

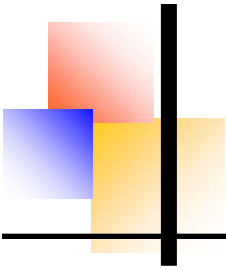


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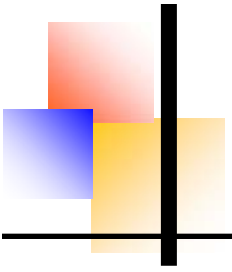


**Kenneth J. Spicer
Probate/Juvenile Judge**



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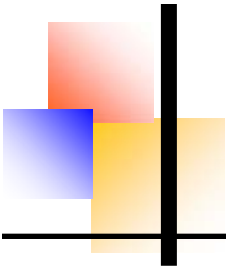
It is my pleasure to provide the citizens and affiliated agencies with a copy of the Delaware Probate and Juvenile Court 2009 Annual Report.

2009 found progress on many fronts for both divisions of the Court.

The second Delaware County Children's Summit was held in May, with more participants than the first year, all just as eager to make sure all resources and services are maximized to benefit the children and families served by each agency.

The Board of County Commissioners, and the Court decided that finishing the unused space at the Hayes Service Center, was more cost efficient than moving forward with a new Courts building. Many hours of planning, design, and letting a bid, were put into this project by the Court and county buildings and ground staffs. The plan allows for both divisions of the Court to be housed in this location in 2010. This project has allowed staff to see an end to the over crowding and clustered work environment, and for this we want to extend a thank you to the county commissioners for leading us through this project.

Delaware County was selected by an Ohio Supreme Court Committee to host the first state wide Summit on Aging. In collaboration with the state many hours of planning to host this state wide event in Oct. 2010, has been under way.



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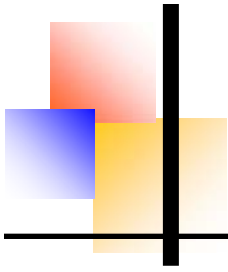
The Family Treatment Court held three graduation sessions in 2009 that celebrated the success of 13 adults and 29 youth.

Central Ohio Youth Center received a grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services that will pay for 60 per cent of the cost to remodel and expand the facility.

Once again the staff and the interns at the Probate and Juvenile Court were steadfast, in their commitment to serve and to provide high quality services to the constituents of Delaware County.

Respectfully submitted,

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"I've been struck by the upside-down priorities of the juvenile justice system. We are willing to spend the least amount of money to keep a kid at home, more to put him in a foster home, and the most to institutionalize him."

Marian Wright Edelman
Psychology Today, 1975

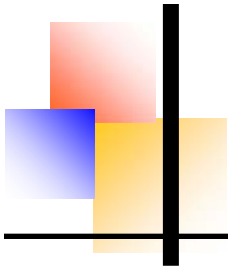
Much has changed since Ms. Edelman's observation 35 years ago, but much remains the same. The juvenile justice system continues to spend exorbitant amounts of money to institutionalize children or place them outside of their homes, while charitable, grant and direct-governmental funding for prevention programs is hard to come by.

The mission of the Delaware County Juvenile Court has always been to avoid institutionalizing youth except where public safety, public security or the youth's individual safety necessitate it or in circumstances where all other options have failed. This mission arises not out of a sense of magnanimity nor any grand idealism, but instead out of the stark, pragmatic reality that institutionalizing youth is expensive and nearly universally ineffective at reducing the likelihood of future delinquent or criminal behavior.

Our efforts have therefore been focused on early prevention, early intervention and effective methods of reducing recidivism. Our Diversion Program funnels young, non-violent offenders out of the formal court process and into programming that can address the causes of their behavior. As a leader in her field, our Lisa Williamson has served as President of the Ohio Juvenile Diversion Association.

The Court's School Liaisons work directly in our local school districts, forming effective lines of communication between school officials and court personnel. They intervene early to address truancy issues and, in conjunction with our Mediators conduct school truancy mediations that have been incredibly effective at getting kids to school.

The Probation Department, under the direction of Dave Andrews, added an MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) program- a treatment alternative that has recently been shown to be highly effective in a 20-year study of recidivism rates. An anger management program specifically aimed at juveniles is also now available as a dispositional alternative.



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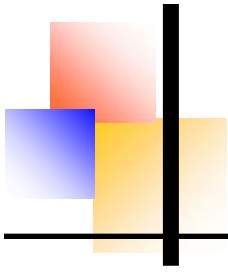
Various other programs, under the supervision of Wendal Horlocker, add to those efforts significantly. The Victim Awareness program, court-supervised community service and CASA programs all saw growth in 2009.

The Juvenile Treatment Court, presided over by Magistrate Darr, serves as a model for other juvenile courts in the state to follow. Magistrate McCollister and her staff work tirelessly every day to ensure that children have stable and appropriate homes so as to reduce the likelihood that they will come into contact with the system in other ways.

Our success is measured by the number of juveniles who interact with our court, but who are able to become productive, law-abiding adults. The commitment of each and every member of our staff to achieve that result in every case makes coming to work every day an absolute joy.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Hejmanowski,
Juvenile Court Administrator/Magistrate



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After many years of discussing a new Courts Building, a decision was made that it was not the right economic climate to take on such a huge financial undertaking for Delaware County. That being said, there was an acknowledgment that something had to be done about the space we are currently occupying, trying to get work completed and serving the public in very close quarters.

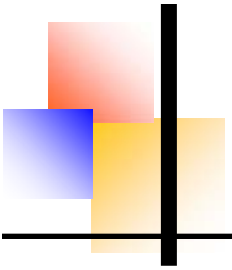
Great strides have been made in 2009! The County Commissioners, with much encouragement from the Probate/Juvenile Court staff, decided to use some of the undeveloped space on the 3rd floor of the Rutherford B. Hayes Services Building for the Delaware County Probate Court. This decision has been a great morale booster for staff during a difficult economic time for the County. The plan is to hopefully move to the new space by the Spring/Summer of 2010!

Along with the exciting news about new space, I need to publicly thank the staff of the Probate Court for all their hard work. We do not have any forty (40) hour per week person on staff, instead we have six (6) staff members working less than forty (40) hours trying to get a great deal of work completed. Those tasks range from Marriage Licenses applications, to many, many phone calls, to numerous lay people filling out paperwork with questions at the counter, to assisting Attorneys with their filings, just to mention some of the day to day duties of the Probate Court Deputy Clerks. It is our job to do all these activities, but all the Probate Court staff go above and beyond to try and get everything done in a timely, friendly, accurate manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Katherman

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Probate Court Administrator



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Estate Administrations, Releases from Administrations and Trusts, to assure that such property is legally given to those who are to receive it under the Statutes of Descent and Distribution or the wishes of decedent or grantor. The Court is also responsible for protecting the rights of adults from abuse or neglect. Various types of Guardianships (Person, Estate or Person & Estate) are often put in place to protect the quality of life or the assets of either incompetent adults or minor children. The Court is very careful to determine the best solution for all the parties and takes this process very seriously.

In 2009, four hundred sixty (460) new Estates, one hundred eight (108) new Guardianships, and seven (7) new Trusts were opened and will continue to be overseen by the Court until such time as they are terminated. Currently, four hundred five (405) Guardianships are being monitored for the protection of minor and/or incompetent wards. Ninety-five (95) Trusts remain on open status with the Probate Court, requiring an annual accounting by financial transactions.

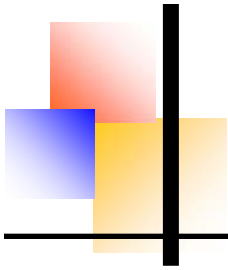
Persons in need of medical or other protective care may be assisted through the Probate Court by filing an Application for Emergency Guardianship. Often these cases involve an individual age sixty (60) or older and many of those cases are initiated by the Adult Protective Services (APS) staff, which is funded through the Delaware County Department of Jobs and Family Services (DCDJFS). Emergency Guardianships can be filed for individuals under the age of sixty (60) also. This is a temporary solution for people at risk, until a Court-Appointed Investigator can do an investigation and make a recommendation to the Court to proceed with a full Guardianship or suggest that a Guardianship is not necessary.

| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Estates | 427 | 426 | 460 |
| Guardianships | 108 | 106 | 108 |
| Trusts | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| Psychiatric Mental Commitments | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| Adoption Proceedings | 64 | 57 | 30 |
| Marriage License | 730 | 775 | 742 |
| Miscellaneous Filings | 118 | 114 | 123 |
| Total Cases Filed | 1,460 | 1,492 | 1,474 |

In addition, four (4) potential Psychiatric Commitments were referred and filed in the Probate Court for review and processing in 2009.

Adoption proceedings are also handled in the Probate Court. Such matters include Pre-placement approval, the placement of children, surrender of newborns, Step-parent Adoptions, Adult Adoptions, and the Re-finalization of foreign Adoptions. Each Adoption proceeding (with the exception of Adult Adoptions) is examined by a Court-appointed Adoption Assessor who does extensive interviews and background checks before making recommendations to the Court. Thirty (30) Adoption related cases were processed in 2009.

Figure 1: Probate Cases Filed in 2007, 2008 and 2009



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Intake/Diversion Department

Intake/Diversion Officers screen all Juvenile Court referrals and manage the initial filing of all delinquent/unruly complaints. The Intake Department also provides dispositional recommendations to the bench. They first consider the least restrictive option which balances the interests of the youth, victims and the community while holding the offender accountable. In total, the Intake/Diversion Department handled 1,791 filed referrals in 2009. Another 1,621 referrals were handled by the Court informally.

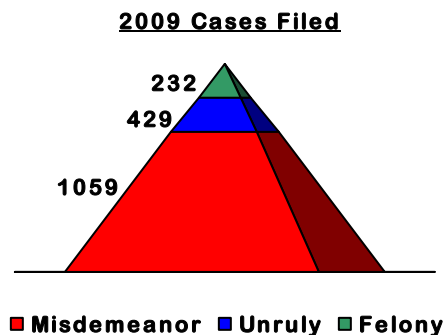
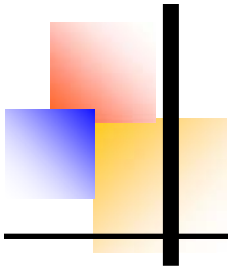


Figure 2: 2009 Cases Filed

- **School Liaison Officers** The primary function of School Liaison Officers is to divert youth from the formal Court system. This is primarily done by handling school truancy and unruly behavior through informal intervention whenever possible. The School Liaison Officers focus on maintaining effective communication between the Court and schools, developing behavior plans and participating in Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings to ensure youth receive every allowable service at school. Two School Liaison Officers handled four hundred two (402) referrals in 2009. These referrals, come from Delaware City Schools, Delaware Area Career Center, Big Walnut, Buckeye Valley and Olentangy Local Schools.
- **School Attendance Officer** The Court continues to provide truant officer services to three county school districts by monitoring youths' school attendance through ongoing contact with parents, students, teachers and school administrators. The School Attendance Officer also works closely with the School Liaison Officers to ensure proper school attendance, to determine the need for and level of intervention and to identify when formal truancy complaints need to be filed. Five hundred forty-seven (547) referrals were made to the School Attendance Officer in 2009.
- **Together Everyone Achieves More Mentor Program (TEAM)** The Court's mentoring program matches ten to fourteen (10-14) year old non-adjudicated youth with trained



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adult mentors. Mentors work to reduce the delinquent and unruly behaviors of youth through role-modeling and advocacy. Youth are exposed to positive activities and new life experiences through these mentor relationships. Sixty-five (65) youth-adult mentor matches were made in 2009. A number of the mentors are students at Ohio Wesleyan University, while others represent various services organizations.

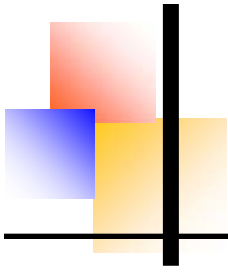
- **Moms Offering Mentoring Support (M.O.M.S.)** The M.O.M.S. program matches young mothers and mothers-to-be with mentors. In 2009, Mentors helped forty-two (42) young mothers and infants by providing them support, assisting with transportation to doctor's appointments, teaching fiscal responsibility skills, meal planning and introducing them to local community resources/services. Mentors work with the young mother until the infant reaches his or her 1st birthday.

Probation Department

The philosophy of Probation is to facilitate a "balanced approach" to offender accountability and rehabilitation. This includes holding youth accountable both to their victims and to the community and providing services to support offender competency development. Probation Officers provide comprehensive case management, linkage to community resources, and maintain court-sanctioned accountability for youths on probation.

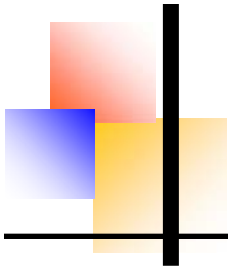
In 2009, Moral Reconciliation Therapy was implemented to provide a 12-16 step cognitive skills program where offenders participate in a group setting and focus on thinking errors. It is a systematic, cognitive behavioral and step-by-step treatment strategy designed to enhance self-image and promote growth of a positive, productive identity and facilitate the development of higher stages of moral reasoning. All of these goals are ultimately demonstrated by more appropriate behavior on the part of the program participants.

- **Probation** terms & conditions are monitored for timely completion so youth can learn from their experience and avoid further involvement with the juvenile justice system. Probation Officers work closely with the youth on probation, family, school, and community to ensure community protection, offender accountability, victim reparation, and competency development. Probation Officers supervised three hundred six (306) youth on probation in 2009. Intensive Probation is designed to closely monitor serious offenders (often felony level offenders) within the community whenever possible. Most youths are placed on Probation in lieu of incarceration or institutionalization. Adjudicated delinquent juveniles between the ages of 11-18 on probation are often court ordered to participate in the Correctional Treatment Unit (CTU) program during their stay at the Central Ohio Youth Center (COYC). CTU is a 90-day program that builds on cognitive-behavior techniques (CBT), motivational enhancement therapy (MET), risk factors management, relapse prevention and social learning concepts. The program targets criminal thinking errors and teaches the Stop-Think-Act method for changing these thought patterns. Juveniles participate in groups such as anger/aggression/violence, personal needs/anti-social peer groups, problem solving/risk factors, substance abuse treatment, victim awareness and young women's lives.



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- **Sex Offenders** The Court's Juvenile Sex Offender (JSO) Treatment Program is designed to allow offenders to receive intensive treatment while residing in their own community through intensive supervision and community teaming. Through a rigorous treatment program, offenders learn to develop and exercise greater control of their behavior while being supervised by specially trained Probation Officers. Each juvenile sex offender's case is clinically supervised by the Court's consulting psychologist. In 2009, the JSO Treatment Program supervised twelve (12) youth who provide peer support to each other through weekly meetings.
- **Aftercare/Re-Entry** Youth who have been removed from their homes and placed into a residential facility, foster care, or an Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) institution must be reintegrated back into the community following a long-term placement. Intensive Aftercare provides an avenue to help the youth and family remain connected throughout the duration of the youth's incarceration or placement. When the youth returns to the community, he/she is monitored closely to ensure compliance with Court orders.
- **Drug Testing** Urinalysis and breathalyzers are consistently used to test youths for drug/alcohol use. In some cases, parents may be required to submit to these tests. Testing helps to keep youth substance-free and guides staff on appropriate recommendations for treatment. In 2009, over one thousand one hundred (1,100) drug tests were performed on Court involved juveniles and adults.
- **Monitoring Services** Court Monitors provide face-to-face and telephone contact with offenders in their homes and community outside of regular court hours, mostly in the evenings and on weekends. These checks ensure compliance with curfews, other probation terms to assure compliance with house arrest. Electronically monitored house arrest may be utilized to keep constant contact of an offender's whereabouts. GPS monitoring is an active, single-unit ankle device that encompasses cellular technology and GPS. The 95-decible siren can be activated by the monitoring center or a probation officer and provide instant intervention by voice communication to the offender. In 2009, one hundred eighty-eight (188) juveniles spent two thousand five hundred ninety-two (2,592) days under in-home, electric or GPS monitoring.
- **Positive Activities for Youth (PAY)** PAY provides an incentive for court-involved youth to reach case plan goals through positive activity rewards. It provides opportunities for youth to try new activities in and around their community. This year, youth participated in a variety of activities including pottery, ball games, bowling, camping, high ropes, canoeing and picnics. In addition, often family members of those youth on probation participate in the activities also.
- **Seeds Planted In a Community Environment (SPICE)** The SPICE Garden is dedicated to empowering court involved youth in Delaware County through an organic gardening program that provides hands-on learning experiences and the opportunity to establish a positive relationship with the community. In 2009, the garden generated over \$300.00 in profits at the local weekly farmers market.

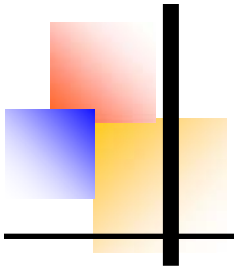


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Programs Department

The mission of providing community-based programs is to serve the best interests of youth by providing balanced, innovative, and family-centered services. The priority is to keep youth with their own families and in the community while maintaining public safety by tailoring resources to fit the individualized needs of each youth and family.

- **Family Advocates** The Family Advocate program, active since 1983, is focused on improving family relationships and delivers home-based intervention that makes treatment accessible to those families who might otherwise be excluded and overcomes barriers to treatment including lack of transportation and child care, job commitments and chronic physical illness or handicap. Services provided, but not limited to include support and mentoring, teaching of parenting communication, social skills and problem solving, monitoring of high risk situation, crisis intervention, conflict resolution, advocacy on behalf of the individual or family with the Court and other social service systems, encouraging positive family activities and modeling appropriate behaviors. Family Advocates served eighty-six (86) youth and families in 2009.
- **Interagency Cluster for Youth** Cluster provides case consultation, resources, and funding for the County's extraordinary-needs children and families. Community agency representatives, including schools, meet monthly to review cases and provide direction for family and child teams. The Cluster provides a unique forum for establishing funding partnerships and accessing state funds for multi-agency extraordinary-needs kids.
- **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs)** Court Appointed Special Advocates provide verbal and written advocacy concerning the best interests of children involved in abuse, neglect and dependency cases. The program also provides advocacy for children whose parents are involved in the Family Treatment Court. In 2009, CASAs provided services to one hundred fifty (155) children in ninety-three (93) cases. There were thirty-four (34) actively trained community volunteers providing an independent voice for children in the courtroom, ensuring that the child is provided with a safe and permanent home. The Delaware County CASA Program is a Court-based non-profit 501C3 arm of The Friends of Delaware County CASA.
- **Victim Services Program** The Victim Services Program was established for Juvenile Court in 1994 to provide information and support for victims of juvenile crime and to ensure that case related decisions include greater consideration for the victim. The program is committed to protecting victims by informing them of their rights, providing information regarding the Court's legal process, arranging support for personal and emotional needs and attempting to help recover any financial losses. Keeping sight of a "balanced approach" ensures that offenders are held accountable to their victims and that victims regain some degree of wholeness after an offense has been committed against them. During fiscal year 2009, the Victim Services Program received four hundred seventy (470) cases involving more than five hundred twenty-five (525) victims.



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The Victim Services Program also assists victims in applying for compensation through the Ohio Victim of Crime Compensation Program for victims of crime involving financial loss for the victim.

The Victim Services Program is part of the Delaware County Coalition of Victim Services, which is involved with raising community awareness of victim-related crimes in Delaware County. The coalition has helped organize “Walk a Mile in her Shoes” support awareness of sexual abuse and actively promotes National Crime Victim’s Right Week in April.

- **Victim Awareness Program** Started in 2007, this program helps juvenile offenders understand how their actions have affected their victims. Through a series of classes, these juveniles must analyze their actions and participate in exercises geared to help them more fully understand the consequences of those actions. The goal of the program is to keep these juveniles from re-offending by helping them understand the impact that their actions will have on others and themselves.
- **Restitution** The purpose of restitution is to provide crime victims with financial restoration. Over \$19,500.00 in restitution was collected from juvenile offenders and paid to victims in 2009.

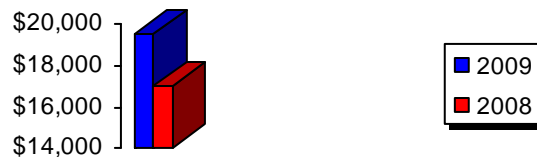
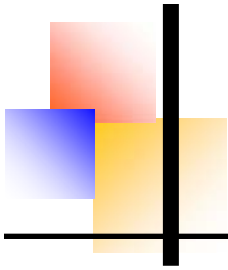


Figure 3: Restitution collected: 2008 vs. 2009

- **Mediation** The Court’s Mediation Program is an informal, yet structured process in which a neutral person (mediator) assists the parties in their negotiations. It is a confidential process in which the parties are provided an opportunity to actively participate in the negotiation process and determine the outcome of their dispute. The Court’s Mediation Program consists of three (3) trained staff and provides mediations for Parenting, Delinquency, Truancy, Probate and Abuse/Neglect/Dependent issues. A total of three hundred ninety-eight (398) mediations were held in 2009, an increase of over 25% from 2008.
- **Community Service** The Community Service Program hold youth accountable for their behavior while providing meaningful services to the community. It also provides youth the opportunity to pay off restitution. In 2009, one hundred twenty-six (126) youth served over 1,500 community service hours.

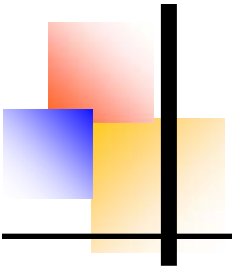


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- **Suspension Alternative Program** The Suspension Alternative Program (SAP) is an alternative to out-of-school suspension. Youth who are suspended are placed in SAP by local school systems and supervised in a structured environment. Youth provide service to the community and participate in a Court tutoring program to ensure they do not fall behind in school because of their suspensions. In 2009, one hundred sixteen (116) youth participated in the SAP program for a grand total of 1,121 hours served.
- **Treatment Court** Programs strive to effectively intervene with both youth and parental substance abuse and mental health issues through systematic and coordinated supervision, treatment, and case planning. By supporting substance-free lifestyles and enhancing mental health treatment compliance, the programs can reduce negative behaviors and assist in the development of healthier families and a safer community.
- **Family Treatment Court** The Family Treatment Court seeks to provide effective drug and alcohol treatment to the parents of abused, neglected, and dependent children in order to prevent or shorten out-of-home placement. All participants have pending abuse, neglect, or dependency actions or child protection orders and a history of substance abuse or mental health issues. Successful participation in the Family Treatment Court is based on the participant's compliance with their treatment plan, Department of Jobs and Family Services requirements, and Court orders. Thirteen (13) parents participated in the Family Treatment Court in 2009. Of these thirteen (13) parents, seven (7) successfully completed their case plans, were compliant in their counseling and were invited to attend a graduation ceremony.
- **Juvenile Treatment Court** The Juvenile Treatment Court provides community-based intervention, treatment, and supervision for juvenile offenders between fourteen and eighteen (14-18) years old. Offenders must have been charged with a drug or alcohol related offense, or their offense must have been motivated by drug or alcohol use/dependency. The Juvenile Treatment Court offers a continuum of treatment services including individual counseling, intensive outpatient services, group counseling, and relapse prevention. Of the twenty-nine (29) youth who participated in the Juvenile Treatment Court in 2009, fifteen (15) successfully completed their case plans, were compliant in counseling and attended graduation.

Abuse, Neglect and Dependency

In 2009, the Court handled one hundred ninety (190) filings representing sixty-six (66) families for Abuse, Neglect and Dependency matters. Of the 109 filings handled by the Court, there were seventeen (17) abused, thirty-six (36) neglected, and sixty-six (66) dependent children. Case management for Abuse, Neglect and Dependency cases is provided of Jobs and Family Services under the mandates and guidelines of the State of Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.



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The Court provides additional support in these cases through the appointment of both Guardians ad litem (GALs) and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs).

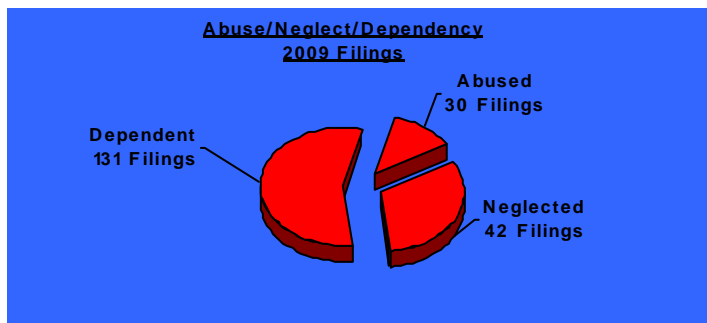


Figure 4: 2009 Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Filings

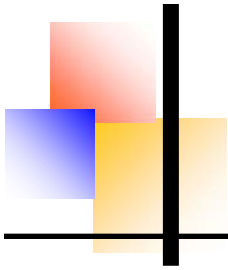
Parenting

The Juvenile Court conducts hearing and trials on all matters of Parental Rights and Responsibilities involving children of all non married parents and children of parents not seeking Divorce, Dissolution or Legal Separation. These cases involve the issues of Custody, Parenting Time, Visitation for third parties, Child Support, Medical Support and related issues. Hearings and trials are conducted in compliance with the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure and Juvenile Rules of Procedure. Decisions are timely made after all the evidence is presented to the Court. Parties will be referred to the Mediation Department for the process of mediation to assist them in resolving the issues before the Court. In 2009, one thousand six (1006) custody and related cases were filed with the Court. The Delaware County Child Support Enforcement Agency files a large number of cases before the Court to determine Paternity, Child Support orders, and Medical Support orders and to enforce said orders.

Traffic

Juvenile Traffic Court has been a serious matter for Delaware County teens for many years. The philosophy of holding first time offenders accountable through license suspension is something many area teens have learned from. This tough action is taken in order to teach juvenile traffic offenders the seriousness of their actions and the responsibility they have as a motor vehicle operator.

A personal appearance is mandatory for juveniles summoned to Traffic Court, with a parent or custodian. If a juvenile admits to the traffic citation, disposition occurs that same day. Fines, costs and license suspension for four to six (4-6) weeks are the norm for traffic citations. If a traffic citation is denied, then a trial is set for a later date. Disposition will occur subsequent to the trial should the traffic violation be proven in Court.



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Seatbelt-only traffic violations do not require a personal appearance and may be paid via the mail. There were nine hundred thirty-one (931) traffic cases in 2009.

- **Caring and Responsible Teens (Carteens)** Carteens is an important program that emphasizes safe driving. Speakers come from the State Highway Patrol and area hospitals, parents of children killed or injured in car crashes and youth who survived serious accidents. All present their personal experiences to teen drivers and emphasize safety and responsibility. One hundred forty-four (144) youth participated in the Carteens program in 2009. This program is provided through the Extension Service of The Ohio State University and is a resource appreciated by the Court.

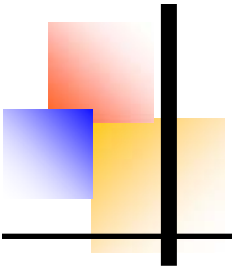
Administration

The Juvenile Court saw many administrative changes during 2009. The Court saw the addition of two (2) full-time employees and four (4) part-time employees; of those six (6) employees, two (2) of them were promoted from within Delaware County to positions in the Intake/Diversion and Judicial Departments. During the year, there eight (8) employees resigned from the Court; many of them went on to jobs within the same field, some to further their education and others to pursue other interests.

Court programs such as, Mentors, M.O.M.S. and CASAs are successful due to the many dedicated volunteers; in 2009, there were ninety-four (94) new volunteers in these three (3) programs. The Court is also a place where student interns come to receive real on the job training while fulfilling their educational requirements. During 2009 the Probation, Intake/Diversion and Treatment Departments had six (6) interns.

Clerical

The Delaware County Juvenile Court strives to meet or exceed any time limits for resolution of cases. The Clerical Support staff serves all Departments and programs by handling a large amount of information presented to the Court. Whether by submission of paper filings, routing calls to staff members, intake and maintenance of case files, notification, perseverance of legal records, researching, typing and directing the public, the clerical support staff is experienced and professional.



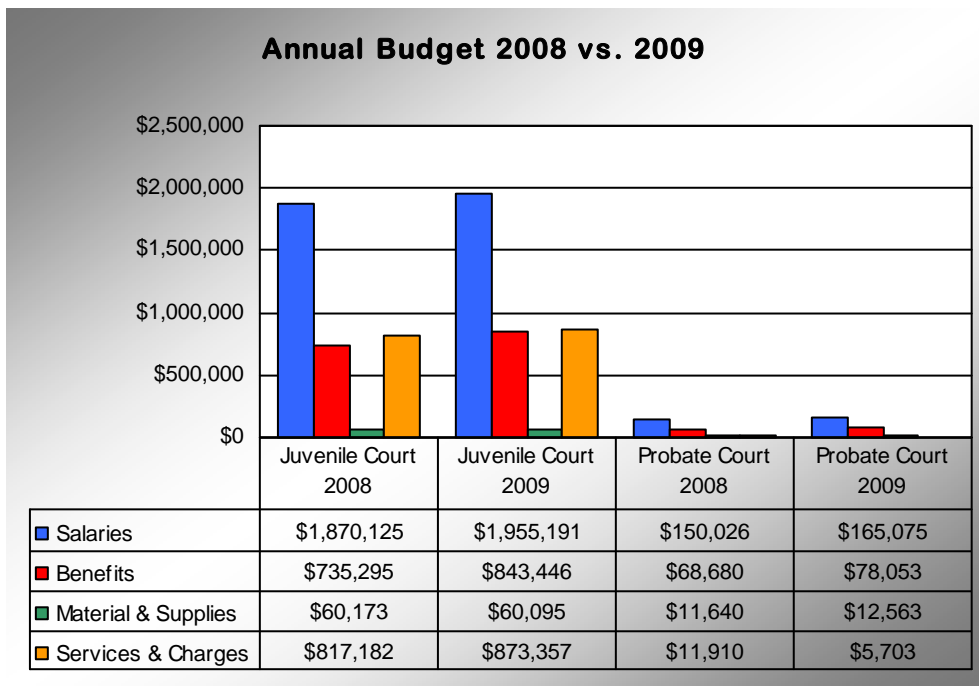
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In 2009, the Court employed sixteen (16) staff members. The Clerical Staff aligns itself with the following dockets: Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Juvenile Delinquency, parenting Matters, including Child Support Enforcement, Child Custody and Visitation Matters, Traffic Court, Sex Offender and Treatment Court and has worked hard in 2009, to continue the process of cross-training in other areas to insure efficient workflow maintenance of timelines.

Financial

Funding for The Delaware County Probate and Juvenile Court's yearly revenue come from various sources; in 2009, sixty-eight (68%) came from the County Commissioner's General Fund, fourteen (14%) came from the collection of fines and fees from individuals using Court services and eighteen (18%) came from our eight (8) grants; the biggest grantor for 2009 came from The Department of Youth Services in the amount of \$523,000.00.

In calendar year 2009, The County had twenty-seven (27) pay period, in lieu of the traditional twenty-six (26) pay periods. The increases in salary and benefit expenses were a result of the one additional pay period.





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