

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT



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This Annual Report features artwork created by Youth Center residents under the direction of art instructor, Penelope Harris, Cincinnati Public Schools. The artwork is now featured at the Court's new Assessment Center and the Custody and Companionship Clinic.

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BUILDING RESILIENCY

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

For many of the youth and families we serve, daily adversity and traumatic events shape the course of their lives. Financial hardship and poverty, the loss of a parent or family strife, exposure to gun violence, abuse or neglect, educational challenges and substance abuse are barriers to positive relationships and personal success that often lead to involvement with our Court.

The global pandemic and national crises of 2020 reminded us that the best approach to adapting to uncertain environments and adversity is grounded in a realization of personal strength.

My goal as Administrative Judge of Hamilton County Juvenile Court is to deliver individualized and fair justice by continuing the history of excellence shown by this Court through initiatives that build strength, resilience and grit in the youth and families we serve. Our court will be a data-driven court focused on measurable achievement and reporting.

This report highlights the creative ways our staff and partners joined together to provide positive supports for youth and their families, protect public safety and ensure the fair administration of justice. It also shares stories of the very personal and real impact our Court partnerships are making on the lives of our youth and families throughout Hamilton County.

This past February, my new colleague, Judge Kari L. Bloom, took the bench as the newest elected Hamilton County Juvenile Court Judge. I welcome her and her staff to our Court and look forward to a strong partnership, working together to achieve the common goal of providing the best outcomes for children, families and our community.

MELISSA POWERS
Administrative Judge



Melissa Powers
Administrative Judge
2021- Present
Judge
2016-2020



Kari L. Bloom
Judge
2021- Present

Identifying Strengths, Critical Needs and Risk

HCJC is the first court in the nation to use cutting-edge medical technology from two Cincinnati-based partnerships. Terrace Metrics is an evidence-based system that measures, monitors and manages behavioral health for children and adults. The system, traditionally used across the nation by schools and workplaces, is designed to improve resiliency and reduce risk factors. Clarigent Health's platform, Clarity, uses artificial intelligence to help inform clinicians of potential mental health risks, including suicidal risk. Both systems will launch in HCJC in 2021 and will be used in various ways, including at the Youth Center, Assessment Center and Probation Department to inform decision-making for treatment and services. They also provide objective data-driven insight to improve service delivery to youth and families.

Assessments

Early Intervention and Supports

Connecting Youth and Families to Services Amidst Crisis

Positive behavior change is more likely to occur close to the time of a crisis. HCJC is dedicated to front-loading service connection at a case's beginning instead of waiting to provide services close to the time of a case's completion. The Assessment Center began operations in the middle of the COVID-19 Pandemic to work towards accomplishing this mission. Its staff, including several screeners, assessment specialists and service navigators, are working with families to ensure they are connected to community supports and services. Additionally, the Probation Department continues to motivate and engage youth with critical risks by facilitating connections to community programs and supportive service, so they can remain safely in their neighborhoods.

Using Data To Inform and Improve Processes and Services

HCJC is committed to objective data-driven insight to improve how the Court serves youth and families, both on an individual and systems level. The Terrace Metrics program will identify and measure strengths-such as resilience, grit and leadership- as well as risks including victimization/bullying, traumatic stress and anxiety, for youth and adults in our system. The tool can also measure the progress of any services intended to address these risks. Additional systems partnerships and initiatives will continue to advance improvement efforts using data-driven approaches, including the Kids In School Rule! Program, serving students in foster care placements who are the subject of Dependency proceedings, and the Hamilton County Juvenile Task Force, which will work with the Council of State Governments to conduct a data-driven review of the juvenile justice system as part of the Court's involvement in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

Data Analytics

Strong Community Partnerships

Building Strong Community and Systems Partnerships

Our efforts to provide fair and individualized justice are strengthened by the many community partnerships dedicated to promoting stable, healthy lifestyles. Our partners remain active in efforts to confront public issues such as equitable access to justice and education, as well as services that respond to trauma, poverty, gun violence, family stability, medical care and mental health. Together, we are working to promote positive growth for the most vulnerable youth and families in our community.

STRATEGIES FOR RESILIENCE

Research shows that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) greatly impact the functioning of kids later in their lives. Therefore, Hamilton County Juvenile Court is building strength, resilience and grit in the youth and families we serve to successfully rehabilitate and administer care. Four essential strategies ensure that justice is fair and individualized so that disputes can be peacefully resolved in the best interest of the child and the community.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

BY THE NUMBERS

97,287

Total Hearings Conducted in 2020

389

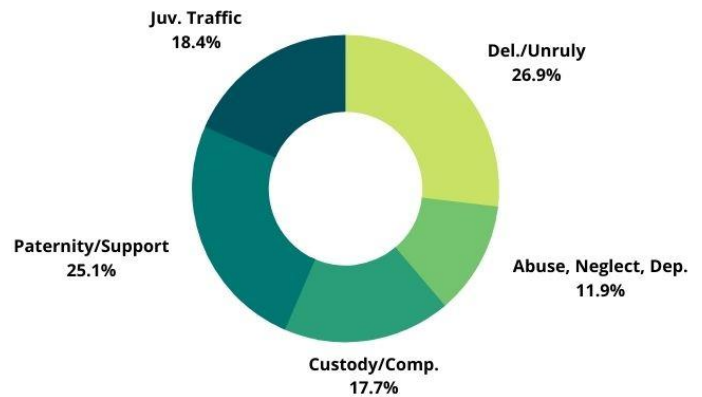
Average Number of Hearings Conducted Per Day

16,433

Total Filings in 2020

7,065

Individual Youth Served In 2020 Filings



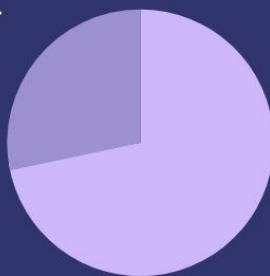
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL YOUTH SERVED BY COMPLAINT FILINGS

*Note: Some individual youth may be represented in multiple filing types

Delinquency and Unruly	Juvenile Traffic	Adult
Delinquency complaints address juveniles charged with a violation of the law that, as an adult, would be a crime. Unruly complaints include status offenses such as not following the rules at home, school or in the community.	Complaints address a juvenile charged with a violation of a traffic law.	Complaints address adults charged with certain misdemeanor offenses such as contributing to the delinquency of a minor, child endangering or failure to send a child to school.
Abuse, Neglect and Dependency	Custody and Companionship	Paternity and Support
Abuse, Neglect and Dependency (AND) complaints address allegations that a child is abused, neglected or dependent at home.	Complaints address allocation of custody, parenting time, or visitation of children of non-married parents or cases filed by third-parties.	Actions establishing parentage, child support and non-payment of child support.

BUDGET AND HUMAN RESOURCES REPORTS

Youth Center
28.3%



Court and Probation
71.7%

BUDGET REPORT

Hamilton County Juvenile Court expended \$27,612,406 in funding in 2020, while overseeing \$7,367,489.24 in grant funding and \$6,697,437.16 in professional contracts.

Multi-racial
0.7%



White/Caucasian
53.3%

Black/Afr. Amer.
45.3%

STAFFING REPORT

As of December 31, 2020, Hamilton County Juvenile Court staff consisted of 270 full-time employees and 15 part-time employees, an increase of 3 full-time and decrease of 2 part-time employees since January 1, 2020. Forty-nine employees celebrated milestone anniversaries, including 1 employee's 40-year anniversary and 2 employees' 30-year anniversaries. The Court is proud to employ a diverse work force.

Virtual Hearings and Services

Hamilton County Juvenile Court's commitment to maintaining essential operations, hearings and services during the COVID-19 pandemic expedited the use of protected video conferences for court hearings and appointments. Through the web conferencing platform Zoom, a monthly average of 6,973 attendees participated in hearings, court-ordered Attainment Services, Probation appointments, and telehealth services providing remote individual and family counseling. The Court's mental health dockets- the Individual Disposition Docket (IDD) and Pretrial Disposition Docket (PDD)- as well as the Court's Family Treatment Drug Court used video conferencing services to maintain critical supports for youth and families amid this crisis, as in-person social interactions and supportive services were restricted in the community.

While HCJC conducted in-person hearings in the summer of 2021 as the vaccine became widely available, the Court continues to use the Zoom platform for certain hearings and case types.

From March, 2020 to March, 2021:

6,973

Avg. Monthly Participants in
Zoom hearings

7,718

Total Zoom Meetings
scheduled by HCJC

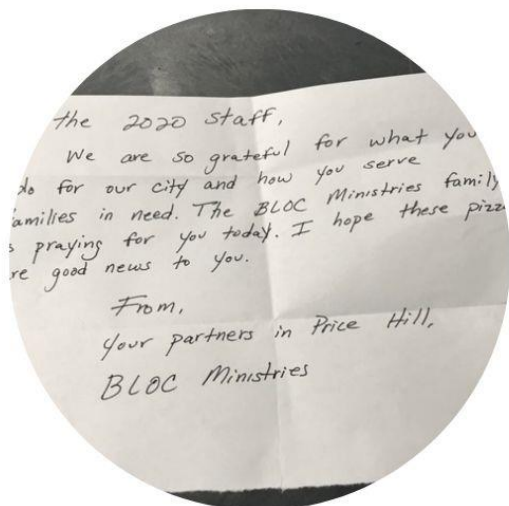
3,471,884

Total Zoom Meeting Minutes

Hamilton County Juvenile Court took proactive steps to maintain essential operations while mitigating the risks of the spread of COVID-19 during the worldwide pandemic. Court staff worked diligently with partners to continue to conduct hearings directly impacting the safety and well-being of children and the community, including hearings for Youth Center residents, shelter care hearings, and cases in which children were alleged to be in immediate danger.

The Custody and Companionship Clinic, in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, also continued to offer free, brief legal services to clients without legal representation through telephone appointments.

HCJC's Clerk Office encouraged the public to use a secure drop box and e-filing options to ensure safe accessibility for filings when possible.



In accordance with guidance provided by Governor DeWine, the CDC, the Department of Youth Services, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) and Hamilton County Public Health, HCJC enacted measures to protect the health and safety of residents at the Youth Center. On-site staff from CCHMC worked closely with Youth Center staff to implement protocols to prevent the infection and spread of COVID-19 for incoming residents. While in-person visitation was suspended per the Governor's guidance, Youth Center staff worked diligently to provide accommodations so that residents could maintain regular contact with their families through phone calls and video conferencing. The Court also implemented a Remote Reporting Program to reduce the number of youth held in detention. This program is continuing in 2021 while staff continue to monitor its outcomes.

HCJC gives special recognition to all HCJC staff who served as essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. These workers remained dedicated to providing 24/7 care and attention to Youth Center residents and ensured court hearings continued during a time of great risk and uncertainty. We thank them for their professionalism, personal courage and commitment to the youth and families of Hamilton County.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Protecting Health & Safety, Maintaining Essential Operations, and Modernizing Court Operations



School Threat Assessment Program Wins State Recognition for Innovative Practice

Hamilton County Juvenile Court was honored to receive the Innovative Programs and Practices Award from the Ohio State Bar Association for the School Threat Assessment Program. The award was presented during the 2020 Ohio Judicial Conference. The Ohio State Bar Association awards this honor to one recipient each year to bring greater visibility to exemplary programs in Ohio's courts and to help in transferring those programs and practices to other courts across the state.

Judge John Williams worked with Dr. Nicole Leisgang, pictured above, and local partners, including the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati and local school districts, to develop a program that addresses threats of violence in schools. Hamilton County Juvenile Court is continuing to work with Northwest Local School District, Cincinnati Public School District, and the Princeton City School District with oversight from Georgetown University to develop an informed process to investigate and respond to threats of school violence while diverting youth when possible.

Team Child Serves 1,000th Student

Led by the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, Team Child reached a milestone accomplishment by providing educational advocacy for over 1,000 local students involved in the juvenile justice system during its program history.



CPS Satellite Program Keeps Students on Track

Supporting educational success through the achievement of a high school diploma creates opportunities for a brighter future for Court-involved youth. In 2021, ten former residents of the Youth Center graduated from high school after their release after continuing their studies through the CPS Satellite Program at the Youth Center. Additionally, seven students who received services at Rite of Passage-Hillcrest Academy graduated from high school in the 2020/21 school year. Congratulations to these graduates!

2020 Program & Partnerships Highlights

Kids In School Rule! Delivers Educational Success for Students in Foster Care

KISR! achieved a 10-year high school graduation rate of 93% for high school seniors in foster care. The program served 260 students across Hamilton County for the 2019/20 school year.

Northwest Local School District's S.A.F.E. Council Graduates Record Number of High School Seniors

14 high school seniors from Northwest High School and Colerain High School who participated in the school-based diversion program successfully graduated with the Class of 2021.

School-based Diversion Programming Continues to Provide Support to Overcome Educational Barriers

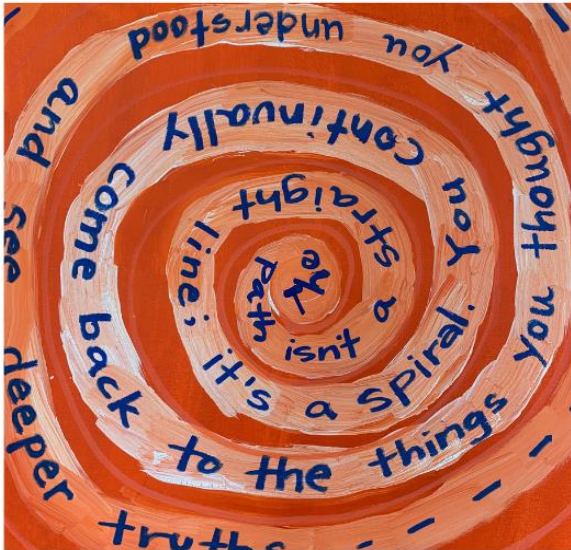
School-based diversion programming continued for the following schools and districts: Aiken High School, Northwest Local School District, Oak Hills Local School District and Winton Woods City Schools. HCJC Unofficial Hearing Officers also held virtual hearings to offer students charged with Habitual Truancy support for positive school attendance in the wake of the pandemic.

EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

OUR MISSION IN ACTION

To achieve excellence in the performance of the responsibilities of the Juvenile Court, providing quality services for the positive development of children, the safety of the community and the preservation of the family unit.

The following personal stories demonstrate the power of positive change supported by HCJC's community partnerships and programs. To protect the identities and confidentiality of the families and youth served, the Court has highlighted cases no longer involved with the Court and used alternate names to protect the identities of youth and parents when sharing these true stories for this report.



80% of Probation-Involved Youth Succeed and Complete Services in the Youth Advocate Program After its 2020 Start

Culturally Competent Program Provides 24/7 Supports for High-Risk Youth in their Communities

Malik came to the attention of the Court when adjudicated on a felony charge. He made poor choices in the community and fell behind in school. *Malik* became involved with Youth Advocate Programs (YAP), Inc. as part of his Probation supervision plan, after the program started in Hamilton County in 2020. A national nonprofit with an evidence-based alternative-to-youth-incarceration model, YAP connected *Malik* with an advocate who grew up in his neighborhood. Through their conversations and interactions, *Malik* learned of his personal strengths and explored his interests and goals. He secured a job and started volunteering at a local market to learn more about owning his own business. The YAP advocate also encouraged *Malik* to build stronger relationships with his mother, siblings and father, who was incarcerated when *Malik* was a toddler. *Malik* has since turned 18 years old and successfully completed Probation and YAP requirements. He plans to return to school in the fall to finish his senior year of high school, with the goal of attending college.

HCJC Partners with The Randall S. Bloch Family Visitation Center through The Children's Home of Cincinnati for Supervised Visitation

Fostering Safe, Stable Relationships Between Parents and Children

Facing multiple challenges, *Aria* was referred to The Children's Home Family Visitation Center (FVC) by a Hamilton County Juvenile Court custody magistrate for supervised visits with her three children. In addition to a recent move, she had been separated from her children for 18 months. Two of the three children are diagnosed with autism and severe behavioral issues.

In preparation for the visit, the Family Visitation staff arranged the room with minimal distractions, provided weighted vests for two of the children, and a wide array of sensory items including fidget toys.

The modifications and supplies enabled the children to build a powerful connections with their mom in a new, calm and comforting environment, which is often challenging for little ones on the autism spectrum.

The FVC is the only resource currently offered in our community to support supervised visitation for this family and others in similar circumstances so that parents can safely bond with their children. When the scheduled visits concluded, *Aria* reported the FVC gave her much needed hope and encouragement.

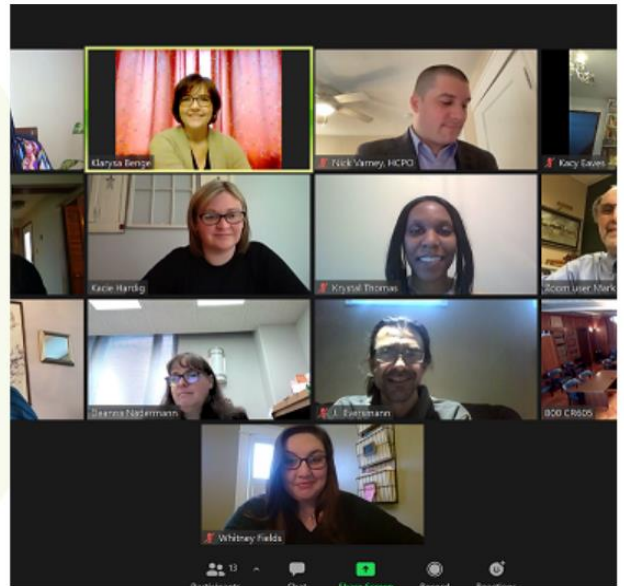


The Children's Home of Cincinnati recently named the Family Visitation Center in honor of attorney Randall Bloch, pictured center with family, in honor of the strategic leadership she has provided for this program.

Recovery and Reunification Realized for 12 Court-Involved Families

Hamilton County Family Treatment Drug Court Finds Virtual Ways to Continue Supports for Parents Struggling with Addiction During the Pandemic

Anita's child was removed from her care due to neglect caused by ongoing substance abuse issues with methamphetamines. A Hamilton County Juvenile Court magistrate gave *Anita* the option to participate in the Family Treatment Drug Court to work toward sobriety and reunification with her child, and she agreed. *Anita* faced a lot of struggles while in Drug Court, such as transportation barriers and financial setbacks due to COVID. Despite her challenges, she completed random drug screens, found ways to consistently visit with her child, and attended sober support meetings. *Anita* presented a relapse prevention plan to help maintain sobriety and has reflected on this plan as a day-to-day routine in her life. The Drug Court Team admired her ability to always lend a helping hand to other participants in the program. While in the program, *Anita* remained sober for 239 days, increased her level of visitation to unsupervised overnights with her son, and completed all treatment recommendations. She graduated from the Family Treatment Drug Court in a virtual ceremony at the beginning of 2021 and has since obtained custody of her child.



Students Achieve Educational Success with Kids In School Rule (KISR)!

Data-driven Partnership Maintains a 95% Graduation Rate for Local High School Seniors in Foster Care

In December 2020, JFS referred *Eric* to Legal Aid Society (LAS) for educational advocacy. *Eric* was a KISR! senior but struggling with remote learning. He was failing most of his first semester classes and at risk for not graduating on time. LAS worked with *Eric's* high school team on educational accommodations through a 504 plan. Between December and May, LAS coordinated five school meetings with *Eric*, his school team, his JFS educational specialist, and his foster parent to ensure that *Eric* was able to engage in credit recovery and get back on track with his classes. Through KISR!, *Eric* had two tutors in his toughest classes who worked with him outside of school hours. When his high school resumed in person, his 504 plan was amended to provide curb-to-curb transportation to ensure *Eric* came to school every day. His KISR! team also connected him with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) to ensure he had employment and post-secondary education support after graduation. *Eric* graduated from high school on time in May, 2021.



GEMS Empowers Girls with Confidence and Goals

Through the Girls Empowered and Motivated to Succeed (GEMS) program, *Nina* learned that she was not alone with many of the issues she faced as a young female teenager. She became involved in GEMS as a condition of her Probation supervision after being adjudicated on several charges. As part of GEMS, *Nina* attended regular groups facilitated by Probation Officers, known as Girls in Real Life Situations, and took part in activities to build self-awareness, confidence and positive self-esteem. *Nina* became very open during the GEMS group and was able to discuss personal issues with the other girls involved in the program and its facilitators.

She found a safe environment in which she felt supported to positively grow. *Nina* is now 19 years-old and successfully completed her time on Probation. She plans to continue her education to obtain her high school diploma while also working full time. She has dreams to attend college one day. Inspired by her GEMS experience, she wants to help youth in the future.



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Diversion Programs Give Chance for Teens to Give Back to their Communities

More than 1 in 3 Youth Charged with a Delinquency or Unruly Offense in 2020 Diverted from Formal Processing, including 66% Youth of Color

Damon was a stellar student and athlete, yet he chose to spend time with other teens who weren't making great decisions in the community. *Damon* was the one in his group of friends charged with theft for stealing from a local department store. Because his charge was a first-time, low-level offense, the Court diverted his case to his neighborhood's diversion program for his story to be heard before a group of neighborhood volunteers and a Court hearing officer. As part of his sanction, he agreed to watch a Netflix documentary and write a reflection paper about the power of his decision making. When *Damon* shared his thoughts with the neighborhood group, he disclosed that he wanted to one day be a lawyer to help kids pick the right path in life. After hearing this goal, the neighborhood group encouraged him to take steps toward reaching it and connected him with an opportunity to interact more with the justice system through the Youth Court program. *Damon* volunteered as a teen juror to hear and decide other cases in which teens were charged and diverted. He stood out as a juror and often used his experience to create a fair learning opportunity for other teens appearing before Youth Court.

Custody and Companionship Clinic Offers 2,265 Individuals Free Legal Services to Ensure Children Have Safe, Stable Homes

65% of Individuals Served in 2020 were People of Color and 25% were Kinship Caregivers

Rose is a grandmother who had retired out of state several years ago. However, because she was increasingly concerned about the safety of her young grandchild, she returned to Hamilton County. Upon learning that Children's Services had an open case on the child's mother and that the mother was not in compliance with the safety plan, grandmother visited the

Custody and Companionship Clinic. A clinic attorney helped her file a request for an emergency custody order, which was granted. A Legal Aid attorney then represented her in lengthy litigation that resulted in a contested custody trial over two days. *Rose* prevailed and was awarded custody, with no visitation for mother until the child's therapist and Children's Services agreed.

While the litigation was pending, Legal Aid's tax team opened a case to assist *Rose* to file a tax return for the first time since she had retired, so that she would be able to receive the next economic stimulus check for her grandchild. In addition, a paralegal on Legal Aid's benefits team investigated to confirm that *Rose* was receiving the correct amount of cash assistance and food stamps for the child and is helping her secure benefits for kinship caregivers.



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*Please note that the COVID-19 pandemic affected complaints, referral and assessment data for calendar year 2020.

Ohio Supreme Court Reporting Data

New Filings Totals

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
New Complaint Filings					
Delinquency & Unruly	8,622	7,326	6,353	6,458	4,060
Traffic	2,709	2,707	2,482	2,372	1,892
Paternity & Support	296	125	200	243	160
Dependency, Neglect & Abuse	752	943	605	572	476
Custody & Visitation	1,524	1,555	1,415	1,243	936
Adult Misdemeanor	936	726	78	172	46
Other	113	110	124	167	194
Other Filing Totals					
Admin. Modification Order	788	639	400	683	689
Contempt Motions (Support and Visitation)	2,622	2,288	2,445	2,368	1,074
Investigative Report	4,093	3,979	3,512	3,605	2,409
Modification of Support	425	411	518	519	359
Obj. To Magistrate Dec./Set Aside Order	483	542	505	516	371
Objection to Administrative Order	230	222	228	248	139
Registration of Administrative Order	1,959	2,066	2,073	2,196	1,360
Registration of Foreign Order	33	20	23	6	8
All Filings	27,430	26,272	24,004	23,923	16,433

Dispositions for 2020 Filings

	2019	2020
Adjudications		
Adjudicate Delinquent	2149	1125
Adjudicate Unruly	259	69
Adjudicate Juvenile Traffic Offender	1083	756
Guilty (Adult Misdemeanor)	85	36
Dismissals		
Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	901	424
Dismissed per Plea Agreement	1357	802
Dismissed without Prejudice	506	252
Dismissed Req. of Pros. Witness	855	391
Dismissed- Heard Unofficially	83	44
Dismissed as in Child's Best Interest	88	37
Dismissed on the Merits	58	21
Other Orders		
Court Costs	1123	704
Costs Remit	2830	1480
Work Detail	169	48
Probation Investigations (By Youth)	345	203
Official Probation (By Youth)	274	167
Bound over to Grand Jury (By Youth)	19	17
Permanent DYS Commitment (By Youth)	40	21
Residential Placements	80	40
Restitution Orders	2	7
Stayaway Orders	1062	515

Dispositions of Delinquent Crimes Against the Elderly or Disabled

	Property	Theft	Violent
2019 Filings			
Adjudications	2	21	16
Adjudications with Restitution	0	11	9
Committed to an Institution	0	5	3
Transferred for Criminal Prosecution	0	1	0
2020 Filings			
Adjudications	1	9	16
Adjudications with Restitution	0	3	4
Committed to an Institution	0	1	1
Transferred for Criminal Prosecution	0	0	0

House Bill 410 Reporting Data

Truancy Filings (Duplicate Youth)	2019	2020
Cases Diverted and Heard Unofficially	619	422
Diversion Cases Completed	479	444
Successfully Completed Diversion	139	157
Neutral Dismissal from Diversion*	105	185
Cases Referred for Official Processing	235	102
Official Cases Resulting in an Adjudication of Unruly**	90	19
Truancy Filings by Complaint Totals	2019	2020
Total Official Habitual Truancy Complaints Filed	241	105
Total Truancy Complaints Handled Informally (Does not include VCOs referred unofficially)	617	420

*Cases filed in one calendar year may conclude in a different calendar year.

**A Neutral Dismissal finding pertains to cases in which a student may have marginally complied with unofficial orders, withdrawn from enrollment in a district or the Court no longer has jurisdiction.

Filings Data by Complaint Type

Delinquency Filings

Personal Crimes	2019	2020
Homicide		
Aggravated Murder	0	2
Attempted Murder	2	3
Murder-Purposely	3	2
Involuntary Manslaughter	1	0
Reckless Homicide	1	0
Negligent Homicide	0	1
Vehicular Homicide	1	0
Vehicular Manslaughter	1	1
Totals	9	9
Assault		
Aggravated Assault	1	2
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	2	0
Attempted Aggravated Assault	1	0
Assault	580	289
Assault Corrections Officer	1	3
Assault Peace Officer	24	16
Assault- Child Serv./Placing Agency	0	2
Assault, Teacher, Admn., Bus Driver	29	19
Attempt Assault	2	0
Complicity Assault	1	1
Felonious Assault	74	112
Negligent Assault	0	1
Totals	715	445
Menacing		
Aggravated Menacing	82	46
Menacing	71	37
Menacing-Officer	7	2
Menacing by Stalking-Felony	0	2
Totals	160	87
Kidnapping		
Kidnapping-Facilitate a Felony/Flight	2	7
Kidnapping-Engage in Sexual Activity	0	1
Kidnapping-Risk of Physical Harm	1	1
Abduction-Removal	6	0
Abduction-Restraint	1	1
Unlawful Restraint- Sexual Motivation	1	0
Totals	11	10
Extortion		
Extortion	7	0
Totals	7	0
Sexual Offenses		
Attempt Rape	2	1
Rape	42	40
Attempt Gross Sexual Imposition	1	0
Gross Sexual Imposition	15	24
Sexual Imposition	11	4
Importuning	3	1
Public Indecency	8	1
Totals	82	71

	2019	2020
Obscenity		
Disseminate Material Harmful to Juv.	2	1
Pandering Sexual Matter Inv. Minor	5	8
Pand Obscenity Inv. Minor-Matter	1	1
Ill. Use of Minor In Nudity/Perf.	2	0
Totals	10	10
Property Crimes		
Arson And Related Offenses		
Aggravated Arson-Person	6	1
Aggravated Arson-Property	3	2
Complicity Aggravated Arson	2	0
Arson-Private Property	1	3
Arson- Public Property	6	1
Making Terroristic Threat	3	0
Totals	21	7
Disruption, Vandalism, Damage		
Distrupt Transportation/Utility Serv.	1	1
Vandalism- Occupied	4	6
Vandalism-Unoccupied Structure	40	10
Complicity Vandalism	1	0
Attempt Vandalism	1	0
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	247	149
Criminal Mischief-Tampering	48	19
Criminal Mischief-Tear Gas	1	0
Criminal Mischief-Safety Device	1	0
Vehicular Vandalism	2	0
Railroad Vandalism/Trespass	3	0
Totals	349	185
Robbery		
Aggravated Robbery	89	78
Attempt Robbery	0	2
Complicity- Aggravated Robbery	3	2
Complicity-Robbery	1	0
Robbery	75	65
Totals	168	147
Burglary		
Aggravated Burglary	14	8
Burglary	65	53
Attempt Burglary	5	2
Breaking and Entering	69	57
Attempt Breaking and Entering	3	0
Complicity Breaking and Entering	1	0
Totals	157	120
Trespass		
Criminal Trespass	160	87
Aggravated Trespassing	9	0
Totals	169	87

	2019	2020
Safecracking		
Safecracking	3	0
Totals	3	0
Theft And Fraud		
Identity Fraud	0	1
Totals	0	1
Theft		
Aggravated Theft- Over \$150,000	1	0
Grand Theft-Over \$7500	11	3
Grand Theft- Firearm/Dang. Ord.	18	6
Grand Theft- Over \$1000	17	1
Grand Theft Motor Vehicle	38	48
Attempt Grand Theft	1	4
Attempt Theft Under \$1000	9	1
Complicity- Grand Theft	1	1
Complicity- Theft Under \$1000	7	2
Theft-Elderly Person/Disabled Adult	5	3
Theft	448	224
Theft of Drugs	0	1
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	24	27
Unauth. Use Mot. Veh.- Elderly/Disable	0	2
Unauthorized Use of Property	6	0
Telecommunications Fraud	1	0
Totals	587	323
Passing Bad Checks		
Passing Bad Checks	1	1
Totals	1	1
Misuse Of Credit Cards		
Misuse Credit Card	22	9
Complicity Misuse Credit Card	1	0
Totals	23	9
Forgery		
Forgery	0	2
Criminal Simulation	2	1
Totals	2	3
Receiving		
Receiving Stolen Property Under \$1000	21	9
Receiving Stolen Property- Ck, CC	7	9
Rec. Stolen Prop- >\$1k, Drug, Auto, Fire	133	142
Totals	161	160
Public Order Crimes		
Gambling		
Gambling	1	4
Totals	1	4

	2019	2020
Offenses Against Peace		
Dissemination of Private Sexual Images	1	0
Misconduct Public Transit System	0	1
Aggravated Riot- No Weapon	14	6
Aggravated Riot- Weapon	0	1
Aggravated Riot Inmate-Violence	0	1
Aggravated Riot Inmate Felony	0	2
Riot- Four or More Others	2	0
Riot	0	7
Disorderly Conduct	366	142
Disorderly Conduct-Intoxicated	7	4
Misconduct at an Emergency	0	4
Telecommunications Harassment	22	8
Inducing Panic	40	11
Making False Alarm	18	7
Totals	470	194
Offenses Against Family		
Endangering Children	7	4
Domestic Violence	299	221
Domestic Violence- Felony	11	5
Domestic Violence- Imminent Harm	49	49
Violation of a Protection Order	6	2
Totals	372	281
Offenses Against Justice		
Failure to Disclose Personal Info.	17	9
Intimidation	5	1
Falsification	61	43
Tampering with Evidence	12	13
Failure to Report a Crime	0	1
Obstructing Official Business	326	267
Obstruction of Justice- Misdemeanor	1	0
Obstruction of Justice- Felony	1	0
Resisting Arrest	100	62
Resisting Arrest- Harm Officer	8	5
Resisting Arrest-Deadly Weapon	1	0
Failure to Comply with Police	7	16
Failure to Comply with Police- Felony	19	19
Fleeing, Eluding Police	13	9
Escape	8	15
Convey Weapon/Drug into Detention	1	0
Harassment by an Inmate	8	12
Totals	588	472
Conspiracy, Attempt, Complicity		
Attempt	5	6
Complicity	4	1
Totals	9	7

	2019	2020
Liquor Control Law		
Possession of an Open Flask	3	2
Misrepresentation to Obtain	3	0
Consumption in a Motor Vehicle	1	0
Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor	2	1
Permitting Underage Alcohol Cons.	1	1
Poss., Consumption or Under Influence	57	28
Totals	67	32

Miscellaneous Offenses		
Fictitious License, ID Card	1	0
Stopping After Accident-Delinquency	1	0
Littering	0	1
Health Violation Prohibited	0	14
Totals	2	15

Weapons Control		
Carry Concealed Weapon	55	77
Carry Concealed Weapon-Felony	4	2
Attempt Carry Concealed Weapon	1	0
Ill. Poss. Obj. Indistinct from Firearm	3	1
Poss/Con Weap /Ord School Safety	6	7
Weapon Under Disability	12	16
Use Weapon While Intoxicated	0	1
Improp. Handling Firearm in Mot. Veh.	2	7
Transport Loaded Firearm	10	22
Transport Unloaded Firearm	1	1
Improp. Disch. Firearm into School/Hab	1	3
Disch. Fire. on/near Prohib Premises	1	1
Disch. Firearm on/near Pub. Road/Hwy.	2	7
Possession of Dangerous Ordance	1	0
Possessing a Defaced Firearm	1	2
Possession of Criminal Tools	12	7
Underage Purchase of Firearm	3	2
Totals	115	156

Drug Offenses		
Aggravated Trafficking Drugs	2	1
Trafficking Drugs	3	2
Trafficking Drugs near School	2	1
Trafficking Cocaine	3	1
Trafficking Cocaine near School	2	0
Trafficking Marijuana	2	4
Trafficking Marijuana near School	1	0
Trafficking Heroin	7	1
Trafficking Heroin near School	2	0
Trafficking Counterfeit Controlled Sub.	1	0
Possession of Hashish	1	1
Possession of Cocaine	8	5
Aggravated Possession of Drug	5	2
Drug Possession	30	15
Possession of Heroin	8	2

	2019	2020
Drug Offenses (Cont.)		
Possession of Marijuana (<100 grams)	222	105
Possession of Marijuana (>100 grams)	4	1
Possession of Drug Abuse Instrument	0	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	42	24
Marijuan Drug Paraphernalia	33	22
Possession of Counterfeit Control Sub.	1	0
Drug Abuse Permitted in Vehicle	1	0
Dangerous Drug- Poss. Purch., Sell	0	1
Totals	380	189

Miscellaneous Local Codes		
Spitting in a Public Place-CMC	2	0
Littering in a Public Place-CMC	3	0
Dangerous Drug Possession- CMC	1	0
Discharge of Firearm-CMC	3	6
Interfering with Traffic-CMC	2	0
Cruelty to Animals	3	0
Improper Solicitation	1	0
Park Board After Hours (Rule 21)	2	0
Park After Hours- Ham Co	0	1
Public Gaming- CMC	0	1
Totals	11	8

Violations		
False Info-Underage Tobacco	3	0
Violation of Court Order (VCO)	20	8
Delinquency	2	0
VCO Curfew	56	28
VCO Daytime Curfew	17	1
VCO Incurrigible	115	39
VCO Placement	174	96
VCO Runaway	239	145
VCO Truancy	11	0
Interstate Compact Supervision	7	6
Totals	644	323

Motions for Probation/Parole Violations		
By Filing		
Pre-Trial Release (EMU)	152	
Probation Violations (EMU Included)	499	
Community Control (Adult PV)	1	
Parole Violations	21	
Work Detail Violations	15	

By Unique Youth		
Pre-Trial Release (EMU)	97	
Probation Violations (EMU Included)	263	
Community Control (Adult PV)	1	
Parole Violations	17	
Work Detail Violations	14	

Unruly Filings

	2019	2020
Habitual Truancy	241	105
Incorrigible	137	47
Runaway	568	434
Tobacco	2	0
Unruly	26	27
Totals	974	613

Curfew Violations

Anderson Twp	0	1
Cheviot	0	4
Cincinnati	58	33
Colerain Twp	8	1
Deer Park	1	0
Delhi Twp	1	1
Elmwood Pl	6	0
Forest Park	4	2
Golf Manor	1	1
Greenhills	1	0
Harrison	3	0
Loveland	7	0
Madeira	1	0
Mt. Healthy	11	7
Newtown	2	3
North College Hill	20	14
Norwood	12	4
Reading	4	2
Springfield Twp.	1	1
St. Bernard	7	0
Symmes Township	0	3
Totals	148	77

Daytime Curfew Violations

Cincinnati	27	11
Mt. Healthy	1	0
Norwood	3	2
Reading	1	1
Springfield Twp	3	0
Totals	35	14

Juvenile Traffic Filings

	2019	2020
Licensing of Motor Vehicle	32	14
Drivers License Law	51	66
Driver License Suspension	17	9
Driving Under Suspension	24	11
Financial Responsibility	1	0
Operating Vehicle w/o Valid License	302	314
Operation of Motor Vehicle	1548	1132
Equipment, Loads	111	100
Registration Required	1	0
Motor Vehicle Crimes	49	44
Traffic Violations	6	4
Traffic Signals	36	22
Pedestrian Violations	9	2
Changing Course of Vehicle	45	36
Local Ordinance	230	138
Total	2462	1892

Adult Misdemeanor Filings

	2019	2020
Aid, Abet, Contribute to Del./Unruly	5	10
Contributing Habitual Truant	0	3
Endanger Child-Adult	6	1
Failure to Send a Child to School	148	30
Tending to Cause- Fail. To Send	13	2
Total	172	46

Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Filings

	2019	2020
Total No. Dependency Filings	572	476
Total Unique Youth Subject to Dependency Filings	1034	842
New Motions to Modify Dispositions	306	275
New Complaints Filed (By family/case number)	572	476
Total Children Subject to a New Complaint	1034	842
Total Children Served in Child Protection Actions	3126	2783

Diversion Programs, Remote Reporting & Behavioral Health Services Data

Diversion Programming Data (Total Cases Referred)

	2019	2020
Community Diversion Dockets*		
Avondale (Includes Walnut Hills Cases)	20	18
Hamilton County Educational Services Center	545	125
Madisonville	3	3
Montgomery	43	22
Price Hill	32	13
School-based Diversion Dockets		
Aiken High School + Partnering Schools	73	54
Northwest S.A.F.E. Council	149	89
Oak Hills Local School District	15	53
Western Hills High School	36	9
Winton Woods City School District	35	69
Mental Health Dockets		
Pretrial Disposition Docket (PDD)	20	14
Individualized Disposition Docket (IDD)	37	15
Other Diversion Dockets		
HCJC Delinquency/Unruly	697	534
Substance Abuse	169	43
Traffic	815	664
Youth Court	69	30

* Many community courts voluntarily operate in their neighborhoods and do not report the referrals they receive directly from law enforcement agencies. Data reporting is not required by the Court.

Assessment Center Data (Cases Referred)*

	2019	2020
Total Cases Referred for Service Navigation	NA	14
Case Termination Status		
Successful		10
Neutral		2
Unsuccessful		2

*NOTE: Data reflects cases referred for service navigation after the Center's operations began from September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Behavioral Health Services Data

	2019	2020
Assessments & Evaluations		
Amenability	27	26
Competency	197	104
Psychological	114	57
Threat Assessment	31	1
Risk Assessment		
(Sex Offender) Diagnostic	4	23
Youth Center Crisis Response*		
	1808	1424
Priority 1	168	71
Priority 2	108	65
Priority 3	936	1110
Priority 4	478	105
On Call Responses	118	73
Competency Attainment Plans		
	308	271
Outpatient Individual and Family Counseling Cases		
	567	443

*Crisis Response Clinicians at the Youth Center respond to requests to assist residents in need of mental and behavioral supports, as well as to assess for suicidality. Requests are prioritized based on the presentation of the youth and the nature of the request .

Probation Department Data

Probation Referral Statistics

Referring Offenses	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Felony	381	316	253	351	197
Misdemeanors*	238	260	212	201	65
Violation of Court Orders	26	15	7	5	3
Unruly	7	7	3	3	0
Traffic	5	6	8	2	11

*NOTE: This data can include youth with prior felony adjudications from a previous year.

Terminations vs. Transfers	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Unique Youth who Terminate after Probation Investigation	118	127	134	89	52
Total Unique Youth who Transfer into Probation	336	283	222	269	143

Referrals by Offense	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Arson	2	7	7	10	1
Assaults	57	70	44	68	30
Attempt, Complicity, Conspiracy	32	46	33	2	15
Burglary	115	74	44	61	38
Disruption, Vandalism, Damaging, Endangering	13	9	6	24	4
Drug Offenses	36	21	13	20	12
Forgery/Fraud	0	0	1	1	0
Habitual / Chronic Truancy	3	0	0	2	0
Homicide	0	1	2	1	1
Kidnapping	1	0	2	1	0
Liquor Control	3	1	0	3	1
Menacing	9	5	11	10	3
Miscellaneous Offenses	0	0	0	0	4
Misuse of Credit Cards	0	1	1	2	1
Nonsupport and Child Endang.	0	21	9	3	5
Obscenity	2	0	2	6	2
Offenses Against Family	29	15	19	48	7
Offenses Against Justice	33	39	18	37	17
Offenses Against Peace	28	23	26	27	9
Receiving*	36	64	0	0	0
Robbery	86	54	46	55	34
Safecracking	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses	30	25	22	30	19
Theft and Theft Misc.	53	59	58	87	52
Traffic Related Offenses	8	7	11	4	15
Trespass	2	4	7	2	0
Violations of Court Orders	26	33	16	6	13
Weapons Offenses	46	55	30	46	27
Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	0	0
Interstate Compact Supervision	11	15	11	8	6

*Receiving referrals now counted in "Theft and Theft Misc." categories for 2018.

Age at Referral	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
8	0	0	0	2	0
9	0	0	1	5	2
10	0	0	2	9	0
11	7	6	8	19	3
12	20	30	31	12	9
13	44	57	46	13	29
14	101	72	65	96	41
15	115	95	73	100	34
16	142	122	99	100	49
17	130	136	100	118	66
18	76	73	65	0	51
19	4	4	5	0	4
20 and over	18	27	11	5	4

Probation Residential Placement Totals

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Residential Placements for Probation-referred Youth	118	123	75	80	40

Probation Case Data

	2019	2020
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By Case

Total Cases Referred	495	283
Prob. Investigation Ordered	346	203
Competency	149	73
Average Open Caseload	363	338

By Unique Youth

Prob. Investigation Ordered	345	203
Placed on Probation	274	167
Courtesy Supervision	8	7

Youth Center Detention Data

Youth Center Detention Data (Duplicate Youth)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Intakes	4,352	4,054	3,765	3,726	2,174
Diverted	2,748	2,573	2,359	2,499	1,292
Admissions	1,604	1,481	1,406	1,227	882
Avg. Length Of Stay	19.54	28.61	26.79	24.31	28.58
Without SB 337 Youth*	14.04	18.62	18.01	17.36	21.46
Avg. Daily Population	101	109	98	88.00	69.88
Without SB 337 Youth*	76	84	78	71.75	54.77

*"SB337" denotes Senate Bill 337, signed in Ohio law in 2012. This bill allows juveniles to remain in juvenile detention facilities up to the age of 21 and receive credit for time served as a criminal court case remains pending in either the juvenile or adult justice system.

Youth Center Programming Data

	2019	2020
No. Dental Exams Performed	288	157
No. Physical Exams Performed*	510	346
LYS Crisis Center Diversions	295	193
Total No. Volunteer Programs	66	61
Spiritual	25	24
Non-Spiritual	41	37

*Note: All youth admitted to the Youth Center receive a medical *screening* prior to their admission. Physical exams are provided to residents if they are scheduled for an exam during the time of a detention stay.

Department of Youth Services Commitment & Bind Over Data

DYS Commitment Data

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Commitments						
By Unique Youth	61	42	47	46	40	21
Mandatory Gun Spec.	41	18	25	23	15	5
Discretionary Gun Spec.	8	6	6	5	6	3
Gun Spec. Totals	49	24	31	28	21	8
By Case	116	94	124	146	91	60
Mandatory Gun Spec.	53	26	35	35	22	12
Discretionary Gun Spec.	9	7	9	5	9	5
Gun Spec. Totals	62	33	44	40	31	17
Recommitments						
By Unique Youth	3	4	3	4	0	0
By Case	3	6	3	4	0	0
Parole Revocations						
By Unique Youth	6	1	6	6	4	6
By Case	9	1	7	7	7	6

DYS Commitment and Recombitment Totals by Felony Offense Level

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
BY CASE						
Murder/Agg. Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony 1	24	19	29	20	14	14
Felony 2	25	13	9	13	10	17
Felony 3	7	5	8	9	9	8
Felony 4	12	5	4	5	6	16
Felony 5	1	2	0	1	1	5
Totals	69	44	50	48	40	60

Bind Over Data

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
By Unique Youth	25	20	29	33	19	17
By Case	40	68	124	96	52	69

*NOTE: Annual data is updated to reflect changes in the transfer dates of cases after State vs. Aalim, 150 Ohio St.3d 463, 2016-Ohio-8278.