

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

2002 ANNUAL REPORT



JUDGE SYLVIA SIEVE HENDON

JUDGE THOMAS R. LIPPS

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OVERVIEW

Juvenile Courts in Ohio are charged with the responsibility of applying the laws pertaining to children. The law demands that courts provide for the care, protection, and development of children in a family environment whenever possible. The law further dictates that children should not be separated from their families unless necessitated by the child's interests or for public safety. Courts, nonetheless, must also hold juvenile offenders accountable, provide for victim restoration, and rehabilitate the offender.

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court has a long and proud history of meeting those challenges in its operations and in the programs and facilities it supports.

The Court is managed by Administrative Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon, Judge Thomas R. Lipps and Court Administrator Mark H. Reed. The Court is organized into six main departments: Administrative Services, Court Services, Case Management, Magistrates, the Youth Center, and Hillcrest Training School.

The Department of Administrative Services is responsible for Personnel, Finance, Information Services, Operations, Training, and Security. The Department of Court Services is comprised of the Probation Department, Intervention Unit, Mediation, and Work Detail. The Department of Case Management is responsible for the Clerk's Office and the Docketing Department. The Magistrates Department employs 26 magistrates who, along with the two Judges, preside over all matters before the Court. The Youth Center is a 160-bed secure detention center that holds youth awaiting court hearings. Hillcrest Training School, located in Springfield Township, is a 142-bed residential treatment center for delinquent youth.

The Court also contracts for various program and placement services offered by child care agencies, including secure inpatient diagnostic services, shelter care housing, custodial drug treatment, day treatment modalities, and youth counseling programs. The Court is also a member of the Family and Children First Council, a consortium of agencies devoted to improving service for children and families.

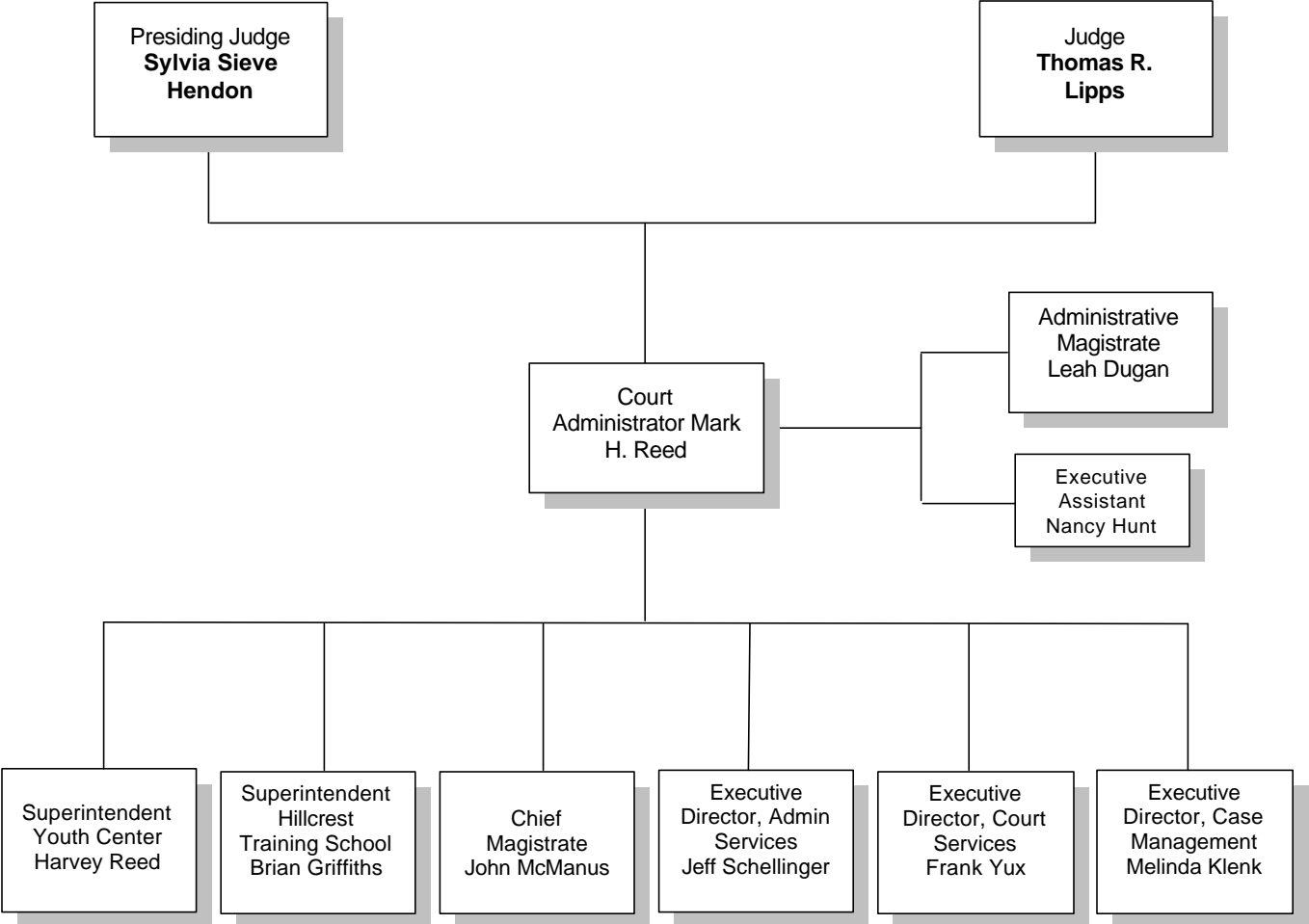
The Court is fortunate to enjoy the support of many volunteers who contribute time, expertise, and funding for the betterment of children. They include over 30 lawyers who serve as community unofficial hearing officers for minor infractions, diverting cases from the official docket. Volunteer chaplains provide spiritual guidance to youth held in the custody of the Court. An Advisory Council of dedicated citizens provides funds for Court initiatives that cannot be funded by tax revenue through which needy children are provided with clothes and positive life experiences.

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court is recognized as a model court by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. National judicial and correctional associations praise the Court's programs. Judges and officials from across the world have visited the Court to

observe its operations at the Hillcrest and Youth Center facilities, and to review innovations in dependency programming, information management, and security measures.

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court is blessed with continued support from the Hamilton County Commissioners through General Fund appropriations. The Court also receives significant funding from state subsidies and federal grants. Careful management of these resources allows the Hamilton County Juvenile Court to respond to the critical issues affecting the County's youth with meaningful prevention, intervention, rehabilitation services.

Hamilton County Juvenile Court





Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon
Administrative Judge



Judge Thomas R. Lipps



Court Administrator Mark H. Reed

JUVENILE JURISDICTION

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS FILED

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2001.....6,859

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2002.....7,332

	2001	2002
Licensing of Motor Vehicle	146	151
Driver License Law	959	1,005
Financial Responsibility	6	4
Operation of Vehicle	4,110	4,413
Equipment and Loads	496	557
Motor Vehicle Crimes	147	109
Local Ordinances	995	1093
TOTAL	6,859	7,332

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED 2001 1,536

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED 2002 1,512

	2001	2002
Runaway	741	673
Incorrigible		
Incorrigible Out of County	18	20
Unruly Tobacco	41	43
Unruly	14	38
Curfew Violation	412	453
Truancy	2	2
Habitual Truancy	196	163
TOTAL	1,536	1,512

DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS FILED

	2001	2002		2001	2002
HOMICIDE					
Aggravated Murder Premed-Firearm	0	1			
Aggravated Murder (commit/attempt)	0	1			
Aggravated Murder	1	0			
Murder	4	2			
Complicity Murder	1	0			
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	1			
Negligent Homicide	1	0			
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	0	1			
TOTAL	7	6			
ASSAULT					
Felonious Assault	176	141			
Felonious Assault with Firearm	19	15			
Felon. Assault Peace Officer	2	3			
Complicity Felonious Assault	12	8			
Attempt Felonious Assault	2	0			
Aggravated Assault	13	7			
Complicity Aggravated Assault	3	0			
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	0	3			
Vehicular Assault	1	1			
Assault	996	1017			
Assault Teacher, Admin, Bus Driv	114	120			
Assault Corrections Officer	2	8			
Assault Peace Officer	28	34			
Complicity Assault	8	4			
Attempt Assault	2	1			
Negligent Assault	1	1			
TOTAL	1,379	1,363			
MENACING					
Aggravated Menacing	205	184			
Complicity Aggravated Menacing	0	4			
Menacing	203	220			
Menacing By Stalking	5	4			
TOTAL	413	412			
KIDNAPPING					
Kidnapping	4	4			
Kidnapping - Firearm	0	1			
Abduction	4	24			
Complicity Abduction	1	0			
Unlawful Restraint	1	2			
TOTAL	10	31			
EXTORTION					
Extortion	1	0			
TOTAL	1	0			
SEXUAL OFFENSES					
Rape	107	81			
Rape with Firearm	0	1			
Complicity Rape	1	9			
Attempt Rape	2	4			
Sexual Battery	4	3			
Gross Sexual Imposition	44	51			
Complicity Gross Sex Imposition	0	1			
Sexual Imposition	22	28			
Voyeurism	0	1			
Public Indecency	16	5			
TOTAL	196	184			
PROSTITUTION					
Soliciting			7	4	
Loiter to Engage in Prostitution			1	2	
Loiter to Solicit After Positive HIV			1	0	
TOTAL			9	6	
OBSCENITY					
Pandering Obscenity			1	1	
Illegal Use of Nudity Material			2	1	
TOTAL			3	4	
ARSON & RELATED OFFENSES					
Aggravated Arson			47	36	
Complicity Aggravated Arson			17	12	
Attempt Aggravated Arson			0	1	
Arson			39	35	
Complicity Arson			1	3	
Attempt Arson			2	0	
Disrupt Public Service			12	8	
Vandalism			57	58	
Complicity Vandalism			1	6	
Criminal Damage			527	597	
Complicity Criminal Damage			8	4	
Attempt Criminal Damage			1	0	
Criminal Mischief			75	65	
Complicity Criminal Mischief			1	1	
TOTAL			788	826	
ROBBERY					
Aggravated Robbery			159	49	
Aggravated Robbery - Firearm			0	86	
Complicity Aggravated Robbery			16	13	
Attempt Aggravated Robbery			0	1	
Robbery			157	94	
Complicity Robbery			11	6	
Attempt Robbery			0	4	
TOTAL			343	253	
BURGLARY					
Aggravated Burglary			15	20	
Aggravated Burglary - Firearm			0	5	
Complicity Aggravated Burglary			1	2	
Burglary			237	267	
Complicity Burglary			3	17	
Attempt Burglary			7	4	
Break and Enter			222	173	
Complicity Break and Enter			3	2	
Attempt Break and Enter			8	5	
Complicity Att. Break and Enter			1	0	
TOTAL			497	495	
TRESPASS					
Criminal Trespass			403	392	
Complicity Criminal Trespass			0	1	
Aggravated Trespass			6	5	
TOTAL			409	398	
SAFECRACKING					
Safecracking			2	0	
Tamper With Coin Machine			18	4	
TOTAL			20	4	

	2001	2002
THEFT		
Theft	1377	1278
Grand Theft	213	167
Complicity Theft	0	43
Complicity Theft - Felony	0	13
Complicity Grand Theft	8	9
Attempt Grand Theft	38	13
Complicity Theft - Felony	5	0
Peteit Theft Elderly Victim	3	1
Complicity Petit Theft	40	0
Complicity Attempt Petit Theft	3	2
Attempt Petit Theft	18	40
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	113	85
Unauth. Use Vehicle - Elderly	1	0
Unauth. Use Vehicle -Felony	0	4
Comp Unauthorized Use Vehicle	2	0
Auto Theft	160	118
Unauthorized Use of Property	4	3
Telecommunication Fraud	0	1
TOTAL	1,985	1,777

PASSING BAD CHECKS		
Passing Bad Checks	0	8
Passing Bad Checks Felony	0	2
Take Identity of Another	2	1
TOTAL	2	11

MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS		
Misuse of Credit Cards	20	13
Attempt Misuse of Crdeit Card	0	1
TOTAL	20	14

FORGERY		
Forgery	39	23
Criminal Simulation	3	0
TOTAL	42	23

FRAUD		
Tamper with Records	1	4
TOTAL	1	4

RECEIVING		
Receive Stolen Property	143	489
Receive Stolen Property - Over	373	79
Receive Stolen Property - Felony	95	38
Complicity Receive Stolen Prop	3	4
TOTAL	614	610

GAMBLING		
Public Gaming	10	13
Gambling	1	2
TOTAL	11	15

OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE		
Inciting to Violence	1	1
Aggravated Riot	16	20
Riot	0	13
Riot with Four or More	4	4
Failure to Disperse	1	0
Telephone/Telecom. Harassment	31	34
Inducing Panic	91	44

	2001	2002
OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE CONT		
Complicity Inducing Panic	2	28
Making False Alarms	40	0
Complicity Making False Alarms	2	0
Disorderly Conduct	1330	1340
Disorderly Conduct - Intoxicated	29	25
Complicity Disorderly Conduct	2	0
Misconduct at Emergency	3	0
TOTAL	1552	1509

OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY		
Endangering Children	9	9
Interference with Custody	1	2
Contrib. To Unruliness	2	0
Domestic Violence	542	542
Domestic Violence Felony	96	85
TOTAL	650	638

OFFENSE AGAINST JUSTICE		
Intimidation	24	3
Intimidatng Victim, Witness	0	4
Retaliation	1	1
Falsification	113	126
Complicity Falsification	1	0
Tampering with Evidence	13	23
Complicity Tamper with Evidence	0	3
Obstructing Official Business	644	596
Obstructing Justice	5	11
Resisting Arrest	267	206
Flee and Elude Police Officer	20	20
Fail to Comply with Police	2	12
Fail to Comply with Police - Felony	0	36
Fail to Report Crime	0	2
Impersonate Officer	2	1
Escape	19	31
Attempt Escape	1	0
Convey Drug into Detention	2	2
TOTAL	1,114	1,077

ATTEMPT, COMPLICITY, CONSPIRACY		
Conspiracy	0	3
Attempt	19	31
Complicity	29	35
Complicity Felony	6	11
TOTAL	54	80

WEAPONS CONTROL		
Carrying Concealed Weapon	112	88
Carry Concealed Weapon Felony	5	7
Have Weapon Under Disability	14	19
Use Weapon while Intoxicated	0	1
Weapon on School Property	53	54
Firearm in a School Zone	5	2
PossessObject Indist from Firearm	6	2
Discharge Firearm Habitation	0	2
Possess Criminal Tools	96	117
Dangerous Ordnance	5	6
Unlaw Transport Firearm/Weapon	2	0
Firearm Transport Loaded	3	0
TOTAL	296	298

	2001	2002
DRUG OFFENSES		
Corrupt with Drugs	1	0
Trafficking Drugs	99	0
Trafficking Counterfeit Substance	1	1
Trafficking Cnf Ctrl Sub near School	0	2
Drug Trafficking	0	22
DrugTrafficking Cocaine	0	36
DrugTrafficking Marijuana	0	23
Drug Trafficking Near School	0	18
Complicity Drug Trafficking	0	2
Attempt Drug Trafficking	1	0
Aggravated Perparation for Sale	5	6
Preparation of Drugs for Sell	24	28
Preparation Near School	0	17
Aggravated Possession of Drug	12	13
Possession of Cocaine	89	118
Possession of Hashish	1	3
Possession of Heroin	0	3
Possession of Marijuana	535	557
Possession of LSD	2	0
Possess Dangerous Drug	1	0
Possess Counterft. Cntrl. Subst.	19	22
Possession of Drugs	21	32
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	143	158
Illegal Cultivation Marijuana	2	1
Sell/Deliver Dangerous Drug	5	3
Drug Abuse	13	15
Permit Drug Abuse	0	1
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	1	1
Theft of Drugs	0	3
Illegal Process Drug Document	5	2
Deception to Obtain Danger Drug	3	0
TOTAL	1,003	1,087
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES		
Ethnic Intimidation	20	1
Contaminate Substance-Human Use	4	2
TOTAL	24	3
FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS		
Discharge Fireworks	8	9
Possess Fireworks	6	4
TOTAL	14	13
NUISANCES		
Littering	2	5
TOTAL	2	5

	2001	2002
LIQUOR CONTROL		
Consume Possess Liquor in Veh	1	5
Purchase/Consume	308	314
Possession	20	16
Underage Person	2	9
Misrepresent to Obtain Alcohol	3	2
Furnish Alcohol to a Minor	1	5
TOTAL	335	351
OHIO WILDLIFE VIOLATION		
Cruelty to Animals	5	2
TOTAL	5	2
DRIVER LICENSE LAW		
Fictitious License, ID Card	1	3
TOTAL	1	3
HABITUAL TRUANCY		
Habitual Truancy-Prior Adjudication	0	1
Chronic Truancy	910	855
TOTAL	910	856
VIOLATIONS		
Violation of Court Order	14	50
VCO Incurrigible	763	717
VCO Probation	872	815
VCO Placement	861	883
VCO Runaway	1,030	919
VCO Truancy	822	732
VCO Tobacco	13	16
VCO Work Detail	563	625
VCO Stay Center	264	335
VCO EMU	134	97
VCO Curfew Violation	541	478
Parole Violation	345	10
TOTAL	6,222	5,677
MISCELLANEOUS/LOCAL CODES		
Miscellaneous Township Codes	147	98
TOTAL	147	98

DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE, RACE, AND GENDER

JUVENILES CHARGED WITH DELINQUENT OFFENSES

AGE	<=5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	TOTAL
WHITE MALE	0	0	2	2	6	21	30	64	122	203	261	376	485	30	1,602
WHITE FEMALE	0	0	3	4	2	3	4	25	67	90	168	203	197	9	775
AFRICAN AMER MALE	0	1	7	18	36	68	98	171	276	397	531	595	579	63	2,840
AFRICAN AMER FEMALE	0	0	5	4	11	21	36	77	146	216	287	295	224	2	1,324
BI-RACIAL MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	7	7	8	6	4	42
BI-RACIAL FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	5	4	6	6	2	32
HISPANIC MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	5	2	0	12
HISPANIC FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	8
ASIAN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	2	0	10
ASIAN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	5
UNKNOWN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	7	6	7	13	10	0	51
UNKNOWN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	4	5	5	7	1	31
UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	4	5	3	2	0	21
TOTAL	0	1	17	28	55	117	174	359	631	940	1,282	1,514	1,524	111	6,753

JUVENILES CHARGED WITH UNRULY OFFENSES

AGE	<=5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	TOTAL
WHITE MALE	0	2	3	0	0	3	6	6	6	18	21	24	22	0	111
WHITE FEMALE	0	1	3	0	0	2	5	9	8	25	19	22	23	0	117
AFRICAN AMER MALE	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	6	19	16	26	24	23	1	124
AFRICAN AMER FEMALE	0	0	0	0	3	1	9	14	34	22	40	34	36	0	193
BI-RACIAL MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4
BI-RACIAL FEMALE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	6
HISPANIC MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
HISPANIC FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ASIAN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASIAN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
UNKNOWN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	6
UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	3	6	1	5	8	26	35	71	83	108	110	108	1	565

JUVENILES CHARGED WITH DELINQUENT AND UNRULY OFFENSES

AGE	<=5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	TOTAL
WHITE MALE	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	10	21	33	37	43	54	2	205
WHITE FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	13	19	15	26	16	1	98
AFRICAN AMER MALE	0	0	0	0	1	8	6	18	23	50	52	45	25	1	229
AFRICAN AMER FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	16	23	40	31	22	11	0	146
BI-RACIAL MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	5
BI-RACIAL FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	6
HISPANIC MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
HISPANIC FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ASIAN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASIAN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
UNKNOWN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	4
UNKNOWN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	1	11	13	50	83	148	138	141	110	4	699

TOTAL MALES 5,244
 TOTAL FEMALES 2,751
 TOTAL UNKNOWN 22
GRAND TOTAL 8,017

TOTAL WHITE 2,908
 TOTAL AFRICAN AMERICAN 4,856
 TOTAL BI-RACIAL 95
 TOTAL HISPANIC 26
 TOTAL ASIAN 17
 TOTAL UNKNOWN/OTHER 115
GRAND TOTAL 8,017

CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED

The following report, mandated by Ohio Revised Code sections § 2151.18 and § 2152.71, reflects the number of delinquency cases in which the victim of the delinquent act was 65 years of age or older or permanently and totally disabled at the time of the alleged commission of the act.

TYPE OF OFFENSE	PROPERTY	THEFT	VIOLENT
DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS FILED	4	12	24
ADJUDICATIONS	0	9	15

ADJUDICATION & RESTITUTION	0	5	2
COMMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION	0	1	0
TRANSFERRED FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION	0	0	0

ADULT JURISDICTION

DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT AND ABUSE

The Dependency Department is responsible for all complaints filed by public and private agencies alleging a child to be dependent, neglected, or abused. Once placed under the care of an agency, the Dependency Department approves and monitors the plan for the child. Plans must assure the safety of the child, but also that each child has a timely opportunity for permanency in a legally secure placement.

	2001	2002
NEW FILINGS	622 cases 1,107 children	424 cases 755 children
FILINGS DISMISSED	237 children	168 children
INITIAL DISPOSITIONS		
Direct Custody to Individual	143 children	80 children
Protective Supervision	167 children	116 children
Temporary Custody	443 children	393 children
Permanent Commitments	79 children	89 children
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	60 children	47 children

In addition to the 116 children placed under protective supervision as an initial disposition, 127 children were placed under protective supervision after agency custody was terminated.

Of the 393 temporary commitments granted, 18 were granted on delinquency charges.

In addition to the 89 children permanently committed as an initial disposition, 53 cases were modified from a temporary commitment or a planned permanent living arrangement to permanent commitment.

In addition to the 47 children placed in a planned permanent living arrangement as an initial disposition, 80 cases were modified from temporary commitment, permanent commitment, or protective supervision to a planned permanent living arrangement.

NEW FILINGS WERE DISPOSED OF IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

	2001	2002
Dismissals	22%	22%
Direct Custody to Individual	11%	10%
Protective Supervision	15%	15%
Temporary Commitments	40%	36%
Permanent Commitments	6%	11%
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	6%	6%

CHILDREN UNDER AGENCY CUSTODY OR SUPERVISION AT YEAR END

	2001	2002
Protective Supervision	119 children	156 children
Temporary Commitments	480 children	451 children
Permanent Commitments	358 children	386 children
Long Term Foster Care	429 children	446 children
TOTAL	1,386 children	1,439 children

At year-end 2002, there were 1,283 children under temporary custody, permanent custody and long term foster care status, and 156 children under protective supervision. The total number of dependent, neglected, and abused children under court jurisdiction at year-end totaled 1,439.

MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS FILED

ADULT MISDEMEANORS

	2001	2002
Failure to Send Child to School	2,160	1,710
Endangering Children	19	28
Tend to Cause Delinquency of a Minor	66	49
Contribute to Delinquency	3	22
Adult Probation Violation	5	2
Fail to Supervise Child	3	0
Unlawful Sexual Conduct	1	0
Failure to Report Child Abuse or Neglect	0	4
TOTAL	2,257	1,815

CIVIL COMPLAINTS FILED

	2001	2002
PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP	1,314	925
SUPPORT	2,452	2,295
CUSTODY	1,095	1,592
VISITATION	125	164
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0
PERMISSION TO MARRY	0	2
PROBATE	0	0
PARENTAL BYPASS	0	1

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS FILED

	2001	2002
CONTEMPT	4,766	4,586
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT	1,092	1,318
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION ORDER	536	601
CSEA REQUEST FOR CHANGE	2,197	3,152

ALL HEARINGS CONDUCTED— ALL JURISDICTIONS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

	2001	2002
TOTAL HEARINGS CONDUCTED	132,866	140,959

PRE TRIAL & SPECIAL SERVICES

INTERVENTION UNIT

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court Intervention Unit, a division of Court Services, serves families in crisis as the result of a child's rebellious or incorrigible behavior. Efforts are made to contact the family within 24 hours and schedule an appointment within 10 days. If the parents or guardians are unwilling or unable to attend a session at the Intervention Unit, a family counselor will provide crisis intervention by telephone. Most families are served with short-term intervention and diversion. However, some families require further services. The Unit's strives to provide this longer-term treatment to at least 10% of all families referred.

The duration of single crisis-intervention session is typically 2-3 hours. Ongoing treatment sessions generally last 1-2 hours. Telephone interventions are provided to clients who do not utilize in-person services due to work schedules, transportation problems, lack of child care, disinterest in counseling, or improvement in the child's behavior. Such cases are monitored for 30 days or longer should problems arise again. Families are encouraged to maintain contact with the assigned counselor during this period; many call for advice after the case is closed.

The First Time Runaway Program provides ongoing case management from the initial filing of the charge through final disposition of the case. Regular phone contact is maintained with the parents or guardians. Counselors offer guidance and supportive counseling throughout the process.

1099 cases were referred to the Intervention Unit during 2002. Chemical dependency, physical and sexual abuse, and mental illness remain constant and significant factors affecting family functioning. Trends suggest that increasing numbers of children referred have had prior exposure to mental health services. Minority populations comprise 67% of youth referred; 58% of total referrals were female. Ages range from 5 to 17 years.

The Unit closed 1017 cases during 2002 and provided service to 78% of the families referred. Services included: First Time Runaway case management, single session interventions, ongoing treatment services, and telephone interventions. 16% of cases referred either did not schedule services or the youth's warrant remained active for over 3 months. 8% of families that scheduled a session failed to attend and did not reschedule. In many instances,

counselors scheduled several appointments with clients prior to case closure, encouraging the families to utilize services.

The Intervention Unit experienced periodic staff shortages in several key positions during 2002. Nevertheless, the Unit managed to provide timely services to children and families. 1339 sessions were scheduled for families throughout the year, representing more sessions scheduled than in any of the past three years. The Unit remains committed to providing prompt crisis-intervention as family needs dictate.

A breakdown of referrals and referral sources for 2002 is listed below:

SOURCE OF REFERRAL

Dependency Court Magistrates	1
First Time Runaway Program	403
Clerk's Office / Unofficial Referrals	571
Delinquency Court Judges / Magistrates	85
Probation Officers	33
Township Unofficial Courts	6
TOTAL	1099

PROGRAM EVALUATION/RECIDIVISM RATES

The Intervention Unit assesses the effectiveness of services based upon re-involvement with the Court. Recidivism is defined as any subsequent official Court contact for an unruly or delinquent offense. The results may be negatively skewed as counselors periodically encourage parents to pursue charges during treatment as a means of holding children accountable. To provide a meaningful appraisal of positive outcome, the population was drawn from closures dating from November 1, 2002 through November 30, 2002. A recidivism range of 3 months following case closure was used.

REFERRAL SOURCE	TOTAL CLOSED	NEW FILINGS	NON RECIDIVISM
Dependency Court Magistrates	0	0	N/A
First Time Runaway Program	876	276	68%
Clerk's Office Unofficial Referrals	1203	237	80%
Delinquency Court Judges/Magistrates	240	94	61%
Probation Officers	43	17	60%
Township Unofficial dockets	10	2	80%
TOTALS	2,372	626	74%

TOTAL CASES DIVERTED FROM OFFICIAL JUVENILE COURT DOCKETS 1,746

- percentage of referrals utilizing some form of IU service 72%

- percentage of 'no show' for scheduled appointments 8%
- percentage of 'no response' referrals 19%
- percentage of remaining 'active warrants' 1%

RESULTS OF CLIENT SURVEY

The Intervention Unit conducted a written client satisfaction survey during October 2002 to assess family response to services provided. The results of the survey indicated an overall high level of satisfaction.

PARENTAL RESPONSES: (TOTAL OF 32 RESPONSES)

1) Were you happy with the services you received today?	Yes 100%	No 0%	? 0%
2) Do you feel the counselor understood your problem?	Yes 100%	No 0%	? 0%
3) Do you feel you were treated with respect?	Yes 100%	No 0%	? 0%
4) Was this a helpful service?	Yes 95%	No 0%	? 5%
5) Rate your opinion of the Intervention Unit:			
Waste of Time	0%	Somewhat Helpful	14%
Undecided	10%	Very Helpful	76%

YOUTH RESPONSES: (TOTAL OF 32 RESPONSES)

6) Were you happy with the services you received today?	YES 85%	NO 7%	? 8%
7) Do you feel the counselor understood your problem?	YES 83%	NO 13%	? 4%
8) Do you feel you were treated with respect?	YES 96%	NO 0%	? 4%
9) Was this a helpful service?	YES 85%	NO 11%	? 4%
10) Rate your opinion of the Intervention Unit:			
Waste of Time	10%	Somewhat Helpful	22%
Undecided	20%	Very Helpful	48%

VOLUNTEER MAGISTRATE PROGRAM

Two programs in Hamilton County divert youth from official proceedings and the consequence of gaining an official juvenile record.

Judge Benjamin S. Schwartz initiated the Volunteer Referee Program in 1958, the first of its kind in the country. Attorneys were appointed by the Court as Volunteer Referees to conduct unofficial hearings for low-level offenses in a community setting. The program has continued to the present with few modifications under Judges William J. Morrissey, Olive L. Holmes, David E. Grossmann, John P. O'Connor, Sylvia Sieve Hendon, and Thomas R. Lipps. Volunteers are now known as Volunteer Magistrates as the term "Referee" was changed to "Magistrate" by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Local businesses, schools, police and citizens refer cases to the Court. Hearings are conducted more conveniently in the evening. Visibility within the community helps ensure compliance with house arrest, work details, and other disciplinary measures imposed.

In 2002, there were 841 youth served by the Volunteer Magistrate Program. Of these, 61 youth were referred back to the police or school for further action. A total of 780 cases were handled unofficially and diverted from the official system.

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON YOUTH PROGRAM

In March 1975, the Citizen's Committee on Youth, Youth Service Bureau appointed a hearing officer to hear unruly and minor misdemeanor cases unofficially and refer children to community services. Supervision of the program is handled jointly by the Citizen's Committee on Youth and the Court's Executive Director of Docketing and Case Management.

During 2002, a total of 2,166 were served by the Unofficial Hearing Officer. A total of 33 juveniles were referred to the official docket. A total of 2,133 were diverted from the official system.

ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

The Attendance Program is a collaborative effort between the Court, Family Services of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Public School District, and the St. Bernard/Elmwood Place School District. The primary goal is to reduce absences within the schools. The schools presently

targeted include: Oylar Elementary, Whittier Elementary, Gamble Elementary, Sayler Park Elementary, Quebec Heights Elementary, Vine Street Elementary, Schwab Elementary, Chase Elementary, Elmwood Place Elementary, St. Bernard Elementary and St. Bernard Jr. and Sr. High.

The Attendance Clerk and Visiting Teacher/Attendance Program Liaison identify students with poor attendance and make efforts to address the underlying issues without Court involvement. When these efforts fail, the student and parents or guardians are cited to Court. These hearings are held on a weekly basis in the school. The Court provides a Magistrate and Case Presenter. Family Services assigns a Case Manager who works closely with the family, providing direct services and arranging adjunct programming. The hearing process, whether informal or official, focuses on the root problems contributing to absenteeism.

The program's goals are to increase attendance, provide support to families, and interrupt the pattern of truancy that often leads to delinquency. The resources of the Court, school and the community combine to support families in their effort to correct the problem. With this approach, all schools have shown improved daily attendance and increased parent participation.

COMMUNITY COURT PROGRAM

The Community Court program was created as an outgrowth of the very successful Volunteer Magistrate program. Like it, the Community Court involves a partnership with the community and law enforcement. The Community Court, however, conducts official hearings in the participating communities. A Court Magistrate, Case Manager and Probation Officer staff the Court. Law enforcement partners provide security during the time Court is in session.

The major emphasis is to provide an environment where the misbehavior of low-level offenders is promptly addressed before it progresses to more serious delinquent behavior. The Community Court, consistent with national trends and research, provides an opportunity to make a more meaningful impact as early intervention is the best and least expensive prevention strategy. The Community Court also creates an opportunity for law enforcement, communities, and the Court to identify the specific issues facing individual communities and to develop the best possible responses. Currently there are six Community Courts.

MEDIATION

CUSTODY AND VISITATION MEDIATION

The Court contracts with attorneys and social workers trained in family mediation and dispute resolution to mediate petitions and motions for custody and visitation. Cases are referred from the Clerk's Office when a petition or motion is filed. Additionally, a case may be referred for mediation by a magistrate. This mediation program began in June 2001.

In 2002, 270 cases were referred to mediation. The parties reached an agreement in 58% of cases mediated. All but 1 agreement was approved by the magistrate. Once approved by the magistrate, the agreement becomes an enforceable order of the Court.

In June 2002, the Court completed a renovation project that dedicated 2 rooms for the exclusive use of mediation.

CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATION

A three-year Adoption Opportunities grant through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Children's Bureau funded the Court's Child Protection Mediation Program. The Court and the Hamilton County Job and Family Services contracted with St. Aloysius Orphanage, a local private non-profit children services agency, to provide program development and direct mediation services. The magistrates referred 43 abuse and neglect cases to mediation in 2002. 51% percent of these cases resulted in a full or partial agreement.

In September 2002, the Court published the Mediation Program Development Guide in collaboration with St. Aloysius Orphanage. The Court distributed this manual and a corresponding video as a resource to other jurisdictions contemplating a child protection mediation program.

The Court has enjoyed an extensive history of collaborative relationships with community partners. The formation of the Mediation Advisory Committee in late 2002 represents the most recent joint venture to improve process and outcomes for children and families. The goal of the Committee is to plan, develop and implement an in-house mediation program similar to the model employed in custody and visitation cases. Although the grant concluded in late 2002, child protection mediation will resume in May 2003.

DISPOSITIONS

BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY

In 2002, the Judges bound over 61 juveniles to the Grand Jury, to be tried as adults.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

The number of youth committed to the Department of Youth Services increased from 166 in 2001, to 167 in 2002. In 2002, the Court revoked parole for 66 juveniles, down from 72 juveniles in 2001.

PROBATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Through probation interventions, children, families, and communities are given a chance to increase safety and personal achievement.

PROBATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The work of the Probation Department is defined under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 2151 and 2152. All probation officers are under a duty to carry out the orders of the Court and serve to protect the interest of the community. Probation officers are charged to use all suitable methods to aid youth on probation and bring about improvement in their conduct. During 2002, the Probation Department was staffed by the Chief Probation Officer, 2 Deputy Chief Probation Officers, 4 Probation Team Supervisors, 29 Probation Officers, 5 Probation Monitors, and 8 support staff. The Probation Department is accredited through the American Correctional Association.

In 2002, the Probation Department conducted 2062 investigations and supervised 1571 cases under community control.

JUVENILE MAJOR OFFENDER PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Juvenile Major Offender Program (JMOP) began in September 1998 as a collaborative effort between the Probation Department and various Hamilton County law enforcement agencies. It identifies serious offenders on probation and aftercare and holds them accountable for behavior as ordered by the Court. Accountability is enforced through after-hour home visits conducted by two-person teams of police and probation officers riding in police vehicles. These teams provide curfew checks and warrant service.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To reduce further criminal activity and victimization.
- To work together to hold serious offenders accountable.
- To establish and maintain information-sharing processes that enhance participating agencies' abilities to supervise and monitor clients.
- To provide an immediate response to youth who are not in compliance with probation rules or aftercare contracts.
- To reward offenders who are in compliance with probation rules or aftercare contracts.

PARTICIPATING POLICE AGENCIES

Cincinnati Police Department
 Forest Park Police Department
 Springfield Township Police Department
 Colerain Township Police Department

Juvenile Major Offender Program
 2002 Statistics

Jurisdiction	# of Rides	# PO Shifts	# of Checks	# Home	# Not Home	% Home	# No Answer	Warrant Attempts	Warrant Arrests	Other Arrests
Cincinnati	51	160	1838	1386	322	75%	129	120	17	5
Colerain	13	13	49	39	8	79%	2	0	0	0
Forest Park	16	16	66	48	16	78%	2	2	1	0
Springfield	21	21	105	76	24	72%	5	11	3	0
Totals	101	210	2058	1549	370	76%	138	133	21	5

SPECIALIZED CASELOADS

Specialized caseloads manage sexual offenders, female offenders, and offenders needing intensive supervision. Individuals assigned to these caseloads receive specialized supervision and programming designed to meet the unique needs of the assigned probationers. In 2002, 3 specialized probation caseloads were supervised by 10 officers and one monitor.

SEX OFFENDER SPECIFIC CASELOAD

The Probation Department has utilized specialized assessments for sexual offenders since 1989. This continuum-of-care approach follows a youth through the legal, treatment, and aftercare settings. The objectives of this approach are to: (1) determine the level of danger or threat to the community, victim, and potential victims; (2) estimate the risk that the sexually aggressive behavior will be repeated; (3) evaluate the specific social, family, environmental, and behavioral strengths and needs of the adolescent offender; and (4) determine specific recommendations regarding the ideal course of intervention and treatment along with alternative recommendations as needed.

All youth adjudicated of a sexually oriented offense are assigned to the Sex Offender Specialist or to other specially trained probation officers. 64 youth were assigned to specialized probation services for sexual offending.

GENDER SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING (GEMS)

Gender specific programming is designed to address the specific needs of adolescent females who are on probation. In 2002, the gender specific program for females was designated GEMS: Girls Empowered and Motivated for Success. The team was expanded from 6 to 7 probation officers.

2002 Accomplishments:

- Created mission and vision statements for the GEMS team that will drive future developments.
- Launched a "Community of Care" training and inter-agency workshop to develop a community wide gender-specific development committee. This occurred in May 2002.
- Established criteria for youth to be serviced by the GEMS team. A reduced caseload of 25 allows the team to work more intensively with girls.
- Developed supervision and case planning standards for GEMS cases that incorporate promising approaches for gender specific casework. This includes enhancing the assessment process and expanding internal and external resources.
- Began the process of intra-departmental collaboration with the Youth Center, the Psychology Clinic, the Intervention Unit, and the Magistrates to provide better information sharing and service planning for girls.
- Provided extensive training and development for the GEMS team and probation department on various gender-specific topics.
- Developed and initiated an intervention group for females on probation that is facilitated by GEMS probation officers.

The GEMS probation team served 268 female offenders in 2002.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION

The Intensive Supervision Probation Unit is designed to provide increased structure, monitoring, and supervision to selected youth who are 15 years of age or older, not amenable to traditional probation services, and who are at risk of placement out of the home or

commitment to the Department of Youth Services. Youth are closely monitored for compliance with a rigidly constructed plan that includes four phases. Each phase allows for increased privileges and decreased contact. Youth begin with few privileges and earn credit days for strict compliance. 62 probationers were assigned to intensive probation supervision in 2002.

DRUG TESTING

One component of probation supervision is drug testing. The department has trained its staff to collect urine specimens on-site in a specially designed test cup that gives instant results. In 2002, 197 tests were given, resulting in 67 positive and 130 negative results. Youth at times self disclose before a test, eliminating the need for an actual test. Probationers may also be sent with a parent to a lab for testing.

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Youth who are involved with the Probation Department often need additional community-based services or out-of-home placement. Probation officers are responsible for coordinating referrals and providing supervision for youth placed within these programs. Youth were referred to the following programs or facilities in 2002.

COMPASS DIAGNOSTIC UNIT

COMPASS, a division of Talbert House, is a secure 20-bed facility for delinquent males between the ages of 10 and 17. Youth receive a multi-disciplinary diagnostic assessment that includes a psychological evaluation, physical exam, educational evaluation, drug screen, and substance abuse assessment. Family sessions are also conducted by licensed social workers. Upon completion of the program, a comprehensive report is presented to the Court to assist in dispositional planning. 478 youth were admitted to the program through October 2002 when the program closed. The Court will open its own diagnostic unit at Hillcrest Training School in January 2003.

YOUTH INC.

Youth, Inc. is a local shelter care program that accommodates up to 30 youth per day in three houses, one serving females. When appropriate, youth are referred from the Youth Center to this less restrictive environment. It provides short-term treatment and shelter care pending a longer-term placement or a return home. Total number of male youth placed in this program was 574. Total number of female youth placed was 210.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives, a division of Talbert House, is a 90-day residential drug and alcohol treatment program for youth aged 13 to 18. Youth entering the program admit to having a substance abuse problem and are willing to enter treatment. The program also works with the child's family and provides intensive outpatient treatment and aftercare. In 2002, the Court

contracted for 5 beds per month or approximately 26 youth per year. In 2002, 52 youth were able to be served through additional subsidies and funding sources.

HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL

Hillcrest Training School provides 142 correctional/treatment beds for delinquent youth. The program primarily serves youth with felony offenses. It offers a wide range of services, including an on-grounds school, substance abuse and sex offender programming, and psychological services. The probation department referred 257 cases to Hillcrest Training School in 2002. A total of 213 probation youth were placed at Hillcrest during the year.

PASSAGES

Passages, a division of Talbert House, is a residential treatment program for felony and chronic misdemeanor female offenders. Using a gender-sensitive approach, the Passages program utilizes techniques to address issues of personal and family relationships, accountability, victimization, and substance abuse. The program has two components: a 90-day program for chronic status and misdemeanor offenders and a 180-day program for felony offenders. Passages also offers intensive outpatient and aftercare services for its residents. The Court contracts for a minimum of 17 beds per month. In 2002, 59 girls were served in Passages residential programming.

COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS

The Court periodically utilizes various residential placements in the community to address the multiple needs of some of its client population. Usually these placements are shorter-term (four months or less) and satisfy a need that outpatient services cannot. Several placements utilized in 2002 were the Learning Appropriate Behaviors (L.A.B.) Girls Group Home, the Mayo Home for Youth Development, and Cornell Abraxas. A total of 4 youth were directly referred for placement in 2002.

LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY PRESERVATION

Lighthouse Youth Services provides a family outreach component for juveniles on probation who can benefit from time-limited, structured in-home therapy. Workers are on call 24 hours a day and work with the entire family to build on family strengths. More than 38 families benefited from these services in 2002.

NORCEN SEXUAL OFFENDER GROUP

The Court contracts with NORCEN Behavioral Health Systems to provide an ongoing sexual offenders group for sexual offenders who can be maintained in the community with intensive treatment. The group generally accommodates 7 to 8 youth. The nature of treatment is

lengthy and turnover is consequently slow. 9 youth participated during 2002. The Court also contracts separately with providers to provide individual and group work for several offenders whose level of functioning or age precludes participation in the ongoing NORCEN group.

COMMUNITY OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS

Occasionally the Court contracts on a case-by-case basis with various local providers for various outpatient treatment services for probation youth. Examples include individual sexual offender treatment, substance abuse group treatment, mentoring, violence prevention programs, theft prevention programs, and in-home therapy. A total of 11 youth received outpatient services from a variety of providers in 2002.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS AND HAMILTON CHOICES

Various Hamilton County agencies have pooled resources to fund a collaborative managed-care wrap-around program since 1995, with most recent program administration under the auspices of Beech Acres' Creative Connections. Through a cooperative transition, program management was transferred to Hamilton Choices effective November 1, 2002. The overall mission, purpose, and service operations remain the same: to purchase, evaluate, and monitor services for the County's most needy and challenging children and their families. Youth receive a wide array of services ranging from community-based to residential. Children remain in the program as individual needs dictate with an average 2-year period of service. During 2002, approximately 65 Court youth were served by Creative Connections with 14 new referrals to the program. Yearly intake was reduced due to the 5-month period when the program was in administrative transition. From the program's inception, a total of 229 Court youth have been or are being served.

THE BRIDGE

After years of discussion between the juvenile justice and mental health systems regarding programming for youth who cross both systems, a demonstration project was approved for three sites in Ohio. The southwestern counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren were awarded joint funding to develop a program for this population. The Bridge opened in October 2000 to meet the needs of youth who have a significant mental health diagnosis and a history of aggressive behavior. Talbert House, the lead provider organization, initially opened the Bridge as an 8-bed secure residential site, expanding to a larger 15-bed facility in Spring 2001. The program combines a strong behavioral management milieu, cognitive-behavioral groups, and child and adolescent psychiatric expertise. In 2002, the Probation Department placed 10 youth in the program. The program also receives referrals from other agencies and counties on an as-needed basis.

COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK DETAIL

The Work Detail program is a dispositional option for adjudicated youth in Hamilton County Juvenile Court. The program provides youth with a productive, short-term work experience as a consequence for delinquent behavior. Youth are given an opportunity to learn the principles of accountability and responsibility through various clean up and beautification projects in communities which have been effected by their delinquent behavior.

Daily Work Details	1,577
Saturday Work Details	1,742
TOTAL:	3,319

RESTITUTION, PURGE PAYMENTS, FINES AND COURT COSTS

RESTITUTION

In 2002, the total restitution collected was \$87,379.23

FINES & COSTS COLLECTED

Fines	\$57,541.18
Court Costs	\$173,702.57
RRF & GRF	\$131,438.84
Computer Fees	\$67,630.52
Legal Research	\$20,083.04
Witness Fees	\$11,830.14
Attorney Fees	\$460.30
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	\$4,715.00
Purge Payments	\$221,435.00

DISMISSALS

In 2002, 7,288 delinquent, unruly, and traffic cases were dismissed.

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

JUDGES' OFFICE



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is responsible for the preparation, monitoring, and disbursement of the Court's annual operating budget as well as fiscal responsibility for various state and federal grants. It also maintains records of employee sick and vacation time and produces the biweekly payroll. In addition, the Finance Department collects and disburses court-ordered restitution to victims and monitors child support for youth in placement.

	REVENUE	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES
JUDGES' OFFICE	\$13,682,505.97	\$18,362,534.26	\$18,571,802.73
YOUTH CENTER	\$1,219,293.02	\$11,022,062.30	\$10,100,490.42
HILLCREST	\$14,748,469.32	\$10,629,206.01	\$9,836,678.34
TOTAL	\$29,650,268.31	\$40,013,802.57	\$38,508,971.49

HUMAN RESOURCES

In support of the mission of the Court, the Human Resources Department provides leadership in the development and administration of policies and procedures that: (1) meet the needs of prospective and current employees; (2) adhere to government regulations and professional and ethical standards; and (3) demonstrate proactive efforts in the recruitment and retention of a professional and dedicated staff.

Human Resources provides services that are prompt, relevant, accurate, and courteous. In pursuit of the mission, the Human Resources team will:

- Treat people with dignity and respect.
- Be fair and consistent.
- Work closely with all to ensure effective and efficient use of human resources.
- Contribute to employee development and creativity.
- Be accessible and make every effort to assist people.

The Department provides a range of services to the Court and its 600 employees in 3 divisions. Services include the recruitment, screening, and referral of qualified applicants. Other primary responsibilities consist of new employee hiring, maintenance of personnel records, wage and salary administration, orientation and training, employee communications and counseling, background investigations, and labor law compliance. New in 2002, the Human Resources Department assumed the duties and responsibilities of benefits administration. Also in 2002, the Lapel Service Pin recognition program was implemented, recognizing all employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of County service.

In 2002, the Court hired 92 new employees. The total number of employees within the three Court divisions is 601, including part-time, and temporary staff. There are 230 positions at 800 Broadway, 180 at Hillcrest Training School, and 191 at the Youth Center.

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Information Services Department is comprised of thirteen full-time employees and three contractors. Staff are responsible for the design, development, implementation, and support of the Court's computer hardware and software systems. The following is a summary of some of the systems supported by the department:

- 575 Personal Computers
- Email and GroupWare messaging system
- 21 network servers and 6 local area networks
- Office automation systems
- Computer software applications
- Inter-network and Intra-network between divisions
- Juvenile Court Management System (JCMS)
- Intranet and Internet web sites
- Livescan finger print, palm print, and a new RCATS based mugshot system
- EMC Clarion centralized storage system
- Video Court Reporting systems
- Court Reporting Transcription system

The following projects were completed in 2002:

- Implemented the new Residential Care and Treatment System (RCATS) and integrated it with the Court's Juvenile Court Management System (JCMS). It more efficiently and effectively tracks the care and treatment of juveniles in custody and facilitates the centralized storage of information, promoting better decision-making. This system also informs appropriate personnel in a more timely manner when a youth incurs a new charge.
- Implemented a new JCMS component to track and assess the risks and needs of all youth assigned to the Probation Department.
- Implemented a new JCMS module that incorporates Dependency case complaint information. It details the filing status, termination status, placement, and allegations of these complaints.
- Completed nine database conversions for the integration of the Probation, RCATS, and Dependency modules into JCMS.
- Upgraded the hardware and software of the Court's transcription devices resulting in the more efficient and timely production of transcripts.
- Upgraded the network servers by adding more memory and larger capacity hard drives, resulting in an extended hardware life cycle.
- Upgraded the software utilized to monitor and filter user access to the Internet.
- Completed the installation of a new core switch at the Youth Center, which increased overall network throughput and enhanced the administrative control of the facility's network.

- Completed deployment of computer hardware necessary to establish a 12-computer student-training lab at the Youth Center. This lab enhances the students' education through the use of computer technology.
- Completed deployment of 24 computers for the residents of the Hillcrest Training School. These computers allow students to access the student-training network, enhancing their training experience through computer technology.
- Reconfigured the Court's network infrastructure in order to enable more efficient network-based services.
- Upgraded the ZEN (Zero Effort Networks) software for the Hillcrest and Youth Center student training labs, enhancing the ability to automate software control of the training computers.
- Implemented remote access to the Court's JCMS application at the St. Bernard/Elmwood Place Community Court, improving data management and entry efficiency for magistrates utilizing that location.
- Installed dedicated laptops and printers at the Anderson and St. Bernard/Elmwood Place Community Court, making remote access more efficient.
- Managed network and computer issues during the sixth-floor courtroom construction project. This effort included the relocation of existing computer hardware and the installation of new computer hardware and the computerized video court reporting system.
- Streamlined the Court's WAN (Wide Area Network) hardware links to improve network communication across all Court facilities. This effort included the reconfiguration of network core switches to better filter and direct network traffic across Court and County WAN systems.
- Upgraded the IOS (Internetworking Operating System) on all Cisco network switches to insure optimal operating efficiency.
- Completed the installation of a dedicated server for the Kronos scheduling and time-keeping software, improving employee time reporting functions.
- Improved internal customer assistance by refining existing and implementing new Help Line procedures.
- Resolved an average of 255 Help Line calls per month based on an annual total of 3,055 calls, allowing staff to more fully utilize technology.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

The basic function of the Operations Department is to determine the equipment and supply requirements for the Court, maintain an inventory of supplies commensurate with needs, and place all necessary vendor orders. The Department also maintains control of equipment through proper record keeping, conducting an annual inventory, and monitoring maintenance contracts. The Operations Department handles the majority of the purchasing and is responsible for authenticating all invoices for payment.

The Operations Department also maintains a print shop for the purpose of developing, duplicating and reproducing the forms that the Court utilizes. The Operations Department is staffed with 2 full-time members: the Operations Director, and a Supply Clerk/Printer.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

The Security Department is comprised of 13 full-time law enforcement officers: 1 Chief of Security, 1 Assistant Chief of Security and 11 Court Officers. These officers have been certified by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission and have received specific and advanced training in the following areas: defensive tactics, first aid, CPR/AED, behavioral and psychological aspects of incarceration, crisis intervention, behavior management, suicide prevention, evacuation training, closed circuit monitoring, duress alarms, electronic stun devices, RCIC, NCIC, NLETS, and LEADS certification, and ASP Baton and firearms training specific to courtroom settings.

The Security Department operates in compliance with the Supreme Court of Ohio Court Security Standards. The Security Department is responsible for providing security and prisoner transports within the Court at 800 Broadway. Its officers further provide security and prisoner transports to the courtrooms at the Youth Center, prisoner transportation to and from other jurisdictions, and are responsible for providing security at community Work Detail sites.

Additionally, the Security Department is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Court's evidence room. These responsibilities include maintaining the chain of custody and security of evidence, receiving and releasing of evidence, and the destruction of evidence and contraband per Court order.

In early December 2002, the Security Department underwent a formal 3-day on-site assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The assessment included a review of written directives, interviews with court officers, and proof of compliance with 29 core standards and 45 specific court security standards. The Security Department was officially certified by CALEA in March 2003 in Orlando, Florida and will undergo a complete reevaluation of all 74 standards every 3 years.

The mission of the Security Department is to provide a safe and secure environment for everyone who comes into contact with the Court and to ensure that this safety and security is delivered in the best interests of the staff, visitors, and those who are incarcerated.

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide a safe and secure environment for everyone who comes into contact with the court and to ensure that this safety and security is delivered in the best interests of the staff, visitors and those who are incarcerated.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Training and Development Department combines learning opportunities, professional development, and career resources with a goal of providing quality services to the Court's employees. It believes that proper employee orientation, continuing education, and

professional growth are key components to job satisfaction. The Department strives to maintain collaborative relationships with each department to identify training needs, develop training curricula, and provide educational programs. It also coordinates scheduling, maintains training records, and supports ongoing relationships with outside training agencies. As training has evolved towards human resource development, the Department has continued to improve individual, team, and organizational effectiveness through positive learning experiences.

The Department offers different types of learning opportunities, including classroom, skills-based, and self-paced instruction. A variety of training topics are offered to meet the diverse needs of staff. The department sponsors TAG, the Training Advisory Group, comprised of representatives from 800 Broadway who collaborate with the Department to improve training and development opportunities. JCTAG, the Juvenile Court Training Advisory Group, is comprised of representatives from the three Court divisions and works to assess and improve the training needs for the entire organization. The Training Department remains actively involved with the Southwest Ohio Regional Training Consortium, the Hamilton County Human Resources Development Division, and the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development.

In 2002, Court employees attended over 11,000 hours of training. Current training information and registration materials are accessible through the Court's Intranet. The Department is staffed by a Human Resource Development Manager and a Training Assistant.

DEPARTMENT OF COURT SERVICES

The Department of Court Services is charged with the implementation of a wide variety of Court orders and services directed at prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation. There are

five separate departments within Court Services: the Intervention Unit, Mediation, Probation, Specialized Services and Work Detail. Services and programs in each of these areas work collaboratively and independently to provide services to youth and their families. Court Services uses general funds and specialized grants to fulfill its mission.

The Intervention Unit utilizes strategic brief therapy for at-risk families prior to formal introduction into the court system. It also accepts referrals from judges, magistrates and probation.

The Mediation division is a new division that manages mediation services for custody and visitation and oversees the expanding role of the Court in truancy prevention.

The Probation Department provides predisposition investigation reports and post-disposition probation services. The Department also provides specialized case supervision to address three specific categories of offenders: sex offenders, female probationers, and offenders requiring intense supervision. A Specialized Services team works closely with probation staff in locating services for youth who are very young, have substance abuse issues, or have a history of mental health problems.

The Work Detail program performs a wide range of community services. Youth are ordered to the program as a result of their delinquent or unruly behavior. The City of Cincinnati Adopt-a-Block Program, the Cincinnati Zoo, schools, and a variety of parks benefit from this program. The Work Detail also collaborates with Hillcrest Training School to provide an educational component to assist youth in obtaining their General Education Diploma.

CASE MANAGEMENT

DOCKETING AND CASE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Docketing and Case Management Department is responsible for the scheduling and in-court presentation of complaints, along with the maintenance of legal and audiovisual records of the Court. The Department consists of 43 employees who handle cases involving delinquency, unruly, custody, visitation, traffic, adult jurisdiction, child support, and dependency. Positions include Docketing Clerk, Traffic Clerk, Warrant Clerk, Case Manager, Unofficial Hearing Officer, Receptionist, School Case Manager, and File Clerk.

Each morning 10 dockets are scheduled for delinquency and unruly cases, 5 of which are devoted to arraignment. One arraignment docket is scheduled at the Youth Center; the remainder are set at 800 Broadway. Additionally, an unofficial docket is scheduled daily for first-time offenders charged with minor misdemeanor offenses.

The Court also conducts a daily truancy docket at 1 of 8 participating elementary schools. These hearings address both the child's truancy and the parents' failure to send the child to school.

Paternity, support and contempt cases are scheduled with a daily average of 2 dockets for contempt motions and 2 dockets for paternity complaints and motions. A motion docket for support is scheduled 2 days a week.

DEPENDENCY

Each of the 8 Dependency Department case managers is assigned to work with 1 specific magistrate. They process and prepare all cases and field questions from clients, outside agencies, and other Court departments. The Dependency System Tracking Coordinator gathers and enters all information into the computer data system, tracks case activity, identifies problems concerning data entry, and assembles statistical information.

The role of the Dependency Department is to manage cases where child abuse, neglect, or dependency have been alleged by an agency, primarily the Department of Job and Family Services. The magistrates conduct hearings to determine the validity of the allegations, determine what disposition is in the child's best interest, and conduct review hearings to assure the delivery of services to the child and family. The focus is to secure a safe, permanent home for children in a timely fashion, and whenever possible, maintain the child with parents or family.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon and Judge Thomas R. Lipps are the Ex Officio Clerks of the Court. All cases filed are processed through the Clerk's Office at 800 Broadway or the Youth Center

Intake Department. The Clerk's Office at 800 Broadway consists of the Chief Deputy Clerk and 14 employees who perform the following functions: screen and process new complaints and motions; send service to notify parties of court dates; prepare mandated and internal statistical reports; establish restitution accounts; and process financial transactions for restitution, fines, court costs, purges, bond, and other ordered fees.

MAGISTRATES

There are 26 magistrates within the Court. Magistrates are appointed by judges and preside over hearings. The functions of a magistrate are similar to those of a judge although their decisions are subject to review and approval by the assigned judge. Magistrates preside over hearings pertaining to all areas of Court jurisdiction except adult criminal cases.

In delinquency, unruly and traffic matters, magistrates preside at the plea, trial, and dispositional hearings.

Magistrates conduct hearings to establish a parent/child relationship when a child is born to unmarried parents or when married parents are separated but not divorced. They also set and enforce child support orders through contempt powers.

Magistrates also decide parenting time, formerly called visitation, and custody cases. Custody and parenting time decisions determine who shall be the residential parent or custodian of a child and provide for a parenting time schedule for a child.

8 magistrates are assigned to cases involving dependency, neglect, and abuse allegations. They decide temporary and permanent placement of children. These cases are docketed according to the "One Family, One Judge" principle so that that the highest level of accountability is provided.

**HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
YOUTH CENTER**



YOUTH CENTER

The Youth Center marked a significant change in its management structure with the retirement of its superintendent, Robert Dugan, in February 2002 after nearly 30 years of dedicated public service. During his 26-year tenure as superintendent, the facility received wide recognition and numerous commendations for its commitment to excellence.

Harvey Reed, a long-term employee of the Court, was promoted to superintendent in June 2002. Through this transition, the Youth Center staff remains committed to its past achievements and to maintaining its high standards for the management of detained youth.

Change was not only apparent in personnel, but also in other sectors of the Youth Center. New approaches in behavior management, the early release process, and staffing matrices were initiated. The "third person schedule" provided housing units with additional staffing to better provide for the safety and security of residents and employees.

The Youth Center continues to expand services that benefit its residents. The Dental Clinic is in the final phase of development. Continuing participation in the Performance Based Standards project produces specific and enhanced behavior management information. Planning is underway for re-accreditation by the American Correctional Association in 2003.

INTAKE AND RELEASE PROCESS

The Youth Center Intake Office oversees the filing of complaints, posting of bonds, and initial processing of all youth brought to the Youth Center. The intake process includes the determination to admit youth into secure housing or to divert to a parent, legal guardian, or shelter care facility.

TOTAL INTAKES 10,477

Intake refers to all youth processed at the Youth Center. It is the total number of admissions and diversions. The number of youth processed in the Intake Office decreased 6.4% from 11,158 in 2001 to 10,477 in 2002.

ADMISSIONS 5,913

Admission refers to all youth processed and admitted into a secure housing unit. The number of these youth decreased 6% from 5,947 in 2001 to 5,913 in 2002. The average length of care (8.8 days) and the average daily population (155.2) has reduced the facility days of care (sum of facility daily population) from 57,142 in 2001 to 54,004 in 2002—a reduction of 3,138 days of care.

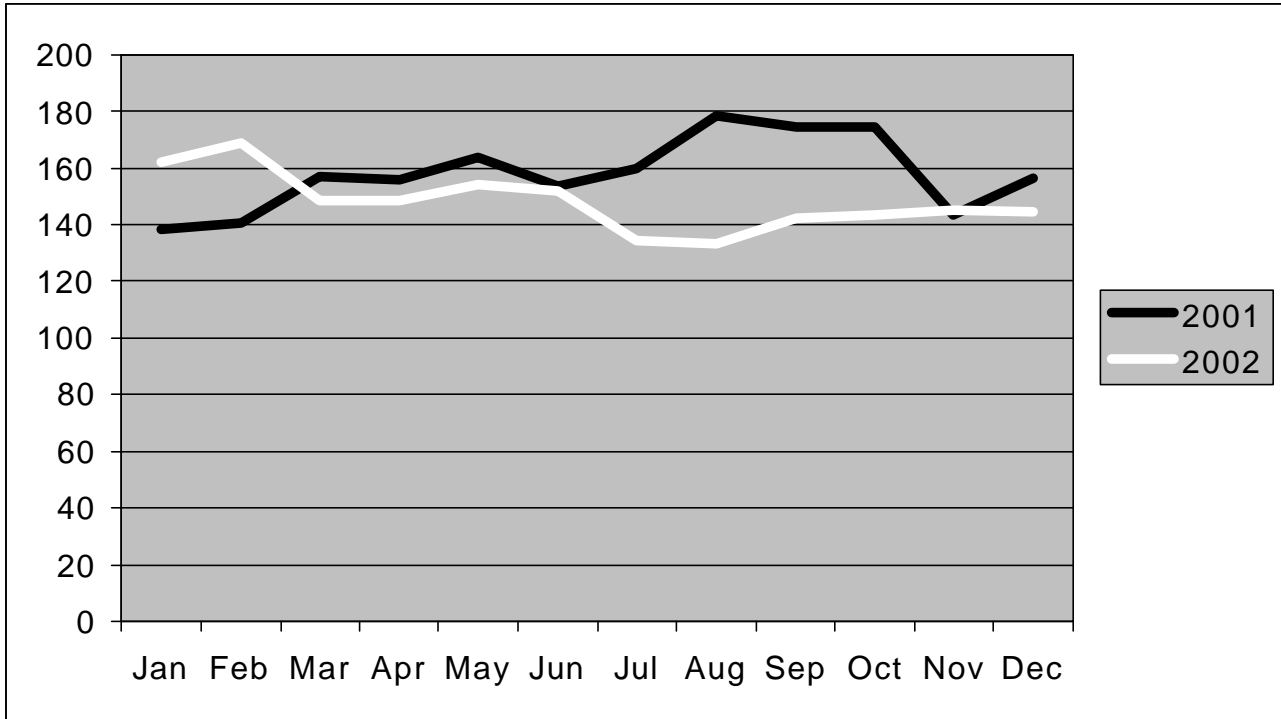
DIVERSIONS 4,570

Diversion refers to any youth returned to the custody of the parent, legal guardian, or a shelter care facility without being admitted into a secure housing unit. The number of youth eligible for non-secure release who were successfully diverted decreased 10.3% from 5,093 in 2001 to 4,570 in 2002.

RELEASES 5,933

Release refers to any youth released to a parent, legal guardian, or a placement facility after being admitted into secure housing. The number of youth released from housing decreased .1% from 5,989 in 2001 to 5,933 in 2002.

INTAKE AND RELEASE PROCESS



FACILITY POPULATION

148.12

The average daily population decreased 4.6% from 155.26 in 2001 to 148.12 in 2002. The average length of care decreased 7% from 9.5 days in 2001 to 8.8 days in 2002. Total days of care for 2002 was 54,004.

POPULATION MAKEUP

AGE UPON ADMISSION

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total Admissions:
Total:	1	0	10	40	84	250	583	943	1253	1407	1332	10	5,913

PERCENT OF TOTAL ADMISSIONS BY AGE

7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
.02%	0%	.17%	.68%	1.42%	4.23%	9.86%	15.95%	21.19%	23.80%	22.53%	.17%

RACE / GENDER BREAKDOWN

RACE	MALES % of Population	FEMALES % of Population	TOTAL % of Population
African-American:	3,120 52.77%	1,084 18.33%	4,204 71.10%
Caucasian:	1,131 19.13%	456 7.71%	1,587 26.84%
Other:	79 1.34%	43 0.73%	122 2.06%
Total	4,330 73.23%	1,583 26.77%	5,913 100%

FACILITY PROCESS ISSUES

Delinquency / Unruly Complaints Filed 19,901

The total number of delinquency and unruly complaints filed with the Court during 2002 was 19,901. This total represents a 3.9% decrease from a 2001 total of 20,714. Totals are inclusive of complaints filed at the 800 Broadway Clerk's Office and at the Youth Center Intake Office.

Intervention Reports Filed 1,159

The Youth Center uses Intervention Forms to record any behavior requiring disciplinary action, physical intervention, or isolation time. Intervention Forms are also completed when Youth Center medical staff sees a youth. Any action requiring an Intervention Form is documented according to category.

2002 Breakdown

Behavior Classification

Minor Rule Infraction:	271
Major Rule Infraction:	707
Safety and Security:	2
Medical	<u>109</u>

TOTAL 1,159

Physical Intervention 345

Of the 1,159 behavior management incidents, 345 or 29.77%, involved the use of physical intervention.

Contraband Confiscated 16

Contraband refers to any item that may be a threat to safety or security or that may be used as a weapon. This includes, but is not limited to weapons, alcohol, and drugs. During 2002, 16 items were confiscated. Four drug items were recovered and released to the Cincinnati Police Department for prosecution and/or destruction. 2 weapons and 12 other types of contraband were recovered.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The Youth Center Medical Department is responsible for the assessment and maintenance of the health-care needs of residents during their stay and the coordination of follow-up care as needed upon release. It also provides some services beyond those related to basic physical health. The Medical Department was approved for on-site dental service in 2002 and development continues. A part-time staff psychiatrist provides on-site psychiatric services to residents as needed. Services include evaluation, psychotherapy, multidisciplinary and family conferencing, and pharmacotherapy.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

Health screenings are performed on new admissions 16 hours daily. The screening consists of questions that identify immediate health problems and the presence of infectious diseases. The screening also assesses fitness for placement in the general population. The medical history elicits information regarding current health concerns, exposure to sexually transmitted infections, psychiatric history, including previous suicide attempts, and substance abuse. The physical examination is performed by certified nurse practitioners and physicians from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) Teen Health Clinic. Laboratory testing is done on-site with the cooperation of the Cincinnati Health Department. Licensed practical nurses administer medications and treatments, numbering 22,670 in 2002. Individual and group health education and counseling is also provided. University Hospital, CCHMC, and Elm Street Dental Clinic provide emergency services. Outpatient clinics at University Hospital and CCHMC were utilized for non-emergency follow-up care in trauma, surgery, orthopedic, hand, oral surgery, and teen pregnancy. Tuberculin skin testing was performed on 2,907 residents. Positive reactions were detected in 41, or less than 1% of residents, who were then referred to the Tuberculosis Control Clinic. 481 laboratory specimens were collected for the diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections (STI). Juveniles treated for STI numbered 134 in 2002.

Medical Screenings performed.	4,953
Medical Examinations performed.	1,917
Sick Call Exams.	1,350

DRUG, ALCOHOL, & MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS UPON INTAKE

The Medical Department responds to the Intake Office whenever a youth being admitted is suspected of ingesting drugs or alcohol, has sustained an injury, or has a preexisting condition that may require hospitalization. A determination is made by the Youth Center nursing staff to accept the youth or have the youth transported to the hospital for further assessment and treatment. In 2002, 132 youth presented some health condition at the time of intake that required medical assessment by the Youth Center nursing staff. 28 youth were directed to local hospitals to receive medical clearance prior to acceptance for admission.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Psychology Clinic provides mental health evaluations at the request of judges, magistrates, probation officers, and prosecuting and defense attorneys. These evaluations assess if juvenile offenders are competent to stand trial, appropriate for bindover to the adult system, and to assist in dispositional planning. Occasionally, referrals request clinic staff to assist in custody matters.

COURT REQUESTED SERVICES

CLINIC SERVICES	TOTAL
PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS	281
PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION	32
EVALUATION FOR WAIVER	74
COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL	161
SECOND COMPETENCY EVALUTATIONS	88
MIRANDA RIGHTS	1
IQ TESTING	7
INTERVIEW WITH PARENT	1
EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATIONS	3
JOB APPLICANTS	96

IN-HOUSE EMERGENCY REFERRALS

2,540

Using a validated screening instrument, all residents of the Youth Center are assessed by an Intake Officer upon admission to determine if residents are at high risk for suicidal ideation. Those screened as high-risk are then seen by Psychology Clinic staff for a more formal assessment of risk classification. The Clinic staff is also required to evaluate residents demonstrating psychotic behavior, suicidal ideation, threats, or attempts, unprovoked assaults, behavioral or emotional changes, status downgrades, and requests for counseling. Clinic staff monitor those youth as needed. Such visits are crucial in providing comprehensive mental health services to the youth during their stay.

The Psychology Department saw 1,650 residents for high-risk assessments, which represented 28% of total admissions for 2002. It also assessed 2,540 residents as emergency referrals.

Priority I and II (suicidal attempts, psychotic behavior, and suicidal threats)	314
Behavioral/Emotional Changes	74
Status Downgrades	145
Requests for Counseling	357

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL



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Hillcrest Training School provides 142 correctional/treatment beds for adjudicated male adolescents. The facility is located at 246 Bonham Road, Cincinnati Ohio 45215. The program primarily serves youth between the ages of 11 and 18, 86% of whom committed felony offenses. Hillcrest utilizes a standards-based management approach that has received state and national recognition. Both the American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care accredit the facility. Hillcrest is also an Ohio Department of Mental Health provider. The facility maintains professional memberships with the National Association of Juvenile Correctional Agencies, the Juvenile Justice Training Association, and the American Association of Suicidology.

During 2002, Hillcrest made a concerted effort to reduce walkaway activity from the facility. A comprehensive program based on proven techniques was implemented. An increased level of resident supervision was initiated along with a program of staff and parent education and accountability. Walkaways were significantly reduced. There were over 118 such incidents in 2001, but only 27 the first half of 2002, and 12 the second half of the year after full program implementation.

Considerable time and effort was devoted to developing and implementing the Residential Care and Treatment System (RCATS) computer system. Virtually all facility documentation is now in the process of being computerized. The electronic treatment plan, a key component of the multidisciplinary team approach, has been implemented.

Another primary focus during 2002 was to refurbish the residential units. Improvements included new flooring, lighting, and interior paint. A new security building was also dedicated to improve monitoring of public access, centralize security operations, and increase electronic monitoring capabilities.

Hillcrest has continued to provide structured recreational activities and an organized sports program. Its teams competed in varsity and junior varsity basketball, baseball, and track. A 2-week educational and recreational program was again facilitated in August 2002 offering a variety of life-skills training, substance-free activities, and community services.

Hillcrest continues to operate a charter school that residents are required to attend. The educational program is accredited from elementary through high school levels and offers life skills as part of its curriculum. Each student's educational program is individualized according to the youth's past school experiences, current credit needs, academic deficiencies, and personal interest. The school operates on a quarterly schedule, with report cards being issued at the end of each term. All credits earned apply toward a high school diploma. The

Educational Services Department of Hillcrest Training School also provides 6 teachers for Hamilton County youth placed in Talbert House’s Passages and Alternatives programs.

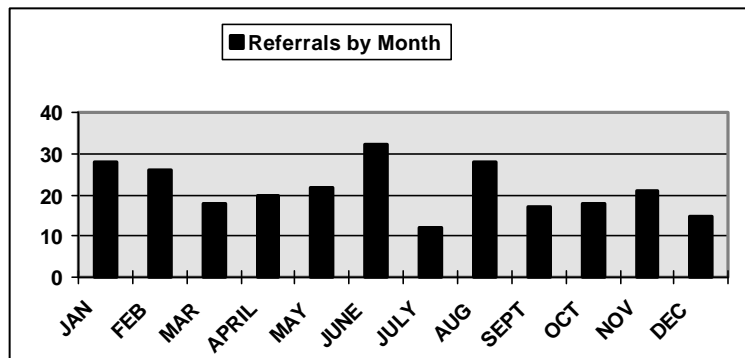
During the 2001-2002 School Year, the Educational Services Department accomplished the following goals:

- (1) Instituted a process for students to enter Hillcrest’s life skills program. 43 students participated in this program during the past school year. It teaches skills in resume writing, interviewing, and budgeting. Once enrolled for two weeks, students may apply for an on-campus job;
- (2) Completed the Agricultural Education Project. 10 students participated in creating a vegetable garden. The project lasted from May through August 2002 and provided a wholesome learning experience;
- (3) Participated in community service projects. Residents involved with the Work Skills Department removed trash from Bonham Road 1 day per week and participated in community clean-up days in Springfield Township and Wyoming;
- (4) Offered General Education Diploma testing. 5 students received their high school equivalency diplomas.

A review of the statistical data for the amount of care provided in 2002 reveals that referrals increased to 257, up from 239 the previous year. Days of care, average length of stay and total number of commitments to DYS remained consistent with 2001 figures.

TOTAL REFERRALS

Month	Referrals by Month
JAN	28
FEB	26
MAR	18
APRIL	20
MAY	22
JUNE	32
JULY	12
AUG	28
SEPT	17
OCT	18
NOV	21
DEC	15
Total	257



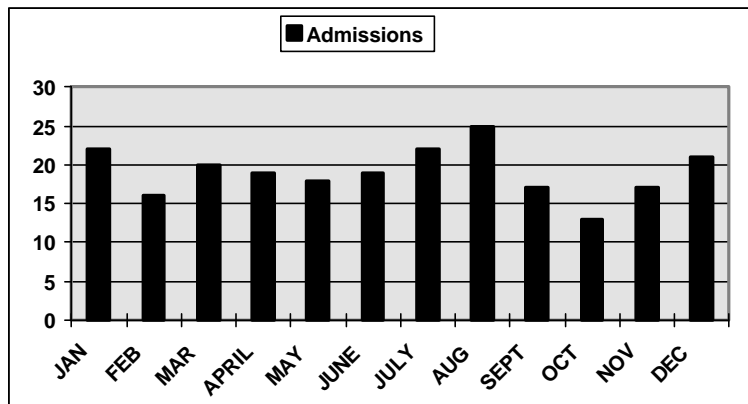
RACE OF REFERRALS:

	Number	Percentage
White	68	26.5%
African-American	186	72.4%
Bi-Racial	3	1.1%
Total	257	100%

Average age 15.5 years old
Average number of prior offenses 8 prior offenses
Average number of days on referral 18 days

TOTAL ADMISSIONS

Month	Admissions by Month
JAN	22
FEB	16
MAR	20
APRIL	19
MAY	18
JUNE	19
JULY	22
AUG	25
SEPT	17
OCT	13
NOV	17
DEC	21
Total	229



RACE OF ADMISSIONS:

	Number	Percentage
White	62	27.1%
African-American	166	72.5%
Bi-Racial	1	0.5%
Total	229	100%

DEGREE OF COMMITTING OFFENSE :

	Number	Percentage
Violation of Court Order		

Sex Offense Specific	0	0%
Substance Abuse	5	2.2%
Disruptive Behavior	1	0.4%
Misdemeanor		
Sex Offense Specific	2	0.9%
Substance Abuse	64	27.9%
Disruptive Behavior	25	10.9%
Felony		
Sex Offense Specific	14	6.1%
Substance Abuse	72	31.5%
Disruptive Behavior	46	20.1%
Total	229	100%

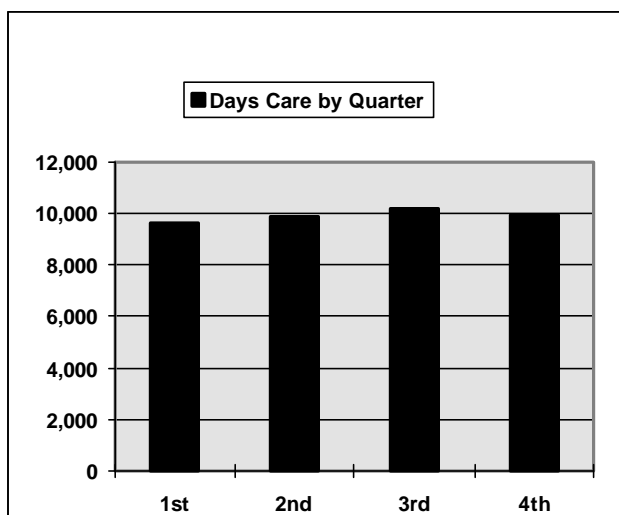
SUSPENDED COMMITMENTS TO DYS:

	Number	Percentage
Admits with SC/DYS		
Sex Offense Specific	15	6.6%
Substance Abuse	118	51.5%
Disruptive Behavior	63	27.5%
Admits with SC/DYS		
Sex Offense Specific	1	0.4%
Substance Abuse	23	10.0%
Disruptive Behavior	9	4.0%
Total	229	100%

DAYSCARE PROVIDED IN 2002

Quarter	Days Care by Quarter
1st	9,592
2nd	9,894
3rd	10,176
4th	9,928

TOTAL 39,590



Residential Terminations

	Number	Percentage
Aftercare	171	76.7%
PC to DYS	43	19.3%
Other	9	4.0%
Total	223	100%

2002 AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

	Non-Sex Offense	Sex Offense Specific	Total
Total # of Children Served	316	38	354
Total Days Care	31,277	8,313	39,590
Terminations	209	14	223
Average Length of Stay	194 days	502 days	213 days

AFTERCARE CASELOAD

	Releases	PC/DYS
1998	169	33
1999	172	34
2000	183	30
2001	172	30
2002	173	25

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UTILIZATION STATISTICS

PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Department conducts psychological intake assessments for each youth admitted. These assessments identify mental health, substance abuse, and psycho-educational issues. Formal diagnosis and treatment recommendations are made for each

youth. The Department provides staff training and consultation, individual and group counseling, and crisis intervention. Services include suicide risk assessment and assignment of suicide precautions, management of youth prescribed psychotropic medications, and linkage with area mental health providers. The Psychology Department coordinates and facilitates intensive cognitive-behavioral treatment groups for substance abuse and anger management. Department staffing includes psychology assistants and a licensed psychologist who supervises all psychological services as specified by the Ohio State Board of Psychology.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	TOTAL
Psychological Evaluations	222
Comprehensive ADHD Evaluations (ADHD, mood and anxiety disorders)	35
Psychiatric Evaluations	21
Individual Counseling	502
Crisis Intervention Services	237

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

Varying levels of substance abuse services are available. All youth are assessed for substance abuse issues by the Intake Social Worker, Psychology Department, and Health Care Services. Identified youth are referred to the following programs: (1) an intensive 4-month cognitive/behavioral program designed to address dual issues of substance abuse and criminal conduct; (2) an advanced substance abuse education program including restricted home visits and increased use of urinalysis monitoring; (3) individual counseling with a certified chemical dependency counselor; or (4) a support group for children of parents experiencing substance abuse problems. Basic substance abuse education is provided to all residents.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES	TOTAL
Intensive Cognitive Behavioral Groups	654
Basic Substance Abuse Education Groups	67
Individual Substance Abuse Counseling	736
Relapse Prevention Groups	53
Parent Education Classes	11
Urinalysis	
Residential	2,640
Aftercare	135

SEX OFFENSE-SPECIFIC PROGRAM

The primary goal of the sex offense-specific program is to prevent re-offending. The program offers educational and group therapy components. The program also relies on the use of

polygraph examinations to verify information and deter further offending. Parental participation is mandatory. Length of stay for sex offenders is 14 to 18 months with an additional period of community supervision and treatment. A family support group is also provided.

SEX OFFENSE SPECIFIC SERVICES	<i>TOTAL</i>
Sex Offender Groups	<i>450</i>
Parent Support Groups	<i>25</i>
Sex Offender Education	<i>36</i>
Relapse Prevention Groups	<i>99</i>
Polygraphs	<i>36</i>

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR DISORDERS

This program focuses on helping youth identify and change antisocial attitudes, values, and beliefs. Youth with a pattern of violating the law and the rights of others, but who have no sexual offenses or substance abuse problems are placed in this program. Treatment interventions include problem-solving, social skills, and anger management groups. Aftercare services include routine curfew checks by local law enforcement authorities.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR SERVICES	<i>TOTAL</i>
Anger Management Groups	<i>616</i>
Problem Solving / Social Skills Groups	<i>407</i>
Relapse Prevention Groups	<i>46</i>

HEALTH SERVICES

The Health Services Department provides health assessments, daily sick call, management of special needs cases, medication distribution, immunizations, substance abuse urinalysis, and routine dental care. In-service training is provided for both staff and residents focusing on health and wellness. Health Services oversees the exposure control plan and assists in monitoring certain health safety requirements throughout the facility. Additional health services are available through various community clinics and hospitals as needed. The staff consists of licensed practical nurses, a registered nurse supervisor, a nurse practitioner, a visiting physician, and two dentists.

HEALTH SERVICES	<i>TOTAL</i>
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Physical Examinations	399
Sick Call	
Pediatrician Visit	734
Nurse Practitioner Visit	334
Nurse Visits	3,416
Dental Services	
Cleaning, X-ray, Restoration	278



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