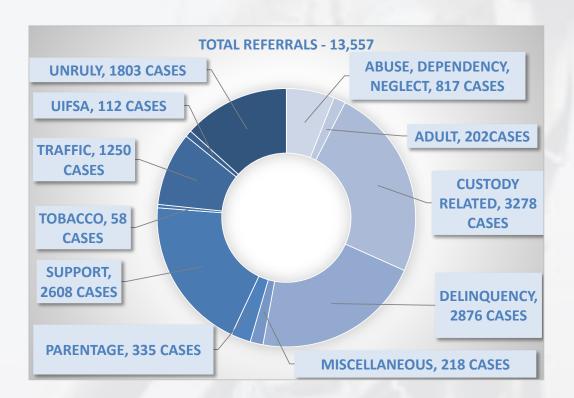


DELINQUENCY DOCKET

The Juvenile Delinquency Docket has jurisdiction over all offenses involving children under the age of eighteen at the time of the offense (O.R.C 2151.23). These offenses are any act which, if committed by an adult, would be in violation of Chapter 29 of the Ohio Revised Code. Additionally the Juvenile Delinquency Docket hears cases involving juvenile protection orders (O.R.C. 2151.34), unruly filings, and juvenile traffic offenders. Cases on the delinquency docket are handled from the initial hearing on a complaint through disposition and any subsequent hearings. The Juvenile Delinquency Docket balances community safety interests with the rehabilitation and treatment of the child.

The COVID-19 pandemic created obstacles for the delinquency docket. Hearings on this docket typically bring in parties from different agencies, departments, and families. These individuals traditionally appear in person for Court. The Court was faced with the challenge of bringing those parties together safely so as to reduce interparty contact and reduce the amount of people needed in the Juvenile Justice Center.

Montgomery County Juvenile Court utilized technology in ways that benefitted the court and the community it served. Computer systems were upgraded to facilitate reliable virtual use. Pretrial conferences were held remotely between multiple parties in multiple locations. New recording technology allowed the court to complete hearings, on the record, in a virtual environment. New televisions were installed in the courtroom allowing hearings to occur where one party is remote while another party was in person in the courtroom.



DISPOSITIONS IN DELINQUENCY CASES

Dispositions are treatments ordered in a particular case. Case dispositions typically include the following categories:

- Waived to criminal court—Cases that are transferred to adult criminal court as the result of a motion to transfer hearing in Juvenile Court
- Placement—Cases in which youth are placed in a residential facility for delinquents or status offenders, or cases in which youth are otherwise removed from their homes and placed elsewhere
- Probation—Cases in which youth are placed on informal/voluntary or formal/court- ordered supervision
- Dismissed/released—Cases dismissed or otherwise released (including those warned and counseled) with no further sanction or consequence anticipated. Among cases handled informally (see "manner of handling"), some cases may be dismissed by the Juvenile Court because the matter is being handled in another court or agency
- Other—Miscellaneous dispositions not included above. These dispositions include fines, restitution, community service, referrals outside the court for services with minimal or no further court involvement anticipated, and dispositions coded as "other" in a jurisdiction's original data



INTERVENTION SERVICES TIFFANY DULIN, DIRECTOR

The Intervention Center (IC) is a 24-hour, 7-day a week single point of entry for court service for unruly and delinquent youth, providing improved access for local law enforcement. With the onsite support of outside agencies, including South Community, Inc.'s Caring for Kids, that conducts comprehensive assessments on youth and the Children Services Division of the Department of Job and Family Services, the center can provide a triage for youth and their families when more in-depth intervention is needed. The IC also provides electronic monitoring (EHM) for youth released to their home. In addition, the IC houses the care coordination team which works closely with children (10 years of age and younger) and their families, as well as the Disproportionate Minority Contact Diversion Program, Emergency Foster Care (EFC), the Education Unit, BBB's Stop Shoplifting classes and the Diversion Unit. The IC coordinates needed services and provides ongoing follow-up for youth and their families to divert them from the official court system

In 2020, Montgomery County was faced with a pandemic that led to circumstances in which the IC had never experienced. The Juvenile Court was closed for a brief period and even during that time the IC remained open, 24/7, still providing in-depth assessments of all youth referred to the Juvenile Court for status and delinquency offenses. The Department processed approximately 4,100 unruly and delinquency cases that were referred to the Court, and facilitated 407 Electronic Home Monitoring enrollments . Staff covered shifts on teams, which enabled social distancing and eliminated potential herd exposure. The IC facilitated COVID-19-19 screenings of all youth and staff entering the department, which included the CDC questionnaire and a temperature check; and routine sanitization of all areas was implemented around the clock. To ensure that services were not disrupted to the public, the IC adjusted its practices to include virtual methodology. Unofficial/Diversionary hearings were switched to Zoom, and virtual tutoring was facilitated by the Education Unit for those youth struggling with on-line education. Despite the pandemic, the Education Unit and SODA Program both grew in size, including onboarding additional staff to assist with the elevated number of related referrals.

Intake U	nit Statistics
Secure Admissions	1,203
Non-Secure "Mail-In" Cases	2,698
Non-Secure "Walk-In" Cases	212
Electronic Home Monitoring Program Enrollments	407
DSO/Emergency Foster Care Placements	68
Assessmen	t Unit Statistics
Unofficial Hearings Total	1,399
In-Person	848
Virtual	551
CIR/Ohio Youth Assessment System	449
Programming	Unit New Referrals
Education Unit	237
Disproportionate Minority Contact/Diversion Program	173
Diversion Unit	134
10 & Under Program	117
Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment	20

DETENTION SERVICES BRUCE 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 the public safety. Youth housed within the facility range in age from 10 to 20 years old. As a whole, Detention Services houses 5 distinct populations within its 144-bed facility. We offer evidence based programming, full educational, mental health, medical, physical, and life-skills programming to all youth.

- Hired and trained 17 new staff members with an established goal to stabilize staffing ratios for the benefit of our youth: 14 Youth Specialists, 2 Trained Medical Tech and 1 Facility Support
- Continued to work diligently with the Population Control Committee in reviewing all of the youth detained and developing a release list of youth deemed eligible for provisionary 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
- Enhanced and streamlined data collection in conjunction with PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) goals, in addition to informative data-based decision making
- Maintained relationships with community partners that provide religious services for JCARE, Corrections, and Detention units.
- Continued to provide an individualized educational program for all the youth that enter the facility
- Continued to work with the outside agencies to ensure availability of a coordinated continuum of services to meet the needs of the detained youth
- Youth Specialist training regarding PBIS has continued in 2020. PBIS strategies are being utilized with all youth in Detention Services. PBIS is an alternative to traditional disciplinary practices and stresses teaching, modeling and reinforcing expected behaviors
- Created partnerships with local community organizations that provide programs geared towards strengthening the development of our youth
- Continued opportunities for growth in the area of anger management for males involved in the Juvenile Court system through the EMPOWERMENT programs
- Provided education for youth on effective communication with parents, peers, and authority figures

Detention Services	Male	Female	Detention Certified	M
Total Detained	374	168	Total Detained	9
Average Daily Population	22.61	4.25	Average Daily Population	3.09
Average Length of Stay	23.26	9.23	Average Length of Stay	271.00

JCARE-STP	Male	Female	JCARE-ART	Male	Fe
Total Admitted	19	0	Total Admitted	21	0
Average Daily Population	5.88	0	Average Daily Population	4.22	0
Average Length of Stay	167.58	0	Average Length of Stay	81.67	0

PROBATION SERVICES TRICIA LUCIDO, DIRECTOR

The Probation Services Department is staffed by a Director, Management team, Supervisory team, Probation Officers, and Support staff. The Department is centrally located within the county to ensure easy access for the families served. The mission of the Department extends beyond ensuring that youth meet their Court obligations. Probation Services is dedicated to upholding a high standard, striving to provide new and enhance existing programs that build on the strengths and families it serves. The Department focuses on evidence-based services for youth and families in its charge. Some examples are: Family Empowerment (LIFE) program, which connects probationers to Functional Family Therapy (FFT), placed emphasis on the use of Motivational Interview-ing, and increased the use of Cognitive Behavioral (CBT), Trauma Focused therapy models, and Transformation Probation which focuses on a team approach to address youth issues/behaviors.

- Introduced Transformation Probation, which focuses on a youth's team approach to address issues/behaviors and attempts to improve upon negative behaviors by utilizing positive-action case plans and incentives
- Resource Planning Programming (RPP) adjusted to virtual placement visits, virtual court hearings, and many family sessions
 were conducted via FaceTime
- The Juvenile Cognitive Alternative Rehabilitation Effort-Aggression Replacement Training (JCARE-ART) program began incorporating Structured Sensory Intervention for Traumatized Children, Adolescents and Parents (SITCAP-ART), a comprehensive trauma intervention program and Seven Challenges, a comprehensive counseling program that incorporates treatment on alcohol and other drug problems
- Community Based Services (CBS) provided all participants a Forward Thinking (FT) interactive journal workbook
- Juvenile Treatment Court continued necessary drug testing and virtual court hearings
- Evening Reporting Center (ERC) developed a virtual format, ensured meals were delivered to families in need, provided for virtual Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT)/ Anger Replacement Training (ART), small groups, and recreation
- Family Treatment Court (FTC) provided services virtually to meet the goal of reunification and graduations were supported

Program Statistics	
Investigations	45
Supervisions	330
Youth Screened for Specialized Services or Out of Home Placement	64
Referrals for Sex Offender Assessments	22
Community Agency Collaboration Involvement	57
Youth Referred to Community Based Services	31
Youth Referred to Intensive Probation Services	74
Youth Referred to Learning Independence and Family Empowerment Program (LIFE) Court	57
Youth Referred to Juvenile Treatment Court	39
Urinalysis Test Run	4,129
Youth Served by Evening Reporting Center I	119
Youth Served by Evening Reporting Center II	63
Youth Supervised by Juvenile Court Work Program	14

NICHOLAS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER SHANNON CRABTREE, DIRECTOR

The Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (NRTC) is a 24-hour, non-secure, multi-tiered residential treatment facility, licensed by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services and the Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board, certified for up to 25 male and female at-risk youth. NRTC is currently working on the accreditation process to become a Quality Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) through the Council on Accreditation. The program is specifically designed to treat youth facing serious behavioral issues, mental health and substance abuse issues. The Nicholas Residential Treatment Center is a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) program operated under the Montgomery County Juvenile Court.

Faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (NRTC) carefully navigated necessary changes throughout 2020. It was of upmost importance to ensure that the 24/7 operations of the facility were maintained and our youth received the high level of treatment and educational services expected by the Court, stakeholders, and community.

The daily administration of temperature checks, implementation of the CDC's COVID-19 screening tool, and around the clock sanitization contributed to assurance of the health and safety of our youth and staff.

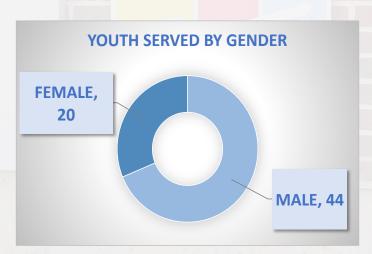
Throughout 2020, NTRC continued to accept youth for placement. Facility access was strictly limited for outside visitors and nonfacility, non-essential staff. The Court's provision of laptops and other electronic equipment allowed for court hearings, family treatment sessions, and family visitation to be successfully conducted via Zoom.

NRTC was able to continue working to meet the Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) standards as required by and outlined in the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). NRTC anticipates successful accreditation through the Council of Accreditation (COA) in 2021.

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INFIRMARY ROAD





CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT SERVICES (CAS) WILLIAM SHAFFER, DIRECTOR

The Center for Adolescent Services (CAS) 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 provides evidencebased therapeutic and treatment services for felony adjudicated youth.

The facility is unique from other Community Correctional Facilities in the State of Ohio as a result of an agreement reached in 2014 between Montgomery County Juvenile Court and the Ohio Department of Youth Services. This agreement resulted in 15 of the female beds in the facility being utilized for young ladies committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. 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..

- Provided treatment services to 67 residents
- Supported community service including knitting and crocheting items that were donated to a local homeless shelter
- Ensured services to residents continued through virtual sessions
- Ensured residents were able to maintain contact with their families via virtual sessions
- Ensured residents were able to attend probation, parole, and court appointments virtually



Facility Statistics	MC-Males	MC-Females	ODYS-Females
Youth Admitted	14	3	29
Youth Served	26	6	35
Average Length of Stay (Days)	183.38	187.67	152.10
Average Length of Stay (Months)	6.11	6.25	5.06

Yc	outh Served by Age	MC-Males	MC-Females	ODYS-Females
A	ge Range 12-14	2	1	1
A	ge Range 15-16	18	4	14
A	ge Range 17-18	6	1	16
A	ge Range 19-21	0	0	5

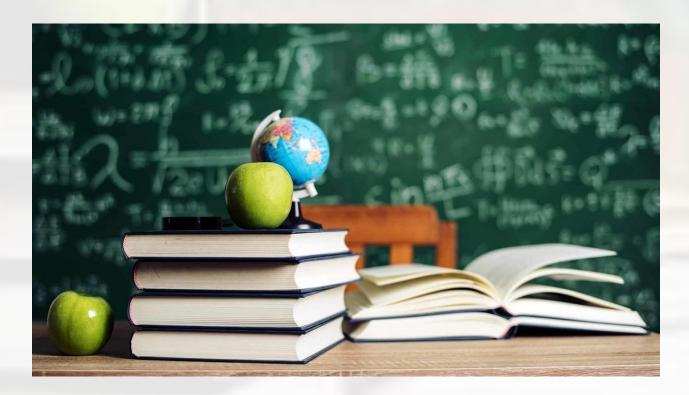
Youth Served by Race	MC-Males	MC-Females	ODYS-Females
Bi-Racial	1	0	1
Black/African American	23	3	17
Hispanic	0	0	2
White/Caucasian	2	3	15

EDUCATION SERVICES JOSEPH HALL, DIRECTOR

The Education Department 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 fulltime appropriately licensed teachers to facilitate instruction for each core academic content area, art, and physical education in addition to three licensed K-12 intervention specialists. We offer a high school-based program that allowed students to continue to earn credits towards graduation that are in alignment with school districts across the State of Ohio. Post-secondary programs are also offered, including a partnership with Sinclair College. Facility direct-care staff provides support in the classroom in most cases as well. In addition to instructional staff, the district employs two fulltime transition coordinators who collaborate with districts of residence to obtain student records, assist with transcripts, and collaborate with a variety of stakeholders to ensure youth are empowered to be as successful in the most appropriate educational placement possible once they reenter the community. Building Coordinators at NRTC and CAS are school administrators duly licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and OTES certified to coordinate instructional programming for all school staff housed within their facilities.

High School Graduation Highlights

During the 2020-2021 school year, MCJC schools were pleased to see 5 individuals through to graduation. 3 youths at JJC and 2 at CAS celebrated the completion of their high school credits while with us. In addition, thanks to a partnership with Sinclair Community College and the Department of Youth Services, CAS graduates are now college students taking classes as an online cohort with time to seek assistance from school staff with assignments and collaborate on partner projects integrated into the regular school schedule.



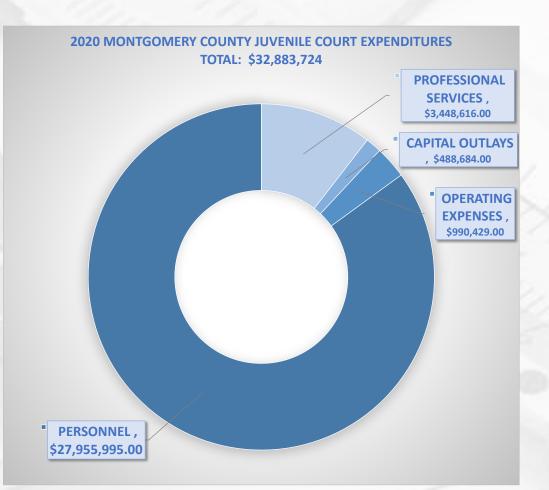
BUSINESS SERVICES BRIAN BUTTREY, DIRECTOR

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.

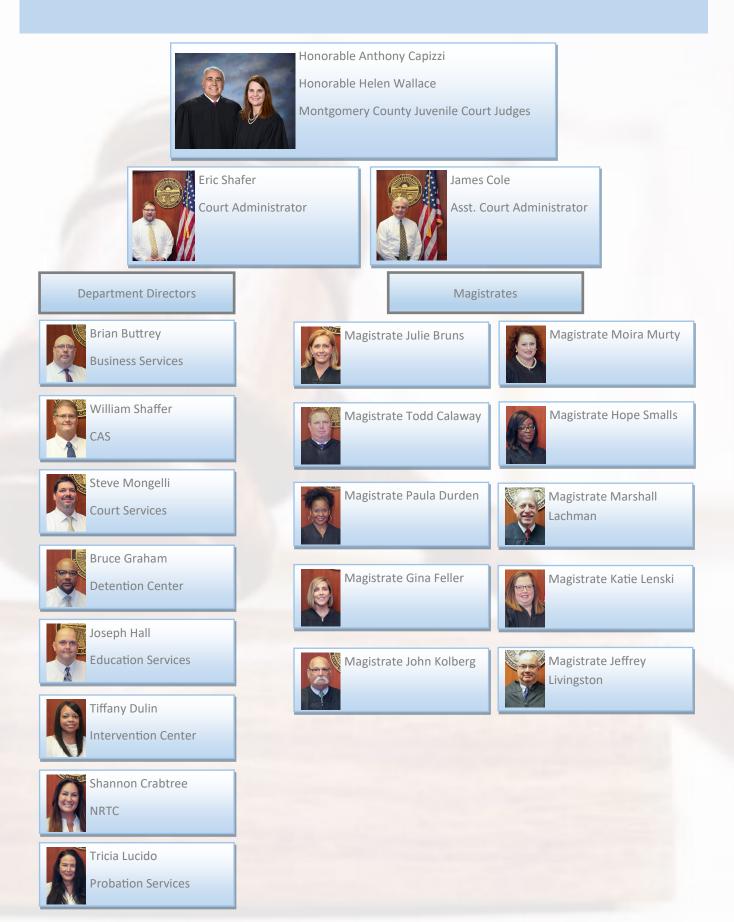
- Finance trained for the new Dynamics 365 Finance System in preparation for January 2021 launch
- Operations ensured all courtrooms and public spaces were rearranged to accommodate social distancing
- Operations sanitized every courtroom and all public spaced multiple times daily
- Information Technology implemented a temporary solution to allow for virtual hearings
- Information Technology oversaw the implementation of a new courtrooms system for all 14 courtrooms
- Information Technology implemented a new Emergency Notification System for Court staff
- Information Technology implemented six new host servers



FINANCES



2020 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





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