

2014 Annual Report



**Steven R. Bird, Judge
Williams County Probate/Juvenile Court
Bryan, Ohio**

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Court Personnel



**The Hon. Steven R. Bird
Probate/Juvenile Judge
Serving since 1997**



**Hon. David P. Rupp, Jr., Magistrate
Serving since 7/16/07**

***Williams County Probate/Juvenile Court & Probation
Staff***



Kathleen R. Nern, MSW, LISW-S
Juvenile Court Administrator
40 years experience

Holly A. Schlosser, CCM
Probate Court Administrator
35 years experience

Alan L. Dietrich, B.A.
Probation Officer/Bailiff
28 years experience

**Nick Woodall, B.A.,
M.Div.**
Diversion Counselor
25 years service

**Deborah L. Willis, B.S.,
LSW**
Probation Officer
26 years service

Jon R. Ely, B.S.
Probation Officer
9 years service

Holly L. Doseck
Deputy Clerk/Bookkeeper
31 years service

Camilla Miller
Deputy Clerk/Secretary
13 years service

Cynthia J. Schultz
Deputy Clerk
4 years service

Deanne Batterson
Deputy Clerk
1 years service

Statement of Judicial Philosophy

The Juvenile Court has the responsibility to carry out its functions with compassion and concern for the well being of both the juvenile and the communities in which they live. To that end, the administration of justice should be handled in a fair, impartial, and efficient manner.

The Juvenile Court is charged with providing for the care; protection; and mental, emotional, and physical development of children; protecting the public interest through provision of programs for the supervision, care and rehabilitation of youth. This goal is the same whether the youth has been adjudicated unruly, delinquent, abused, neglected, or dependant. All of this must be achieved within the context of the family whenever possible, while at the same time providing for judicial procedures within the system of due process. When necessary these goals may have to be achieved outside the context of the family. The changing nature of the communities and society in which we live has made these goals both more important and more difficult.

In order to adapt to these changing needs, the court must develop a variety of tools for administering justice. These can best be accomplished by working with the community and its schools, parents, and organizations to identify and understand the challenges our youth are facing. Creative and innovative solutions must be sought out to address the changing needs of our youth and communities. To the extent possible, these needs should be met within the context of the communities in which our youth live, attend school, and will eventually work and raise families.

The Juvenile Court must meet the children where it finds them, intervene when necessary, and address the problems with energy and commitment. We cannot afford to merely pass the problems on to the adult system. We cannot allow our frustration with the complexity of the problems to overwhelm the system we have put in place. It is the court's responsibility to confront these problems head-on and seek to find more effective solutions.

Judge Bird's 2014 Report

This has been a very busy year for the Juvenile Court in Williams County. In August, after initial self-study and asset surveys, the *Williams County Safe School/Healthy Families, LINC Project*, launched the *PAX Good Behavior Game* in several Williams County elementary schools. The project was well received by the schools and teachers and will continue to be implemented throughout the county.

After a change in leadership, the project hit some difficulties in clarification of the vision. With the assistance of Joyce Sebian, Public Health Advisor, Mental Health Promotion Branch, SAMHSA/CMHS/Division of Prevention, Traumatic Stress, & Special Programs, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, our Williams County Project underwent a major reorganization on both the State and local level. As a result, the *LINC Project* is back on track and once again has the full support of the Juvenile Court and the Williams County School Superintendents.

Meanwhile, Williams County Juvenile Court joined with Henry County and Defiance County Juvenile Courts to pursue a regional *Reclaiming Futures Model* and implementation of an *Alternative Docket Family Intervention Court* in each county. Over the next several years, the courts plan to roll out a coordinated effort to address juvenile issues with a consistent philosophy focused on better assessment and more targeted case planning for adjudicated youth in Northwest Ohio. By coordinating our efforts, we can build in efficiencies that will make such a process economically feasible for our rural counties and put us on par with larger jurisdictions.

Here in Williams County we began planning for implementation of the *Reclaiming Futures* model, looking at changes necessitated in our programming. We also learned of the planned retirement of three of our key people: Probation Officer Jon Ely (April 2015), Court Administrator Kathleen Nern (July 2015) and Diversion Counselor Nick Woodall (September 2015). These retirements forced us to re-examine our program from top to bottom. After initially struggling with the changes, we began to realize the opportunities these retirements opened for bringing in new personnel with fresh ideas and energy. What initially looked like a difficult transition was transformed into an opportunity to grow and evolve into a *Reclaiming Futures Court*.

I am very grateful for the dedication of these fine professionals and wish each of them the best for the future. I am also more acutely aware of what a talented, dependable staff the Court has been blessed with for the past 18 years. So we are moving into 2015 with renewed enthusiasm and high expectations. It is a bitter sweet transition, but we are embracing it with a positive attitude. After all, isn't that what we ask the juveniles and their families to do when we work with them to make changes in their lives to *reclaim their futures*? The possibilities really are limitless.

Steven R. Bird, Judge

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

(1997)

The Juvenile Probation Department is part of the Williams County Juvenile Court. The fundamental purpose of the department is to implement the orders of the Court.

The goal of the Probation Department is to concentrate on reducing delinquency among juveniles and its effects on the community. This goal is achieved by providing services to adolescents and their families through programming that emphasizes the traditional ideals of family, school, and community as the basis for human development.

To this end, the Juvenile Probation Department is committed to serve the citizens and youth of Williams County.

Probation Department Services

Intake

Complaints and police reports filed with the Court are processed through Intake to determine whether the case should be diverted to the Court's Diversion Counselor or scheduled for an official hearing before the Judge.

There were 272 complaints/police reports logged through Intake in 2014. Of those, 184 were referred for official hearing.

Diversion

The goal of the Diversion Program is to resolve matters with juveniles without formally involving the Court.

The Diversion Counselor worked with 140 cases in 2014 compared to 119 last year. Eighty - five completed the program of which 71 were closed successfully. Twelve were referred officially to Court and one moved out of the area. Fifty-four of the youth were female, an increase of 10 over 2013. The Court referred 12 cases to the Diversion Program.

While working with the Diversion Counselor, 91% of the youth did not have new charges filed; a percentage unchanged from last year.

Sixty percent of the cases closed within four months.

Unofficial Cases Filed in 2014

| Offense | Males | Females | TOTALS |
|---|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Ungovernable | 35 | 29 | 64 |
| Curfew | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Truancy | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Runaway | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Tobacco | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Theft | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Complicity | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Criminal Damaging | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity Oriented Material | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Rape | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Pandering Sexual Oriented Material | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Riding Bicycle on Right Hand Side of Roadway | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals: | 70 | 46 | 116 |

Official Probation

Williams County Juvenile Court is fortunate to have three seasoned probation officers with approximately 60 years of relevant experience. One male and one female probation officer carry reporting caseloads that are a mix of adjudicated delinquents in terms of age, sex and race; level of offense; geographic location and home school. A Probation Officer/Bailiff manages a non-reporting caseload. Support services are provided to the probation department by two deputy clerks with over 40 years of combined experience.

Drug and Alcohol Offenders

The Juvenile Court heard 46 cases in the past year that involved alcohol or drug related offenses. Assessment of each youth guides the disposition of every case. Referral to Recovery Services offers community based intervention.

The Juvenile Detention Center offers an in-house Life Without Drugs Program (LWD), an intensive institutionally based treatment option the Court utilizes for youth with more severe substance abuse challenges. After completion of LWD, each youth is engaged in a furlough plan monitored by the Probation Department. The plan follows a protocol with close community-based supervision and regular review hearings with the Judge that provides for accountability, any modification of treatment implementation, and/or celebration.

Drug Screening

Probationers are subject to drug screening conducted by the Probation Officers. Laboratories are utilized if further verification is required. Screens are conducted through urine and saliva samples.

Sex Offender Protocol

To promote public safety, protection of victims, and consistency of accountability and treatment of the sexual offender, the Probation Department follows a Sex Offender Protocol that outlines time frames, safety and accountability measures, and treatment options while working with juvenile sex offenders in the community. The protocol is a derivative from other jurisdictions that addresses the specific needs of the local community, victims and the offenders. This protocol has proven to be an effective tool as sex offenders continue to comprise about 10% of the youth that come before the Court.

Electronic Monitoring

Advances in technology have expanded the options available for electronic monitoring. GPS systems and alcohol monitoring have proven to be useful tools to ensure compliance with court orders and treatment plans. State funding has provided electronic monitoring for appropriately screened “status” offenders to prevent or reduce the time and costs of secure detention.

Five males experienced electronic monitoring in 2014. Cost for this service is approximately \$14 per day. Alternative to Detention funds from the State of Ohio provided service for one male.

On-Call Officer

A Probation Officer is available to law enforcement 24/7 for consult on juvenile matters. Probation Officers can authorize a youth’s detention or assist in determining an alternative arrangement pending a court hearing. Pre-arranged safety plans for each youth on probation are a resource utilized as an alternative to detention.

Secure Detention and Transport

Forty-seven intakes (38 males and 9 females) to the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention and Training Center utilized 1750 bed days in 2014. This compares to 2103 bed days in 2013.

The Probation Department transported 61 males and 9 females this past year. The total mileage incurred for these transports was 3322 miles. This was a significant decrease from the 5142 detention transport miles in 2013 due to fewer youth being placed out of the county. Fortunately, these transports were all conducted safely and without incident.

The Williams County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) occasionally conducts transports when Court staff is not available or needs extra assistance. When the Probation Department transports, the WCSO can attend to other duties in the county.

Community Service Program

The Community Service Program (CSP) collaborates with a variety of public service and non-profit organizations representing every municipality in the county. The cooperation from each allows young people the opportunity to “give back” to their community. No additional program funds are expended for this effort. Coordination of the program is conducted by a Probation Officer. The Court expresses its gratitude to all of the entities that make CSP possible. It is a real “win-win” effort.

Hours contributed this past year totaled 345 and involved 11 boys and 3 girls. Calculating hours at minimum wage, \$2725.50 worth of labor was contributed by the CSP. This is about a 35% decrease from last year.

Videoconferencing

Utilizing funding provided by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, the Ohio Department of Youth Services purchased and installed videoconferencing equipment in our Court in 2011 to support re-entry planning, training, meetings and hearings.

The technology saves time and reduces costs as it is used for hearings, trainings and for youth interviews with the Juvenile Residential Center in Bowling Green and other Community Correctional Facilities in the state. The videoconferencing is also utilized for family visitation to overcome transportation barriers and promote vital family connections and involvement in the treatment process.

TREATMENT SERVICES

Four County Family Services

Four County Family Services provides individual and family counseling and case management services to youth and their families. Services are designed to meet the individual needs of each case. In 2014, this agency served 28 referrals from the Juvenile Court and the Diversion Program. A majority of the treatment services occur in the home setting; overcoming transportation, child care, and other barriers that may prevent a youth and family from participating in office-based service provision. Treatment modalities include Family Systems Therapy and In-Home Based Intensive Therapy, both of which are Evidenced-Based Practices.

Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio

Youth charged with underage drinking often receive substance abuse assessment and education from Recovery Services. In addition to education, Recovery Services also provides individual and group counseling and aftercare for those on furlough from the Life Without Drugs Program conducted at the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training and Rehabilitation Center. In 2014, thirty youth were referred by the Court to Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio.

Recovery Services recently implemented Integrated Health Care at the Bryan office. This provides individuals the opportunity to receive many services under one roof: medical, behavioral, pharmaceutical, integrated dual disorder treatment, case management, psychiatric, education, substance abuse services, etc. The number one priority is helping people stay physically and mentally healthy.

Other Mental Health Services

Williams County is fortunate to have a variety of resources and services available for youth and families. The Juvenile Probation Department often acts as a resource and referral guide for those seeking options or assistance. Specifically, AJA Behavioral Services provided out-patient sex offender treatment to two of our youth this year; and Correctional Counseling to two other youth at the detention center. Maumee Valley Guidance Center, Dr. Diane Peters and Associates, Shalom Mediation services and other private practitioners provide services to our community's youth and families.

Tobacco Education

Tobacco citations are processed through the Juvenile Probation Department. First offenders are ordered into an education class facilitated by the Juvenile Probation Department. Successful completion of the class avoids a formal Court appearance.

Five youth were referred in 2014.

VICTIM SERVICES

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP)

The Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) provided through Shalom Ministries encourages healing and reconciliation through mediation, and focuses on accountability, responsibility, and restitution for persons in conflict with others. It exemplifies Restorative Justice at work.

Twelve offenders and twelve victims referrals were served by VORP in 2014. The most common types of cases referred included criminal mischief, theft, trespass, and criminal damaging.

Victim Assistance

A victim of a juvenile who has been found delinquent by a judge has particular rights as defined by the Ohio Revised Code. The Williams County Victim Assistance Services Office notifies victims of their rights, including the right to notification, to recover damages, and to submit a victim impact statement.

During the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 Williams County Victim Assistance Services provided advocacy and information for 31 cases involving juveniles, an equal level of service compared to the same period in 2013.

Restitution

Restitution is often a part of the repair to the victim who has been harmed as a result of a delinquent act.

Payments totaling \$4874.22 were paid by thirteen youth to fourteen victims in 2014. To the extent possible, efforts are made by the Probation Department to assure all victims are reimbursed in a fair and timely manner. Civil remedy may be sought if the victim reparation needs are beyond juvenile court efforts.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS/INVOLVEMENT

Williams County Family and Children First Council

The Williams County Family and Children First Council (FCFC) has a required mandate to provide a formalized venue to facilitate the alignment of systems, policies, resources, and services. The Juvenile Court is a mandated member of council in an advisory capacity. A juvenile court representative participates in the full council which meets four times per year.

Community Advocates for Healthy Families (C.A.H.F.)

Formed in 2005, CAHF's efforts are directed at the causes of high-risk behaviors among youth rather than treating the symptoms. CAHF sponsored its eight annual *Ready, Set Relax!* in October. Participant surveys reveal continued strong support for the event and a growing understanding of the underlying principal: *making family moments count*.

Summit on Children/Summit Breakfast

The Williams County Summit on Children has been convening since 2009. The challenge posed by the Ohio Summit in 2008 was to assess the strengths of local services for children. A series of breakfast meetings have been held to educate key people from the county about the services and programs that are available to assist kids and families.

Programming and resources available for area youth and families are presented at each breakfast. Attendees represent a broad range of participants including school personnel, law enforcement, court staff, mental health professionals, and social service providers. The breakfasts are also a networking opportunity to enhance communication among youth/family service providers and to share ideas and challenges. Thank you to the Bryan Eagles who continue to generously provide meeting space for the quarterly breakfasts.

Student Experiences

One student from the Defiance College Social Work Program completed a shadowing experience with the Probation Department in the past year.

We value our relationships with area educational institutions and look forward to interacting with their students.

Community Education

We welcome opportunities to present information about the Court's history and mandate, operations and processes, program and treatment options, and current issues and challenges that impact the Court. Probation staff present for classes at Northwest State Community College. The Judge and Court staff participates in the annual high school senior Courthouse tours and also host 3rd graders from Bryan City Schools and St. Patrick's. Members of the court staff and the Judge also accept invitations to speak to various service clubs and groups across the county.

Juvenile Court Advisory Council

The Juvenile Court Advisory Council, which has existed since 2005, acts as a sounding board for the Court in planning for the needs of the Court and youth/families. The Council is composed of twelve volunteers and meets a minimum of one time per year. The council met in June to review the 2013 Annual Report and Judge Bird's annual report. The Council was also updated on the work of the LINC (Linking Individuals with Needs in the Community) "think tank" and its activities.

With the transition to the Reclaiming Futures Model and the Alternative Docket Family Intervention Court in 2015 the Juvenile Court Advisory Council will be discontinued. The role of the Council will merge into the Family Intervention Court Advisory Committee.

Reclaim Ohio

Reclaim Ohio funding made possible through the Ohio Department of Youth Services provides resources for the Diversion Program, part of a probation officer's salary, parent training, administrative support services, clinical assessment, electronic monitoring services, home based services/family support, and residential treatment. During the 2014 meeting of the Council, members were advised of the progress of the FY 14 grant and supplemental and carry over funds that were granted. Also, the FY 15 proposal was reviewed.

While the amount of this funding has fluctuated over the past years based on felony adjudications, it remains a critical resource for providing community-based services to youth and families with the goal of preventing further penetration of youth into the juvenile justice system, out of home placement, and family disintegration.

Mandatory program reporting, quality assurance monitoring, and fiscal auditing occurs annually for the Reclaim Grant. There was a clean audit for FY 13 and Program Monitoring required no correction plan.

PLACEMENT, JRC/DYS

When community-based treatment is ineffective, insufficient or unsuccessful, the court may order out of home placement to meet the treatment and accountability needs of a youth. Placement may be in the form of foster or group home care, or a private residential facility, keeping in mind the least restrictive alternative, the best interest of the child, and the safety of the community.

After a five year period where out of home placements remained extremely low (only one youth was placed by the Court between 2008 and early 2013), the Court has ordered placement for six youth since July 2013 and through the period of December 2014. These youth have been placed and treated in

residential care facilities, group and/or foster homes. Three of the youth were also in the custody of Job and Family Services with JFS and the Court sharing placement expenses and case management responsibilities. Child support is ordered by the Court and paid as appropriate for parents/guardians to contribute also to the care of their child as plans are made for community re-entry or a planned permanent placement arrangement.

Juvenile Residential Center Of Northwest Ohio

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio (JRC) located in Bowling Green is a secure community correctional facility for adjudicated males who commit felony level offenses. The facility has 42 beds and is an alternative for youth who may otherwise be committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

Five Williams County youth were served at JRC in 2014.

Ohio Department of Youth Services

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) is the state correctional system for juvenile offenders aged 10 – 21 who commit offenses that would be felonies if committed by an adult. ODYS provides security, programming and treatment.

Parole services are provided to the youth upon release to assist in the transition from the institution back into the community. The parole officer is based in Toledo.

Four Williams County males were incarcerated at ODYS during 2014; two were carried over from 2013; one was terminated from JRC and placed with ODYS; and one was returned to ODYS for a parole violation.

OTHER COURT SERVICES

Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency

The Court processed 28 new cases of abuse, neglect, and dependency in 2014. Initial investigation and on-going case management is provided by the Williams County Department of Job and Family Services under the mandates and guidelines of the State of Ohio.

Abuse, Neglect & Dependency Cases Filed in 2014

| <u>Offense</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>TOTALS</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Dependent | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| Abused/Dependent | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Neglected/Dependent | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Abused/Neglected/Dependent | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| TOTALS: | 15 | 13 | 28 |

Volunteer Guardian ad Litem (V-GAL) Program

The Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program (V-GAL) is designed to serve children and the Court by assigning trained volunteers, rather than attorneys, to “be the voice of the child in Court” in cases involving child neglect and dependency. (Child abuse cases are assigned to an Attorney Guardian ad Litem).

The role of the V-GAL is to advocate for the child’s best interest. The V-GAL visits the child(ren) monthly and is available to attend other meetings on behalf of the child(ren). Periodic case reviews are held where the Court is updated by the V-GAL regarding the current status of each child.

Volunteers are screened and trained before any case assignment. Caseload size is dependent upon the volunteer’s availability. V-GALs participate in a minimum of three training hours each year.

Volunteers remain an invaluable resource for each child and the Court.

Parentage Cases/Unmarried Parents

New cases involving unmarried parents numbered 119 with 177 existing cases re-opened for the year 2014. These cases involve child support, custody/visitation and paternity. These cases are heard before the Magistrate. In 2014 the Magistrate heard 183 visitation/custody cases.

Williams County has offered a Pro Se Clinic since August 2010. The Clinic allows time with a legal aid attorney, at no charge, for those who desire to represent themselves. The attorney provides forms for the preparation and the review of documents pertaining to child support, paternity, custody and allocation of parental rights.

Two clinics are offered per month. A deposit is required upon the actual filing of documents with the court. In 2014, 57 individuals registered for the Pro Se Clinic.

Child Support Enforcement

The Magistrate hears cases when a party fails to pay child support; an arrearage is to be collected or to determine any deviation from an Administrative Order. The Magistrate heard 122 child support cases in 2014.

Child support collection also helps defray the costs of youth ordered to detention or other placement outside of their home. \$35,558.01 was collected in 2014 for this purpose and deposited into the General Fund.

Juvenile Traffic Court

In 2014, a total of 192 traffic citations were filed with the Williams County Juvenile Court. Court costs and fines are common dispositions in juvenile traffic cases.

Juveniles receiving a traffic citation must appear in front of the Judge with at least one parent or legal guardian. Those receiving a seat belt citation only are allowed to post a fine and court costs with no appearance required.

OHIO 4-H CARTEENS

CARTEENS is a teen facilitated traffic safety program for juvenile traffic offenders. It is presented through the collaboration of the Northwest Ohio OSU Extension 4-H Professionals, volunteer teen leaders, the juvenile courts of Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties, and the Ohio State

Highway Patrol. It brings together teens and adults representing local agencies and organizations to educate teen drivers and save lives on Ohio roads. CARTEENS' goals include: reduce the number of initial and repeat juvenile traffic offenders and increase teen awareness of traffic and vehicular safety.

Williams County Juvenile Traffic Court began using CARTEENS in April of 2011. First offense moving violations with no accident involving property damage or injuries to third parties are eligible for the program held Northwest State Community College. If a youth successfully completes the program and examination, the case can be vacated with no record.

Fifty-one Williams County youth participated in CARTEENS during 2014. Of those 51 youth, 5 received another citation after their participation in the CARTEENS program.

STATISTICS

2014 Traffic Statistics

| Violation Name: | Males | Females | TOTAL |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Speed | 48 | 33 | 81 |
| Seat Belt/Driver | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| OVI | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| No Operator's License | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Failure to Control | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Failure to Yield | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Stop Sign | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Peeling | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Temp Permit – Curfew Violation | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Dr Lic Viol – Dr During Restricted Hours | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Dr Lic Viol – Excessive Passengers (Juv) | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Turn Signal Violation | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| A.C.D.A. | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Reckless Operation/Private Property | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Hit/Skip – Property Damage | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| No Tail Lights | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Leaving the Scene of Accident | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Red Light | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| No Lic Plate Light | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Failure to Dim Headlights | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Left of Center | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Reckless Operation | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dr Under Court Suspension | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Drag Racing | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Prob. License Restriction | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Dr w/Electronic Device – Cell Phone | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Texting While Driving | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Failure to Reinstate | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Littering from Motor Vehicle | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Stopped School Bus Violation | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Expired Registration | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Failure to Display Plates | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTALS: | 115 | 77 | 192 |

2014 Felony Statistics

| <u>Offense</u> | <u>Degree</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Harassment | F5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Assault | F5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Assault on a Corrections Officer | F5 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| B & E | F5 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Gross Sexual Imposition | F1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Gross Sexual Imposition | F4 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Illegal Possession of Deadly Weapon in a School | F5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Agg. Possession of Drugs | F5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Rape | F1 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity-Orient Material or Performance | F5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity Oriented Material | F2 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Theft | F5 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Tampering with Evidence | F3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vandalism | F5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Agg. Arson | F1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTALS | | 37 | 1 | 38 |

2014 Court Initiated Charges/Hearings

| <u>Violation Name</u> | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| Probation Violations | 19 | 7 | 26 |
| Court Order Violation | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Parole Violations | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Placement Review Hearings | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| D.Y.S. Release Hearings | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| D.Y.S. Parole Review Hearings | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| J.R.C. Release Hearings | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| J.R.C. Review Hearings | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Life w/o Drugs Furlough Hearings | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Life w/o Drugs Review Hearings | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| J.D.C. Review Hearings | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Probation Review Hearings | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Rev. Probation Trans in from Another County | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Annual Review Hearing | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Semi-Annual Review Hearing | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Sexual Classification Hearing | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| CCP Release | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| CCP Review Hearing | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| SOT Release | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| SOT Re-Entry | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Synergy | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Status Hearing | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Early Release Hearing | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Release from Foster Care Hearing | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTALS: | 116 | 13 | 129 |

2014 Delinquency Charges

| <u>Offenses:</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Theft | 24 | 1 | 25 |
| Complicity to Theft | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| B & E | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Criminal Damaging | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| Criminal Trespass | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Criminal Mischief | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Assault | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| Assault on Corrections Officer | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Offenses Involving Minors | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| Under Age Consumption | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Possession of Drugs | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Agg. Possession of Drugs | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Possession of Marijuana | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Drug Abuse/MJ | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Drug Paraphernalia | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Illegal Possession of Marijuana/Drug Paraphernalia | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Drug Abuse | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Harassment | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Rape | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Gross Sexual Imposition | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Sexual Imposition | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity-Oriented Material or Performance | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity Oriented Material | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Illegal Possession of Deadly Weapon in School | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Falsification | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Not Obeying Police Officer | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Tampering with Evidence | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Discharging Firearms | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Menacing | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Agg. Menacing | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Complicity | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juvenile | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Obstructing Official Business | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Agg. Arson | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Domestic Violence | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Vandalism | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Unlawfully Injuring Person/Property While Hunting | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Hunting from Motor Vehicle | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Hunting Out of Season | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTALS: | 177 | 36 | 213 |

2014 Unruly Cases

| <u>Offense</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Ungovernable | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Tobacco | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Truancy | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Runaway | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Curfew | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| TOTALS: | 4 | 7 | 11 |

2014 Other Cases Filed

| | |
|--|------------|
| Adult Contributing | 0 |
| Parentage | 6 |
| U.I.F.S.A. | 1 |
| Support Cases (establish & contempt) | 131 |
| Permanent Custody | 6 |
| Custody, Custodianships, Visitation & Contempt | 72 |
| Misc. Cases | 3 |
| TOTAL: | 219 |

6 Year Comparison of Cases Filed

| | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Delinquency | 235 | 219 | 215 | 263 | 247 | 213 |
| Unruly | 9 | 17 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 11 |
| Traffic | 276 | 238 | 216 | 209 | 201 | 192 |
| Neglected-Dependent-Abused | 57 | 65 | 66 | 66 | 38 | 28 |
| Adult Contributing | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Parentage | 9 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| Custody, Visitation | 61 | 45 | 57 | 81 | 72 | 72 |
| Support | 135 | 127 | 142 | 85 | 116 | 131 |
| U.I.F.S.A | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Misc. Cases | 4 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| TOTALS: | 788 | 715 | 720 | 724 | 687 | 657 |

JUVENILE COURT OPERATING FUNDS

Grants and Other Funding

| Year | Title IV-D | Juv. Acct. Blk Gt | Title II | Title IV-E |
|------|------------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| 1997 | 15,521 | | | |
| 1998 | 16,961 | | | |
| 1999 | 17,040 | 11,673 | | |
| 2000 | 11,287 | 13,714 | | |
| 2001 | 15,519 | | | |
| 2002 | 27,227 | 6,847 | | |
| 2003 | 25,048 | 6,162 | 15,000 | |
| 2004 | 17,497 | | | |
| 2005 | 16,010 | | | |
| 2006 | 23,613 | | | 55,584 |
| 2007 | 18,140 | | | 114,498 |
| 2008 | 18,429 | | | 10,066 |
| 2009 | 16,117 | | | 4,232 |
| 2010 | 26,150 | | | 61,796 |
| 2011 | | | | 61,694 |
| 2012 | 22,347 | | | 1,480 |
| 2013 | 26,210 | | | 8,843 |
| 2014 | 41,360 | | | 77,004 |

Program Funding Through Subsidy Grants

| Fund | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 (FY 2012) | 2012 (FY 2013) | 2013 (FY 2014) | 2014 (FY 2015) |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Diversion | 30,500 | 30,489 | 30,489 | 33,536 | 34,905 | 37,738 | 41,190.71 |
| A.C.E. Program | 65,492 | 80,914 | 9,728 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Community Service | 5,049 | 1,261 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Monitoring/Surveillance | 3,451 | 3,120 | 1,770 | 3,270 | 7,920 | 7,620 | 3,780.00 |
| Probation | 15,223 | 30,957 | 63,582 | 13,236 | 16, 534 | 17,484 | 13,953.08 |
| Family Preservation | 35,350 | 33,000 | 54,000 | 36,000 | 11,520 | 10,322 | 100.00 |
| Suspension Center | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Out of Home Placement | 5,112 | 18,000 | 1,097 | 15,850 | 100,959 | 137,001 | 73,165.00 |
| Program Administration | 32,801 | 36,109 | 32,603 | 33,732 | 40,402 | 42,536 | 42,036.18 |
| Conflict Mediation | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wraparound Services | 6,000 | 6,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parent Support | | 9,800 | 0 | 0 | 5,035 | 6,450 | 6,950.00 |
| Clinical Assessment | | | 4,825 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 5,600 | 1,400.00 |
| Alternatives to Detention | | | | 7,992 | 7,176 | 5,384 | 5,020.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$199,978 | \$249,650 | \$200,104 | \$148,416 | \$229,251 | \$270,136 | \$187,594.97 |

2014 Juvenile Court Deposits

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Department of Youth Services Support Payments | \$3,149.30 |
| Placement Support Payments | \$23.53 |
| Juvenile Residential Center Support Payments | \$8,912.93 |
| Detention Support Payments | \$6,264.89 |
| Life without Drugs Support Payments | \$16,620.77 |
| Juvenile Court IV-E Money Received | \$77,004.53 |
| Supervision Fees Collected | \$5,731.00 |
| Electronic Monitoring Reimbursement | \$2,876.00 |
| Misc. Deposits (prescription reimbursement/counsel fee reimbursement) | \$ 215.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$120,797.95 |

Breakdown of Court Costs and Fines Collected in 2014

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| County: General Fund/Local Costs | \$14,861.11 |
| Computerization Fund | 3,506.99 |
| Legal Computer Research | 1,058.00 |
| Traffic Fines – County Fund | 605.93 |
| Traffic Fines A&G Vehicle Fund | 501.82 |
| Traffic Fines – Law Library | 1,107.75 |
| Juvenile Fines—County Fund | 15.64 |
| Juvenile Fines—A&G Vehicle Fund | 15.61 |
| Juvenile Fines—Law Library | 589.25 |
| Liquor Violations—County Fund | 112.50 |
| Liquor Violations—Law Library | 229.50 |
| Drug Fines—County Fund | 200.00 |
| Tobacco Fines—County Fund | 0 |
| Adult Contributing—County Fund | 0 |
| Adult Contributing—Law Library | 17.89 |
| Public Defender Fee (\$25 each) | 922.45 |
| Special Projects Funds | 4,222.30 |
| DI-Alcohol Monitoring, Indigent Traffic Offender | 208.50 |
| State: Victims of Crime | 2,416.00 |
| State Highway Fines | 788.00 |
| Liquor Violations | 225.00 |
| Seat Belt Fines | 240.00 |
| Indigent Defense Support Fund | 5,367.00 |
| Drug Law Enforcement Fund | 478.60 |
| Justice Program Service Fund | 13.90 |
| Other: Supervision Fees | 5,436.00 |
| Restitution | 4,742.70 |
| Sheriff Fees | 655.70 |
| Arresting Agency (Drug) | 800.00 |
| Board of Pharmacy (Drug) | 175.00 |
| Sundries | 44,939.28 |
| TOTAL | \$94,452.42 |

Supervision Fees

Each youth on official probation pays a supervision fee to the Court. These fees cover costs for drug screening materials, training and miscellaneous expenses involved with supervising youth on probation. Total collected in 2014 was \$5,731.00 (see above chart).

Probate Court

The Probate Court is responsible for the handling of Estates, Incompetent Guardianships, Minor Guardianships, Trusts, Birth Registration and Corrections, Marriage Licenses, Adoptions, Name Changes, Adult Protective Services, Mental Commitments and Minor Settlements.

2014 Probate Cases Filed

| Type of Case | 2010 Cases Filed | 2011 Cases Filed | 2012 Cases Filed | 2013 Cases Filed | 2014 Cases Filed | Pending |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Adoptions | 24 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 3 |
| Civil Actions | 3 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 7 | 12 |
| Estates | 299 | 242 | 249 | 284 | 248 | 161 |
| Guardianships (Incompetent) | 20 | 19 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 139 |
| Guardianships (Minors) | 10 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 55 |
| Mental Illness | 24 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 22 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous- Miscellaneous | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous-Change of Name | 19 | 8 | 14 | 8 | 11 | 3 |
| Misc-Adult Protective Service | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous-Minor Settlement | 8 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Registration or Change of Birth | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| Marriage Licenses | 264 | 252 | 263 | 247 | 248 | 0 |
| Trusts | 4 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 53 |
| TOTAL: | 686 | 577 | 605 | 625 | 691 | 426 |

Probate Court Costs Collected

| Probate Court Costs Collected | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| County: General Fund | 31,780.63 | 32,326.20 | 31,119.52 | 35,459.62 |
| Indigent Guardianship | 10,517.84 | 6,294.00 | 7,806.00 | 7,178.06 |
| Conduct of Business-Probate Fund | 252.00 | 263.00 | 259.00 | 248.00 |
| Computerization Fund | 5,490.00 | 5,530.00 | 5,440.00 | 5,538.50 |
| Legal Computer Research | 888.00 | 870.00 | 855.00 | 909.00 |
| Domestic Violence | 4,284.00 | 4,471.00 | 4,403.00 | 4,216.00 |
| State: Legal Aid | 5,928.00 | 5,798.00 | 6,084.00 | 6,656.00 |
| Ohio Putative Father Registry | 390.00 | 480.00 | 450.00 | 660.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$61,541.47 | \$56,032.20 | 58,429.52 | 60,865.18 |

Volunteer Guardianship Program

When a person is no longer capable of managing themselves, their property and assets, or both; under Ohio Law a person can be determined incompetent. A finding of incompetency results in the Probate Court appointing a guardian to assist the “ward”.

The Volunteer Guardianship Program is only for persons who live in long term care facilities. The guardian makes sure the ward’s basic needs are being met, seeks services to help the ward reach the highest possible potential, authorizes treatment, executes documents on the ward’s behalf, and makes end of life decisions for the benefit of the ward.

Usually a family member or close friend is the first choice of the Court to serve as the guardian. However, for a variety of reasons, there continues to be cases where no suitable person exists or is willing to act as guardian. Local attorneys cannot meet the high demand. The Volunteer Guardianship Program fills the void by providing a pool of screened and trained volunteers to serve those who cannot help themselves.

As a collaborative with the Probate Court, the program is administered by the Department of Aging.

Probate Court Initiates Court Visitor Program for Adult Guardianships

The Williams County Probate Court initiated its *Court Visitor Program* in September of 2014 to monitor the status of Guardianships under the supervision of the Court. The program utilizes Court Visitors who meet with wards and guardians in already established Guardianship cases. The purpose of the visits is to update contact information and to check on the status of persons subject to Guardianship.

The practice of utilizing Court Visitors is gaining increasing popularity as Probate Courts search for additional tools to insure that guardians are appropriately meeting the needs of their wards. Current law requires a Guardian's Report be filed biannually and the Court may require more frequent reports and reviews. The Court Visitor Program will allow the Court to more closely monitor the cases in a less formal way that will avoid adding additional costs to Guardianship Proceeding.

Court Visitor Reports will provide a less formal, more personal contact with the people who are under legal guardianship. Court Visitors make a face to face visit with each Guardian and their Ward confirming contact information and alerting the Court to any changes, concerns or needs that are not being met.

The program began during the fall of 2014 with four Court Visitors. Working on behalf of the Court, the Visitors completed a total of 13 visits (5 minors and 8 adults) during 2014. We anticipate many more visits will occur during 2015 now that the program is up and running.

Staff Development

Our commitment to staff development and training is second only to the commitment to provide the best possible service to those we serve.

The probation staff engaged in nearly 200 hours of training and continuing education in 2014.

In April, one Court staff member and the juvenile judge joined a Williams County community team for a "training of the trainer" for the Bridges Out of Poverty curriculum authored by Ruby Payne. The team will be presenting 90 minute trainings to the community in 2015 as a result of this effort.

Licensed social workers in the probation department and the juvenile judge have annual required continuing education units for their respective professions. In 2015, required continuing education will also be instituted for juvenile probation officers.

Awards and Recognition

Each April, the Department of Job and Family Services presents a "Cherish the Child" Award as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are proud to report that for 2013, Diversion Counselor Nick Woodall was the recipient of this award which was presented at the quarterly Summit Breakfast. Judge Steven Bird was the recipient in 2014.

Acknowledgments

We value our partners and colleagues as we strive together to deliver the best services possible to our community. The Court particularly acknowledges:

Williams County Commissioners
Williams County Job & Family Services
Williams County Sheriff's Department
Williams County Prosecutor
Ohio Department of Youth Services
Williams County Family and Children First Council
Williams County Juvenile Court Advisory Council
All Local and Regional Law Enforcement Agencies
Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training and Rehabilitation Center
Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio
Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio
Maumee Valley Guidance Center
Shalom Counseling and Mediation Services
Bryan Fire Department
Four County Family Services
Bryan Area Eagles
All School Systems in Williams County
Northwest Ohio Educational Services Center
Staff of Independent Education Center
Department of Aging

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