

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

2010 ANNUAL REPORT



JUDGE THOMAS R. LIPPS

JUDGE KARLA J. GRADY



Judge Thomas R. Lipps
Administrative Judge



Judge Karla J. Grady



Court Administrator
Mark H. Reed

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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 it is alleged that 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.
- Various other cases which impact the best interests of children.

Two judges direct the work of the Court. In 2010, those judges were Administrative Judge Thomas R. Lipps and Judge Karla J. Grady. The judges, along with the Court Administrator, Mark H. Reed, oversee all Court operations, including:

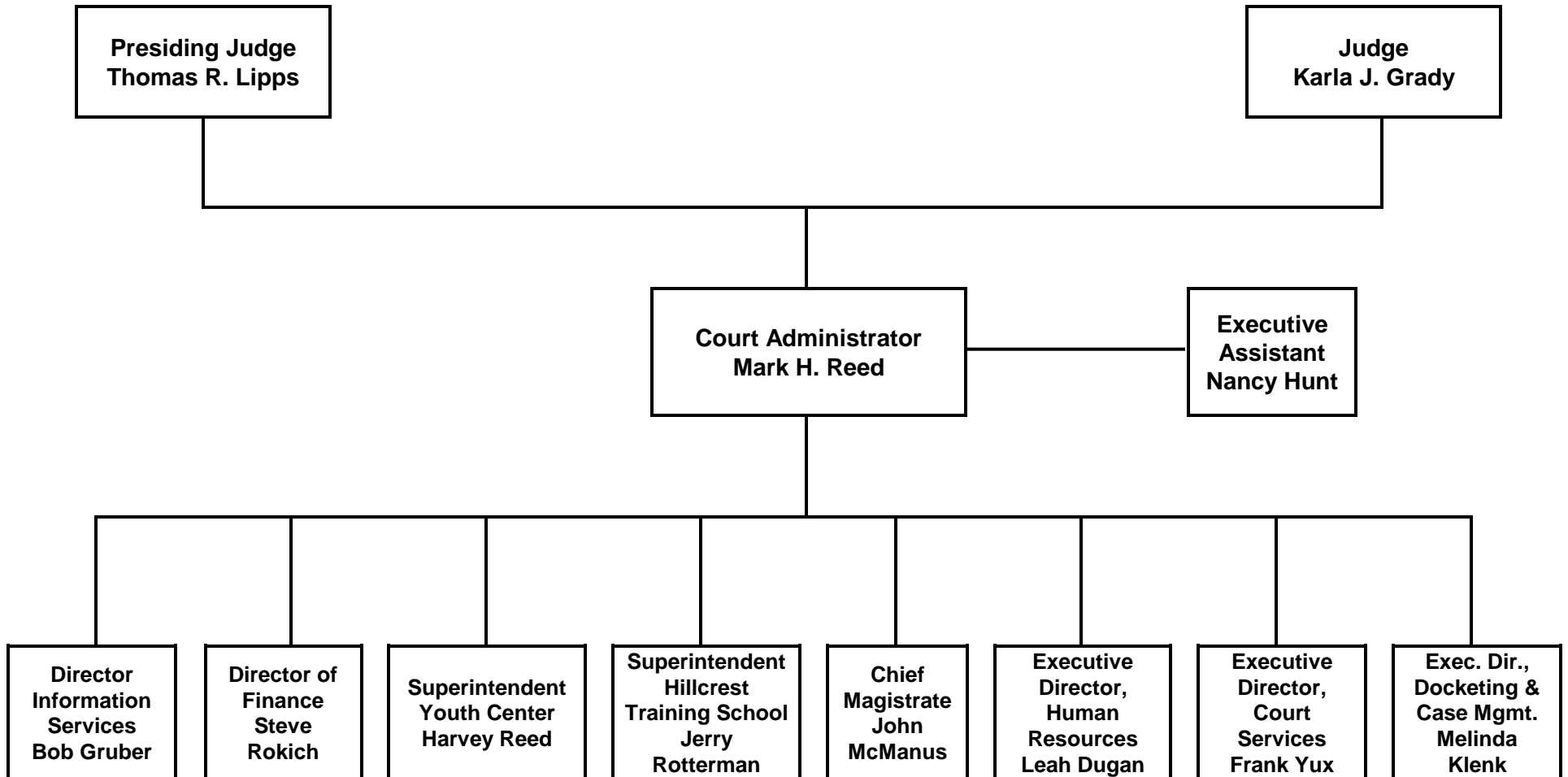
- Department of Docketing and Case Management comprised of the Child Support Department, Clerk's Office, Dependency Department, Docketing Department, Record Room and Security.
- Magistrates Department comprised of 24 magistrates who hear a large volume of cases in various jurisdictional areas.
- Department of Court Services comprised of the Probation Department, Intervention Unit, and Work Detail.
- The Youth Center, a 160-bed secure detention center, housing youth in secure custody pending court hearings.
- Hillcrest Training School, a 142-bed residential treatment center for youth court-ordered into the program for violating the law.
- Various administrative departments encompassing the Office of Court Administrator, Human Resources, Finance, Information Services and Operations.

The Court also contracts with various placement and program services offered by child care agencies, including inpatient secure diagnostic services, shelter care housing children, custodial drug treatment centers, 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.

The National Council of Juvenile Court and Family Court Judges designated the Hamilton County Juvenile Court as the nation's first model court. Hamilton County programs are praised by the national judicial and correctional associations and in published reports. Judges and officials from around the nation and across the world have traveled to Cincinnati to observe our Court.

Hamilton County Juvenile Court



COURT ADMINISTRATION

The year 2010 saw the end of an era at Juvenile Court with the retirement of Judge Thomas Lipps. Judge Lipps had a 36 year career with juvenile court, beginning as a juvenile detention officer and culminating with his appointment to the juvenile bench in 1998. Judge Lipps' vision, leadership and support will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to serve the Court during his tenure as Administrative and Presiding Judge over the past several years.

With the retirement of Judge Lipps, Judge Karla Grady now becomes Administrative and Presiding Judge. Judge Grady's era promises to be one that will not only build upon and extend the excellence so exemplified by the term of Judge Lipps, but will also no doubt foster new and exciting initiatives over the next several years.

While the coming year promises to be especially challenging as the Court once again deals with reduced funding, the Court remains fortunate to retain a dedicated core of employees who, year after year, regardless of the circumstances, continue to provide quality public service to the children and families of Hamilton County.

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 42 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.

COMPLAINTS AND SOME MOTIONS FILED

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
DELINQUENT & UNRULY	21,160	18,752	18,449	15,338	13,816
TRAFFIC	6,511	5,664	4,954	4,345	3,922
PATERNITY & SUPPORT	1,095	912	755	662	409
UIFSA COMPLAINT FILED	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24
OBJECTION TO ADMIN. ORDER	316	526	467	413	365
CONTEMPT MOTIONS	5,785	4,386	3,584	2,249	3,990
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT	738	709	691	754	699
MOD. OF SUPPORT - CSEA	937	1,753	1,404	1,769	1,740
ADMIN. ORDER of SUPPORT	2,544	1,016	N/A	N/A	N/A
REGISTRATION of ADMIN. ORDER	N/A	1,718	3,068	2,723	2,608
REGISTRATION of FOREIGN ORDER	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	118
ADMIN. MODIFICATION ORDER	976	1,784	1,392	1,760	1,722
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT	3,550	3,465	3,315	3,407	3,499
DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT & ABUSE	618	593	677	692	631
CUSTODY, VISITATION & HABEAS CORPUS	1,334	1,316	1,387	1,371	1,426
MOTION CUSTODY / VISITATION	1,251	1,249	1,259	1,199	1,256
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	1	3	2
ADULT MISDEMEANOR .	1,329	1,442	1,412	1,375	1,288
OBJ TO MAG DEC / SET ASIDE ORDER	573	481	437	404	410
JUVENILE PROTECTION ORDER	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33
TOTALS	48,717	45,766	43,252	38,464	37,958
HEARINGS CONDUCTED	163,890	153,339	143,653	128,764	120,169
HEARINGS PER CASE	3.36	3.35	3.32	3.35	3.17
HEARINGS PER DAY	656	613	575	515	481
DELINQUENT FILINGS	19,339	17,101	16,861	14,285	12,682
FELONY FILINGS	3,172	2,766	2,643	2,323	1,820
JUVENILES PC TO DYS	158	143	132	107	49
JUVENILES BOGJ	73	70	70	70	49
JUVENILES SYO	0	0	2	0	0

CLERK'S OFFICE

In Hamilton County, Judge Thomas R. Lipps and Judge Karla J. Grady are Ex Officio Clerks of the Juvenile 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 12 employees. The Clerk's Office staff 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.

JUVENILE JURISDICTION

DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS FILED

HOMICIDE	2009	2010
Aggravated Murder	2	4
Murder	6	3
Attempt Murder	3	0
Involuntary Manslaughter	1	0
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	1	0
Vehicular Homicide	2	0
TOTAL	15	7

ASSAULT		
Felonious Assault	102	102
Complicity Felonious Assault	1	1
Attempt Felonious Assault	0	2
Felonious Assault – Peace Officer	0	2
Aggravated Assault	0	3
Attempt Aggravated Assault	4	
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	1	2
Vehicular Assault	1	2
Assault	746	748
Assault, Teacher, Administrator, Bus Driver	52	59
Assault Child Service / Agency Worker	0	4
Assault Corrections Officer	21	9
Assault Peace Officer	29	43
Complicity Assault	5	2
Attempt Assault	2	4
Negligent Assault	6	1
TOTAL	970	984

MENACING	2009	2010
Aggravated Menacing	116	111
Menacing	125	128
Menacing Child Service / Agency Worker	0	7
Menacing By Stalking	3	1
TOTAL	244	247

KIDNAPPING		
Kidnapping	7	16
Complicity Kidnapping	1	1
Abduction	5	0
Unlawful Restraint	4	3
TOTAL	13	20

SEXUAL OFFENSES		
Rape	27	51
Complicity Rape	1	0
Attempt Rape	2	4
Sexual Battery	0	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	8	33
Sexual Imposition	7	12
Voyeurism	0	2
Public Indecency	10	13
TOTAL	55	116

PROSTITUTION		
Soliciting	0	3
TOTAL	0	3

OBSCENITY	2009	2010
Disseminate Material Harmful to Juvenile	5	0
Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor	0	5
Pandering Sexual Matter Involving Minor	0	1
Pander Sexual Perform Involving Minor	0	1
Illegal Use Minor in Nudity Matter/Perform	0	4
TOTAL	5	11

ARSON		
Aggravated Arson – Person	13	7
Aggravated Arson – Property	10	4
Complicity Aggravated Arson	0	2
Arson – Private Property	16	11
Arson – Public Property	1	1
Arson – Land	6	0
Complicity Arson	1	6
TOTAL	47	31

DISRUPTION, VANDALISM, DAMAGE		
Disrupt Transportation / Utility Services	5	12
Vandalism	56	58
Vandalism of Burial Structure	0	22
Criminal Damaging	319	286
Complicity Criminal Damaging	3	3
Attempt Criminal Damaging	0	1
Criminal Mischief	73	49
Complicity Criminal Mischief	3	0
Vehicular Vandalism	10	10
TOTAL	474	441

ROBBERY		
Aggravated Robbery	239	139
Complicity Aggravated Robbery	10	7
Attempt Aggravated Robbery	1	1
Robbery	196	126
Complicity Robbery	8	3
Attempt Robbery	4	0
TOTAL	458	276

BURGLARY		
Aggravated Burglary	23	15
Complicity Aggravated Burglary	0	1
Burglary	292	171
Complicity Burglary	5	10
Attempt Burglary	16	13
Breaking and Entering	198	133
Complicity Breaking and Entering	4	2
Attempt Breaking and Entering	10	4
TOTAL	543	349

TRESPASS		
Criminal Trespass	344	323
Aggravated Trespass	8	4
TOTAL	352	327

SAFECRACKING		
Safecracking	3	0
Tamper With Coin Machine	1	5
TOTAL	4	5

THEFT	2009	2010
Theft	1,124	935
Grand Theft	39	32
Theft of Drugs	3	6
Complicity Theft	25	24
Complicity Grand Theft	4	5
Attempt Grand Theft	5	3
Attempt Theft	14	9
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	38	45
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle – Felony	1	3
Auto Theft	29	32
Unauthorized Use of Property	2	9
Passing Bad Check	2	1
TOTAL	1,284	1,104

MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS

Misuse of Credit Cards	10	13
TOTAL	10	13

FORGERY

Forgery	13	10
Criminal Simulation	2	5
TOTAL	15	15

FRAUD

Identity Fraud	3	2
Tampering With Records	1	1
TOTAL	4	3

RECEIVING

Receiving Stolen Property	211	195
Receiving Stolen Property – Over	43	22
Attempt Receiving Stolen Property	1	0
TOTAL	255	217

GAMBLING

Public Gaming	1	3
Gambling	1	2
TOTAL	2	5

OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE

Poss. Or Use Hoax Weap. Of Mass Destr.	1	0
Inciting to Violence	3	1
Aggravated Riot	5	12
Riot	15	2
Failure to Disperse	0	1
Telecommunication Harassment	32	16
Inducing Panic	35	46
Complicity Inducing Panic	1	0
Making False Alarms	17	18
Disorderly Conduct	932	976
Complicity Disorderly Conduct	0	1
Disorderly Conduct – Intoxicated	26	17
Misconduct at Emergency	1	4
TOTAL	1,068	1,094

OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY

Endangering Children	5	1
Interfere With Custody	1	0
Domestic Violence	442	418
Domestic Violence Felony	73	62
Violation of Protection Order	0	1
TOTAL	521	481

OFFENSE AGAINST JUSTICE

Failure to Disclose Personal Information	3	6
Bribery	1	0
Intimidation	6	7
Intimidating Victim / Witness	1	3

OFFENSE AGAINST JUSTICE (Cont.)	2009	2010
Retaliation	1	0
Falsification	151	138
Tampering with Evidence	17	17
Failure to Report a Crime	1	1
Obstructing Official Business	564	500
Obstructing Justice	0	3
Resisting Arrest	149	148
Flee and Elude Police Officer	8	5
Fail to Comply with Police	6	5
Fail to Comply with Police – Felony	6	7
Escape	5	14
Convey Drug/Weapon into Detention	1	1
Harassment by an Inmate	3	2
TOTAL	923	857

ATTEMPT, COMPLICITY, CONSPIRACY

Conspiracy	3	1
Attempt	17	5
Complicity	15	10
TOTAL	35	16

WEAPONS CONTROL

Carrying Concealed Weapon	97	98
Carry Concealed Weapon Felony	7	3
Complicity Carry Concealed Weapon	1	0
Have Weapon Under Disability	38	39
Weapon in School Safety Zone	19	10
Poss. Weapon in Detention Facility	0	1
Possess Object Indist. from Firearm	3	2
Discharge Firearm Habitation / School	0	1
Discharge Firearm on / near Public Road	2	4
Dangerous Ordnance	0	3
Possess a Defaced Firearm	0	2
Unlawful Transaction – Weapon	5	3
Firearm – Transport Loaded	1	0
Firearm – Transport Unloaded	0	1
Improp. Handling Firearm in Motor Vehicle	3	1
Possess Criminal Tools	61	47
TOTAL	237	215

CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY

Participation in a Criminal Gang	8	0
TOTAL	8	0

DRUG OFFENSES

Corrupt Another with Drugs	1	1
Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs	3	1
Trafficking Drugs	23	8
Trafficking Drugs Near School	6	3
Complicity Drug Trafficking	3	0
Drug Trafficking Marijuana	21	11
Drug Trafficking Marijuana Near School	20	21
Drug Trafficking Cocaine	22	13
Drug Trafficking Cocaine Near School	13	14
Drug Trafficking Heroin	7	3
Drug Trafficking Heroin Near School	1	4
Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana	3	0
Aggravated Possession of Drug	12	14
Possession of Drug	44	31
Possession of Cocaine	52	24
Possession of Heroin	7	4
Possession of Marijuana	297	320
Possession of Hashish	1	0
Permit Drug Abuse in a Vehicle	0	3
Possess Drug Abuse Instrument	3	1
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	151	154
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drug	1	0
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	3	1

DRUG OFFENSES (Continued)	2009	2010
Possess Counterfeit Cont. Substance	10	15
Traff. Counterfeit Controlled Substance	1	11
TOTAL	705	657

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES		
Ethnic Intimidation	0	1
Contaminate Substance for Human Use	1	0
Littering	5	4
TOTAL	6	5

FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS		
Possess Fireworks	6	5
Discharge Fireworks	1	0
TOTAL	7	5

LIQUOR CONTROL		
Consume / Possess Liquor in Vehicle	1	
Purchase / Consume	212	
Possession	14	
Misrepresentation to Obtain Alcohol	3	
Permit Underage Consumption	9	
TOTAL	239	

DRIVER LICENSE LAW		
Fictitious License / ID Card	0	2
TOTAL	0	2

MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMES		
Stop After Accident – Delinquency	2	1
TOTAL	2	1

PHARMACISTS, DANGEROUS DRUGS	2009	2010
Unauthorized Practice of Pharmacy	2	0
Purchase, Poss., Sell Dangerous Drug	2	4
TOTAL	4	4

HABITUAL / CHRONIC TRUANCY		
Habitual Truancy	0	1
Chronic Truancy	581	415
TOTAL	581	416

VIOLATIONS		
Violations of Court Order (VCO)	22	12
VCO Incurigible	400	277
VCO Probation	616	430
VCO Placement	722	618
VCO Runaway	725	591
VCO Truancy	793	569
VCO Tobacco	3	5
VCO Work Detail	374	393
VCO Stay Center / Release Center	81	77
VCO EMU	398	412
VCO Curfew Violation	591	633
Parole Violation	177	129
TOTAL	4,902	4,146

MISCELLANEOUS / LOCAL CODES		
Miscellaneous Codes	294	274
TOTAL	294	274

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS FILED

	2009	2010
Licensing of Motor Vehicle	64	57
Driver License Law	173	170
Financial Responsibility	4	1
Operation of Vehicle	2,485	2,211
Equipment and Loads	299	255
Motor Vehicle Crimes	66	58
Traffic Offenses	212	187
Local Ordinances	1,042	986
TOTAL	4,345	3,922

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED

	2009	2010
Runaway	367	380
Incorrigible	76	83
Incorrigible Out of County	32	25
Unruly	29	25
Curfew Violation	424	476
Habitual Truancy	131	144
TOTAL	1,059	1,133

RESTITUTION

In 2010, the total restitution collected was \$38,508.60

FINES & COSTS COLLECTED

Fines	\$12,357.41
Court Costs	\$90,774.48
RRF & IDF	\$104,085.23
Computer Fees	\$33899.28
Legal Research	\$10,068.00
Witness Fees	\$3,574.83
Delivery Fees	\$10,805.42
Work Detail Fees	\$613.17
Restitution Process Fee	\$1,361.81

DISMISSALS

In 2010, 6,182 delinquent, unruly, traffic and adult misdemeanor cases were dismissed.

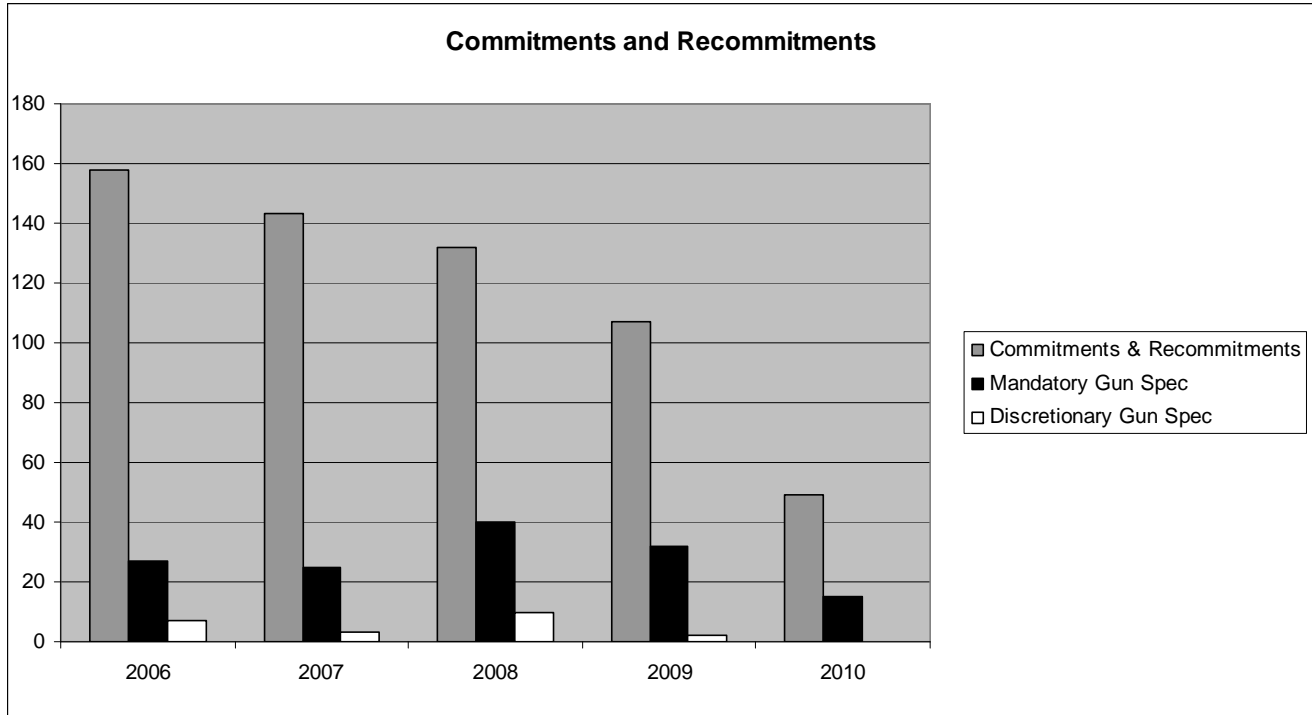
CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED

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	0	19	65
ADJUDICATIONS	0	13	29
ADJUDICATION & RESTITUTION	0	9	4
COMMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION	0	3	2
TRANSFERRED FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION	0	0	1

COMMITMENTS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

The Court committed 49 juveniles to the Department of Youth Services and revoked parole for 6 juveniles in 2010. A little less than one third of the total committed received a mandatory commitment to the Department as a result of the severity of their offense.



Commitments To DYS

	Boys	2010 Girls	Total
Committed	36	2	38
Recommitted	11	0	11
Total	47	2	49
Parole Revocations	5	1	6
Grand Total	52	3	55

Commitments/Recommits Characteristics

	2010
Murder (Aggravated)	0
Felony 1	14
Felony 2	6
Felony 3	17
Felony 4	7
Felony 5	5

Five Year Trends for Commitments

	Commitments				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Boys	116	107	113	82	36
Girls	3	8	1	2	2
Total Commitments	119	115	114	84	38

	Commitments vs. Recommitments				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commitments	119	115	114	84	38
Recommitments	39	28	18	23	11
	158	143	132	107	49

	Revocations				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Boys	28	21	29	22	5
Girls	1	0	2	2	1
Total Revocations	29	21	31	24	6

Five Year Trends Commitments/Recommitments - Mandatory

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commitments	25	24	39	30	15
Recommitments	2	1	1	2	0
	27	25	40	32	15

Five Year Trends Commitments/Recommitments - Non-Mandatory

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commitments	7	3	10	2	0
Recommitments	0	0	0	0	0
	7	3	10	2	0

TRANSFERS TO ADULT JURISDICTION

In 2010, 45 youth had their cases transferred to the adult division of the Court of Common Pleas. Of that number, 24 of those youth were required to be transferred for trial as a result of their age and the serious nature of the alleged offense.

	Youth
Filings	143
Mandatory Transfer	24
Discretionary Transfer	<u>24</u>
Total Transfers	45

Bindover Summary for 2010

	Cases	Youths
Carried from 2009	27	11
Carried to 2011	38	21
Filings	323	143
Mandatory	47	24
Discretionary	51	24
Total Bind Overs	110	45

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 agency's plan for each child. 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.

	2009	2010
NEW FILINGS	528 cases	497 cases
	909 children	890 children
FILINGS DISMISSED	98 children	66 children
INITIAL DISPOSITIONS		
Direct Custody to Individual	78 children	70 children
Protective Supervision	180 children	187 children
Temporary Custody	455 children	492 children
Permanent Commitments	53 children	38 children
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	37 children	17 children

During 2010, in addition to the 38 children placed in permanent custody as an initial disposition, 62 children were modified from a status of temporary custody to permanent custody.

During 2010, in addition to the 17 children placed in planned permanent living arrangements as an initial disposition, 78 children were placed in planned permanent living arrangement as a modification to a prior grant of temporary custody

CHILDREN UNDER AGENCY CUSTODY OR SUPERVISION AT YEAR END

	2009	2010
Pending Complaints	288 children	324 children
Protective Supervision	186 children	211 children
Temporary Commitments	525 children	602 children
Permanent Commitments	247 children	205 children
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	279 children	267 children
TOTAL	1,525 children	1,609 children

In addition to addressing child abuse, neglect and dependency cases, the Dependency Department hears motions to modify prior dependency orders. New filings of these cases are set forth below:

	2009	2010
New motions to Modify Prior Dependency Dispositions	346 cases	379 cases
	513 children	589 children

OTHER COMPLAINTS FILED

	2009	2010
ADULT MISDEMEANORS		
Failure to Send Child to School	1,230	1,118
Endangering Children	17	12
Tend to Cause Delinquency of a Minor	59	59
Contribute to Delinquency	14	24
Adult Probation Violation	36	54
Violation of EMU	19	21
TOTAL	1,375	1,288

	2009	2010
PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP	465	330
SUPPORT	2,655	2,565
CUSTODY	1,280	1,308
VISITATION	164	168
CHILD CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY	195	219
CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT	25	35
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0
PERMISSION TO MARRY	1	0
PARENTAL BYPASS	3	2

SOME MOTIONS FILED	2009	2010
CONTEMPT	2,249	3,990
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT	2,523	2,439
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION ORDER	1,760	1,722
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS	3,407	3,499
OBJECTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER	413	365

HEARINGS CONDUCTED	2009	2010
TOTAL HEARINGS CONDUCTED	128,764	120,169
AVERAGE NUMBER OF HEARINGS PER FILING	3.35	3.17

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

The Security Department is comprised of 9 full-time Law Enforcement Officers. These Officers have been certified by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission and have received specific and advanced training. The Hamilton County Juvenile Court Security Department is the first and only juvenile court certified by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

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.

MAGISTRATES

There are twenty-four 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 and orders 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. One hearing officer is assigned to hear delinquency and unruly cases referred for unofficial hearings.

Nine 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.

Fifteen 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 sometimes in conjunction with the Probation Department and Court Services Department 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 Magistrates also decide 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.

UNOFFICIAL COURT PROGRAM

In March of 1975 the Court established an Unofficial Court Program to hear unruly and minor misdemeanor offenses. Supervision of the program is handled by the Executive Director of Docketing and Case Management Department, Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

During the year 2010 a total of 1,214 juveniles were referred to the unofficial docket on a total of 1,350 charges. Of the 1,350 charges heard, 270 charges were referred back to the official docket for hearing.

VOLUNTEER REFEREE PROGRAM

The volunteer referee diversion program exists 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, Thomas R. Lipps, and Karla J. Grady.

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.

During the year 2010, there were 811 juveniles served by the volunteer referee program. Of this 78 were referred back to the police department or school for further action. A total of 733 juveniles were served and handled unofficially and diverted from the system.

FAMILY TREATMENT DRUG COURT

MISSION

The Hamilton County Family Treatment Drug Court is a collaborative effort to ensure timely permanence for children in the custody of the Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services or under agency supervision. The goal is to provide the most efficient substance abuse treatment for parents, as a 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 impeded permanency.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As a condition for admission to the Family Treatment Drug Court 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 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 Drug 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.

The Family Treatment Drug Court began in September of 2002, and received funding through a grant from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. The program is comprised of three phases, and the anticipated time for completion of the program is one year.

STATISTICS

In 2010, fourteen parents entered the Hamilton County Family Treatment Drug Court, and the program served a total of fifteen clients. The Hamilton County Family Treatment Drug Court discharged nine participants from the program in 2010, and 67% of the participants discharged from the program were in compliance or substantial compliance with their treatment plan at the time of their discharge.

MEDIATION

Mediation offers an effective alternative to the traditional court process by using a non-adversarial conflict resolution process in an environment of collaborative problem solving. Mediation 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. The magistrates referred 117 cases involving custody and visitation petitions to mediation in 2010, following a pretrial hearing.

The parties reached a full or partial agreement in 62% of the cases mediated.

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 included 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.

The magistrates referred 54 families to mediation in 2010. The parties reached a full or partial agreement in 73% of the cases mediated.

INDIVIDUALIZED DISPOSITION DOCKET

PROGRAM HISTORY

In 2004, Hamilton County Juvenile Court partnered with the Hamilton County Community Board of Mental Health to implement a juvenile mental health court, known as the Individualized Disposition Docket. This program incorporates the following best practice principles from the *RESOURCE GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse & Neglect Cases* and the *JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases* published by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: one magistrate/one family case assignment model; frontloading of services; family engagement in all stages of the proceedings; frequent substantive review hearings; the use of individualized dispositions that includes graduated sanctions/rewards; and community collaboration. The docket serves youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years who are adjudicated delinquent and diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance. Although these youth are at risk for out of home placement, they have a designated caregiver who will work them in an intensive, home-based intervention.

MISSION

The Individualized Disposition Docket is a community collaborative model of service delivery which utilizes an interdisciplinary and integrated team approach to treatment for youth with serious emotional disorders who are involved in Juvenile Court and require specialized, supported care in order to remain in the community. This model of service focuses on the provision of assertive, comprehensive psychiatric interventions designed to assist and empower the family in achieving individualized goals which are tailored to meet their needs, thus eliminating the risk of out of home placement or other court sanctioned dispositions.

SERVICE MODEL

In 2005, the Hamilton County Community Mental Health Board contracted with Lighthouse Youth Services to provide the intensive home-based intervention for the youth and families on this docket. Lighthouse utilizes Functional Family Therapy, an evidence-based model of treatment. Also included in the program design are components of the Assertive Community Treatment (adult mental health court model). This model also integrates drug and alcohol services as over sixty percent of the youth on this docket presented with a co-occurring disorder. The continuum of services available through Lighthouse includes: comprehensive family assessments; twenty-four hour crisis intervention; mental health case management; psychiatric services; medication management; individual and family therapy; educational support; behavior management; chemical dependency assessment/education; anger management/conflict resolution; and community support and resource development.

STATISTICS

In 2010, thirty-one youth with serious emotional disorders entered the Individualized Disposition Docket, and the program served a total of forty-one youth and their families. The Individualized Disposition Docket discharged twenty-three participants from the program in 2010, and 70% of the youth discharged were in compliance or substantial compliance with their treatment plan at the time of their discharge.

PRETRIAL DIVERSION DOCKET

PROGRAM HISTORY

In early 2004, the Hamilton County Juvenile Court partnered with the Hamilton County Community Board of Mental Health to implement a juvenile mental health court, known as the Individualized Disposition Docket. In implementing the Individualized Disposition Docket, it became apparent there was a need for early identification of mentally ill adolescents before they became entrenched in the legal system. At the same time, Hamilton County Juvenile Court received a Planning and Implementation Grant through the Department of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance for a juvenile diversion mental health court. In November of 2006, Hamilton County Juvenile Court began a 6 month planning process to divert mentally ill adolescents from traditional court services. In 2009, Hamilton County Juvenile Court received an Expansion Grant through the Department of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance to expand the types of services provided to youth and families on the docket. The Expansion grant will focus on connecting youth and families to non-traditional community supports.

MISSION

This mission of the Pretrial Diversion Docket is to provide early identification and intervention services prior to adjudication in an effort to avoid future contact with the juvenile justice system for youth diagnosed with a serious emotional disorder, who also may have a co-occurring substance use disorder, and have had no contact or minimal delinquency contact with the Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

SERVICE MODEL

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STATISTICS

In 2010, the Pretrial Diversion Docket admitted nineteen youth with severe emotional disorders to the program and served thirty youth and families. The Pretrial Diversion Docket discharged twenty participants from the program in 2010, and 85% of the youth discharged from the program were in compliance or substantial compliance with their treatment plan at the time of their discharge.

ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

The Attendance Program involves a partnership between the Court, Westwood Elementary and Talbert House. This collaborative effort is designed to reduce absences within the school. The Attendance Clerk and Visiting Teacher/Attendance Program Liaison identify students with poor attendance, and the school personnel engage in activities and remedial services intended to improve attendance for this targeted population. If these interventions do not result in improved outcomes, the student and their parents or guardian are cited to court. The court conducts bi-weekly hearings to monitor attendance and a service plan directed to address the underlying causes or contributing factors to the poor attendance record. The goals of the program are to increase attendance, provide support to families and prevent future contacts with the juvenile justice system. The Attendance Program Case Manager works closely with selected families by providing direct services and arranging ancillary services as needed. The Hamilton County Juvenile Court provides a Magistrate and Case Presenter for the hearings. Westwood Elementary has shown improved daily attendance and parent participation in the school setting.

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, Probation, Special Services, Hillcrest Training School and the Youth Center Psychology Clinic. 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.

INTERVENTION UNIT

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court Intervention Unit, a division of Court Services, serves families as the result of a child's rebellious or incorrigible behavior. Efforts are made to contact families within 24-48 hours of receiving the referral and schedule an appointment within 10 working days. If the parent(s) or guardian(s) are unwilling or unable to attend a session at the Intervention Unit, a Family Counselor will provide crisis intervention by telephone. It is the Intervention Unit's goal to provide direct treatment services to at least 10% of all families referred. During 2010, 23% of all cases closed had received ongoing treatment services. This was an increase of 5% over the previous year. Cases in which the family made the first appointment, 54% returned for additional treatment sessions (an increase of 14% over the previous year). A total of 1,578 appointments were scheduled for families in 2010.

The duration of a single crisis-intervention session is typically 2-3 hours. 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 may call for additional guidance even after the case is closed. There was an average of 6.5 contacts per case during 2010.

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 parent(s) or guardian(s). The Intake Coordinator offers guidance and supportive counseling throughout the process, and has the option to refer cases to the Family Counselors for ongoing services. The position was vacated in March 2008 and has not been filled due to the County budget crisis. The Family Counselors have assumed the majority of the Coordinator's duties. It should also be noted that the Intervention Unit received an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant through the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). This grant provided 75% of the 2010 operating costs for the Unit in order to maintain services to the residents of Hamilton County.

843 cases were referred to the Intervention Unit during 2010, which was a decrease of 29 when compared to 2009. At the same time, there are more families taking advantage of treatment services, as reflected by the 14% increase in those involved in ongoing treatment.

Substance abuse/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 or psychiatric hospitalization. Ages of youth referred ranged from 7 through 17 years. Minority populations represented 72% of youth referred; 47% of the total referrals were female. This was the second year that females did not constitute the majority of the referrals, which may be the result of parents being unable to file Runaway charges on weekends. 500 (58%) of the 864 referrals received during 2010 were minority youth for whom this was their first contact (unofficial or First Time Runaway) with the Juvenile Justice System. The services provided by the Unit are one of the important ways that the Juvenile Court is addressing the issue of Disproportionate Minority Confinement and/or Contact.

The Unit closed 960 cases during 2010 and provided service to 64% of the families referred. Services included: First Time Runaway case management, single session interventions, ongoing treatment services, and telephone interventions. 21% of cases referred either did not schedule services or the youth's warrant remained active for over 3 months. 12% of families that scheduled a session failed to keep the appointment and did not reschedule. In many of these instances, Counselors scheduled several appointments with clients prior to case closure, encouraging families to utilize services.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Intervention Unit utilizes the services of a contractual psychologist to provide consultation services to ensure fidelity to the model of Brief Strategic Therapy. Bi-weekly live video team supervision sessions occur throughout the year, and all Family Counselors are required to participate. The Intervention Unit's Family Counselors, as well as its Director, are licensed by The State of Ohio Counselor, Social Work and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

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 charge, but does not reflect whether there was an adjudication for the case. The results may be negatively skewed as Counselors periodically encourage parents to pursue charges as a means of holding children accountable. In addition, minor status offenses and traffic offenses are not differentiated from delinquency charges. To provide a meaningful appraisal of positive outcome, the population was drawn from closures dating from September 2001 through September 2010. A recidivism range within 3 months of case closure was used, since that is the standard set by the Department of Youth Services.

REFERRAL SOURCE	TOTAL CLOSED	NEW FILINGS	RECIDIVISM RATE
Dependency Court Magistrates	4	0	0%
Delinquency Court Magistrates	1,740	606	35%
First Time Runaway Program	4,282	1,342	31%
Clerk's Office Unofficial Referrals	4,975	971	19%
Probation Department	677	252	37%
Township Unofficial Dockets	42	9	21%
Teen Court	24	6	25%
TOTALS	11,744	3,186	27%

TOTAL CASES DIVERTED FROM OFFICIAL JUVENILE COURT DOCKETS	8,558
PERCENTAGE OF REFERRALS UTILIZING SOME FORM OF IU SERVICE	69%

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Client satisfaction surveys are conducted annually, and request input from both the parent(s)/guardian(s) as well as the youth. Below are the responses of the 53 parents and 48 youth who participated in the 2010 survey.

- 1) Were you happy with the services you received today?
 Parent : Yes 100% No 0%
 Youth : Yes 92% No 8%
- 2) Do you feel that the Counselor understood your problem?
 Parent : Yes 100% No 0%
 Youth : Yes 96% No 4%
- 3) Do you feel that you were treated with respect today?
 Parent : Yes 100% No 0%
 Youth : Yes 100% No 0%
- 4) Was this a helpful service?
 Parent : Yes 98% No 2%
 Youth : Yes 100% No 0%
- 5) Rate Your opinion of the Intervention Unit:

Parent:	Waste of time: 2%	Undecided: 4%
	Somewhat Helpful: 6%	Very helpful: 88%
Youth:	Waste of time: 0%	Undecided: 8%
	Somewhat Helpful: 36%	Very helpful: 56%

PROBATION

Probation and the work of the Department are defined under Sections 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. The Probation Department has previously been accredited through the American Correctional Association. The Probation Department is participating with the state of Ohio in the utilization of the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS). This assessment is a component of the department's classification/supervision model. It assists in identifying areas to be addressed in order to bring about improvement in the conduct of our probationers and ultimately reduce recidivism.

In 2010 the Probation Department received 1,020 cases referred for Investigation, 119 cases referred for Competency and supervised 440 cases under Probation Supervision.

REFERAL STATISTICS

	2009		Total	2010		Total
	F	M		F	M	
Cases Referred to Probation Competency Referrals	270	834	1,104	260	760	1,020
			273			
Race						
Asian	2	1	3	2	2	4
Bi-Racial	7	21	28	15	18	33
Black-African American	192	586	778	166	523	689
Caucasian	69	214	283	72	211	283
Hispanic	0	7	7	3	5	8
Mexican-American	0	1	1	0	0	0
Other	0	1	1	2	1	3
Unknown	0	2	2	0	0	0

Referring Offense	2009		Total	2010		Total
	F	M		F	M	
Felony	55	425	480	50	353	403
Misdemeanor	147	326	473	142	336	478
Violation of Court Order	57	73	130	54	51	105
Unruly	5	3	8	10	10	20
Traffic	6	7	13	4	10	14

Age at Referral	2009	2010
9	2	2
10	4	9
11	17	17
12	45	45
13	65	90
14	124	110
15	194	175
16	247	198
17	248	252
18	140	110
19	0	3
20 and over	0	9

Number of Youth to Terminate at Placement	424	355
Number of Youth to Transfer into Probation	502	440

Referrals to Probation by Offense**	2009	2010
Arson	20	5
Assault	189	89
Attempt, Complicity, Conspiracy	13	11
Burglary	135	110
Disruption, Vandalism, Damaging	21	24
Drug Offenses	84	90
Forgery / Fraud	3	2
Habitual / Chronic Truancy	7	11
Kidnapping	2	0
Liquor Control	8	22
Menacing	18	17
Misuse of Credit Cards	0	1
Obscenity	1	7
Offenses Against Family	93	62
Offenses Against Justice	25	34
Offenses Against Peace	60	48
Receiving	47	26
Robbery	100	72
Safecracking	1	0
Sexual Offenses	19	37
Theft	116	109
Traffic Related Offenses	12	11
Trespass	10	11
Violations of Court Orders	124	107
Weapons Offenses	48	52
** as defined for Annual Report		

PROBATION PROCESS

During the course of a Probation Investigation, the youth is assessed as to their level of risk to re-offend as well as to the type and level of service needs. Dispositional recommendations can vary from releasing the youth back to the full supervision of their parents to enforce sanctions and follow-up with service referrals, to supervision by the Probation Department of varying intensities and to ensure service follow through, to placement in a residential treatment facility designed to address their identified need, to commitment to a state run correctional institution. Along with the risk assessment, offense characteristics, prior Probation adjustment and service history play a large part in the decision making.

During the course of Probation supervision, the youth's level of risk is regularly reassessed. Should a youth be charged with a new offense or fail to abide by the rules of probation, consideration of whether the youth should be referred to placement is reviewed. Re-offending at a felony level while under Probation supervision, in most cases, moves the case in the direction of referral for placement. Consideration for placement is handled through a thorough review of the case with a decision making team consisting of the assigned officer and many levels of management.

SPECIALIZED CASELOADS

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 specially trained probation officers.

GENDER SPECIFIC CASELOAD

Girls Empowered and Motivated for Success (GEMS) is designed to address the specific needs of adolescent females who are on probation. Five probation officers and a supervisor manage the GEMS caseload. The caseload is set up to decrease the risk for re-offending among females on probation. Girls assigned to this caseload receive traditional supervision along with promising practice gender specific programming.

MENTAL HEALTH CASELOAD

This caseload was established with the Court's creation of an Individualized Disposition Docket to address youth with Mental Health issues that lead to their continued involvement with delinquent behavior. This officer is part of a team of Court and community service providers who develop an individualized plan of care for each youth and family accepted into the program. The goal of this program is to provide a seamless system of care, which will help stabilize the youth's behavior, help improve the family's ability to manage the youth and eliminate delinquent behavior. After a period of intensive services, including Functional Family Therapy, the youth and family are transitioned back to less intensive services within their community.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING UNIT (EMU)

The Juvenile Court implemented an EMU Program in 2004. EMU is a community surveillance program managed by the Court's Probation Department to provide increased supervision of high-risk youth involved with the court. The program utilizes an electronic transmitter bracelet that is worn by the juvenile, and a field monitoring device that is connected to the existing power and phone lines in the juvenile's home. Using radio frequency technology, the receiver monitors the presence or absence of the juvenile within a specified range. Should the juvenile leave the specified range area, the curfew violation is reported to the department's monitoring center. During 2009, 615 youth were supervised under Electronic Monitoring, 390 successfully completed the program.

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Youth who are involved with the Juvenile Court Probation Department often need additional services that require connection to community-based programs. Probation Officers are responsible for coordinating referrals and providing supervision for youth enrolled in these programs.

The following is a brief description of the programs to which youth are referred for outpatient treatment services:

LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY PRESERVATION

Lighthouse Youth Services provides a family outreach component for juveniles on probation that 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 and prevent out of home placement from occurring. Lighthouse has a Gender Responsive Program that specifically provides these services to female youth in a best practice manner.

CENTERPOINT HEALTH SEX OFFENSE SPECIFIC TREATMENT

Centerpoint contracts with the Court to provide ongoing group, individual and family treatment for youth adjudicated on sexual offenses who are able to be maintained in the community but who need intensive treatment for their behavior. The groups can accommodate approximately 7-8 youth at any given time, due to the lengthy nature of the treatment and the slow turnover that occurs. Additional youth are served individually.

CAMELOT CARE MDFT

The Court contracts with Camelot Care for juveniles on probation in need of intensive in-home drug and alcohol and mental health treatment. This program is a 12 week program utilizing the best practice approach of MDFT (Multidimensional Family Therapy), which targets youth that have co-occurring disorders of mental illness and substance abuse.

CHILDREN'S HOME OF CINCINNATI

The Court contracts with Children's Home for juveniles in need of ongoing mental health services in community settings. Youth can receive services in a variety of settings and from therapists who have developed an expertise in working with delinquent youth.

ABRAXAS COUNSELING CENTER

Abraxas Youth and Family Services piloted an outpatient program in Cincinnati in 2010 to serve youth with drug and alcohol needs through group, individual and in-home services. The primary recipients of this service were youth returning to the community from residential placements.

HAMILTON CHOICES

This managed care concept wrap around program has been in existence within Hamilton County since 1995 under several different vendors over the years. 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. Youth receive a wide array of services ranging from community-based to residential, and remain in the program approximately 12-18 months based on their issues and needs. In 2010, 29 Juvenile Court youth were served in this project through direct referral by the Court, with 18 of those being new enrollees during the year. Of total youth in the project from all systems, more than half have involvement in the Juvenile Court at some level, which is a fairly significant number.

TEAM CHILD PROJECT

Team Child, a project of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, provides interventions and advocacy so that children involved in the delinquency system can return to and remain in school and improve their educational success. Research shows that being out of school is a predictor of juvenile crime. Improving academic performance and strengthening bonds to school lessen the risk of delinquency. In 2010, 73 youth were referred to the program.

COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS

The Juvenile Court utilizes various residential placements to address the multiple needs of some of its client population and community safety risk. Usually these placements include an average length of stay of approximately six months, and satisfy a need that outpatient services cannot. Placements such as group homes and residential facilities in and outside the state have been utilized over this past year, including:

- Abraxas Youth and Family Services
- Talbert House Alternatives
- Talbert House Passages
- Glen Mills School
- The Village Network
- Tri-State Youth Academy
- Lighthouse Paint Creek
- Lighthouse Independent Living
- Starr Commonwealth
- Foundations for Living
- Buckeye Ranch
- Children's Center of Ohio
- Sequel Youth Services
- Sugar Creek

In 2010, there were a total of 51 Juvenile Court youth referred and placed in the above 14 facilities.

PLACEMENT AND ENHANCED REINTEGRATION TEAM (PERT)

In 2009 the Probation Department was awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant. The overall goal of the grant proposal is to improve the criminal justice system by providing enhanced, comprehensive reentry services to youth returning from placement and reducing further risk of offending. The evidence-based treatment models of Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) and Integrative Families and Systems Treatment (I-FAST) have been incorporated in the specialized services for identified youth. While the model is still in its infancy, anticipated outcomes are a reduction in recidivism and reduced admissions to state correctional facilities. Already this has begun to be realized with positive outcomes. The grant allowed the department to add a Placement Probation Officer, which resulted in smaller caseloads. Each youth and family receives more intensive community-based supervision and services to build a strong network of traditional and non-traditional supports for successful reintegration back from placement with their family, school, peers and community life.

YOUTH INC.

Youth, Inc. is a local shelter care facility. Youth are referred there from the Youth Center (Detention) when it is appropriate to use a less restrictive environment that can provide short-term shelter care pending a longer-term placement or a return home. During 2010 Youth Inc. closed its doors ending a long term relationship with the court. Prior to closing, Youth Inc. served 290 males.

MULTIDIMENSIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MAP)

The Multidimensional Assessment Program, located on the grounds of Hillcrest Training School, is a program operated by the Court to assist in the disposition process. Youth are referred to this unit by the Court to assist in need identification and treatment planning.

The Multidimensional Assessment Program is a fourteen day assessment program for court involved youth designed to provide a comprehensive assessment including a substance abuse screening, educational testing and complete psychological evaluation. During the youth's stay staff seeks to understand individual and family issues and concerns, and help find appropriate solutions to these problems. At the end of the youth's stay the findings specific recommendations will be presented to the Court. Due to funding limitations, the Court was not able to keep the unit open through the end of 2010. In 2010, 101 youth were served in this program.

HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL

Hillcrest Training School operates an eighty bed correctional/treatment program for adjudicated delinquent males 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. In 2010, 82 youth were placed at Hillcrest School.

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. Each member of the Psychology Clinic rotates weekly 24 hour a day on-call responsibility. The court requested services in 2010 were:

CLINIC SERVICES	TOTAL
Psychological Evaluations	182
IDD / PDD Evaluations	26
Psychiatric Evaluations	3
Evaluations for Bind Over	37
Sex Offender Risk Assessments	42
MAP Evaluations	15
Competency to Stand Trial	114
Competency Attainment	404
Competency Treatment Plans	74
Job Applicants / Volunteers	26
Emergency Referrals	513
Detention High Risk Assessments	1,109

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT YOUTH CENTER



YOUTH CENTER

During 2010, the Youth Center has experienced several major changes to the facility's programs and personnel, while still providing short term secure placement for youth awaiting trial or placement. The Youth Center has continued its accreditation with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care Services, American Association of Suicidology, while meeting the standards of the Department of Youth Services.

In 2010, The Youth Center had 6,819 intakes (youth who are under arrest). There were 2,767 youth (41% of intakes) who were admitted to detention, this represents a 17% decrease from 2009. The average daily population is seventy-seven (77) youth in detention, with an average length of stay of ten (10) days. There were 4,032 youth diverted from detention after arrest.

The Youth Center and Work Detail community service program has been incorporated with detention operations. The combined staffing and operational resources has benefited both work sites. While Work Detail Crew Leaders/JCO work the detention facility during the weekdays, Work Detail referrals are relegated to detention Out -To>Returns and youth not currently enrolled in school during the same period.

The Youth Center staffing levels have been affected by retirements and attrition; for the first time in two years we have been able to hire ten (10) new employees for operation and housing departments.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

To efficiently run the Operations departments and maximize staffing coverage, the Intake Office and Reception Release Departments merged into one and is now called the Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office staff are cross-trained to effectively process youth properly and timely into the facility.

As the Court continues to focus on efficiency in the light of budgetary reductions, the Saturday court hearings were canceled with the exception of any three day holiday weekend.

The Youth Center third shift staff monitor and report violators on Probation Department EMU program.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Housing Department incurred further reductions in the number of open units in 2010, from six to four units, and reducing the number of available secure beds from 100 to 80. The focus is clearly to concentrate on retaining serious felony offenders and the safety of the community public.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Medical Screenings	2,919
Full Physical Examinations	1,496
Sick Call Examinations by nurse practitioner or physician	610

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Youth Center continues to vary community programs through our volunteer programs and services, the reduction of volunteer hours were due to the closing of housing units and reduction of youth.

Volunteer hours	1,454
Total # of Volunteers	162
Total # of programs/organizations	74
 Total # of training hours	 9,360

COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK DETAIL

During the year of 2010, the Juvenile Court Work Detail division facilitated 2,388 work detail days including both weekend and detention OTR's.

In January 2010, Work Detail integration with the Youth Center was implemented. Work Detail implementation began during the previous year, but took a year to fully complete. The Work Detail department is now integrated within the organizational chart of detention.

During the year, the Work Detail department and detention worked collaboratively to manage detention population by implementing a detention in-house protocol to complete previous work detail orders while youth are detained in detention on unrelated charges.

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL



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Hillcrest Training School is located at 246 Bonham Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215. The agency primarily serves children between the ages of twelve and eighteen who have a history of court involvement. Hillcrest operates 58 residential treatment beds and an aftercare program for delinquent boys. Hillcrest has dual accreditation by the American Correctional Association (ACA) by meeting both the "Training School" and "Aftercare Services" Standards. Hillcrest maintains National Commission on Correctional Health Care Services (NCCHC), and American Association of Suicidology accreditation. The agency is also licensed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health, and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. Hillcrest also participates in Performance Based Standards (PBS) through the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators. Finally, the Ohio Department of Youth Services certified the agency's sex offender program to provide assessment, treatment, and transition services.

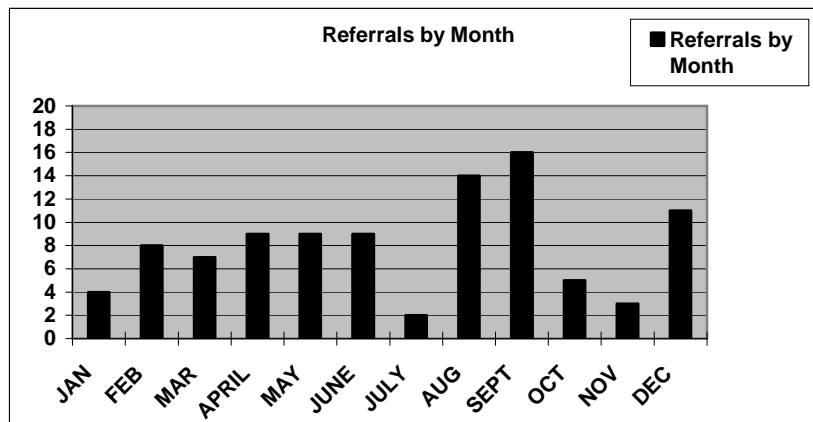
2010 Achievements

- Successfully completed NCCHC Re-accreditation process in September.
- Successfully completed ACA Re-accreditation process in October.
- Completed two PBS data collection cycles and received a level III out of four facility rating as compared to other similar institutions.
- Received a \$470,000 Targeted Reclaim Subsidy Grant.
- Opened an off-site educational location for reclaim and aftercare youth.
- Continued to define Hillcrest Training School's relationship with the Princeton School District.

TOTAL REFERRALS

Referrals by Month

JAN	4
FEB	8
MAR	17
APR	9
MAY	9
JUN	9
JUL	2
AUG	14
SEP	16
OCT	5
NOV	3
DEC	11
TOTAL	97



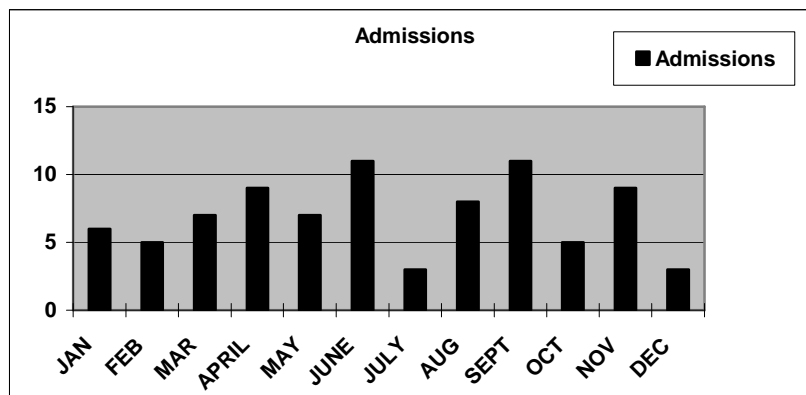
RACE OF REFERRALS:

	Number	Percentage
African-American	83	85.57%
Asian	1	1.03%
Caucasian	11	11.34%
Bi-Racial	2	2.06%
TOTAL	97	100%

AVERAGE AGE	AVERAGE # OF PRIORS	AVERAGE # OF DAYS ON REFERRAL
15.7 Years Old	10 Priors	21 Days

TOTAL ADMISSIONS

JAN	6
FEB	5
MAR	7
APR	9
MAY	7
JUNE	11
JULY	3
AUG	8
SEPT	11
OCT	5
NOV	9
DEC	3
TOTAL	84



RACE OF ADMISSIONS:

	Number	Percentage
African-American	72	85.71%
Asian	1	1.19%
Bi-racial	1	1.19%
Caucasian	10	11.90%
TOTAL	84	100%

DEGREE OF COMMITTING OFFENSE:

	Number	Percentage
Violation of Court Order		
Sex Offense Specific	1	1.19%
Substance Abuse	2	2.38%
Misdemeanor		
Substance Abuse	2	2.38%
Disruptive Behavior	1	2.38%
Felony		
Sex Offense Specific	2	2.38%
Substance Abuse	65	77.38%
Disruptive Behavior	11	13.10%
TOTAL	84	100%

SUSPENDED COMMITMENTS TO DYS:

	Number	Percentage
Admits With SC/DYS		
Sex Offense Specific	3	3.57
Substance Abuse	68	80.95%
Disruptive Behavior	12	14.29%
Admits Without SC/DYS		
Substance Abuse	1	1.19%
TOTAL	84	100%

DAYS OF RESIDENTIAL CARE PROVIDED IN 2010:

Quarter	Residential Days of Care
1 st	6,064
2 nd	5,313
3 rd	4,881
4 th	4,931
TOTAL	21,189

RESIDENTIAL TERMINATIONS:

	Number	Percentage
Aftercare	84	77.06%
PC to DYS	5	4.49%
Unsuccessful	4	3.67%
Other Placement Made	12	11.01%
Bound Over	3	2.75%
Reclaim	1	.92%
TOTAL	109	100%

2010 AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY:

	Disruptive Behavior	Substance Abuse	Sex Offense Specific
Total # of Children Served	26	119	21
Total Residential Days Care	3,143	3,621	4,425
Terminations	25	78	14
Average Length of Stay in Days	225	226	583

AFTERCARE CASELOAD:

	Releases	PC/DYS
2006	136	24
2007	147	28
2008	143	21
2009	138	24
2010	90	6

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UTILIZATION STATISTICS

PSYCHOLOGY:

The Psychology Department conducts psychological intake assessments for each youth admitted. These assessments identify mental health, substance abuse, and psycho-educational issues. A formal diagnosis and treatment recommendation(s) are offered for each youth. The department provides staff training and consultation, individual and group counseling, and crisis intervention. Services include suicide risk assessment and assignment of suicide precautions, management of youth prescribed psychotropic medications and liaison with area mental healthcare providers. The Psychology Department takes a leadership role in coordinating and facilitating intensive cognitive-behavioral treatment groups for substance abuse and anger management problems. The department staffing includes psychology assistants and two licensed psychologists who supervise all psychological services as specified by the Ohio State Board of Psychology.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	TOTAL
Psychological Evaluations	121
Intake Evaluations	84
Extended Diagnostic Evaluations	37
Individual Counseling	638
Crisis Intervention Services	439
Group Counseling Sessions	263

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM:

All youth are assessed for substance abuse by the Intake Social Worker, Psychology Department, Residential Social Worker, and Health Care Services. Identified youth are referred to the following programming: (1) an intensive six month cognitive/behavioral program designed to address the dual issues of alcohol and other drug use and criminal conduct, (2) an advanced substance abuse program including restricted and graduated home visits and increased use of toxicology screening, (3) individual counseling with certified chemical dependency counselor. Aftercare services include routine curfew checks by legal authorities, Electronic Monitoring, Social Worker contacts, and Relapse Prevention treatment groups.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES	TOTAL
Cognitive Behavioral Groups	249
Toxicology Screening	2,057
Residential	1,667
Aftercare	390
Relapse Prevention (Aftercare) Groups	79

SEX OFFENSE-SPECIFIC PROGRAM:

The primary goals of the sex offense-specific program are: community safety, victim restoration, and relapse prevention. The program offers an educational, parent support, and group therapy component. As a portion of the overall assessment process, the program relies on the use of polygraph examinations to verify information, deter further sexually abusive behaviors, and prevent program and treatment drift. Parental participation is mandatory. The average length of stay for sex offenders is 14 months with an additional period of community supervision and treatment. A family support group is also provided and each parent is required to attend at least one family support session. Aftercare services include routine curfew checks by the legal authorities, Electronic Monitoring, Social Worker contacts, and weekly Relapse Prevention treatment groups. The staff consists of a Treatment Team Administrator, a Psychology Assistant, two contractual sex offender treatment therapists, and a Licensed Psychologist.

SEX OFFENSE SPECIFIC SERVICES	TOTAL
Residential Sex Offender Groups	292
Relapse Prevention (Aftercare) Groups	48

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR DISORDERS:

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

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR SERVICES	TOTAL
Anger Management Groups	63
Problem Solving / Social Skills Groups	18

HEALTH SERVICES

Services include health assessments, daily sick call, and management of special needs cases, medication distribution, immunizations, routine dental care and training. In-service training is provided for both staff and residents focusing on health and wellness. The Health Service Department 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 contractual physician, a dentist, and a contractual psychiatrist.

HEALTH SERVICES	TOTAL
Physical Examinations, Residential	105
Psychiatric Evaluations	38
Psychiatric Follow-Up Visits	264
Sick Call	
Pediatrician Visit	103
Nurse Visits	3,470
Dental Cleaning and Restoration	81

SUPPORT SERVICES

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department, under the Support 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.

2010		
General Fund	Revenue	Expense
General Fund Subsidy	\$10,119,905.94	
Judges' Office	\$3,750,475.98	\$8,960,470.18
Youth Center	\$1,553,085.85	\$6,896,943.54
Hillcrest	\$4,710,127.31	\$4,276,181.36
TOTAL	\$20,133,595.08	\$20,133,595.08
Grants		
Reclaim Ohio / Youth Services	\$4,482,442.20	\$4,482,442.20
Hillcrest School	\$2,724,930.00	\$2,724,930.00
Pretrial Diversion	\$1,941.45	\$1,941.45
Community Control	\$87,690.82	\$87,690.82
Specialized Mental Health	\$158,534.56	\$158,534.56
Intervention Unit	\$402,235.72	\$402,235.72
Mental Health Collaboration	\$104,851.09	\$104,851.09
PERT	\$245,488.32	\$245,488.32
Legal Research	\$32,073.08	\$32,073.08
JAIBG	\$73,188.83	\$73,188.83
TOTAL	\$8,313,376.07	\$8,313,376.07
GRAND TOTAL	\$28,446,971.15	\$28,446,971.15

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

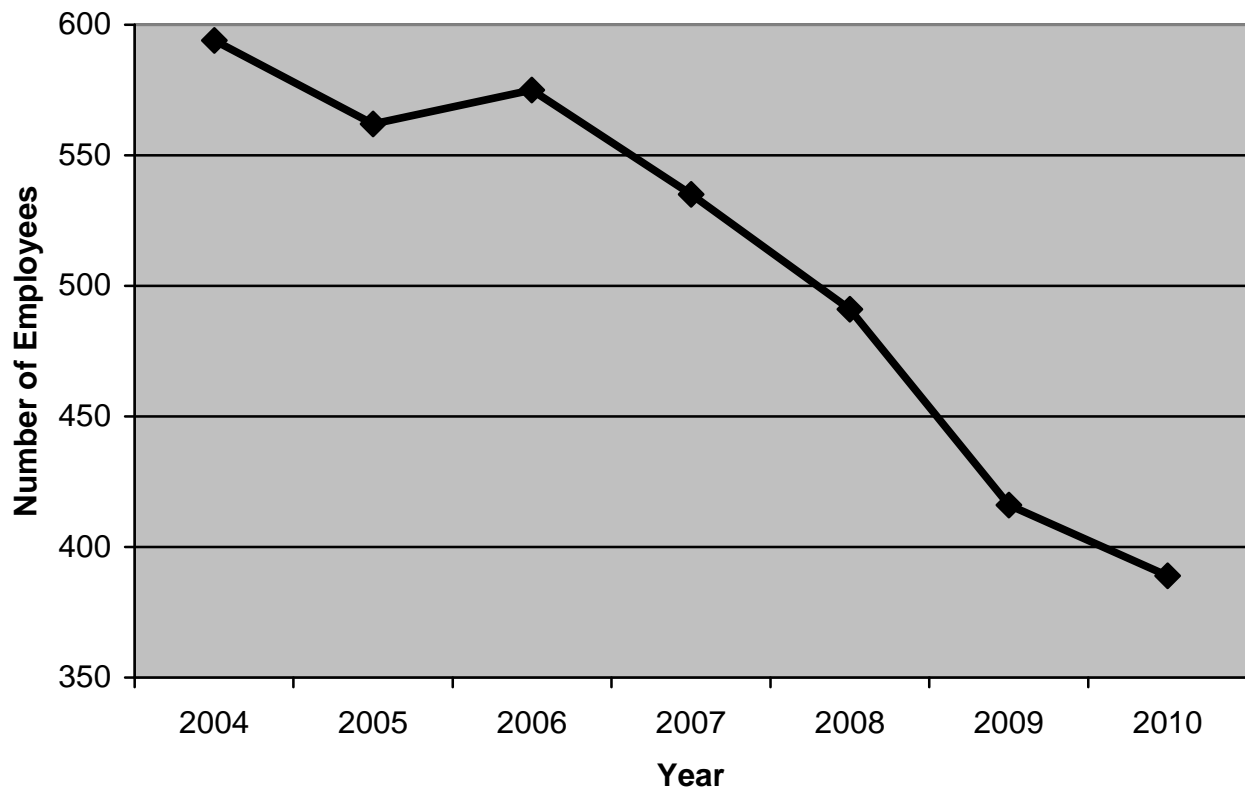
The Human Resources Department provides personnel administration and training services to support a competent and professional workforce. Personnel functions include: wage, salary, and benefits administration; maintenance of personnel records; management of the performance review and service pin programs; employee relations and development, and compliance with applicable labor laws. Training functions include: introductory orientation; continuing education; program development; scheduling; maintenance of training records; and collaboration with community agencies to maximize training resources.

STAFFING LEVELS

Due to continuing budget pressures, Court staffing levels continued to fall as a result of attrition. At years end, Court staff numbered 389, down from 416 at year's end in 2009. This decrease of 27 positions continues the steep downward trend in staffing levels from a high of 594 positions in 2004. The targeted hiring freeze initiated in 2008 continued for most of 2010. Thirteen vacant secure safety positions at the Youth Center were filled in November and December in response to a loss of 20 comparable positions at the facility. These positions cover services mandated by the Ohio Revised Code.

The Court's staff continues to advance the Court's mission in the persistent environment of diminishing resources and increased demands. Everyone is expected to and does more with less. Salaries have been frozen since 2008. Their dedication is especially evident in these difficult times and is to be commended as they continue to provide high levels of public service.

Employees at the Hamilton County Juvenile Court



TRAINING HOURS AND ACTIVITIES

In 2010, Court employees received nearly 20,000 hours of training, an 18% decrease from 2009. This is reflective of a smaller work force, reduction in elective training requirements, and coverage issues related to lower staffing levels. Core training mandates related to safety, security, and accreditation standards remain unchanged. Where possible, the training staff access grant funding to support training programs.

Through the joint efforts of training staff from 800 Broadway, Hillcrest School, and the Youth Center, the Court again sponsored its annual multidisciplinary children's mental health training program. The 2010 program, *Kids and Families Under Stress and Depression*, featured Dr. William DeMeo and Dr. O'Dell Owens, and addressed adolescent stress, depression, and suicide. The program was supported almost entirely by community resources and federal funding, allowing more than 250 staff from the Court and other child-serving agencies to attend without charge. Continuing educational credit to maintain licensure was available for counselors, social workers, and attorneys.

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Information Services Department is comprised of ten full-time employees and two contract positions. Staff are responsible for the design, development, implementation and support maintenance of the Court's computer hardware and software at all four court locations. In 2010 the Information Services Department designed, developed and deployed the Continuity of Operations Plan database. Over seven hundred end user requests for assistance were provided by Information Services staff. The department also implemented an enhanced web filtering system to further protect software and prevent unauthorized use. The development staff updated multiple modules of the Juvenile Court Management System to accommodate changes in legislation and to assist Court Services departments with federal reporting.

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 a Supply Clerk/Printer.



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