



2003 ANNUAL REPORT

JUDGE SYLVIA SIEVE HENDON

JUDGE THOMAS R. LIPPS

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OVERVIEW

Hamilton County Juvenile Court has the responsibility to hear and determine all cases and issues concerning children in Hamilton County. Additionally, the Juvenile Court administers programs and facilities providing for the custody, care and rehabilitation of youth within its jurisdiction.

The types of cases appearing before the Juvenile Court include delinquency cases in which a youth is charged with what would be a crime for an adult; dependency cases in which a child has been abused or neglected by a parent or other person; paternity/child support cases to determine parentage and collect support; traffic cases in which a juvenile is charged with violating traffic law; custody cases in which the parties disagree concerning with whom the child should live or visit; adult cases in which there is an issue of contribution to a child's delinquency or failure to send a child to school; and various other cases which impact the best interests of children.

The Court is managed by Administrative Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon, Judge Thomas R. Lipps and Court Administrator Mark H. Reed. and is organized into six main departments. 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, and Work Detail. The Department of Case Management is responsible for the Clerk's Office and Docketing Departments. 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, located in Mount Auburn. The Youth Center holds defendants in secure custody pending court hearings or imposition of disposition. The Hillcrest Training School, located in Springfield Township, is residential treatment for 142 youth, who live, attend school, and receive rehabilitative services as a consequence for violating the law.

The Court also contracts with various placement and program services offered by child care agencies, including inpatient secure diagnostic services, shelter care housing for 30 children, custodial drug treatment centers, day treatment modalities, youth counseling programs, etc. Further, the Juvenile Court along with other official entities, have formed the Family and Children First Council to consolidate efforts, increase efficiency and improve service to families and children.

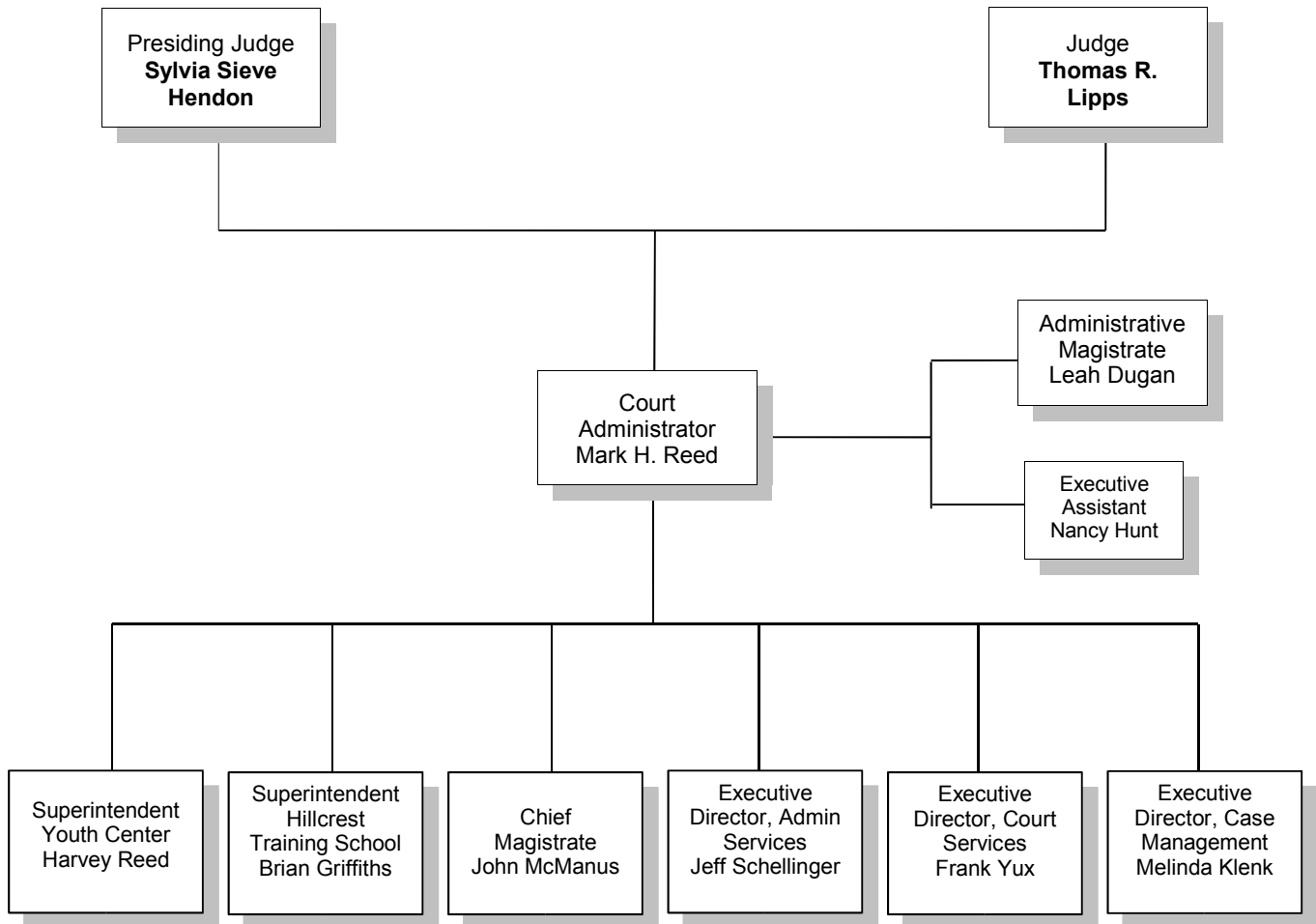
The Juvenile Court is fortunate to enjoy the services of many volunteers who give their time, expertise and money for the enhancement of children. Volunteer programs include over 30 community unofficial hearing officers where members of the legal profession deal with minor infractions, diverting the case from official charges. Volunteer chaplains provide spiritual guidance to youth held in the custody of the Court. An Advisory Council composed of citizens in the community directs services and funds to enhance court programs which cannot be funded by tax revenue to provide needy children with clothes and positive life experiences.

Hamilton County Juvenile Court is considered by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to be a national model. Hamilton County programs are praised by the National Judicial and Correctional Associations and in published reports. Judges and officials from all

across the world have traveled to Cincinnati to observe the Court. These dignitaries are interested in and impressed with the Hillcrest facility, the Youth Center, the dependency system, the truancy project, the unofficial community hearings, the technological abilities, and Court security advancements as well as the many innovative programs and wide range of dispositions available to the magistrates and judges.

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court is blessed with continued support from the county commissioners through general funding, and receives significant assistance through state subsidies and federal grants which allow the Hamilton County Juvenile Court to respond to the critical issues affecting youth in this county with meaningful prevention, intervention, rehabilitation and accountability.

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 2002..... 7,332

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2003..... 7,295

	2002	2003
Licensing of Motor Vehicle	151	138
Driver License Law	1,005	918
Financial Responsibility	4	3
Operation of Vehicle	4,413	4,337
Equipment and Loads	557	549
Motor Vehicle Crimes	109	109
Local Ordinances	1,093	1,241
TOTAL	7,332	7,295

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED 2002 1,512

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED 2003 1,508

	2002	2003
Runaway	673	690
Incorrigible	120	73
Incorrigible Out of County	20	19
Unruly Tobacco	43	40
Unruly	38	33
Curfew Violation	453	502
Truancy	2	0
Habitual Truancy	163	151
TOTAL	1,512	1,508

DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS FILED

	2002	2003
HOMICIDE		
Aggravated Murder Premeditated	0	3
Aggravated Murder Premed-Firearm	1	0
Aggravated Murder(commit/attempt)	1	0
Attempt Aggravated Murder (Felony)	0	1
Murder	2	3
Attempt Murder	0	1
Involuntary Manslaughter	1	0
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	1	0
Vehicular Homicide	0	1
TOTAL	6	9

ASSAULT		
Felonious Assault	141	125
Felonious Assault with Firearm	15	5
Felon. Assault Peace Officer	3	3
Complicity Felonious Assault	8	3
Attempt Felonious Assault	0	0
Aggravated Assault	7	13
Complicity Aggravated Assault	0	0
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	3	0
Vehicular Assault	1	1
Assault	1017	957
Assault Teacher, Admin, Bus Driver	120	92
Assault Corrections Officer	8	6
Assault Peace Officer	34	37
Complicity Assault	4	1
Attempt Assault	1	0
Negligent Assault	1	1
TOTAL	1,363	1,244

MENACING		
Aggravated Menacing	184	187
Complicity Aggravated Menacing	4	1
Menacing	220	200
Menacing By Stalking	4	4
TOTAL	412	392

KIDNAPPING		
Kidnapping	4	5
Kidnapping - Firearm	1	0
Abduction	24	2
Unlawful Restraint	2	2
TOTAL	31	9

EXTORTION		
Extortion	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

SEXUAL OFFENSES		
Rape	81	72
Rape with Firearm	1	0
Complicity Rape	9	0
Attempt Rape	4	1
Sexual Battery	3	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	51	71
Complicity Gross Sex Imposition	1	0
Sexual Imposition	28	14
SEXUAL OFFENSES (cont.)	2002	2003
Voyeurism	1	2
Public Indecency	5	24
Importuning – Under 13	0	2
TOTAL	184	187

PROSTITUTION		
Soliciting	4	3
Loiter to Engage in Prostitution	2	3
Prostitution	0	1
TOTAL	6	7

OBSCENITY		
Pandering Obscenity	1	0
Illegal Use of Nudity Material	1	0
TOTAL	2	0

ARSON & RELATED OFFENSES		
Aggravated Arson	36	26
Complicity Aggravated Arson	12	0
Attempt Aggravated Arson	1	0
Arson	35	48
Complicity Arson	3	1
Attempt Arson	0	2
Disrupt Public Service	8	11
Vandalism	58	132
Complicity Vandalism	6	6
Criminal Damage	597	573
Complicity Criminal Damage	4	7
Attempt Criminal Damage	0	0
Criminal Mischief	65	155
Complicity Criminal Mischief	1	0
Vehicular Vandalism	0	1
TOTAL	826	962

ROBBERY		
Aggravated Robbery	49	177
Aggravated Robbery - Firearm	86	16
Complicity Aggravated Robbery	13	16
Attempt Aggravated Robbery	1	4
Robbery	94	144
Complicity Robbery	6	8
Attempt Robbery	4	0
TOTAL	253	365

BURGLARY		
Aggravated Burglary	20	15
Aggravated Burglary - Firearm	5	1
Complicity Aggravated Burglary	2	1
Attempt Aggravated Burglary	0	1
Burglary	267	275
Complicity Burglary	17	6
Attempt Burglary	4	5
Break and Enter	173	226
Complicity Break and Enter	2	2
Attempt Break and Enter	5	3
TOTAL	495	535

TRESPASS		
Criminal Trespass	392	410
Complicity Criminal Trespass	1	0
Aggravated Trespass	5	11
TOTAL	398	421

SAFECRACKING		
Safecracking	0	14
Tamper With Coin Machine	4	6

Complicity Tamper W/Coin Machine	0	2
TOTAL	4	22

THEFT

Theft	1279	1031
Grand Theft	167	120
Complicity Theft	43	41
Complicity Grand Theft	22	13
Attempt Grand Theft	13	25
Complicity Attempt Theft	2	0
Attempt Theft	40	15
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	85	64
Unauth. Use Vehicle – Elderly/Disable	0	1
Unauth. Use Vehicle -Felony	4	2
Comp Unauthorized Use Vehicle	0	0
Auto Theft	118	74
Unauthorized Use of Property	3	1
Telecommunication Fraud	1	0
TOTAL	1,777	1,387

PASSING BAD CHECKS

Passing Bad Checks	8	4
Passing Bad Checks Felony	2	0
Take Identity of Another	1	1
TOTAL	11	5

MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS

Misuse of Credit Cards	13	8
Attempt Misuse of Credit Card	1	1
TOTAL	14	9

FORGERY

Forgery	23	31
Complicity – Forgery	0	1
Criminal Simulation	0	2
TOTAL	23	34

FRAUD

Personating An Officer	0	3
Tamper with Records	4	0
TOTAL	4	3

RECEIVING

Receive Stolen Property	489	328
Receive Stolen Property - Over	79	56
Receive Stolen Property - Felony	38	139
Attempt Receive Stolen Property	0	1
Complicity Receive Stolen Prop	4	2
TOTAL	610	526

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GAMBLING

Public Gaming	13	7
Gambling	2	1
TOTAL	15	8

OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE

Inciting to Violence	1	0
Aggravated Riot	20	2
Riot	13	9
Riot with Four or More	4	1
Failure to Disperse	0	2
Telecommunication Harassment	34	37
Inducing Panic	44	38
Making False Alarms	28	47

Disorderly Conduct	1340	1300
Disorderly Conduct - Intoxicated	25	35
Misconduct at Emergency	0	2
TOTAL	1,509	1,473

OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY

Endangering Children	9	11
Interference with Custody	2	0
Contrib. To Unruliness/Delinquency	0	1
Domestic Violence	542	576
Domestic Violence Felony	85	80
TOTAL	638	668

OFFENSE AGAINST JUSTICE

Intimidation	3	8
Intimidating Victim, Witness	4	2
Retaliation	1	1
Perjury	0	1
Falsification	126	130
Tampering with Evidence	23	14
Complicity Tamper with Evidence	3	0
Obstructing Official Business	596	653
Obstructing Justice	11	10
Assault Police Dog / Horse	0	1
Resisting Arrest	206	232
Flee and Elude Police Officer	20	8
Fail to Comply with Police	12	8
Fail to Comply with Police - Felony	36	40
Fail to Report Crime	2	0
Impersonate Officer	1	2
Escape	31	18
Attempt Escape	0	1
Convey Drug/Wepon into Detention	2	1
TOTAL	1,077	1,130

ATTEMPT, COMPLICITY, CONSPIRACY

Conspiracy	3	2
Attempt	31	16
Complicity	35	31
Complicity Felony	11	2
TOTAL	80	51

WEAPONS CONTROL

Carrying Concealed Weapon	88	114
Carry Concealed Weapon Felony	7	4
Have Weapon Under Disability	19	21
WEAPONS CONTROL (cont.)	2002	2003
Use Weapon while Intoxicated	1	1
Weapon on School Property	54	28
Firearm in a School Zone	2	0
Possess Object Indist from Firearm	2	3
Discharge Firearm Habitation/School	2	0
Possess Criminal Tools	117	101
Complicity Poss Criminal Tools	0	1
Dangerous Ordnance	6	3
Firearm Transport Loaded	0	1
TOTAL	298	277

DRUG OFFENSES

Corrupt with Drugs	0	1
Trafficking Drugs	30	19
Trafficking Drugs Near School	8	14
Attempt Drug Trafficking	0	1
Complicity Drug Trafficking	2	1
Drug Trafficking Marijuana	33	41
Drug Traff Marijuana Near School	11	15

Drug Trafficking Cocaine	43	50
Drug Trafficking Cocaine Near School	17	32
Drug Trafficking Heroin	0	1
Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana	1	3
Preparation of Drugs for Sale	8	1
Possess Dangerous Drug	3	8
Aggravated Possession of Drug	13	4
Possession of Drug	32	29
Possession of Hashish	3	2
Possession of Cocaine	118	129
Possession of Heroin	3	10
Possession of Marijuana	557	567
Drug Abuse	15	20
Permit Drug Abuse	1	1
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	158	183
Theft of Drugs	3	0
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drug	0	5
Illegally Process Drug Document	1	0
Tampering With Drugs	1	0
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	1	1
Possess Counterfeit Cont. Substance	22	26
Traff Counterfeit Controlled Substance	1	2
Traff Count Cont Subs – School	2	1
Attempt Sell Count Cont Subs	0	1
TOTAL	1,087	1,168

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

Illegal Dist of Cig or Tobacco Product	0	1
Desecration	0	1
Ethnic Intimidation	1	12
Contaminate Substance-Human Use	2	3
TOTAL	3	17

FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS

Discharge Fireworks	9	1
Possess Fireworks	4	4
TOTAL	13	5

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NUISANCES

Littering	5	7
TOTAL	5	7

LIQUOR CONTROL

Consume Possess Liquor in Veh	5	2
Purchase/Consume	314	256
Possession	16	15
Underage Person	9	10

Misrepresent to Obtain Alcohol	2	1
Furnish Alcohol to a Minor	5	2
TOTAL	351	286

OHIO WILDLIFE VIOLATION

Cruelty to Animals	2	2
TOTAL	2	2

DRIVER LICENSE LAW

Fictitious License, ID Card	3	1
TOTAL	3	1

HABITUAL TRUANCY

Habitual Truancy-Prior Adjudication	1	0
Chronic Truancy	855	937
TOTAL	856	937

VIOLATIONS

Violation of Court Order	50	29
VCO Incurable	717	667
VCO Probation	815	912
VCO Placement	883	689
VCO Runaway	919	824
VCO Truancy	732	808
VCO Tobacco	16	25
VCO Work Detail	625	467
VCO Stay Center	335	295
VCO EMU	97	70
VCO Curfew Violation	478	373
Parole Violation	291	331
TOTAL	5,958	5,490

MISCELLANEOUS/LOCAL CODES

Miscellaneous Codes	98	73
TOTAL	98	73

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	2	0	5	13	13	40	62	136	197	254	368	451	35	1,576
WHITE FEMALE	0	1	0	1	3	8	14	27	78	119	146	170	184	9	760
AFRICAN AMER MALE	2	1	3	18	23	56	88	158	289	358	507	544	557	53	2,657
AFRICAN AMER FEMALE	0	1	2	2	7	13	33	76	126	216	283	301	241	10	1,311
BI-RACIAL MALE	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	3	5	9	12	9	6	0	49
BI-RACIAL FEMALE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	8	5	5	5	0	34
HISPANIC MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	7	6	7	0	29
HISPANIC FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	5
ASIAN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	5
ASIAN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	5
OTHER MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	0	1	0	10
OTHER FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
UNKNOWN MALE	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	2	6	12	8	11	2	47
UNKNOWN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	5	4	13	1	32
UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	2	2	4	4	4	0	24
TOTAL	2	6	5	28	46	96	182	341	656	925	1,244	1,422	1,482	110	6,545

JUVENILES CHARGED WITH 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	3	0	5	5	11	16	19	21	0	80
WHITE FEMALE	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	8	14	25	25	29	39	0	145
AFRICAN AMER MALE	1	0	0	0	1	3	7	8	26	25	16	24	13	0	124
AFRICAN AMER FEMALE	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	7	22	35	60	38	18	0	190
BI-RACIAL MALE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	4
BI-RACIAL FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	5
HISPANIC MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
HISPANIC FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	5
ASIAN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASIAN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
OTHER MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
OTHER FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
UNKNOWN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
UNKNOWN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	1	1	1	2	3	8	15	28	70	101	127	114	95	0	566

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	1	1	5	4	12	43	43	48	41	0	198
WHITE FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	18	27	25	25	13	0	111
AFRICAN AMER MALE	0	0	0	0	2	6	8	23	36	40	40	46	29	1	231
AFRICAN AMER FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13	30	27	28	19	9	0	130
BI-RACIAL MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	7
BI-RACIAL FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	0	12
HISPANIC MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HISPANIC FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
OTHER MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
OTHER FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
UNKNOWN MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
UNKNOWN FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	3	7	18	44	101	144	142	142	96	1	698

TOTAL MALES 5,028
 TOTAL FEMALES 2,755
 TOTAL UNKNOWN 26
GRAND TOTAL 7,809

TOTAL WHITE 2,870
 TOTAL AFRICAN AMERICAN 4,643
 TOTAL BI-RACIAL 111
 TOTAL HISPANIC 41
 TOTAL ASIAN 12
 TOTAL UNKNOWN/OTHER 132
GRAND TOTAL 7,809

CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED

The following report, mandated by section 2151.18 of the Revised Code, reflects the number of complaints filed with the court, that allege that a child is a delinquent child, in relation to which the court determines under division (D) of section 2151.27 of the Revised Code that the victim of the alleged delinquent act was sixty-five 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	16	23
ADJUDICATIONS	2	7	11
ADJUDICATION & RESTITUTION	1	6	5
COMMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION	0	0	0
TRANSFERRED FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION	0	1	1

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, and/or abused. If a child is placed in the care of an agency, the dependency department must approve and monitor the implementation of the plan. The goals of the statutes that define the operation of the department are to protect children, to respect the rights of parents, and to obtain permanent homes for children in a timely fashion.

	2002*	2003
NEW FILINGS	527 cases 893 children	452 cases 810 children
FILINGS DISMISSED	192 children	133 children
INITIAL DISPOSITIONS		
Direct Custody to Individual	86 children	51 children
Protective Supervision	133 children	95 children
Temporary Custody	438 children	345 children
Permanent Commitments	101 children	82 children
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	54 children	42 children

* Due to an upgrade in computer systems, the data previously reported for 2002 was inaccurate. These numbers have been updated to reflect the correct information.

During 2003, in addition to the 82 children permanently committed as a first disposition, 38 were modified from temporary commitments to permanent commitment.

During 2003, in addition to the 42 children placed in planned permanent living arrangements as a first disposition, 69 children were modified from a temporary commitment to planned permanent living arrangement.

CHILDREN UNDER AGENCY CUSTODY OR SUPERVISION AT YEAR END

	2002	2003
Protective Supervision	132 children	148 children
Temporary Commitments	446 children	409 children
Permanent Commitments	368 children	372 children
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	429 children	446 children
TOTAL	1,391 children	1,343 children

In addition to addition to addressing child abuse, neglect and dependency cases, the Dependency Department hears motions to modify prior dependency orders, as well as child custody cases that have been transferred from the Court of Domestic Relations. New filings of these cases are set forth below:

	2002	2003
New motions to Modify Prior Dependency Dispositions	130 cases 195 children	256 cases 377 children
New Cases Transferred from the Court of Domestic Relations	5 cases 11 children	7 cases 13 children

OTHER COMPLAINTS FILED

ADULT MISDEMEANORS

	2002	2003
Failure to Send Child to School	1,710	1,950
Endangering Children	28	31
Tend to Cause Delinquency of a Minor	49	54
Contribute to Delinquency	22	18
Adult Probation Violation	2	6
Fail to Supervise Child	0	0
Interference with Custody	0	1
Failure to Report Child Abuse or Neglect	4	4
TOTAL	1,815	2,060

	2002	2003
PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP	925	1,110
SUPPORT	2,295	1,684
CUSTODY	1,592	1,310
VISITATION	164	136
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0
PERMISSION TO MARRY	2	1
PROBATE	0	0
PARENTAL BYPASS	1	1

SOME MOTIONS FILED

	2002	2003
CONTEMPT	4,586	5,389
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT	1,318	1,160
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION ORDER	601	490
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS	3,152	2,989

HEARINGS CONDUCTED

	2002	2003
TOTAL HEARINGS CONDUCTED	140,959	140,543
AVERAGE NUMBER OF HEARINGS PER FILING	3.22	3.25

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.

1269 cases were referred to the Intervention Unit during 2003. 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 68% of youth referred; 54% of total referrals were female. Ages range from 5 to 17 years.

The Unit closed 1261 cases during 2003 and provided service to 70% of the families referred. Services included: First Time Runaway case management, single session interventions, ongoing treatment services, and telephone interventions. 15% of cases referred either did not schedule services or the youth's warrant remained active for over 3 months. 11 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 2003. Nevertheless, the Unit managed to provide timely services to a record number of children and families. 1645 sessions were scheduled for families throughout the year, representing an increase of 306 over the previous year. The Unit remains committed to providing prompt crisis-intervention as family needs dictate.

A breakdown of referrals and referral sources for 2003 is listed below:

SOURCE OF REFERRAL

Dependency Court Magistrates	0
First Time Runaway Program	425
Clerk's Office/Unofficial Referrals	570
Delinquency Court Judges/Magistrates	126
Probation Department	145
Township/Unofficial Dockets	3
TOTAL	1269

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 September 2000 through September 2003. A recidivism range of 3 months following case closure was used.

REFERRAL SOURCE	TOTAL CLOSED	NEW FILINGS	RECIDIVISM RATE
Dependency Court Magistrates	2	0	0%
First Time Runaway Program	1352	432	32%
Clerk's Office Unofficial Referrals	1802	346	19%
Probation Department	145	51	35%
Township Unofficial Dockets	15	4	27%
TOTALS	3693	966	26%

TOTAL CASES DIVERTED FROM OFFICIAL JUVENILE COURT DOCKETS	2727
PERCENTAGE OF REFERRALS UTILIZING SOME FORM OF IU SERVICE	71%

VOLUNTEER REFEREE PROGRAM

Two referee diversion programs exist in Hamilton County in an attempt to divert youth from official delinquent records.

Judge Benjamin S. Schwartz of Hamilton County Juvenile Court initiated the Volunteer Referee Program in 1958. It was the first program of its kind in the country. Attorneys were appointed by the Court as Volunteer Referees to hear unofficial cases of a minor nature within their own community. The program has continued with few modifications over the years, under Judges William J. Morrissey; Olive L. Holmes; David E. Grossmann; John P. O'Connor, Sylvia Sieve Hendon, and Thomas R. Lipps.

Local businesses, schools, police and citizens refer cases. The advantage of the program is that cases are heard within the youth's own community. Generally the cases are heard in the evening, as it is more convenient for all parties to participate. There is high visibility of the child for enforcing house arrest, work details and other measures of discipline.

In 2003, there were 925 youth served by the Volunteer Referee Program. Of these, 119 youth were referred back to the police or school for further action. A total of 806 juveniles were handled unofficially and diverted from the official system.

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON YOUTH PROGRAM

In March of 1975 the Citizen's Committee on Youth, Youth Services Bureau Program established a Court Liaison who serves as an unofficial hearing officer and referral agent to link unofficial unruly and minor misdemeanor youth to community services. Supervision of the program is handled jointly by the Citizen's Committee on Youth and the Executive Director of Docketing and Case Management Department, Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

During 2003, a total of 1,858 youth were served by the Unofficial Hearing Officer. A total of 28 juveniles were referred to the official docket. A total of 1,830 were diverted from the official system.

ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

The Attendance Program is a collaborative effort between the Juvenile Court, Family Services of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Public Schools, and the St. Bernard School District. The primary goal is to reduce absences within the schools. The schools presently targeted include: Oyler Elementary, Whittier Elementary, Gamble Elementary, Quebec Heights Elementary, Vine Street Elementary, Schwab 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 underlying issues effecting attendance without Court involvement. When these efforts fail to produce positive results, the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) are cited to Court. Such hearings are held on a weekly basis in the above targeted schools. The hearing process, be it informal or official, focuses on the root problems contributing to absenteeism. The ultimate goals are to increase attendance, provide support to families, and interrupt the pattern that could lead to delinquency. The resources of the Court, school

and the community are utilized to support families in their effort to correct the problem. The Case Manager, provided by Family Services, works closely with selected families by providing direct services and arranging for adjunctive programming. The Juvenile Court provides a Magistrate and Case Presenter for the hearings. All schools that participate in the collaboration have shown improved daily attendance and parent participation.

COMMUNITY COURT PROGRAM

The Community Court process was created as an outgrowth of the very successful Unofficial Juvenile Court Referee program. Like the unofficial program, the Community Court is a partnership between the Court, the Community and Law enforcement. However, the Community Court is an official Juvenile Court that operates remotely in the participating communities. A Juvenile Court Magistrate, Case Manager and Probation Officer staff the Court. Law Enforcement partners are required to provide security during the hours of operation of the program.

The Community Court process was designed as an effort to create a meaningful partnership between the Court, Community and Law Enforcement. The partnership is an important and necessary linkage in creating a meaningful and responsive juvenile justice system. The major emphasis of the community court is to provide an environment in which minor or low level cases may be processed in a meaningful and informative way. Many times the low level or minor offenses are shuffled through the system with little or no attention. The community court, consistent with national trends and research, provides an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on minor offenders and address the causes of inappropriate behavior before it manifests into more serious actions. This early intervention is the best and least expensive way to prevent future delinquency. Further, the community court creates an opportunity for law enforcement and communities to provide the court with valuable information about the issues facing the families and youth of the community. This information in turn puts the Court in the best possible position to develop a disposition that is not only appropriate but also meaningful for all the participants of the process. Currently there are five community courts.

FAMILY TREATMENT DRUG COURT

MISSION

The Hamilton County Family Treatment Drug Court is a collaborative effort to ensure timely permanence for children in custody of the Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services. The goal is to provide the most efficient substance abuse treatment for parents, as safe return to a sober parent is the most natural form of permanency the system can provide. This program avoids ineffective treatment, ill-informed court decision-making and repetitive litigation that impedes permanency.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A condition for admission to the Family Treatment Drug Court is the parent stipulates to the admissibility of all Family Treatment Drug Court findings and treatment records in any dependency proceeding and waives any further cross examination or confrontation of the reporters to the Family Treatment Drug Court. In exchange for this waiver of rights, the parent receives the benefits of close judicial monitoring of treatment, efficient exchange of information among the collaborative agencies, and individualized case planning all of which are designed to effect the safe return of the child. Conversely, unsuccessful completion of the program will be documented in the findings of fact and conclusions of law issued by the Hamilton County Family Treatment Court and will be considered by the Dependency System for all purposes in the future. This voluntary program, at its core, protects the due process rights of the participants yet offers the treatment benefits associated with adult drug courts. As a separate tract to the Hamilton County Juvenile Court's model court, which is already conducting close monitoring of the child's case plan, the Family Treatment Drug Court achieves the goal of timely permanency for children within a context that does not unduly compromise parental rights.

STATISTICS

The Family Treatment Drug Court began in September of 2002, and is funded through a three-year grant from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. In 2003, 14 parents entered the Family Treatment Drug court after the filing of complaints alleging abuse, neglect and/or dependency of their children. The Family Treatment Drug Court served 32 children in 2003. The program is comprised of three phases, and the anticipated time for completion of the program is one year. Sixty-four percent of the participants demonstrated substantial compliance with their treatment goals and court orders that included the maintenance of sobriety. The Family Treatment Drug Court unsuccessfully discharged twenty-nine percent of the participants for failing to maintain sobriety, non-compliance with treatment or contempt of court orders. The first participant of the Family Treatment Drug Court graduated from the program in November of 2003.

MEDIATION

Mediation offers an effective alternative to traditional court process by using a non-adversarial conflict resolution process in an environment of collaborative problem solving. It provides a forum to parties that promotes the safe, guided exchange of information following simple rules that are clearly explained from the outset. Parties are permitted to explore any avenue of possible resolution unfettered by external restraints.

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. In 2003, 162 cases were referred to mediation. The Clerk's Office referred 62 cases for mediation after the filing of a petition or motion. The magistrates referred 100 cases for mediation following a pretrial hearing.

The parties reached an agreement in 54% of the cases mediated. The magistrates approved 98.2% of the agreements reached by the parties through mediation, and these agreements became enforceable orders of the court.

CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATION

The goal of the Child Protection Mediation Program is to create an atmosphere that values children and families through a reliable process that empowers families and generates reasonable and creative solutions resulting in permanency for children. The types of cases served by the Child Protection Mediation Program include the following: custody or visitation petitions; adjudications of abuse, neglect and/or dependency; dispositional and post-dispositional requests of protective supervision, temporary custody, planned permanent living arrangement and permanent custody; and disputes related to case plan services.

From 1998-2002, an Adoption Opportunities grant through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services funded the Child Protection Mediation Program. In May of 2003, the Child Protection Mediation Program began contracting with attorneys and social workers to mediate cases in which the children are, or have been, the subjects of complaints alleging abuse, neglect and/or dependency. The magistrates referred 15 cases involving 31 children to mediation in the last nine months of 2003. The parties reached a full or partial agreement in 83% of the cases mediated. The parties reached a full agreement in 50% of the cases mediated, and they reached a partial agreement in 33% of the cases mediated. The magistrates approved all of the agreements reached by the parties in mediation.

DISPOSITIONS

BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY

In 2003, the Judges bound over 48 juveniles to the Grand Jury, to be tried as adults.

SERIOUS YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

In 2003, two juveniles were found to be Serious Youthful Offenders.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

The number of youth committed to the Department of Youth Services decreased from 167 in 2002, to 130 in 2003. In 2003, the Court revoked parole for 60 juveniles, down from 66 juveniles in 2002.

PROBATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Through Our Interventions, Children, Families and Communities are given a Chance to increase both Safety and Personal Achievement.

PROBATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Probation and the work of the Department are defined under Section 2151 and 2152 of the Ohio Revised Code. It is the duty of all department officers to carry out the orders of the Court and serve to protect the interest of the community. It is the responsibility of Probation Officers to use all suitable methods to aid youth on probation to bring about improvement in their conduct. During 2003, the Probation Department was staffed by: The Chief Probation Officer, 2 Deputy Chief Probation Officers, 4 Probation Team Supervisors, 29 Probation Officers, 3 Probation Monitors, and 6 support staff. The Probation Department is accredited through the American Correctional Association. The department successfully achieved its first re-accreditation in May of 2003

In 2003, the Probation Department successfully launched a computerized version of its own statistical risk assessment and case classification model. The department uses "What Works" principles to serve its customers.

In 2003 the Probation Department conducted 1880 investigations and supervised 1648 cases under community control.

JUVENILE MAJOR OFFENDER PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Juvenile Major Offender Program (JMOP) began in September of 1998 as a collaborative effort between the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Probation Department and various Police Agencies within Hamilton County to identify serious offenders on Probation and Aftercare and hold them accountable for behavior 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 program clients.
- To provide an immediate response to probation or aftercare youth not in compliance with probation rules or aftercare contracts.
- To reward offenders when found 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

Jurisdiction	# of Rides	# PO Shifts	# of Checks	# Home	# Not Home	% Home	# No Answer	Warrant Attempts	Warrant Arrests	Other Arrests
Cincinnati	24	75	847	661	122	78%	64	57	3	5
Colerain	9	9	48	47	5	77%	6	0	0	0
Forest Park	11	11	74	63	8	85%	3	0	0	0
Springfield	9	9	41	35	5	85%	1	7	1	0
Totals	53	104	1,010	796	140	79%	74	64	4	5

SPECIALIZED CASELOADS

In 2003 there were three specialized caseloads in the department, which are supervised by 10 officers and one monitor. Individuals assigned to these caseloads receive intensive supervision and programming that is designed to meet the unique needs of the assigned probationers.

SEX OFFENDER SPECIFIC CASELOAD

Since 1989 the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Probation Department has been utilizing specialized assessments of adjudicated sexual offenders. This was part of continuum of care treatment approach that followed the youth through legal, treatment and aftercare settings. The objectives for providing such an approach were: 1.) To determine the general dangerousness of the behavior and threat to the community, current victim and potential future victims. 2.) To estimate the risk of the sexually aggressive behavior being repeated. 3.) To evaluate the specific social, family, environmental and behavioral treatment strengths and needs of the adolescent offender. 4.) To determine specific recommendations regarding the ideal course of intervention and treatment along with secondary recommendations should the ideal course not be possible.

All youth adjudicated of a sexually oriented crime are assigned to the Sex Offender Specialist or to other specially trained probation officers. In late 2003, the probation department did literature reviews and consulted with numerous experts to begin developing the HSORA (Hamilton County Juvenile Sex Offender Risk Assessment)

GENDER SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING (GEMS)

Girls Empowered and Motivated for Success (GEMS) is designed to address the specific needs of adolescent females who are on probation. Seven (7) probation officers and a supervisor manage the GEMS caseload. The caseload is set up to increase the chances of decreasing the risk for re-offending among females on probation. Members of the GEMS Team continued to undergo female specific training and networking throughout 2003.

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 at risk of placement out of the home or facing the possibility of 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 the program with few privileges. Youth can increase privileges as they earn "credit days" for strict compliance with program expectations.

DRUG TESTING

A component of Probation Supervision is drug testing. The department has trained its staff to collect urine on site in a specially designed test cup that will give instant results. In 2003, 293 tests were given resulting in 109 positive results and 184 negative. Other positives are reported by youth prior to the on site test being given.

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Youth who are involved with the Juvenile Court Probation Department often need additional services that involve community-based programs and/or out-of-home placement. Probation Officers are responsible for coordinating referrals and providing supervision for youth placed within these programs.

The following are facilities where youth are placed, or programs to which youth are referred for services, including a brief description of the program as well as the number of youth placed in/referred to that program in 2003.

YOUTH INC.

Youth, Inc. is a local shelter care facility that accommodates up to 30 youth per day in three houses; one of which serves females. Youth are referred there from the Youth Center (Detention) when it is appropriate to use a less restrictive environment that can provide short term treatment and shelter care pending a longer-term placement or a return home. Total number of male youth placed into this program was 715. Total number of female youth placed was 308.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives is a 90-day residential drug and alcohol treatment program for youth aged 13-18. It is a division of the Talbert House. In 2003, the Juvenile Court contracted for 5 beds per month or approximately 26 youth per year. However, some 35 youth were served in 2003 under this contract. Program youth are subsidized by funding sources above and beyond the Court's contracted amount. Youth who enter the program are admitting to a substance abuse problem and are willing to enter treatment. The program works with the families of the youth and provides step-down services in the form of intensive outpatient treatment and aftercare.

HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL (INTERMEDIATE PLACEMENTS AND DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS)

Hillcrest Training School operates 142 correctional/treatment beds for adjudicated delinquent youth placed by the Court. The program primarily serves youth adjudicated of felony offenses and offers a wide range of services, which include an on grounds school, substance abuse and sex offender programming and psychological services to name a few. The probation department referred 239 cases to Hillcrest Training School in 2003. A total of 211 probation youth were eventually placed at Hillcrest during the year. Hillcrest Training school also provides a short-term diagnostic assessment program for male offenders referred by the

probation department. In 2003, (MAP) Multi-Dimensional Assessment Program assessed 336 adjudicated male offenders referred by the probation department. Through the collaboration of Probation, Hillcrest and several other court departments, the court will open a female MAP unit at the Hillcrest facility in 2004.

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/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 residents. The Juvenile Court contracts for a minimum of 17 beds per month. In 2003, 44 girls were served in residential programming.

COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS

The Juvenile court periodically utilizes various residential placements in the local 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. In the past placements such as group homes and residential facilities in the state were utilized. Due to budget constraints, the only placement facility directly funded during 2003 was Cornell Abraxas (located in Shelbyville, Ohio). A total of 2 youth were directly referred for placement there this year. Other court youth received placement services through various providers as part of involvement in the Hamilton Choices program (described below).

LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY PRESERVATION

Lighthouse Youth Services provides a family outreach component for juveniles on probation who could benefit from a time-limited, structured in-home therapy approach. Workers are on call 24 hours a day during the program and work with the entire family system to help strengthen the family unit. More than 30 families benefited from these services in 2003.

NORCEN SEXUAL OFFENDER GROUP

NORCEN Behavioral Health Systems, Inc. contracts with the Court to provide an ongoing Sexual offenders' group for youth adjudicated on sexual offenses who are able to be maintained in the community but who need intensive treatment for their behavior. The group can accommodate approximately 7-8 youth at any given time, due to the lengthy nature of the treatment and the slow turnover that occurs. The Court had 10 youth serviced during 2003. The court contracts separately with NORCEN and with therapist Randy Frost to provide some individual (and some group) work with several offenders whose level of functioning or youthful age precludes their participation in the 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. Some examples of this would include individual sexual offender treatment, group substance abuse treatment, mentoring, violence prevention program participation, theft prevention program participation, in-home therapy, and the like. Due to budget constraints during the year, only several youth were referred and received outpatient services from two providers in 2003.

HAMILTON CHOICES (FORMERLY CREATIVE CONNECTIONS)

This managed care concept wrap around program has been in existence since 1995 under several different vendors over the years. In November of 2002 it came under the auspices of Hamilton Choices. The overall mission and purpose, as well as service operations, are as follows: to purchase, evaluate, and monitor a wide variety of services directed to the County's most difficult to serve multi-system children and their families. Over the year there were approximately 60 Court youth being serviced by Choices. From the program's inception, a total of 265 Court juveniles have been (or are being) served. Thirty-five (35) new youth were referred into the program in calendar year 2003. Youth receive a wide array of services ranging from community-based to residential, and remain in the program for a significant period of time (average of 18 months to 2 years) based on their issues and needs.

THE BRIDGE

After many years of discussions between the Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Systems on service programming for youth who cross both systems, a demonstration project was funded for three sites in Ohio. In Southwest Ohio four counties, including Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren, collaborated and were awarded funding that lead to the Program now known as "The Bridge". Talbert House, the lead provider organization, opened the residential site in October 2000. This secure facility combines a strong behavioral management milieu, cognitive-behavioral groups and interventions with sophisticated child and adolescent psychiatric expertise to address the needs of this population, characterized by severe mental issues as well a history of aggressive behavior. The initial site had a capacity of 8 beds. A larger facility with a 15-bed capacity opened in the spring 2001. In 2003, the Probation Department contracted for 6 beds on a daily basis and had 12 youth placed in the program over the course of the year. Since its inception, 33 court youth have been served by the program. The Bridge and has not received referrals from other counties in several years, but does receive referrals from other agencies at this time.

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 that have been effected by their delinquent behavior.

During 2003, a partnership with Cincinnati Public Schools and the Hamilton County Juvenile Court school attendance program was established. Community Services Work Detail crew leaders were placed in four different participating schools to assist in the attendance program and to supervise youth that were court ordered to perform work details in the school where they attend.

Daily Work Details	1,375
Saturday Work Details	1,603
TOTAL:	2,978

RESTITUTION, PURGE PAYMENTS, FINES AND COURT COSTS

RESTITUTION

In 2002, the total restitution collected was \$80,476.28

FINES & COSTS COLLECTED

Fines	\$56,377.70
Court Costs	\$175,999.42
RRF & GRF	\$122,828.68
Computer Fees	\$66,300.94
Legal Research	\$19,793.69
Witness Fees	\$11,330.86
Delivery Fees	\$7,230.69
Work Detail Fees	\$869.00
Restitution Process Fee	\$1,003.07

DISMISSALS

In 2003, 7,864 delinquent, unruly, and traffic cases were dismissed.

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

JUDGES' OFFICE



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department, under the Administrative Services Division is responsible for the preparation, expense and monitoring activity of the Annual County Operating budget and various state grants. Another major responsibility is the maintenance of employee sick and vacation records and production of the bi-weekly payroll. In addition, court ordered restitution is disbursed to the victim and child support for youth in placement is monitored.

2003			
General Fund		Revenue	Expense
General Fund Subsidy		\$12,775,329.55	
Judges' Office		\$5,967,686.27	\$11,604,338.04
Youth Center		\$1,721,894.09	\$10,806,552.30
Hillcrest		\$11,597,284.14	\$9,651,303.71
TOTAL		\$32,062,194.05	\$32,062,194.05
Grants			
Reclaim Ohio		\$3,294,836.03	\$3,294,836.03
Youth Services Grant		\$1,087,916.91	\$1,087,916.91
JAIBG		\$430,196.81	\$430,196.81
TOTAL		\$4,812,949.75	\$4,812,949.75
GRAND TOTAL		\$36,875,143.80	\$36,875,143.80

HUMAN RESOURCES

In support of the mission of the Court, the Human Resources Department provides leadership in the development and the administration of policies and procedures that: (1) meet the needs of prospective and current employees; (2) adhere to federal and state labor laws and regulations; (3) maintain high professional and ethical standards; and (4) demonstrate proactive efforts in the recruitment and retention of a professional and dedicated staff.

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

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

The department provides a range of services to the Court and its approximately 600 employees working in three divisions. Services include the recruitment, screening, and referral of qualified applicants. Other primary duties and responsibilities include new employee hiring, creation and maintenance of personnel records, wage and salary administration, benefits administration and communication, employee relations and

counseling, background investigations, new employee orientation, the employee service recognition program, unemployment and worker's compensation, and labor law compliance.

During the year of 2003, the Juvenile Court hired 123 new employees. The total number of employees within the three Court divisions is 598, which includes part-time and temporary staff. There are 222 positions at the Judges' Office at 800 Broadway, 177 at Hillcrest Training School, and 199 at the Youth Center.

INFORMATION SERVICES

The following is a summary of some of the Court's hardware and software systems supported by the Department:

- 658 Personal Computers
- Email and GroupWise messaging system
- 30 network servers and 6 local area networks
- Office automation systems
- Computer software applications
- Inter-network and Intra-network between divisions
- EMC Clarion centralized storage system
- Video Court Reporting systems
- Court Reporting Transcription system

The following projects are a subset of those completed in 2003:

- The court room audio/video recording to CD's on the court room PC's have been replaced with a centralized system that uploads the AV data to the server and then downloads the data to DVD's that are processed centrally. This saves the Magistrates from being involved with CD management and recording, and provides improved checks and balances that ensure all the sessions are burned to DVD. It also saves calls to the Help Desk due to problems recording the CD's in the court rooms. This was accomplished with minimal hardware, software and setup cost.
- Registrar software, which is used by the Court to manage our training information, was upgraded to a web based version making it easier to access and use.
- The Hillcrest and Judges Office S: drives have been eliminated and all needed files have been migrated to the U: or User Groups area. This has improved the security, manageability and efficiency of the Court's data by enlisting ownership of the Court's data files.
- A new server has been setup specifically for PC images. This relieves load off other serves and improves fault tolerance by not affecting the performance of other servers when PC images are created because this process creates a lot of server read traffic, network access utilization and it tends to fill up with data sometimes.
- Document imaging scanners were setup so they could be used by the document imaging system. This system will improve productivity and is required because limited space is being taken by the Court's increasing number of documents.

- An investigation of Key Management hardware/software solutions for Hillcrest Security was completed and one solution was selected. When implemented, this system will improve the efficiency and security of key access by the Hillcrest staff.
- A formal audit of our Novell licenses was completed as is required each year for payment which corresponds to the number of Netware, ZEN Works and GroupWise licenses the Court uses.
- We have removed the IPX protocol almost completely from our network improving performance and efficiency.
- We implemented direct IP printing for the network printers. This improves fault tolerance because printing can continue if the server is down and there are no print queues to restore if server data is lost. Due to the reduction in Netware license requirements, an annual savings of approximately \$5,000.00 will be realized.
- Training laptops with a mobile cart and wireless access points were ordered, received and setup for the training department. This enables a mobile and versatile training solution for the Court.
- The Probation and Community Court wireless access project has progressed forward this year. Receipt of the network cards and access service will be completed in 2004. This project when complete, should realize a savings for the Court of approximately \$260,000.00 in implementation cost as compared to developing an application for hand held PC's. It should also improve productivity by enabling the Probation Officers to spend more time in the field as opposed to the office and enable Community Court Magistrates and Case Managers to access JCMS from remote and Cincinnati Public School locations.
- We have spent time researching a PC/Tablet PC solution for the Youth Center's internal wireless local area network. We expect to complete our investigation and deployment of the chosen hardware in 2004. The results of this project should be a productivity increase that comes from the more immediate entry of incident reports and other such data as opposed to documenting it and reentering it later.
- The Help Desk has initiated an investigation into the feasibility, relevance and workability of the deployment of a Microsoft SUS server. This server is designed to acquire Windows updates from the Microsoft web site and then in a controlled and managed fashion, deploy seamlessly to the desktop/laptop PC's these updates. This function is desperately needed for Windows 2000 and XP PC's to fix problems and protect them from vulnerabilities to cyber attack, worms, viruses and other intrusion methods. Other County agencies have implemented or are in the process of implementing one or more of these servers. Implementation of this server is expected to be complete in the first half of 2004.
- The JAVS court room recording PC's have undergone a partial hardware upgrade to enable them to function better and maintain an up-to-date status.
- Progress has been made by way of our Disaster Recovery efforts. An initial Critical Needs Survey has been completed but a lot more work must be done. We are meeting every week or so within the IS Networking Group to review our progress.
- Our GroupWise email system was upgraded from version 5.5 to 6.0. This has provided some improved functionality and kept us up-to-date.
- Phase three of the Court room IS desktop and networking construction issues project is complete. This has enabled the Court to relocate sessions to an improved and more convenient location within the building and added court room locations.

- The Help Desk has resolved an annual total 2776 calls for 2003 allowing the Court's employees to fully utilize the installed technology.

In February, the Department of Youth Services started receiving a file for their OJJDP reports and data of youths held at the Youth Center. Added a module to Residential Care and Treatment System (RCATS) for tracking of witnesses who we are holding because of a subpoena.

In March, the clerk's office started transferring data from Juvenile Court Management System (JCMS) through the Internet to Bureau of Motor Vehicles to update the youth's traffic record. Another module was added to JCMS for the Probation department to track the risk/needs for the youth on probation.

Hillcrest went on line to provide Curfew Checks notification to police for children who are on aftercare and home visit. A further changed at Hillcrest was the Education process in RCATS to enable the teacher to view data in a user-friendlier environment.

Added a module to our intranet in July 2003 for the training department to track books and material for our Training Resource Library. Moreover, automated the Employee of the Month process so the committee now posts results directly to the web site.

Developed an Attorney database so the clerk's office could trace the payments made to attorneys by case.

In November, changed the court entries by adding bar codes for future scanning purposes. Furthermore, added additional signatures and wording to the footer for all entries.

There were 1,435 change requests completed for 2003 for the JCMS/RCATS system.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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

The Operations Department also maintains a Print Shop for the purpose of developing, duplicating and reproducing all the forms that the juvenile Court utilizes. The Operations Department is staffed with 2 full-time members. Along with the Operations Director, there is 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, 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, 1 Corporal and 7 Officers). These Officers have been certified by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission and have received specific and advanced training in defensive tactics, first aid, CPR/AED, behavioral and psychological aspects of incarceration, crisis intervention, behavior management, suicide prevention, evacuation training, close circuit monitoring, duress alarm, electronic stun device, 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 Juvenile Court at 800 Broadway. They 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 the Community Services Work Detail Program.

Additionally, the Security Department is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the court's Evidence Room. The responsibilities include chain of custody, security of evidence, receiving and releasing of evidence, and destruction of evidence/contraband per Court Order.

It is an honor to announce that the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Security Department has become the first and only juvenile court certified by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Hamilton County Juvenile Court Security Department was granted certification on March 22, 2003 at the March Conference held in Orlando, Florida and will undergo a complete reevaluation of all 74 standards every 3 years.

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.

DEPARTMENT GOALS:

1. To comply with the Court Security standards of the Supreme Court of Ohio
2. To maintain the Court Security Certification Standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court Training Departments provide various learning opportunities for all employees within the organization. Through the combined use of training, organizational development and career resources, the Juvenile Court Training Departments strive to improve the overall success of the employee, workgroups and the organization. Continual learning, education and professional development opportunities are key components that training provides for performance improvement and increased job satisfaction. The Juvenile Court Training Departments make every effort to maintain collaborative relationships within each division of the Court.

The goal of the Training Departments is to make sure that there is a match between the individual and organizational needs. This is accomplished through regular needs assessments, diversity in established training curriculum, availability of educational resources, updated training calendars, accurate training records, training advisory groups, interactions with employees regarding training concerns, knowledge of current trends and issues in training and ongoing communication with outside training agencies.

During the year 2003, Hamilton County Juvenile Court employees received 45,000 hours of training. This was accomplished through a variety of training methods such as traditional classroom, on the job training, e-learning, web training, distance learning and field training.

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, Community Service / Work Detail, Probation and Service Grants. 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 Community Service / Work Detail program performs a wide range of community services. Youth are referred 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 Community Service / Work Detail Program also collaborates with Hillcrest Training School to provide an educational component to assist youth in obtaining their General Education Diploma.

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 have unique mental health, substance abuse or mental disability problems.

The Services Grants department monitors and assists in the annual application of the RECLAIM Ohio Grant, which provides funding for both Court personnel and offender services in Court Services. In addition, this department assists in the research, development, application and monitoring of federal, state and private grants.

CASE MANAGEMENT

DOCKETING/CASE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Docketing and Case Management Department of the Juvenile Court is responsible for docketing and presenting all complaints filed, maintaining and updating all legal records, and maintaining audio cassettes for Magistrates' hearings. The department consists of 43 employees who handle cases involving Delinquency, Unruly, Custody, Visitation, Traffic, Adult Jurisdiction, Child Support, and Dependency. Jobs currently within the department include Docketing Clerks, Traffic Clerk, Warrant Clerk, Case Managers, Unofficial Hearing Officer, Receptionists, School Case Managers, and File Clerks.

Each morning 7 to 10 dockets are scheduled for delinquency and unruly cases, 2 to 4 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 5 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 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

In Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon and Judge Thomas R. Lipps are Ex Officio Clerks of the Court. All cases filed are processed through either the Clerk's Office at 800 Broadway, or at the Youth Center Intake Department. The Clerk's Office at 800 Broadway consists of the Chief Deputy Clerk, and 13 employees who screen, process and image 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 twenty-six Magistrates in Juvenile Court. The Magistrates are appointed by the Juvenile Judges to preside over the daily case management in Juvenile Court. The powers of a Magistrate are similar to those of a Judge, however, their decisions are subject to review and approval by the assigned Juvenile Court Judge. In Hamilton County, Magistrates determine delinquency, unruly, dependency, custody, paternity and child support matters in Juvenile Court.

Eight Magistrates are assigned to preside over cases involving allegations of dependency, neglect and abuse of children. They are responsible for deciding the temporary and permanent placement of children. The primary goal of the dependency process is to protect the best interest of the child.

The remaining Magistrates preside over delinquency, unruly, traffic, custody, paternity and child support. In delinquency, unruly and traffic matters, Magistrates preside at the plea and trial hearings and determine appropriate dispositions.

Juvenile Court has jurisdiction of paternity, custody and child support when a child is born out of wedlock, or when married parents have not filed for divorce. The Magistrates oversee proceedings to establish the proper parent/child relationship. In addition to establishing paternity, the Magistrates also set child support orders. A Magistrate has the authority to hold a parent in contempt of court and place them before the assigned Judge for imposition of a jail term for failure to pay child support. The Magistrate also decides custody and visitation matters in Juvenile Court. Custody and visitation decisions determine who shall be the residential parent, or custodian of a child and provides for the visitation schedule of a child.

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YOUTH CENTER



YOUTH CENTER

Going into 2004 Harvey J. Reed, Superintendent of the Juvenile Court Youth Center has been in his position for approximately two years. Under his leadership, the Youth Center said goodbye to Burke Neville as Deputy Superintendent of Operations who was replaced by Brian Bell. Greg Denson, Deputy Superintendent of Programs and Services replaced Clarence Williams who left in 2002.

Mr. Reed dissected the idea, and oversaw an organizational re-structuring plan; thus generating an influx of changes to the youth Center in an effort to promote a more efficient way of doing business while understanding the needs of the Youth today.

...Changes began with the administrative team creating Program Managers to oversee the daily business of his or her particular floor. The MOD Office was eliminated, and an Administrator of Special Services position was created. The MOD staff members were transitioned to housing, replacing the Program Managers former positions. A custodial shift Program Manager position was created to cover our 3rd shift. Our custodial shift also received an Assistant Manager of Operations, and Housing. Our Training Department gained a Trainer to assist in organizing and teaching classes. The Recreation Department also gained an additional staff to increase programming hours for the Youth here; thus minimizing time spent on the unit by the youth. In addition, this decreased our safety and security concerns by occupying our resident's time with positive activities. Many other changes have taken place in keeping up with the times in which we live.

Thanks to our Administrative ACA Team, ACA Compliance Team, and the staff at the Youth Center, we have been re-accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA). In addition to this we were re-accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), and American Association of Suicidology (AAS).

INTAKE AND RELEASE PROCESS

The Juvenile Court Youth Center Intake Office is responsible for filing complaints, posting of bonds, and initial processing of all youth brought to the Youth Center. The Intake process includes the decision making process to admit a youth into secure housing, or to divert a youth to his/her legal guardian, or shelter care facility.

TOTAL INTAKES 10,291

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 by 1.73% from 10,477 in 2002 to 10,291 in 2003.

ADMISSIONS 5,692

Admission refers to all youth processed and admitted into a secure housing unit. The number of youth processed into housing decreased from 5,913 in 2002 to 5,692 in 2003. This represents a 3.77% decrease. The average length of care (10.2 days) and the average daily population (150.2) has reduced the facility days of care (sum of facility daily population) to 52,421 from a 2002 figure of 54,404—a reduction of 583 days of care.

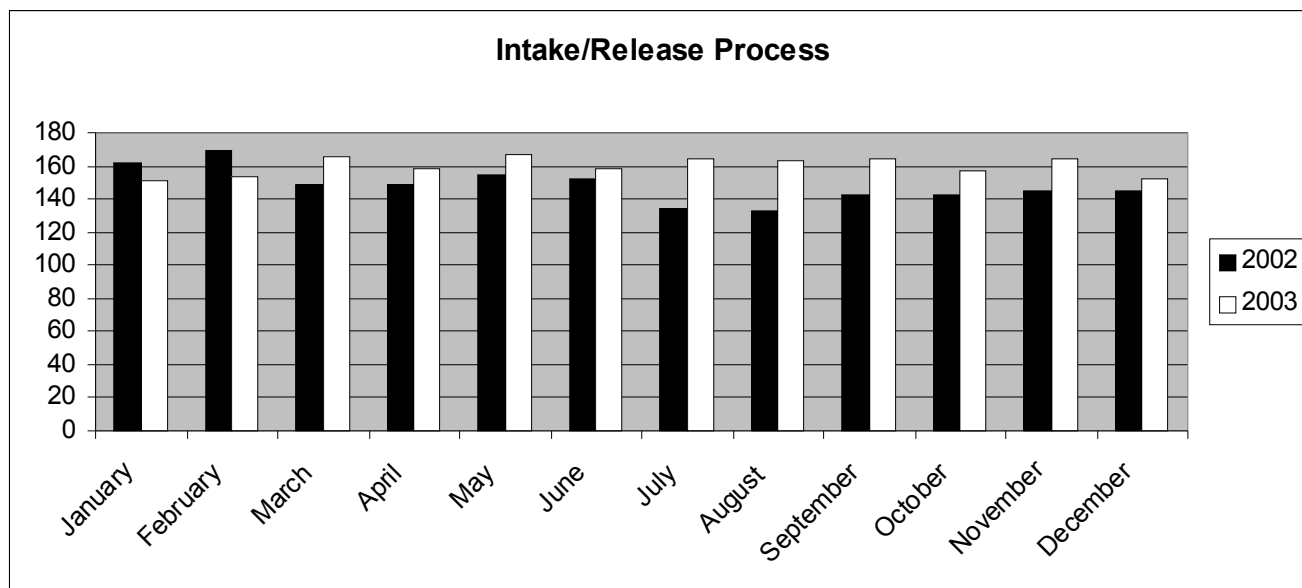
DIVERSIONS 4,436

Diversion refers to any youth returned to the custody of his/her legal guardian, or shelter care facility, without being admitted into a secure housing unit. The number of youth eligible for non-secure release that were successfully diverted decreased from 4,570 in 2002 to 4,436 in 2003. This represents a .2.93% decrease.

RELEASES 5,817

Release refers to any youth released to his/her legal guardian or placement facility after being admitted into secure housing. The number of youth released from housing decreased from 5,933 in 2002 to 5,817 in 2003. This represents a 1.96% decrease.

INTAKE AND RELEASE PROCESS



FACILITY POPULATION

150.2

The average daily population increased from 148.12 in 2002 to 150.2 in 2003. This represents an increase of 1.1%. The average length of care increased from 8.8 days in 2002 to 10.2 in 2003. This represents a 1.2% increase. Total days cared for in 2003 were 53,421.

POPULATION MAKEUP

AGE UPON ADMISSION

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total Admissions:
Total:	0	1	9	24	86	183	505	975	1243	1339	1307	20	5,692

PERCENT OF TOTAL ADMISSIONS BY AGE

7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
.0%	.02%	.17%	.42%	1.51%	3.22%	8.87%	17.13%	21.84%	23.52%	22.96%	.35%

RACE / GENDER BREAKDOWN

RACE	MALES % of Population	FEMALES % of Population	TOTAL % of Population
African-American:	2,978 52.32%	977 17.16%	3,955 69.48%
Caucasian:	1,080 18.97%	499 8.77%	1,579 27.74%
Other:	81 1.42%	71 1.25%	152 2.67%
Total	4,139 72.72%	1,547 27.18%	5,692 100%

FACILITY PROCESS ISSUES

Delinquency / Unruly Complaints Filed 19,141

The total number of Delinquency / Unruly complaints filed in Hamilton County Juvenile Court during 2003 was 19,141. This total represents a 3.8% decrease from a 2002 total of 19,901. Totals are inclusive of complaints filed at the 800 Broadway Clerk's Office as well as at the Youth Center.

Intervention Reports Filed 2,439

The Youth Center uses Intervention Forms to record any behavior requiring disciplinary action, physical intervention and/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.

2003 Breakdown

Behavior Classification

Minor Rule Infraction:	102
Major Rule Infraction:	1,980
Safety and Security:	131
Medical	<u>226</u>

TOTAL 2,439

Physical Intervention 965

Physical Intervention occurred in 965 of the 2,439 behavior management incidents. This represents 39.42% of the total incidents that required physical intervention.

Contraband refers to any item that may be a threat to safety and/or security, or used as a weapon. This includes, but is not limited to; weapons, alcohol, and drugs. During 2003, 13 items were confiscated. Three drug items were recovered and released to the Cincinnati Police Department for prosecution and/or destruction. Ten other types of contraband were recovered.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The Medical Department dental clinic had final modifications completed and dental services were implemented in June. The contracted dentist serviced 415 juveniles with basic oral examinations, x-rays, filings, and extractions. The staffed psychiatrist provided on-site initial psychiatric evaluations, follow-ups, prescribed medication, and connected community services for continuity of care to a caseload of 95 juveniles.

DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Health screenings are performed on every admitted youth 24 hours per day. The screenings consist of questions to identify a youth's overall general health condition, history of medical problems, any hospitalization, doctor visits, medication, identify the presence of any infectious diseases, and to assess fitness for placement in the general housing population. The physical health examination is performed by the contracted Nurse Practitioner(s) or the responsible physician from Children Hospital Medical Center (CHMC) Teen Health Clinic. Laboratory testing is performed on-site along with cooperation with the Cincinnati Health Department laboratory testing services. CHMC and University Hospital provide emergency and non-emergency medical care services, follow-up care including Trauma, Surgery, Orthopedic, Hand, Oral Surgery and Teen Pregnancy. The licensed practical nurses administer a total 29,925 in medications, 2,689 residents received tuberculosis skin testing. Among those tested less than 1% were referred to the Tuberculosis Clinic for follow-up care. There were 272 laboratory specimens collected for the diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), which 120 were treated for a STIs infection.

Medical Screenings performed.	5,154
Physical Examinations performed.	1,526
Sick Call Examinations performed (nurse practitioner or physician)	1,350
Sick Call Evaluations performed (licensed practical nurse)	6,397

DRUG / ALCOHOL / MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS (ACCEPT / REFUSAL INTAKES)

In 2003, 134 youth presented some health condition at time of admission that required medical assessment by the nursing staff. There were 50 youth accepted after assessment and 35 were refused until medically cleared from either CHMC or University Hospital emergency department.

The Chemical Dependency Counselor had 32 referrals and evaluations of youth who were identified to have some alcohol / substance abuse dependency. The screening process consists of staff utilizing the MAYSIS-2 (Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument) identifying problematic behavior and/or mental and emotional distress. The results from this screening scores a youth in six specific categories, the results from their answers may place them in the "caution" or warning category for drug or alcohol use.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the Psychology Clinic is to provide mental health evaluations for the Juvenile Court System at the request of judges, magistrates, probation officers, and both prosecuting and defense attorneys. The evaluations are to determine whether juvenile offenders are competent to stand trial, appropriate for waiver, and to assist in dispositional planning. Occasionally, referrals from the dependency docket request clinic staff to assist in custody matters. The Court requested services are:

COURT REQUESTED SERVICES

CLINIC SERVICES	TOTAL
PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS	277
MULTIDIMENSIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM	172
MENTAL HEALTH COURT	1
PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION	20
EVALUATION FOR WAIVER	35
COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL	185
SECOND COMPETENCY EVALUATIONS	71
THIRD COMPETENCY EVALUATIONS	1
NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY	1
EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATIONS	6
JOB APPLICANTS	114

EMERGENCY REFERRALS IN-HOUSE

2,320

All residents of the Juvenile Court Youth Center are assessed upon admission to determine level of risk for suicidal ideation/behavior. All youth identified at admission as being at high risk are assessed by clinic staff to determine if the high-risk classification is appropriate. Additionally, clinic staff are required to assess Youth Center residents who display the following behavior/symptoms: psychoticism, suicidal threats/attempts, unprovoked assaults, behavior or emotional changes, request for downgrade in status, request for counseling, and ideation/behavior receive follow-up contact from the clinic staff to monitor his or her level of risk and provide support of services.

In 2003, the Psychology Department assessed 1,576 residents based on his or her being identified as high risk. In 2003, the Psychology Department assessed 2, 320 residents as Emergency Referrals based on psychotic behavior, suicidal attempts or threats, unprovoked assaults, suicidal ideation, behavioral or emotional changes, request for status downgrade, and requests for counseling.

Priority I and II (suicidal attempts, psychotic behavior, and suicidal threats)	257
Behavioral/Emotional Changes	114
Status Downgrades	178
Requests for Counseling	299

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HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL



HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL

During 2003, Hillcrest operated 130 residential treatment beds and 12 assessment beds for adjudicated male delinquent youth placed by the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. Aftercare services were also provided for all youth successfully completing the residential portion of the program. The facility is located at 246 Bonham Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215. The program primarily serves youth that have committed felony offenses. The age of youth in residence ranges between twelve and eighteen. Hillcrest has dual accreditation by the American Correctional Association by meeting both the "Training School" Standards and "Aftercare Services" Standards. The facility is handicapped accessible and meets all ADA standards. In addition, Hillcrest maintains National Commission on Correctional Health Care Services Accreditation. Hillcrest is also certified by the American Association of Suicidology.

In January the 12-bed Multidisciplinary Assessment Program (MAP) was opened. This unit was designed specifically to provide a comprehensive psychological and criminological assessment for boys referred by the Court. The average length of stay is 14 days. A total of 336 evaluations were completed during the year.

There were significant changes in leadership during 2003. Most notably, Joe Zurad retired as Superintendent in March and Brian Griffiths was promoted to that position. Jerry Rotterman was promoted to Assistant Superintendent. In July Vickie Brown-Smith was promoted to Deputy Superintendent of Residential Services and Leonard Harding was selected as the new school principal. During this transition period the administration promoted a "back to basics" agenda focusing on safety and security, sanitation and housekeeping, fiscal responsibility and staff development.

During the past year considerable resources were devoted to upgrading the school program. Approximately \$600,000 was recovered from Title I monies. Mr. Michael Brant and Dr. David Tobergte were contracted to serve as educational consultants. Twelve new teachers were hired. Three new classrooms were added including an in-school suspension room, an art and a music room. A \$42,000 professional development program that aligns student curriculum with State standards was initiated.

Near the end of 2003 work began on adding an additional 12-bed assessment unit for girls. The program is scheduled to open in January of 2004.

The following administrative goals have been established for 2004:

1. Continue to develop the school program with the goal of obtaining North Central Accreditation. This goal will be achieved by redesigning the student curriculum and professional development program.
2. Implement outcome measures into key components of the Hillcrest program.
3. Maintain American Correctional Association and National Commission on Correctional Health Care accreditation by demonstrating standards compliance during the ACA audit in October and the NCCHC site survey in May.

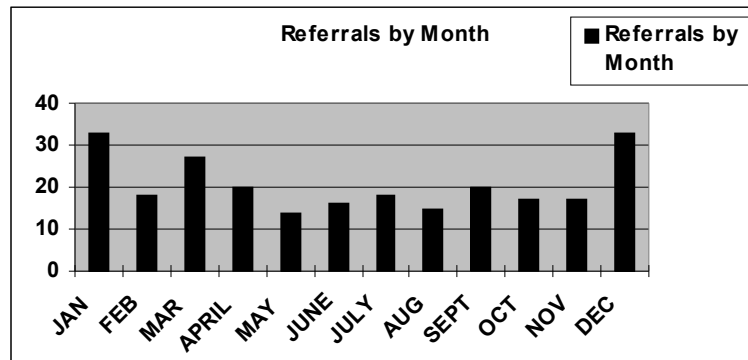
4. Address deficiencies throughout the Hillcrest physical plant by (1) evaluating critical life-safety systems, and (2) submitting to County Facilities a campus-wide infrastructure study as the primary 2005 capital improvement project.

The statistical portion of the annual report follows.

TOTAL REFERRALS

Month	Referrals by Month
JAN	33
FEB	18
MAR	27
APRIL	20
MAY	14
JUNE	16
JULY	18
AUG	15
SEPT	20
OCT	17
NOV	17
DEC	33

Total 248



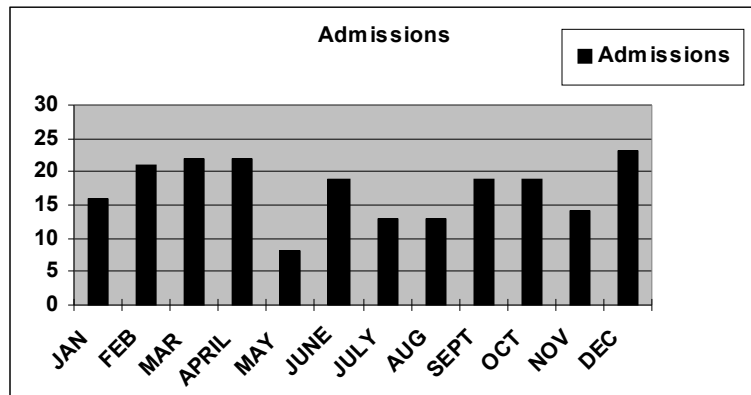
RACE OF REFERRALS:

	Number	Percentage
White	58	23.4%
African-American	188	75.8%
Bi-Racial	2	.8%
Total	248	100%

Average age	15.3 years old
Average number of prior offenses	9 prior offenses
Average number of days on referral	20 days

TOTAL ADMISSIONS

Month	Admissions by Month
JAN	16
FEB	21
MAR	22
APRIL	22
MAY	8
JUNE	19
JULY	13
AUG	13
SEPT	19
OCT	19
NOV	14
DEC	23
Total	209



RACE OF ADMISSIONS:

	Number	Percentage
White	50	23.9%
African-American	158	75.6%
Bi-Racial	1	0.5%
Total	209	100%

DEGREE OF COMMITTING OFFENSE :

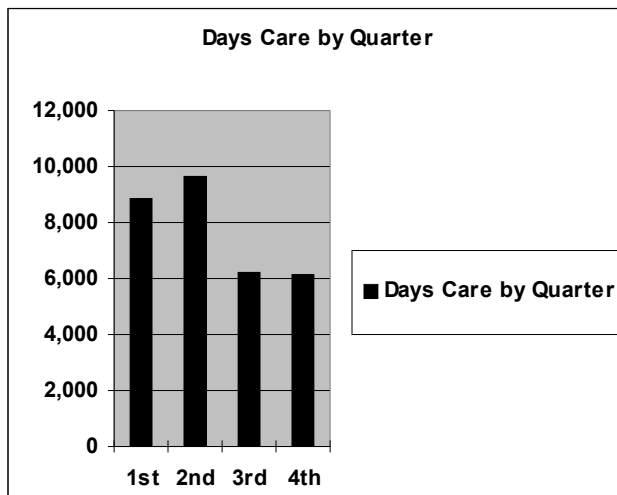
	Number	Percentage
Violation of Court Order		
Sex Offense Specific	0	0%
Substance Abuse	0	0%
Disruptive Behavior	1	0.5%
Misdemeanor		
Sex Offense Specific	6	2.9%
Substance Abuse	67	32.0%
Disruptive Behavior	25	11.9%
Felony		
Sex Offense Specific	10	4.8%
Substance Abuse	57	27.3%
Disruptive Behavior	43	20.6%
Total	209	100%

SUSPENDED COMMITMENTS TO DYS:

	Number	Percentage
Admits with SC/DYS		
Sex Offense Specific	13	6.2%
Substance Abuse	91	43.6%
Disruptive Behavior	52	24.9%
Admits with SC/DYS		
Sex Offense Specific	3	1.4%
Substance Abuse	33	15.8%
Disruptive Behavior	17	8.1%
Total	209	100%

DAYSCARE PROVIDED IN 2003

Quarter	Days Care by Quarter
1st	8,891
2nd	9,669
3rd	6,181
4th	6,154
TOTAL	30,895



Residential Terminations

	Number	Percentage
Aftercare	187	81.3%
PC to DYS	42	18.3%
Other	1	0.4%
Total	230	100%

2003 AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

	Disruptive Behavior	Substance Abuse	Sex Offense Specific
Total # of Children Served	103	197	40
Total Days Care	7,632	14,697	8,566
Terminations	65	122	10
Average Length of Stay	190 days	205 days	484 days

AFTERCARE CASELOAD

	Releases	PC/DYS
1999	172	34
2000	183	30
2001	172	30
2002	173	25
2003	143	25

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UTILIZATION STATISTICS

PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Department conducts both standard psychological assessments as well as criminogenic assessments for each youth admitted. These assessments identify mental health, risk, need and responsivity, as well as psycho-educational issues, and provide recommendations for treatment and other services. The department provides staff training and consultation, individual and group psychotherapy, and crisis intervention. Assessments include suicide risk and assessment of appropriate level of suicide precaution, management of ADHD diagnosed youth, liaison with area mental health agencies and the initiation of clinical case conferences to address the special needs of identified residents. The 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	268
Individual Sessions	539
Crisis Intervention Services	513

The Hillcrest Training School treatment program is divided into three tracks:

- Youthful offenders who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviors
- Youthful offenders who abuse drugs and/or alcohol
- Youthful offenders who engage in disruptive behaviors

The campus is divided into these three program tracks. Cottage assignments are based upon security and treatment needs. The majority of the treatment programming is cognitive/behavioral in nature. The programs' focus is on changing thoughts, beliefs, values and attitudes that will, in turn, impact behavior. The treatment programs are empirically based and have been evaluated and sanctioned by outside experts.

SEX OFFENSE SPECIFIC TRACK

This program is a cognitive-behavioral intervention designed to prevent future sexually abusive behavior. Interventions include education and treatment groups, extensive family intervention and the regular use of polygraph exams. The average stay is 18 months followed by 18 months of Aftercare services. These youth also participate in an anger management program, *Aggression Replacement Training*, by Goldstein, Gibbs and Glick. This program is a cognitive-behavioral intervention designed to provide students with strategies to remain in control during anger-provoking situations. The intervention enhances anger management skills from behavioral, emotional and cognitive perspectives.

SEX OFFENSE SPECIFIC SERVICES	<i>TOTAL</i>
Residential Sex Offense Specific Groups	504
Aftercare Relapse Prevention Groups	84
Parent Support Groups	36
Youth and Parent Sex Offense Education Groups	30

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TRACK

This program utilizes *Strategies for Self-Improvement and Change*, by Milkman and Wanberg, a nationally recognized program, as the primary group treatment. This program is a cognitive-behavioral intervention designed to help students understand the connection between substance abuse and criminal conduct while developing relapse/recidivism prevention skills. Extensive drug testing is utilized as a deterrent and to monitor progress. Selected youth from this track also receive *Aggression Replacement Training*.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES	<i>TOTAL</i>
Intensive Residential Cognitive Behavioral Groups (SSC)	567
Relapse Prevention Aftercare Groups	47
Drug Screening:	
Residential	2270
Aftercare	76

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR TRACK

This program utilizes *Thinking for a Change*, by Bush, Glick and Taymans, a National Institute of Justice program, as the primary treatment group. This is a cognitive-behavioral intervention designed to help students develop problem-solving skills through cognitive restructuring and social skills training. Many youth on this track also receive *Aggression Replacement Training*.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR DISORDER SERVICES **TOTAL**

Anger Management Groups (ART)	148
Problem Solving / Social Skills Groups	365

HEALTH SERVICES

Services include health assessments, daily sick call, management of special needs cases, medication distribution, immunizations, substance abuse urinalysis, routine dental care and training. 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 the monitoring of certain health safety requirements throughout the facility. Hillcrest provides on site medical and dental services. Additional health services are available through various community clinics and hospitals, as needed. The staff consists of LPNs, an RN supervisor, a visiting physician, a nurse practitioner a dentist and a visiting psychiatrist.

HEALTH SERVICES **TOTAL**

Physical Exams, Residential	354
Physical Exams, MAP	34
Psychiatric Evaluations	250
Sick Call	
Pediatrician Visit	537
Nurse Practitioner Visit	294
Nurse Visits	3,905
Dental Cleaning and Restoration	294



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