

Delaware County Probate/Juvenile Court

Judge David A. Hejmanowski

2017 Annual Report

“I’ve been struck by the upside-down priorities of the juvenile justice system. We are willing to spend the least amount of money to keep a kid at home, more to put him in a foster home, and the most to institutionalize him.”

Marian Wright Edelman
Psychology Today, 1975

Much has changed since Ms. Edelman’s observation 40 years ago, but much remains the same. The juvenile justice system continues to spend exorbitant amounts of money to institutionalize children or place them outside of their homes, while charitable, grant and direct-governmental funding for prevention programs is hard to come by.

The mission of the Delaware County Juvenile Court has always been to avoid institutionalizing youth except where public safety, public security, or the youth’s individual safety necessitate it, or in circumstances where all other options have failed. This mission arises not out of a sense of magnanimity nor any grand idealism, but instead out of the stark, pragmatic reality that institutionalizing youth is expensive and nearly universally ineffective at reducing the likelihood of future delinquent or criminal behavior.

Our efforts have therefore been focused on early prevention, early intervention and effective methods of reducing recidivism. Our diversion program funnels young, non-violent offenders out of the formal court process and into programming that can address the causes of their behavior. As a leader in her field, Lisa Williamson has previously served as President of the Ohio Juvenile Diversion Association and serves as our Director of Court Services.

The county’s school liaisons work directly in our local school districts, forming effective lines of communication between school officials and court personnel. They intervene early to address truancy issues and, in conjunction with our mediators conduct school truancy mediations that have been incredibly effective at getting kids to school.

The probation department, under the direction of Kara Moore adds to those efforts significantly. Our probation officers work around the clock to protect the public and to push the juveniles under their supervision to achieve the skills necessary to be successful in life. The Victim Awareness program, court-supervised community service and CASA programs all saw growth in 2017, with the latter benefiting from the leadership of Tammy Matias, and continuing to build on its partnership with Union County.

The Juvenile Treatment Court, presided over by Magistrate Schoenling and our Treatment Court Liaison Lauren Souza, serves as a model for other juvenile courts in the state to follow, and has achieved certification from the Ohio Supreme Court. Magistrate Childs presides over her delinquency docket, but also specializes in the difficult work of detention hearings—balancing public safety and accountability against a desire to reduce the impact and cost of juvenile detention. Magistrate Rice, who does double-duty as our Staff Attorney, presides over the dedicated dockets in truancy and restitution, giving special attention to those matters that benefit from expedited review.

Our success is not measured by the number of juveniles who interact with our court, but rather by the number who are able to become productive, law-abiding adults. The commitment of each and every member of our staff to achieve that result in every case makes coming to work every day an absolute joy.

In Probate Court, Magistrate Kaiser leads an outstanding team that efficiently handles estates, marriage licenses, name changes, guardianships, conservatorships, adoptions and much more. Teresa Tackett has spearheaded the continuing expansion of our Guardianship Visitor program, and already that program has paid dividends and has attracted the support of grant making organizations in our county.

We live, work and raise our families in this community and, thus, are committed to making a place that we are proud to call home.

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Employees of the Probate/Juvenile Court

Judicial

David A. Hejmanowski, Judge
Kari Childs, Magistrate
R. Lamont Kaiser, Magistrate
Robert Rice, Staff Attorney/Magistrate
Lynne Schoenling, Magistrate
Teresa Tackett, Judicial Services
Manager/Probate Court Investigator

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CASA

Tammy Matias, CASA Coordinator
Nicole Thornton, Assistant CASA
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Clerical Services

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Stacey Morris, Probate Clerk
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Lisa Patterson, Probate Clerk
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Fiscal

Karen Wadkins, Fiscal Coordinator
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Intake and Treatment

Lisa Williamson, Director of Court Services
Stacy Blair, City School Liaison/Intake
Supervisor
Sara Kapel, Intake Supervisor
Kimberly Baker, Family Advocate
Alan Bryan, Intake/Diversion Officer
Mary Cagnina, Family Advocate
Coordinator
Patty Cram, Mentor Coordinator
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Assistant
Vikki Hardwick, County School Attendance
Officer
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Lisa Lemaster, County School Liaison
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Eddie Parker, Diversion Officer
Lauren Ragland, Family Advocate
Lauren Souza, Treatment Court Coordinator
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Mediation

Dodie Davenport, Mediator
April Nelson, Mediator

Probate Investigation

Donna Bukovec, Adoption Assessor
Pamela Vest, Probate Court Investigator

Probation

Kara Moore, Chief Probation Officer
Darlene Miller, Deputy Chief Probation
Officer
Dave Andrews, Chief Field Officer
Marc Camboni, Field Probation Officer
Gia DeGirolamo, Community
Service/Restitution Work Specialist
Kevin Krasa, Probation Officer
Michelle Leighty, Probation Officer
Bobby Massie, Probation Officer
Bonnie Scheidt, Transport Officer
Ken Ward, Community Service/Restitution
Work Coordinator

Probate Court

Type of Filing	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Estates	543	491	444	485	501
Guardianship of Minors	50	37	45	27	34
Guardianship of Incompetents	48	158	55	66	45
Conservatorships	1	1	3	2	1
Testamentary Trusts	5	18	21	14	7
Civil Actions	28	16	24	11	34
Adoptions	42	36	39	44	48
Mental Commitment	0	11	7	2	2
Minor Settlement	8	17	18	10	20
Wrongful Death ¹	0	0	42	23	16
Registration/Correction Birth Record	10	2	3	2	6
Change of Name	95	72	73	82	92
Marriage Applications Granted	751	758	898	879	886
Miscellaneous Filings ²	140	80	97	77	91
	1721	1697	1769	1724	1783

¹ Wrongful Death actions were not separated from Estate filings in 2013 and 2014.

² Miscellaneous filings include: Disinterment, Dispensing with Guardianship, Wills for Deposit, Administrative Orders, and other filings not specifically reported to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Age of Adult Wards Under Guardianship	
Age Range	
18-30	156
31-50	91
51-70	75
71-90	43
91+	11
Total	376

Types of Adoptions Filed	
Adult	10
Private	7
Private - Agency	2
Adoption Preplacement	2
Public Agency	3
Refinalization	7
Step-parent	17
Total	48

Marriage Licenses Issued by Month	
January	34
February	35
March	52
April	74
May	106
June	110
July	90
August	106
September	99
October	82
November	41
December	49
TOTAL	878

<u>New Estates Filed by Type and Filer</u>			
TYPE OF ESTATE	Filed by Attorney	Filed by Pro Se	Total filed
Ancillary Administration	12	0	12
Full Administration	264	3	267
Probate Will	1	0	1
Release From Administration	65	36	101
Real Estate Transfer	6	0	6
Special Administration	1	0	1
Short Form Release	3	3	6
Summary Release	28	24	52
Taxes	0	1	1
Wrongful Death	10	1	11
Will for Record Only	16	5	21
TOTAL	406	73	479

Types of Hearings Scheduled in 2017	Number of Hearings
Case Review	132
Adoption Consent	3
Adult Adoption	9
Appointment of Guardian	135
Appointment of Co-Guardian	6
Appointment of Fiduciary	1
Appointment of Trustee	2
Conservatorship	2
Disinterment	1
Hearing	165
Insolvency	11
Minor's Claim/Minor Guardianship Matter	22
Name Change - Adult	54
Name Change - Minor	45
Non-Oral Hearing	57
Pre-Placement Adoption	5
Private Agency Adoption	1
Private Placement Adoption	8
Public Agency Adoption	3
Refinalization of Foreign Adoption	6
Status Conference	29
Step-Parent Adoption	23
Trial	1
Wrongful Death	1
TOTAL	722

Results of Scheduled Hearings in 2017	Number
Continued	100
Dismissed	7
Failure to appear	22
Informal	3
Heard	399
Non-Oral Complete	57
Vacated	134
Total	722

Juvenile Court

Traffic

Traffic Citation	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Speed	363	366	335	329	345	401
Assured Clear Distance	148	139	129	128	168	163
Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence	7	7	19	11	15	13
Failure to Control	58	53	54	60	69	48
No License/Permit, Suspended or Restrictions	44	26	42	27	50	48
Seat Restraint violations	38	22	28	25	27	38
Failure to Yield/Right of Way	81	66	85	24	75	103
Use of Wireless Electronic Device/Texting	0	2	2	1	4	1
Traffic Control Signal Violations	23	53	26	36	50	40
Improper Driving Actions*	47	49	44	108	74	86
Miscellaneous Actions	70	47	62	13	35	31
Total	879	830	826	762	912	972

*Encompasses various charges including lane violations, improper turns, and hit skips.

Unruly/Delinquency

Charges Filed and Adjudicated in 2017		
	Number of Charges Filed	Number of Youth Adjudicated on the Charge
Assault and Menacing		
Assault	55	19
Aggravated Menacing	13	2
Menacing	7	1
Menacing by Stalking	1	
Sexual Offenses		
Rape	12	2
Gross Sexual Imposition	7	4
Sexual Battery	1	4
Public Indecency	3	2

Disseminating Material Harmful to Juveniles	3	2
Pandering Sexually Oriented Material Involving a Minor	1	1
Sexual Imposition	10	1
Failure to Register – Sex Offense	1	1
Kidnapping and Extortion		
Unlawful Restraint	1	
Extortion	2	
Arson and Related Offenses		
Arson	3	1
Criminal Damaging	20	7
Vandalism	6	2
Criminal Mischief	24	3
Robbery, Burglary, Trespass, and Safecracking		
Burglary	1	
Robbery	2	2
Criminal Trespassing	8	2
Breaking and Entering	5	2
Safecracking	1	
Theft and Fraud		
Theft	82	19
Petty Theft	3	
Misuse of Credit Cards	1	1
Identify Fraud	2	
Forgery	1	
Receiving Stolen Property	6	2
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	5	4
Unauthorized Use of Property		1
Falsification		1
Offenses Against the Public Peace		
Disorderly Conduct	111	29
Telephone Harassment	3	1
Inducing Panic	2	
Making False Alarm	2	
Inciting Violence	1	
Inducing Panic	2	
Offenses Against the Family		
Domestic Violence	35	3
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	2	
Offenses Against Justice and Public Administration		

Obstructing Official Business	22	8
Obstructing Justice	1	
Illegal Conveyance in Facility	4	1
Tampering with Evidence	1	
Failure to Comply Police	2	2
Resisting Arrest	4	
Impersonating a Peace Officer	1	
Intimidation	1	
Conspiracy, Attempt and Complicity, Weapons Control, Corrupt Activity		
Pointing & Discharging Firearm	2	
Weapon in School Zone	5	2
Unlawful Possession of a Dangerous Ordinance	2	1
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon	1	1
Discharge of a Firearm Over a Highway	1	1
Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Vehicle	1	
Possession of Criminal Tools	3	
Attempt	3	3
Complicity	4	2
Corrupting Another with Drugs	1	
Possession of a Controlled Substance	16	
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	8	4
Illegal Use or Possession of Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia	23	10
Offenses Involving Underage Persons - Alcohol	34	18
Aggravated Trafficking	3	
Possession of a Controlled Substance	52	24
Other Offenses		
Unruly Child	163	44
Prohibitions Relating to Tobacco	6	1
Habitual Truant	1	
Chronic Truant	48	5
Violation of a Court Order	28	
Violation of Probation	20	2
Cruelty to Animals	1	

Charges by Location, Age, and Gender										
Location	Zip Code	Number of cases	Male	Female	Age > 11	Age 11 - 13	Age 14- 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18+
Ashley	43003	16	13	3	0	1	3	9	3	0
Columbus	43004	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Centerburg	43011	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Delaware	43015	204	131	73	2	30	51	56	61	4
Dublin / Franklin	43016	6	1	5	0	0	2	1	3	0
Dublin/ Delaware	43017	7	5	2	0	1	1	3	2	
Galena	43021	13	8	5	0	0	6	1	6	0
Johnstown	43031	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Lewis Center	43035	54	43	11	0	4	11	18	20	1
Magnetic Springs	43036	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Marysville	43040	4	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	0
Newark	43055	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ostrander	43061	5	5	0	0	4	0	0	1	0
Plain City	43064	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Powell	43065	52	36	16	0	1	13	24	13	1
Radnor	43066	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Raymond	43067	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Reynoldsburg	43068	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sunbury	43074	16	12	4	0	2	8	1	5	0
Westerville/ Franklin	43081	31	20	11	0	2	11	10	8	0
Westerville/ Delaware	43082	44	38	6	2	11	10	7	14	0
Worthington	43085	12	10	2	0	0	4	4	2	2
Galloway	43119	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Groveport	43125	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lancaster	43130	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pickerington	43147	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Columbus	43201	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Columbus	43207	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Columbus	43209	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
Columbus	43211	6	2	4	0	0	3	1	2	0
Columbus	43213	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Columbus	43219	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0

Upper Arlington	43220	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Columbus	43221	4	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	0
Columbus	43223	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Columbus	43224	6	3	3	0	0	2	2	2	0
Columbus	43227	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Columbus	43228	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Columbus	43229	10	9	1	0	0	3	2	5	0
Columbus	43230	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Columbus	43231	8	5	3	0	2	3	1	2	0
Columbus	43232	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Columbus	43235	9	4	5	0	0	4	2	3	0
Columbus	43240	8	4	4	0	0	2	3	3	0
Marion	43302	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cardington	43315	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Akron	44318	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Marengo	43334	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mount Gilead	43338	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Prospect	43342	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Richwood	43344	6	0	6	0	0	2	1	3	0
West Mansfield	43358	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Toledo	43614	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cleveland	44105	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bucyrus	44820	4	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0
Mansfield	44905	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Waverly	45690	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
Pleasant Plain	49612	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	52	584	390	194	5	60	160	162	185	12

Abused, Dependent, or Neglected Children

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Cases Filed</u>	<u>Adjudicated</u>
Abused Child - Victim Sexual Activity	5	1
Abused Child	20	1
Abused Child - Exhibits Injury	8	0
Abused Child- Acts Causing Injury	12	1
Abused Child - Out of Home Abuse	3	0
Neglected Child - Lack Parental Care	19	0
Neglected Child - Injury be Omission	4	0
Dependent Child - Homeless	8	0
Dependent Child - Parental Condition	48	0
Dependent Child - Environmental Condition	65	42
Dependent Child - Residential Status Act	18	1
Dependent Child - Residential Status Danger	19	13
Total	229	59

Original Zip Code of Youth Adjudicated Abused, Neglected, or Dependent	
43003	2
43015	38
43017	1
43021	3
43035	1
43061	6
43074	2
43082	3
43235	1
43344	2

Gender of Youth Adjudicated Abused, Neglected, or Dependent	
Female	29
Male	30

Age at Filing of Youth Adjudicated Abused, Neglected, or Dependent	
Age	Number of Youth
Under 1	17
1	6
2	4
3	7
4	3
6	6
7	3
8	3
9	1
10	2
11	2
12	2
15	1
17	2
Total	59

7 Motion for Perm Custody Filed
5 granted
2 dismissed

Hearings

Number of Juvenile Hearings Scheduled in 2017	
<u>Type of Scheduled Hearing</u>	Total
Case Review Hearing	540
Change of Plea	32
Civil Protection Order	8
Compliance Review Hearing	32
Contempt	1
Detention Hearing	178
Detention Review Hearing	92
Dispositional Hearing	183
Domestic Relations Hearing*	731
Evidentiary Hearing	13
Formal Arraignment	766
Hearing	40
In Camera	12
Motion Hearing	109
Non-Oral Hearing	56
Permanent Custody Hearing	4
Pre-Trial Hearing	1014
Second Pre-Trial Hearing	1
Probable Cause Hearing	60
Restitution Hearing	10
Sealing/Expungement Hearing	37
Show Cause Hearing	17
Specialized Case Review	128
Specialized Classification Hearing	1
Status Hearing	63
Suppression Hearing	10
Traffic – Formal Arraignment	977
Juvenile Treatment Court	177
Family Treatment Court	169
Trial	271
Violation of a Court Order	58
Violation of Probation	111
Total	5901

*During 2017, two magistrates were still hearing domestic relations matters for the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

Results of Scheduled Juvenile Hearings 2017	
<u>Results</u>	Total
Heard	3122
Continuance	797
Denial – Set for Pretrial	363
Dismissed Prior to Hearing	100
Failure to Appear	185
Vacated	316
Informal	246
Non-oral	42
Continued*	341
Dismissed*	98
Heard*	260
Settled	2
Vacated*	27
Failure to Appear*	2
TOTAL	5901

* These results are for cases that were heard by assignment from the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

Juvenile Court Process in 2017

- 618 summons issued
- 42 warrants processed issued/32 warrants executed
- 598 Public Defender appointments
- 184 Guardian ad Litem appointments
- 5 cases requested jury trial, all 5 were resolved prior to summoning a jury
- 300 record requests are provided yearly from government, law enforcement, military or probation services

Clerical Services

The Clerical Services Department assigns staff in both the Probate and Juvenile Courts. Each department operates independent of the other and follows local rules created for each Court. Clerical staff are involved in all areas of the Court by processing filings from the beginning to the end of the case. One of the core functions of the Clerical Services Department is to maintain accurate and complete records of all court proceedings. The Clerical Services Department receives case filings and documents in person, facsimile, mail, and E-filing through a client registered system. Cross training between Probate and Juvenile clerical staff continues to be on-going, with a goal to provide services when needed without interruption to either Court.

Our clerical staff believe that it is important to continually look for ways to improve our service to the court and the public we serve. We also reinforce the need to keep up with the latest changes to the law and its effect on the Courts with training

opportunities. Participation in Court-wide and departmental team meetings reinforce the importance of education for all staff. Attendance at a yearly conference for deputy clerks provides networking and information on the latest practices of other Ohio Probate and Juvenile Courts. The staff also have opportunities throughout the year to attend events developed by the Court's training coordinator and also are encouraged to attend Supreme Court trainings onsite or via their desktop computers.

One Department Head oversees both Probate and Juvenile Clerical Services staff. Probate Court clerical staff for 2017 included an Office Manager and five Deputy Clerks. Each clerk is assigned a Probate case type for efficient processing for the duration of the pending Probate case. Juvenile Court clerical staff for 2017 included 12 Deputy Clerks. Areas of assignment include: traffic court, records, courtroom services, treatment court, probation, jury services, docketing and processing, assignment commissioners, and client services.

Number of Clerical inputs into legal cases in 2017

Probate – 47,219 docket entries in 6,642 cases

Juvenile – 33,293 docket entries in 13,778 cases

Phone Calls Handled		
	Probate	Juvenile
Incoming	12,046	22,609
Outbound	3,781	13,935
Total Hours	481	725
Documented Served		
	Probate	Juvenile
Subpoenas	25	475
Certified Mail	322	273
Personal Service	144	121 (Sheriff's Office)
		144 (Court Staff)

Number of files prepped for record archival and destruction

Probate - 608

Juvenile - 796

The Probate/Juvenile Court follows the Supreme Court of Ohio's guidelines for language interpreters by using in-person certified interpreters for the majority of the Court's matters. Use of a telephonic interpreter is used if the Court is unable to secure an interpreter to serve in-person. The Probate/Juvenile court accessed the telephonic interpreter service less than 5 times in 2017.

In 2017, the Court set 24 in-person interpretation events for a cost of \$2,924.12 and translation services for form updates totaled \$70.00. Of the interpreters requested,

83% of requests for an interpreter were for the Spanish language, others included Korean, Arabic, and Somali.

The Court's website is actively utilized by the public. In 2017, the Probate Court website was visited 232,667 times, with the self-service probate forms being the most utilized feature. The Juvenile Court website was visited 46,704 times with the hearing schedules receiving the most traffic. The Court is expecting to update its website in 2018 to increase its user-friendliness and provide additional resources to the public.

Intake and Treatment Court

Diversion

Diversion is an opportunity offered to a first time juvenile offender charged with a status or misdemeanor offense. Diversion is a voluntary program in which a case is sealed and dismissed upon successful completion. The Diversion Program has been enhanced with a strong evidenced based approach to better assess youth and to not unnecessarily keep them involved with the Court longer than needed. Redesigned in 2017, Diversion now has three levels: Fast Track, General, and Intensive. Group Diversion has been added and found effective for alleged juvenile co-defendants to allow for increased responsibility for their involvement and to reduce blame on others. Customer satisfaction surveys on Diversion cases boast a 95% overall satisfaction for the three years the surveys have been in place.

Parents' comments say it best "...gives her focus for her plans. Makes her responsible for her actions with the chance to

positively affect her goals." "The program is a blessing for a child that made one bad choice, it is good he won't have a criminal record." The Diversion Coordinator represents the Court in the Ohio Diversion Association and was asked to share the Delaware County Juvenile Court's Diversion Program due to its evidence-based programming and cutting edge innovations. The Diversion Coordinator collaborates with three area school districts and has presented preventative information to students in middle school.

In 2017, the Court conducted 227 diversions, with 92.5% of the youth successfully completing the program. Of the youth who completed the program, 98.6% of those youth did not incur new charges within three months of successful completion.

Intake

The Intake Department is a youth and family's first contact in the court system. The Intake team handles all juvenile court referrals and complaints. All cases are

handled in accordance with Rule 9 of the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure, which states “[i]n all appropriate cases formal court action should be avoided and other community resources utilized to ameliorate situations brought to the attention of the court.” In 2017, the Intake/Program Department continued to work the strategic plan created in 2016. The plan is designed to better serve the youth and families of Delaware County. The plan includes goals focused on: increasing community and school outreach, decreasing overall involvement of juveniles in the court system, becoming a trauma-centered department, and the development and implementation of best practice standards.

Adult Cases

The Intake Department facilitates the processing of adult cases for formal hearing. The two most common adult charges handled by intake are contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of a minor and failure to send a child to school. If an adult is found guilty, or pleads guilty to the charge, they may be placed on a period of probation and ordered to complete terms and conditions within one calendar year. The intake officer assigned to the case monitors the adult’s compliance of their probation and completion of Court ordered terms. If the adult fails to comply with Court ordered terms the prosecutor may pursue contempt charges or motions to impose sentence.

Adult Charges Filed in 2017			
	Male	Female	Total
Failure to Send to School	1	6	7
Contributing to the Unruliness or Delinquency of a Minor	33	41	74
Total	34	47	81

Fight Against Hunger Games

For the third year, the Court collaborated with Delaware Hayes High School for the Fight Against the Hunger Games, a food drive that provides Thanksgiving meals to families in need. This year, The Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities joined the Fight to increase the amount of food donated, ultimately increasing the number of families served. Collectively, the three agencies donated sixty-seven pounds of food and toiletry items. In addition to the donated goods, the program was able to double its

Thanksgiving meal kit giveaways from 75 families served to 150 families.

PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program)

The Court partnered with Nationwide Children’s Hospital to run the PREP Program which is a statewide initiative to reduce teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates in Ohio’s high risk youth ages 14-19. The program provides health promotion education regarding teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates of Ohio’s high risk youth ages 14-19 placed in foster care settings and/or in juvenile justice facilities. Nationwide Children’s Hospital

trained court staff to competently teach an adapted evidence-based Reducing the Risk curriculum along with transition to adulthood topics of healthy relationships, financial literacy, and educational and career success. Two sessions of PREP were completed in 2017. The Court strives to hold at least 3 sessions of PREP sessions per year.

Addressing Truancy

The Court has a dedicated docket to manage the case load regarding truant and unruly behavior at local schools throughout Delaware County. The purpose and goal of the dedicated docket is to centralize the hearing schedules of the City and County School Liaisons, as well as to ensure quick resolutions to cases. The dedicated docket hears cases regarding truancy, unruly activity at school, failure to send children to school as well as adult contributing charges.

Cases can only be formalized to the dedicated docket once alternative efforts are attempted to divert the cases from the Court. In that effort, the School Liaisons meet with the children at issue and attempt to address barriers to attendance. If that is unsuccessful in curbing the truant/unruly behavior, a mediation is scheduled with the Court's Mediator. During the mediation, an attendance plan is created in effort to prevent charges from being filed. Parents and students are provided a copy of the mediation agreement/attendance plan immediately following mediation. If there is not an improvement in attendance over the next 60 days, the school can choose to file a charge on the child and/or the parent, depending on the issues at hand in each case. Every effort is made to prevent charges from being filed. It is the collaboration with the school staff, court staff, and the student's family that helps to encourage and improve school attendance.

On April 6, 2017, HB 410 was enacted as law. That Bill has changed a

number of particular requirements regarding truancy and how the schools and the Court handle those issues. Of note is that through the School Liaisons and the Court Mediator, this Court was already nearly in full compliance of the Bill before it was even drafted, signed, and enacted. Much of the Bill regards the counting of time absent from school, the implementation of diversionary programming prior to formalizing charges as well as reporting requirements on the Court and schools.

Attendance Officer

The Court partners with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio to provide an attendance officer which serves three of the four school districts within Delaware County: Olentangy Local School District (Olentangy), Big Walnut Local School District (Big Walnut), and Buckeye Valley Local Schools (Buckeye Valley). The attendance officer's responsibility is to inform/educate students and parents of Ohio's laws in relation to school attendance. The goal is to keep juveniles in compliance with the school's attendance policy and out of the juvenile justice system. The attendance officer oversees attendance issues at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The attendance officer meets with students and parents as needed to discuss attendance concerns. For the 2016/2017 school year, the attendance officer met with 924 students with five days of unexcused absences and participated in 24 mediations, and filed 20 contributing and truancy charges. For the 2017/2018 school year, the attendance officer met with 862 students, participated in 38 mediations, which resulted in the filing of 26 formal charges.

School Liaisons

The school liaisons serve Big Walnut, Buckeye Valley, Delaware City Schools (Delaware), Olentangy and the Delaware

Area Career Center (DACC). School liaisons work with at-risk juveniles in the school systems to prevent formal court involvement by advocating for the juveniles, addressing attendance concerns, attending school meetings, assisting in behavior plans, participating in mediations, and giving referrals to community resources. In the 2016/2017 school year, the school liaison serving Delaware City Schools met with 456 youth and families, participated in 221 mediations to attempt to find solutions to chronic truancy issues with each individual family, and filed 50 charges of either truancy, contributing or unruly. For the 2017/2018 school year, the Delaware City School Liaison met with 380 youth, participated in 111 mediations, and filed 17 truancy charges, 26 contributing charges, and one unruly charge. During the 2016/2017 school year, the county school liaison serving Big Walnut, Buckeye Valley, Olentangy, and the Career Center met with 575 youth and participated

in 105 mediations, and filed 36 charges of truancy, contributing, or unruly. In the 2017/2018 school year, the county school liaison met with 415 students, participated in 199 mediations, resulting in the filing of 24 charges.

In Delaware County for the 2017/2018 school year, there were 39 truancy charges filed with Delaware County Juvenile Court by the following school districts: Big Walnut, Buckeye Valley, DACC, Delaware, Dublin City Schools, ECOT, and Olentangy. Of the 39 truancy charges filed, all were initially handled through diversion. Thirteen cases failed out of diversion and were handled formally. Of the 13 cases handled formally, only two resulted in an adjudication. In the end, there were a total of 27 successful cases. To be defined as successful, the juvenile's attendance improved and/or the student graduated.

	<u>Truancy Charge Filed</u>	<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Diversion Offered</u>	<u>Formalized Case due to Noncompliance</u>	<u>Successful</u>
Big Walnut	3	3426	3	2	2
Buckeye Valley	4	2300	4	2	2
DACC	1	N/A	1	1	0
Delaware City	17	5700	17	6	14
Olentangy	10	20701	10	1	6
Dublin Jerome	2	N/A	2	1	1
ECOT	2	N/A	2	0	2
Total	39	32127	39	13	27



Hannah Bennett said, “I believe my time with the Delaware County Juvenile Court helped me immensely in multiple ways. It taught me to take responsibility for my own actions as well as become more mature. I grew up around my family in the court system and I realized that was not how I wanted to live my life. Once I came to that decision, I did everything I needed to do to get out of the system, from paying fines and hours of community service to graduating on time. The Delaware County Juvenile Court expunged my juvenile record and Stacy Blair, my Intake Officer at the time, wrote me a letter of recommendation which aided in my enlistment process for the United States Air Force. I do believe, without the help of the court, I might not be where I am today. I now hope to one day be an inspiration for those that come from a similar background as me.”

Victim Services Program

The Victim Services Program was established for Juvenile Court in 1987 to provide information and support for victims of juvenile crime and to ensure that case related decisions include greater consideration for the victim. During fiscal

year 2017, the Victim Services Program received one hundred forty eight (148) cases involving one hundred fifty five (155) victims. The Victim Services Program also assists victims in applying for compensation through the Ohio Victim of Crime Compensation Program. This program is available to victims of violent crime in which physical or emotional harm to the victim results in a financial loss.

The Victim Services Program is part of the Delaware County Coalition of Victim Services, which is involved with raising community awareness of victim-related crimes in Delaware County. The coalition has helped organize “Walk a Mile in her Shoes” to support awareness of sexual abuse and the “Dash at Dusk” 5K run and walk to support awareness of domestic violence. The Program also actively promotes National Crime Victim’s Right Week in April.

Started in 2008, the Victim Awareness program helps juvenile offenders understand how their actions have affected their victims. Through a series of classes, these juveniles must analyze their actions and participate in exercises geared to help them

more fully understand the consequences of those actions. The goal of the program is to keep these juveniles from re-offending by helping them understand the impact that their actions will have on others and themselves. The program emphasizes the process of making good choices by giving juveniles tools that can help them be more successful in their daily lives. In 2017, of the 31 juveniles who successfully completed the program, only 2 have committed an additional offense. Since its inception, the recidivism rate for juveniles who have successfully completed the Victim Awareness Program is 9.3%.

In January of 2016, the Victim Services program initiated a new program to better serve the victims of juvenile crime who have incurred financial loss due to a juvenile's offense. The purpose of the Restitution Tracking and Compliance Program is to provide oversight of victim restitution from initial contact with the victim through the final collection process. The goal of this program is to improve compliance of the payment of restitution by juvenile offenders so that the victim realizes financial reimbursement for their loss in a timely manner. In fiscal year 2017, the Court received and distributed \$16,152 in restitution to victims of juvenile crime.

Mentoring Programs

TEAM Mentoring (Together Everyone Achieves More) is a program which currently involves 18 adult mentor volunteers and 18 youth mentees that are 10-14 years of age. The program is a one-one mentoring program that teaches alternatives to drugs and alcohol use. The mentees for the program are determined to be at risk for making poor choices with respect to substance use and live in Delaware County. The mentees and their parents meet with the mentoring staff and sign all paperwork prior to being matched with their mentor. The

mentors are interviewed, given an FBI background check and drug screen, trained and then matched with their mentee.

"She's a great listener. I can tell her anything, and she just listens, she's always there for me, anytime." Mentee Comment

The mentors are required to meet with their mentees every week for at least two hours and let the Mentoring Coordinator know what they did and how long they met. Mentors and mentees meet once-a-month for a monthly meeting, in the past we have attended OWU Basketball games, participated in our Mentee vs. Mentor basketball game, had a picnic with mentor and mentee's families, attended zoo lights, and had special guest speakers. The mentors can call the coordinator anytime for any problems or to receive guidance.

MOMS (Moms Offering Mentoring Support) is a mentoring program for young moms and moms-to-be. The program aims to help prevent repeated pregnancies; help to reduce the number of hospital visits for infants; help teach young mothers the importance of breastfeeding; reduce general stress related to child abuse; reduce smoking; and provide young moms with community resources. The young ladies who participate in the program are given information about resources and told about the monthly meeting on the third Thursday of every month and are matched as soon as possible with a "seasoned" mom mentor. Each month we have a topic or event for our monthly meeting. In the past events we've had Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with gifts and pictures, an Annual Baby Shower for all the new mothers within the previous year, Valentine crafts/treats for both mom and child to participate, and various community agencies were able to come in and provide a small presentation of the services they provide.

“I just love the M.O.M.S’ Program because I get to speak with other moms who have the same problems as me” Mentee comment.

Once our young ladies are matched, the mentor is required to have contact with their mentees until the child’s first birthday. The mentors help with providing support to the young mothers and to make sure they are attending their prenatal and well-baby checks. At the present we have 23 young moms and 14 mentors with the coordinator working with 9 young moms herself. The mentoring coordinator is always on call to help in anyway needed.

Family Advocacy

In 2017, the Court’s family advocates provided services to thirty-three families in Delaware County. Family advocates receive training to provide support for troubled families, using techniques from the Functional Family Therapy model. Family advocates meet with families one to two times per week in their homes for an average of six months. They help families address issues in areas such as communication, discipline and problem solving, and help parents to develop their strengths into skills and strategies that will help their children become successful. Advocates also help families access resources, such as medical, academic or financial services.

The quality of family advocate services is continually monitored and improved. A formal system of evaluation for family advocates and receiving client feedback is in development and will be implemented throughout 2018.

Delaware County Juvenile Court has attempted to meet the complex and increasing demands of our children and families through a process of expansion, internal accountability and striving for

continuous improvement. The Family Support Services Program was developed to divert youth in crisis from detention, from further involvement in the system, and to divert youth already involved with the Court from further placement in detention. It is modeled after the Front-End Diversion Program that was developed and implemented in Texas to keep youth with mental health and developmental disabilities out of the Court system.

Youth who qualify for the program are at-risk youth who have undiagnosed or diagnosed mental health concerns, alcohol or other drug concerns, and family distress. Using a team approach, the Family Support Services, FSS, begins an intensive array of services, utilizing multiple court resources, to provide in-home support services, crisis intervention, strengthen family relationships, and prevent further court contact. Therapeutic methods based off of the functional family therapy model are utilized with the families to reduce blame and increase family function.

The program utilizes two assessments of the youth and family to assess risk and family needs. These assessments include the MAYSI-2, a youth screening tool, to assess for mental health, alcohol or drug issues, and trauma concerns, and the Family Environmental Scale which measures the social and environmental characteristics of the family. The Family Support Services Program maintains three contacts with a family per week.

The program was implemented in June 2016 upon the hire of a Family Support Specialist. Since that time, a total of 30 families have been or are being served by the program. In 2017, the program served a total of 23 families, of which 15 families were new cases, and 7 families were carry over from 2016. In 2017, 13 families were successfully

terminated from the program, one family was unsuccessfully terminated and one family was neutrally terminated due to moving out of Delaware County.

In 2017, due to the success of the Family Support Services program, the Court applied for and was awarded a Competitive RECLAIM grant from the Department of Youth Services to provide comparable services to moderate and high risk probation youth and families. The Intensive Family Advocate (IFA) provides home-based intervention, advocacy, education, and mentoring in an effort to reduce detention placement for youth involved in the Juvenile Court and effect behavioral change in youth/families. The IFA also facilitates the family to develop natural support systems, parent education, communication, and conflict resolution for strengthening their environment. The IFA utilizes the same screening tools as the Family Support Specialist to assess family needs and implements elements based upon the Functional Family Therapy model. The IFA began serving five families in 2017, with the expectation that this position will serve a greater number of families in 2018.

Treatment Court

Delaware County's Juvenile Court operates two treatment courts for people whose legal trouble is the result of drug or alcohol misuse, or mental health concerns. The Supreme Court of Ohio has awarded its Specialized Docket Certification to the Court's Juvenile Treatment Court designed for juveniles whose delinquency is related to behavioral health concerns, and to the court's Family Treatment Court designed for parents whose involvement with Job & Family Services/Child Protective Services stems from a mother's or father's use of drugs, alcohol, or inadequately treated mental health concerns. Specialized dockets are cost-effective ways to protect the

community, ensure the safety of children, and rehabilitate defendants who could stay out of trouble if they could find proper help.

Both of the Delaware County Juvenile Court's Specialized Dockets serve the purpose of helping participants find treatment, and then motivating them to take that treatment seriously. That motivation comes through regular and frequent hearings where the participants give updates to the Court, regularly attended appointments with community treatment providers, supervision by probation officers or JFS caseworkers, and random drug testing. Treatment Court staff can also help participants find additional support when it is needed, such as contacting a school to find out about tutoring, helping to link participants with agencies that can help a parent with rent or utility bills, and recommending parenting classes. Both specialized dockets have the goal of graduating participants once they have learned the skills to live as law-abiding citizens without the supervision of the Court. With Family Treatment Court, an additional goal is to return children to their parents, to be raised by loving, healthy adults who are not only good parents, but good role models.

In 2017, there were 27 participants in the two specialized dockets. Four juveniles successfully completed Juvenile Treatment Court and three were neutrally terminated due to aging out of the system or moving out of the County. Five adults successfully completed Family Treatment Court in 2017. Those five graduates had nine children, between them, though only six of those children were involved with Delaware's JFS. One drug free baby was born while her mother was involved in Family Treatment Court. All five children were reunited with their parents prior to their graduation from treatment court. Thirteen participants who did not yet graduate from

their specialized docket, and who did not earn an unsuccessful discharge, will continue to participate in Adult or Juvenile Treatment Court in 2018.

Probation

The probation department consists of a chief probation officer, deputy chief probation officer, and four officers who supervise youth. Support services for the probation department consist of a transport officer and an afternoon field officer who monitors compliance. The department is involved in two specialized dockets, Juvenile

Treatment Court and the Juvenile Sex Offender docket.

This year the probation department has made progress toward using more effective evidence based practices. The Competitive RECLAIM grant allowed us to provide staff training in EPICS and Carey Guides. Officers are beginning to use these skills and quality assurance practices are in place.

Youth Served on Probation in 2017 by Gender		
	Youth Served on General Probation in 2017	Youth Served on JSO Probation
Male	62	37
Female	15	1
Total	77	38

Youth Served on Probation in 2017 by		
Youth Served on JSO Probation		Youth Served on JSO Probation by Race
White	63	29
Black	8	9
Multi-Racial	4	
Hispanic	1	
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	
Total	77	38

During 2017, eight youth successfully completed treatment through JSO probation, one youth was unsuccessfully terminated, and one youth transferred out of the County.

The Court’s electronic monitoring system is also housed and coordinated within the Probation Department. In 2017, 167 total youth, a combination of youth on Intake and

Probation supervision, were served by electronic monitoring for a total of 3,847 days – averaging 23 days per youth on the system. The Probation Department also provides drug testing for youth on probation supervision. In 2017, the Probation Department administered 593 drug tests of probation youth – with 153 of those tests coming back positive and 437 negative tests.

Central Ohio Youth Center Usage			
Year	Total Youth	Total Days	Average Stay (Days)
2014	264	1,720	6.5
2015	228	1,530	6.7
2016	217	1,698.5	7.8
2017	223	1,678	7.52

The Suspension Alternative Program/Community Service

The Juvenile Court also runs a Suspension Alternative Program (SAP), which provides daily activities for youth suspended from school. SAP is six hours a day and consists of community service projects for non-profit agencies and government entities. In 2017, 162 youth participated in SAP working 6 hours a day for a total of 972 hours of supervised service. SAP is funded through the Juvenile Court, schools, and a grant from SourcePoint. In addition to SAP, the Juvenile Court also runs a Community Service program that allows the youth to work through the Court to meet their community service requirements and earn money to pay their owed restitution. In 2017, 174 youth worked through the community service program on various projects.

Through a partnership with SourcePoint, the Court served 186 elderly residents of Delaware County in 2017. The

service requests, also known as referrals, are collected by SourcePoint and forwarded to the Juvenile Court for the community service or SAP crew to complete and are supervised by a Court employee. These referrals included shoveling snow, planting plants/bulbs, weeding, mulching, raking leaves, cleaning out garages, picking up sticks, washing windows, leveling yards, trimming bushes, removing toilet paper from trees, getting out and putting away patio furniture, and picking up walnuts. In 2017, the total service hours completed by the crews were 1466, with the bulk of the referrals being completed within three business days.

In 2017, the SAP and Community Service programs also served the Delaware County Health Department by picking up 372 bags of litter and disposing of 27 very large items. The programs also delivered 7,500 issues of The Communicator, SourcePoint’s bimonthly newspaper.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

The year 2017 was a very active one for the CASA Program, which serves both Delaware and Union Counties. Case numbers continued to rise as a result of the

Opioid epidemic. Fortunately, CASA Volunteer numbers rose as well. A total of 15 new CASA Volunteers were sworn in which brought our Volunteer totals to 43 between the two counties.

Total Volunteer CASA Advocates	43	
Volunteer Total Hours	Approximately 5,000	
Miles Driven by Volunteers for Casework	Over 20,000	
Children Served - Total	196	
Female	95	
Male	101	
Final Outcomes For Closed Cases		
	Reunification Achieved	36
	Long-Term Relative Care	21
	Long Term Foster Care/PPLA	1
	Adopted	3

This year the Fostering Futures Program was implemented as part of the overall CASA program. On September 27, 2017, four CASA Volunteers were trained using a curriculum from the National CASA Organization which focuses on improving outcomes for older and emancipating youth (14-21 years of age) who are leaving foster care without a permanent family. In addition to providing advocacy for the youth in court, Fostering Futures mentors work with this population to:

- Help youth set goals for their future and provide strategies of how to achieve them.
- Empower youth with practical knowledge such as how to schedule a doctor’s appointment, find housing, apply for a job, balance a checkbook etc.

- Assist youth in developing knowledge and skills to successfully transition into adulthood.
- Provide resources within the local community to assist the youth.
- Work with youth to help them realize better outcomes than the research shows as typical for youth who age out of the foster care system.
- Be a consistent, caring adult in the youth’s life.
- Provide mentorship and advocacy.

This exciting new program is currently serving seven youth who will age out in foster care and have no consistent adult in their lives to help guide them through the emancipation process. The CASA Program of Delaware and Union Counties is pleased to

be a part of the solution in guiding youth through these vulnerable times.

The CASA Program believes in supporting its volunteers and hosted another Judicial Panel Dinner and Question and Answer Session in 2017. Delaware County Probate/Juvenile Judge David Hejmanowski and Union County Probate/Juvenile Judge Charlotte Coleman Eufinger were present to answer questions and talk about the value CASA Volunteers bring to the court and to the families they serve. In addition to both judges being in attendance, three Magistrates also were there to support the volunteers and answer their questions. Magistrates Lynne Schoenling and Kari Childs (Delaware County) and Magistrate Sharon Robinson-Walls (Union County) all contributed to a very successful and empowering evening.

Mediation

In 2017, the Court mediation program served 345 youth and families in school attendances matters and 20 youth and families in delinquency and Family Support Services cases. In addition, Court staff provided parenting/custody mediation to 5 families through the Delaware County Domestic Relations Court. Court mediators serve as neutral facilitators to assist parties in reaching mutual agreement and often resolution of the issues facing them. In the school setting, mediation means looking for ways to eliminate barriers to regular school attendance and strengthen the dialogue between the school and the family.

The mediation program underwent several changes in 2017. At the start of the year, the staff went from two mediators, one fulltime and one part-time, to one part-time mediator. This was the result of the new Delaware County Domestic Relations Court acquiring jurisdiction over parenting/custody cases. In August of 2017, former Juvenile

Court mediator Dodie Davenport came back to this Court from the other Court, bringing the mediation program back to its former size and bringing back her considerable expertise and skills.

With this change has come the ability to concentrate on developing a full mediation program in abuse/neglect/dependency cases. Mediator Dodie Davenport is in charge of that development and has been working with staff at Delaware County Jobs and Family Services to make mediation an integral part of the child protection cases.

In 2017, mediator April Nelson was a co-facilitator with Angela Riley, Court Services Analyst/Training Coordinator, in presenting two in-service sessions. The first was on dispute resolution techniques for court employees. The second was on implicit bias. April Nelson continued to serve on the Subcommittee on Truancy and Attendance, convened by the Dispute Resolution Section (ADR) of the Ohio Supreme Court. That subcommittee completed the bulk of its work in October, 2017.

Looking ahead to 2018, one goal is to focus on strengthening abuse/neglect/dependency (AND) mediation. Another goal is to improve attendance mediation now that House Bill 410 has reshaped the face of attendance laws in Ohio. The mediators have made internal changes, including mediating with older students without a parent if one does not attend, and that has led to more completions overall.

Type of Mediation	Referred	Mediated	Outcomes*	Hours
Attendance**	345	345	250F/90N/5O	183.75
Delinquency	14	10	10F/2N/20	7.0
Miscellaneous	12	12	7F/1P/4N	
Probate	2	2	1 P/1 N	1.75
Parenting/Custody	5	5	1F/1P/3N	5.5
TOTALS	345			

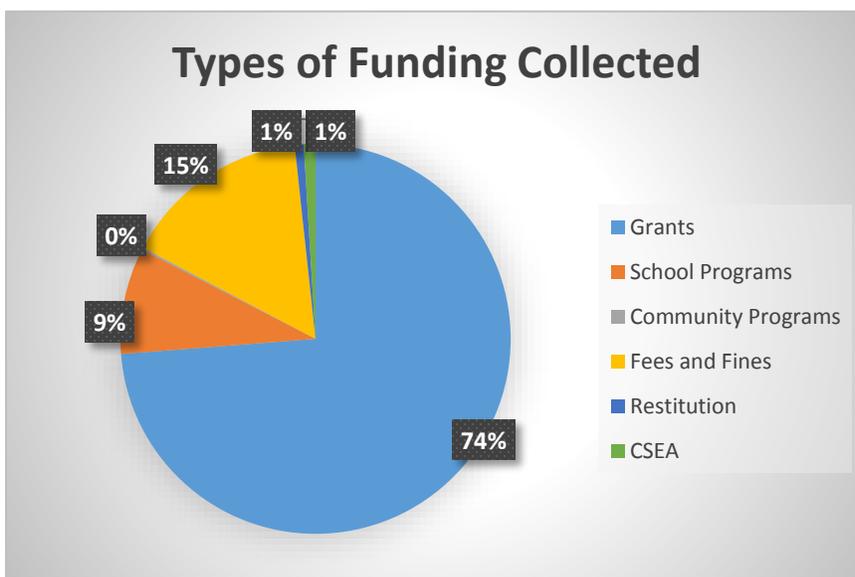
*Outcomes are full, partial, no, or other resolutions.

**In attendance mediations, all cases are scheduled and “referred” is defined as number of cases scheduled. Also, “no” resolution in an attendance mediation typically means the family did not attend the mediation.

Fiscal Department

Nine full-time employees were hired in 2017, as were four part-time employees. Of the full-time positions, eight were for vacated positions, one was a newly created position. The newly created position in 2017 was an Intensive Family Advocate. This position is funded through a Competitive RECLAIM proposal which is renewable until June 30, 2020. Funding for the Delaware County Probate/Juvenile Court is received

from a variety of sponsors and sources. While the core administrative structure of the court is funded from county funds, the court has been able to supplement many of its programs with grants and contracts, as well as the fees and fines collected. In the calendar year 2017, \$1.338 million was received from outside sources, an additional \$248,735.17 was collected in fees and fines, and Juvenile Court also collected \$11,837.01 in restitution.



A large portion of funding received from outside sources comes from the Department of Youth Services RECLAIM grant. The award to Delaware County for SFY2017 (covering the timeframe of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) was \$643,395.36, or approximately 48% of our supplemental funding. In addition to the RECLAIM funding, Delaware County

proposed, and received \$94,220 in Competitive RECLAIM funding

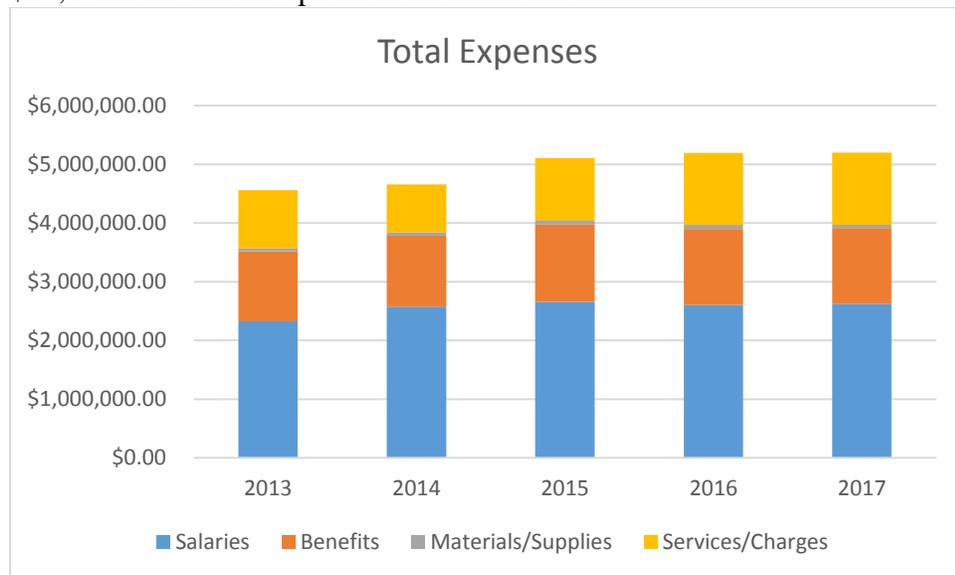
for the Intensive Family Advocate position and several behavioral change training opportunities for the probation and intake staff.

In 2015, funding was received from the Attorney General’s Office for Victim Services and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to expand services to Union County. Funding for this expansion was continued in 2017; and the program expanded its staffing to four full-time positions serving Delaware and Union County. There are approximately 40 volunteers providing in-kind service hours to the program, which was budgeted for 2017 at \$50,115.54; however, the volunteers were able to provide \$58,275.95 in in-kind matching funds. By providing these matching funds, \$200,462.16 were released for use from the Victims of Crime Act grant.

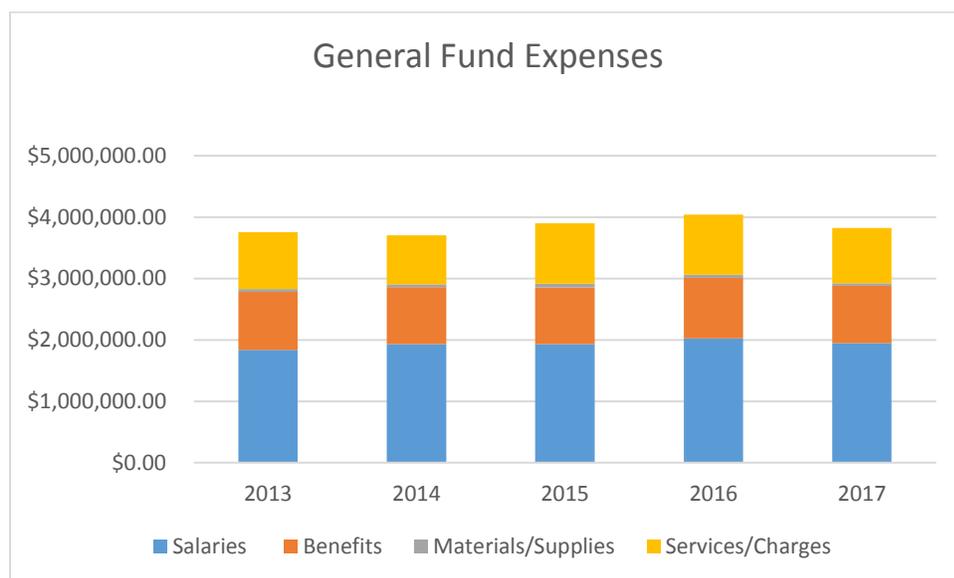
While the court did collect \$15,538.15 for hours provided to the Child

Support Enforcement Agency, these funds are a carryover balance due to the court from hours worked in 2016. No funds from CSEA will be received by the Probate/Juvenile Court in 2018.

Expenses for Delaware County Probate/Juvenile Court are primarily salaries and benefits. The court currently has 64 employees on payroll and numerous volunteers. The largest non-payroll item is the agreement with Central Ohio Youth Center (COYC), costing \$650,239.64 in fiscal year 2017, and an estimated cost of \$632,867.77 for fiscal year 2018. Total expenses have increased by only 1.49%, or \$7,778.35 from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017. However, general fund expenses have decreased by 5.31%, or \$214,854.13.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Salaries	\$2,327,298.00	\$2,578,086.09	\$2,655,010.62	\$2,599,973.72	\$2,622,894.00
Benefits	\$1,192,153.00	\$1,206,868.19	\$1,317,156.86	\$1,299,366.10	\$1,291,172.68
Materials/Supplies	\$56,021.00	\$60,676.03	\$79,238.79	\$70,244.03	\$55,246.21
Services/Charges	\$983,207.00	\$812,455.96	\$1,052,665.20	\$1,223,865.71	\$1,231,915.02
Total	\$4,558,679.00	\$4,658,086.27	\$5,104,071.47	\$5,193,449.56	\$5,201,227.91



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Salaries	\$1,837,208.85	\$1,932,828.68	\$1,928,865.70	\$2,022,135.17	\$1,947,609.58
Benefits	\$946,297.28	\$926,520.91	\$923,991.05	\$987,858.93	\$931,263.09
Materials/Supplies	\$42,148.26	\$47,580.83	\$64,380.55	\$52,484.77	\$41,947.76
Services/Charges	\$928,810.62	\$794,680.96	\$983,371.48	\$977,647.24	\$904,451.55
Total	\$3,754,465.01	\$3,701,611.38	\$3,900,608.78	\$4,040,126.11	\$3,825,271.98

In 2017, the Strategic Planning/Quality Control Manager continued to work with the Treatment Team building a strategic plan for the Adult and Juvenile Treatment Courts as well as the Family Advocate program. The plan was completed

in July and approved by the Judge in August. The Probation Department completed their strategic plan and action plan in November and it was approved by the Judge. The Strategic Planning/Quality Control Manager also began an assessment of the Probate

Court with a target of April 2018 to begin strategic planning.

The Strategic Planning/Quality Control Manager assisted with the restructuring of the Department of Youth Services Targeted RECLAIM grant in May 2017. This DYS-led restructure required that each program create specific criteria for admission into the program based on assessment score, risk level, and offense level. It also required each program to set an expected hours of service, a structured case plan, and a 12-month post-termination assessment of every youth assigned to the program. A quarterly quality assurance plan is in place for each program funded by DYS.

In 2017, ten in-service trainings were held by the Probate/Juvenile Court. Of the ten, five were open to other county agencies and community partners.

In-Service Trainings 2017

- Conflict Resolution
- Active Shooter

- Sovereign Citizen
- Diversity
- Intro to Excel, Word and Outlook
- Health Insurance and Wellness Refresher
- Ethics for Court Staff
- Bullying Prevention presentation
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Hidden In Plain Sight

In addition to facilitating trainings, an onboarding program for all new staff was developed and successfully implemented. This program includes a two week shadowing schedule, an online training schedule with the Supreme Court, step-by-step guide for CourtView entry, as well as specialized workflows for each program. Additionally, significant progress was made in manualizing the Court's process. It is a long-term goal of the Court that every program will have a fully developed specialized policy and procedures manual, noting step-by-step directions for all job functions and data entry requirements.