

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY**  
**PROBATE & JUVENILE**  
**COURTS**



**2010**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

*STEVEN O. WILLIAMS*  
*JUDGE*



## **JUDGE STEVEN O. WILLIAMS**

**Probate & Juvenile Judge, Ex-Officio Clerk**

My position as Judge of the Fairfield County Probate and Juvenile Courts is unique in that I serve as both Judge and Clerk of the Courts. In both capacities, my staff and I are committed to providing a fair and impartial administration of justice, as well as prompt, courteous and efficient service to the public.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To serve the citizens of Fairfield County by insuring the safety of local youth and the community, to provide a fair and impartial arena for disputes, to aid families in crisis and to assist youth in maintaining risk-free behavior and completing their education to become healthy, productive members of our community.

## JUDICIAL STAFF



**Carl McCoy, Magistrate**



**Cheri Shaw, Court Director**



**Chad Moore, Bailiff**

## 2010 COURT HEARINGS

### JUDGE WILLIAMS

Arraignments	35
Bench Warrants (Adults)	35
Bindovers	12
Custody/Permanent Custody	66
Delinquency/Traffic Trials & Hearings	13
Dependency Hearings & Reviews	282
Emergency Reviews/Detention Hearings	185
Meetings & Conferences	96
Non-support Arraignments & Reviews	277
Non-support Trials/Hearings	14
Other Adult Hearings	72
Payment Hearings—9 sessions, plus	26
Pretrials (delinquency)	11
Probation Reviews	701
Shelter Hearings	38
Status Hearing (Sessions) - Drug Court	84
Status Hearing (Sessions) - Family Court	68
Traffic Court	2

### MAGISTRATE MCCOY

Arraignments	315
Bench Warrants (Adults)	2
Bindovers	0
Custody/Permanent Custody	0
Delinquency/Traffic Trials & Hearings	145
Dependency Hearings & Reviews	0
Emergency Reviews/Detention Hearings	56
Meetings & Conferences	2
Non-support Arraignments/Warrants	2
Non-support Trials/Hearings	0
Other Adult Hearings	0
Payment Hearings	4
Pretrials (delinquency)	125
Probation Reviews	660
Shelter Hearings	2
Status Hearing (Sessions) - Drug Court	16
Status Hearing (Sessions) - Family Court	15
Traffic Court	48

**2010 GRAND TOTAL JUVENILE HEARINGS 3,409**

**16% Decrease from 2009—632 less hearings**

## JUVENILE COURT CLERKS & SUPPORT STAFF

### Clerks Office

The Juvenile Clerks Office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; however, all support staff work until 5:00 p.m. This extra hour at the end of the day allows time to do the daily banking and finish those end-of-the-day jobs.



Each clerk has specific duties and responsibilities as the assigned case manager of their case type. In addition, all clerks share the more routine duties, including counter duty, on a scheduled rotating basis.

In **January of 2010**, the Juvenile and Probate Clerks offices were combined and relocated to a newly remodeled area that was previously used for record storage. The move allowed additional space for employees and more room at the counter to accommodate the public.



Senior Deputy Clerk

**Lory Behrens**



Grant Administrator

**Marcy Cox**



Dependency/Custody

**Diana Gundelfinger**



Delinquent/Unruly

**Jen Rose**



**Jesse Nicholson**  
Traffic



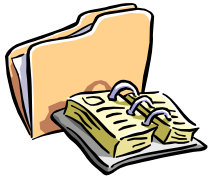
**Meagen Bowland**  
Intake/Adult



**Jean Cox**  
Imaging/Data Entry

### OUT OF COUNTY TRANSFERS

In 2010, **268** cases were transferred to our county and processed by the Clerks Office, 46% of which were from Franklin County.



## NEW CASES 2010

	2009	2010	+/-
<b>DELINQUENCY CASES</b> (New & Transferred In)	<b>535</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>-55</b>
Felony Cases Filed	65	50	-15
Felony Adjudications	44	31	-13
Bindovers as an Adult	0	3	+3
Commitments to DYS	2	1	-1
<b>UNRULY ONLY CASES</b> (New & Transferred In)	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
Tobacco Offenses	1	0	-1
Truancy, including Chronic Truancy	43	21	-22
<b>TRAFFIC CASES</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>-31</b>
All Charges Involving Drugs & Alcohol	93	136	+43
<b>ABUSE/NEGLECT/DEPENDENCY</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>+17</b>
New Complaints	166	197	+31
Complaints re-filed for time	63	31	-32
Cases from the bench	32	23	-9
Permanent Custody	44	31	-13
Custody	56	53	-3
Grandparent Affidavit/Power of Attorney	28	45	+17
<b>ADULT CRIMINAL CASES</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-22</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CASES</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>+21</b>
<b>INFORMAL CASES</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>-51</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>-121</b>
			<b>-6%</b>

**SCHEDULE OF COURT COSTS**

**& PROGRAM FEES**

Misdemeanor	\$ 59	Traffic - Moving	\$ 69
Felony	\$ 91	Traffic - Nonmoving	\$ 40
Adult Misdemeanor	\$ 59	Seatbelt - Driver	\$ 30 (fine only)
Miscellaneous	\$ 59	Seatbelt - Passenger	\$ 20 (fine only)
Motion to Seal or Expunge	\$ 68	Traffic Waiver	\$ 65

**PROGRAM FEES**

Drug Court Fee	\$250	Labor Program (Daily)	\$ 15
Intervention Group	\$ 50	Labor Plus (Daily)	\$ 15
FACTS Program	\$ 70	Labor Plus .5 (Daily)	\$ 10
DEFT Program	\$100	Rescheduling Fee	\$ 25
BMV Certificate	\$ 5		

**PROBATION FEES**

Probation Fee	\$120	Warrants	\$ 10
Probation Monitoring	\$ 60	Informals	\$ 25
Payment Schedule	\$ 25	Detention (Daily)	\$120
Electronic Monitor (Daily)	\$ 5	Restitution	\$ 5% of order

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Tobacco Waiver	\$154	Copies	\$ .05
Juror (per day)	\$ 30	Certification	\$ 1
Witness	\$ 6	Driver's Permit	\$ 20
Service (Process)	\$ 10	Revision of Permit	\$ 5
Mileage (per mile)	\$ .50	Custody (deposit)	\$300
Bounced Check	\$25	Application for Counsel	\$ 25
		OL Forfeiture Fee	\$ 40



## PROBATION DEPARTMENT



**BRUCE SIMONS**  
Probation Director



**LYNN MCCANDLISH**  
Assistant Probation  
Director



**CHRIS BOSCH**  
Probation Officer



**CHUCK HAYES**  
Probation Officer

**ELAINE SWARTZ**  
Probation Officer



**MARK MCCANN**  
Probation Officer



**GENELLE ROSE**



**TERRY MOORE**  
Probation Officer

**NANCI DYER**  
Probation Officer



**ROBERT CONRAD**  
Transportation Officer & Process Server



**AARON RAYMER**  
Surveillance Officer

## PROGRAMS OF THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUVENILE COURT



### D.E.F.T.

Cost: \$100.00

#### **Driver's Education Fundamental Training**

Traffic school is a 3-night program that is held at the Alternative School from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. The program is certified by the State and qualifies as the required "juvenile driver improvement program" necessary for license reinstatements.



### L.A.B.O.R. PROGRAM

Cost: \$15.00/day

#### **Learning, Attitude, Behavior, Obedience, Respect**

This program is comprised of several different components:

The **Labor Program** is used in lieu of detention and runs from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Alternative School. This program consists of physical tasks, discipline and life skill education.

The **Labor .5 Program** is the same as the Labor Program, but for half the number of hours. Juveniles can be ordered to attend from 3:00 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The **School-to-Labor Program** adds an educational component. The juvenile attends class at the Alternative School from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and then joins the regular Labor program from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The **Labor Plus Program** runs along with the regular Labor Program from 3:00 to 10:00, but incorporates more recreational activities and study time.

**Labor Plus .5** is the Labor Plus program, but the juvenile attends for only half the number of hours.

### House Arrest

This is a "paper" arrest where the child is not to leave the home without a parent, except for work or school. Enforcement of house arrest is mainly by parental reporting; however, a court officer may check on the juvenile from time to time.

### Electronic Monitoring



**Cost: \$5.00/day**

The electronic monitor consists of a transmitter box connected to the juvenile's home phone and an ankle bracelet that the juvenile wears. If a juvenile leaves the area of the transmitter during a prohibited time period, a siren will sound and a violation will be transmitted to BI Monitoring. This violation is then reported to the probation officer.

## DRUG COURT

### Drug Court Program

**Cost: \$250.00**

The Drug Court Program is an intensive one-year program combining probation and substance abuse counseling. The program is broken into three phases, the first being the most intensive and includes frequent visits with their probation officer and counselor, as well as weekly status hearings before the Court.

### F.A.C.T.S. Program

**Cost: \$70.00**

All juveniles adjudicated by the Court as delinquent or unruly are ordered to attend this substance abuse educational program. The class is held at the Alternative School on Saturday mornings. One parent is required to attend the class with their child.

### Intervention Program

**Cost: \$50.00**

This is a group session held on Tuesday afternoons by Drug Court Counselors and is designed to provide information and education to juveniles and their parents. This program is also used as a chance to make a preliminary evaluation and make recommendations for a more in-depth evaluation or additional counseling.

### Drug Screens

**Cost: \$9 to \$30**

Drug screens are an important tool for both the Probation Department and Drug Court. A Rapid Screen urine test can be performed and give instant results or if an AccuChem test is used, the sample is sent away to a laboratory for test results.



# SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

AARON RAYMER, SURVEILLANCE OFFICER

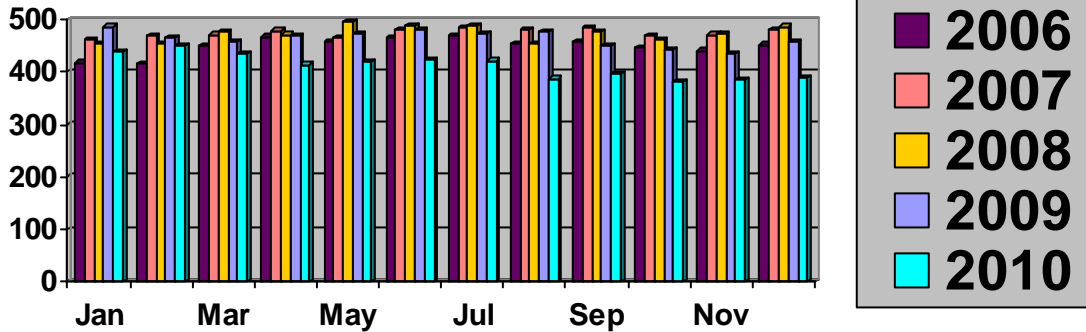
Our Surveillance Program was created to assist our Probation Department and Drug Court in monitoring youth after court hours. Upon referral by probation, our Surveillance Officer, Aaron Raymer, makes home checks on juveniles between the hours of 3:00 and 11:00 p.m. After-hours contact has proven to be very effective in reinforcing house arrest and curfew. Breathalyzer and/or drug tests can also be administered , if needed.

## 2010 HOME CHECKS

<u>JAN.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MAR.</u>	<u>APR.</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG.</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>OCT.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>DEC</u>
271	193	162	58	324	354	344	281	320	442	178	300

## Monthly Probation Numbers

(does not include Drug Court)



## JUVENILES ON PROBATION

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Yrly Total	Avg/Mo
2006	418	415	450	468	457	465	471	455	457	448	441	452	5397	450
2007	461	469	472	479	467	480	484	481	485	469	472	480	5699	475
2008	456	456	477	472	497	488	489	456	477	462	473	487	5690	474
2009	487	467	458	469	475	480	473	477	451	442	436	458	5573	464
2010	438	452	435	414	419	423	422	388	396	383	385	391	4946	412
Avg.	452	452	458	460	463	467	465	451	453	441	441	453	5461	455



## Probation Statistics

Youth on Probation as of 1/1/2010	457
New Admissions to Probation & Transfers In	304
<b>Total Youth on Probation during 2010</b>	<b>761</b>
Total Probationers Terminated or Transferred Out	387
Youth on Probation as of 12/31/10	374
<b>Average Caseload per (Regular) Probation Officer</b>	<b>38</b>
Youth 18 or older on Probation during 2010	211 (29%)

Crossroads Probationers as of 1/1/2010	84
Crossroads Probationers New & Transferred In for 2010	37
Crossroads Probationers Terminated or Transferred Out	52
Crossroads Probationers as of 12/31/2010	69
<b>Average Caseload per Crossroads Probation Officer</b>	<b>17</b>

Drug Court Probationers as of 1/1/2010	58
Drug Court Probationers New & Transferred In for 2010	6
Drug Court Probationers Terminated or Transferred Out	30
Drug Court Probationers as of 12/31/2010	34
<b>Average Caseload per Drug Court Probation Officer</b>	<b>17</b>

	PROGRAM PARTICIPATION			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
D.E.F.T. (traffic school)	652	604	606	617
L.A.B.O.R. Program	999	976	950	831

## COMPARISON OF CHARGES

<b>PROPERTY &amp; THEFT CHARGES</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>+ / -</b>
Criminal Trespass	16	19	+3
Criminal Mischief	9	2	-7
Criminal Damaging/Vandalism	40	25	-15
Theft	163	119	-44
Burglary, Robbery, B & Entering	24	11	-13
Receiving Stolen Property	15	14	-1
Arson	2	4	+2
Unauthorized Use	10	7	-3
Firearm or On School Property	111	14	-97
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES:</b>			
Disorderly Conduct	187	202	+15
Menacing	6	12	+6
Assault	63	52	-11
Domestic Violence	29	25	-4
Weapon Charges	18	5	-13
Against Elderly/ Handicapped	0	0	0
Vehicular Homicide/Manslgthr.	0	1	+1
<b>SEXUAL OFFENSES:</b>			
Rape	2	17	+15
Gross/Sexual Imposition	14	15	+1

## DEMOGRAPHICS OF CHARGES

Total charges filed in 2010: 745 with the following breakdown:

<b>Sex:</b>	500 Males	245 Females		
<b>Race:</b>	608 White	112 Black	1 Hispanic	24 Other
<b>Age:</b>	9-12: 36	13-15: 278	16: 203	17: 228

## RESTITUTION



In 2010, the probation department handled:

Restitution referrals	42
Restitution orders	39

Pursuant to local rule, restitution orders are limited to \$500 per juvenile per case. In 2010, **\$5,375.59** was collected on behalf of victims of crime, a decrease of \$1,243.84 from 2009 or 19 percent.

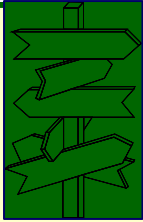
## DRUG SCREENS

Drug screening is an important tool for the probation department. By performing urine screens, the probation department can monitor substance abuse and initiate action if a problem develops. For those in Drug Court, screens provide evidence of progress or relapse in treatment. In 2010, drug screening increased by 20%.

<b>Drug Screens Performed</b>	<b>5,547</b>
<b>Negative Screens</b>	<b>4,318</b>
<b>Positive Screens</b>	<b>1,125</b>
<b>Unclear Screens</b>	<b>104</b>

## PLACEMENT STATISTICS

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Bed Days</u>
Multi-County Detention	367	5,619
County Jail	198	2,528
Foster Care (IV-E)	7	288
Perry Co. CCF	2	383
Dept. of Youth Services	0	0
<b>TOTAL BED DAYS</b>		<b>8,818</b>
		29% Increase from 2009



# CROSSROADS CENTER FOR YOUTH



Jeff Graf, Director

## *STAFF 2010*



Rick McFarland  
Asst.. Director



Amy Mahon  
Secretary/Clerk



Brenda Graf  
EMIS Clerk



Rick Antle  
Security



Mary Peresta  
English



Ashley Withers  
Social Studies



Gregory Leasure  
Science



Nathan Stephenson  
Social Studies



Angela Foster  
Art



Clint Appel  
Teacher

## Crossroads Probation



Bridget Moore  
Probation Officer



Don Hazelwood  
Probation Officer



Jordan Phillips  
Probation Officer



Heath Meadows  
Probation Officer

## L.A.B.O.R. Program Staff



Ronda Pickinpaugh  
L.A.B.O.R. Officer

Christopher Ratliff  
L.A.B.O.R. Officer



The **L.A.B.O.R. Program** (Learning, Attitude, Behavior, Obedience, Respect) was created as a response to a lack of detention beds. This program provides supervision and structure for juveniles during the high-risk time period between the end of school and bedtime. Physical activity, discipline and life skills education are provided.

**L.A.B.O.R. Plus** was created to facilitate accountability for juveniles on probation through monitoring their time and to supervise and help them with the performance of their school work.

## Additional Crossroads Teaching Staff



**Nancy Loy-Jackson**  
Math

**Dave Brown**  
Short-Term

**Laura Dennewitz**  
IEP (City)

**Tom Burton**  
IEP (County)

Through a cooperative effort, additional teaching staff is provided by both the city and county schools. Fairfield County Schools provide Nancy Loy-Jackson, our Math teacher, Dave Brown, our teacher for Short-Term classes and Tom Burton, a part-time IEP teacher. Lancaster City Schools provide Laura Dennewitz, a full-time IEP teacher.

## Educational Programs



### Short-Term Education Program

Students on probation who have been suspended from school for short periods of time are required to attend the short-term program. Educational work is provided by the student's home school or the Crossroads Center.

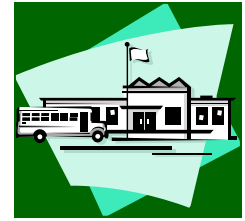
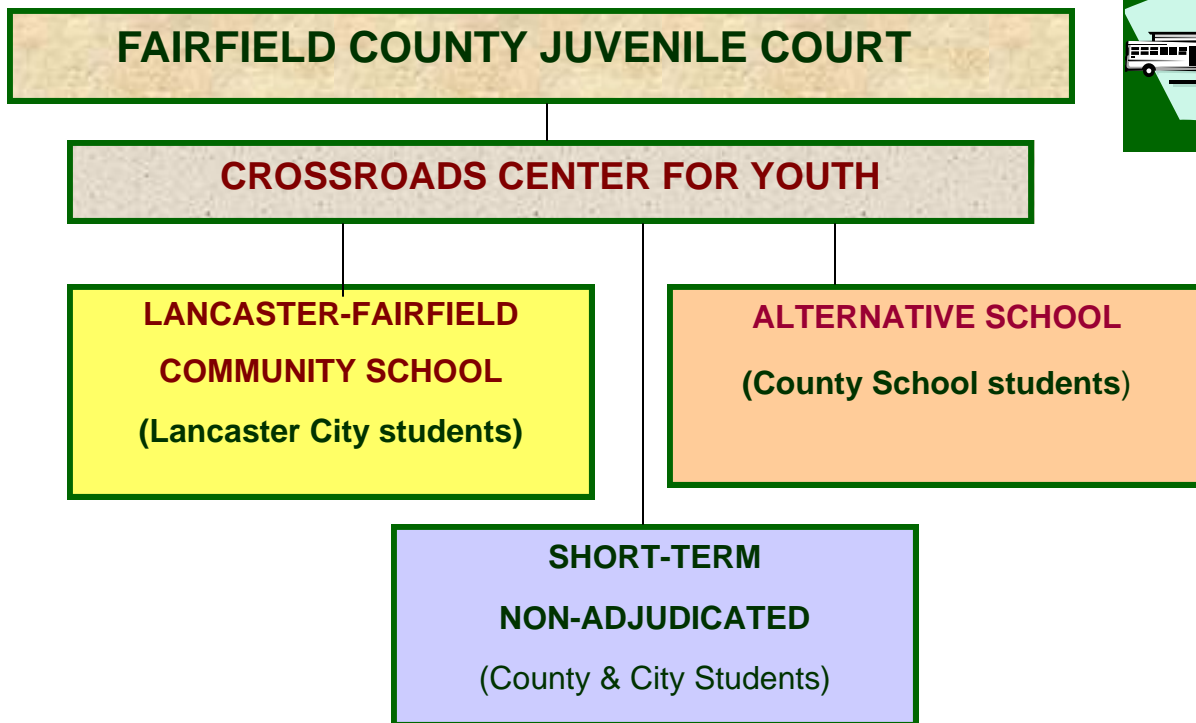
### Career Based Intervention Program – C.B.I.P. (O.W.E.)

This program combines academics, work experience and career exploration. Students obtain employment and are in the work force for part of the school day.

### Long-Term Education Program

This program is for students who experience on-going problems with their home school. The student is placed in this program for several months or the entire school year and completes the curriculum of the home school. Arrangements are made with the home school to provide credit for the student for the work completed in this program.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF OUR SCHOOL



The Fairfield County Juvenile Court operates the Crossroads Center for Youth. Crossroads operates two schools for students that are on probation with the Court: the Alternative School and the Lancaster-Fairfield Community School. It also operates a program for short-term students.

### Short Term Non-Adjudicated Program

Funded by the Challenge Grant through the Fairfield County Educational Service Center, the Short Term Program allows both city and county schools to send a limited number of students with disciplinary issues to Crossroads for one to ten days. This “trial run” gives students a sample of what their experience would be if continued misbehavior would result in formal charges, probation and placement at Crossroads on a long term basis.

### Lancaster-Fairfield Community School

Established in 2004, the Lancaster-Fairfield Community School is an officially recognized school by the Ohio Department of Education. Sponsored by the Lancaster City Schools, it has its own school board and superintendent and contracts with Juvenile Court for its operation. Lancaster City students that are on probation with the Court and having educational issues are placed in the Community School.

### Alternative School

The Court has operated an Alternative School since 1996. County students on probation with educational issues are placed at Crossroads in the Alternative School. Students remain enrolled in their county school and are provided the educational curriculum. Students then receive credit through their home school for any educational work completed.

**2009-2010  
School Year**



**CROSSROADS CENTER FOR YOUTH**

**ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL CLASS  
ENROLLMENT**

August	18	January	24
September	18	February	24
October	19	March	27
November	20	April	32
December	21	May	29

**SUMMER SCHOOL 27**

**SHORT TERM  
PROGRAM**

<i>On Probation</i>	<b>148</b>
<i>Non-Adjudicated</i>	<b>225</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>373</b>

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

August	38	January	45
September	35	February	47
October	41	March	54
November	39	April	55
December	43	May	51

**SUMMER SCHOOL:**

**29**



**TOTAL GRADUATES IN 2010**

Alternative School	3
Community School	12

# CROSSROADS SCHOOL NEWS 2009-2010

## ***LEVEL SYSTEM & SCHOOL UNIFORM CONTINUED SUCCESS***

Last school year, a level system was introduced at the school and it came with a school “uniform.” All students, upon entering Crossroads, are issued and required to wear yellow t-shirts imprinted with the Crossroads logo. Students are given a copy of the level system policy which was implemented to give students, parents and staff a clear picture of where the students stand in regard to attendance, behavior and educational achievement. The goal in designing this system was to enable the students to have a greater participation in controlling their path to success and successful return to their home school or to graduation. This system has proven to provide an atmosphere of success and gives a visual indicator of how well the students are doing. In addition, it provides motivation for the students to do well at Crossroads.

## ***NEW TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES CLASS WORK***

The teachers were provided with Mimio technology that can be used as an electronic “chalkboard.” Training was provided so the technology could be utilized for enhancing daily class instruction. The students have responded well to the new technology.

## ***IMPROVED TESTS SCORES & GRADUATION RATES***

In the 2009-2010 school year, OGT scores continued to improve. The number of graduates increased as well, from 10 to 15.

## ***DROP-OUT PREVENTION & RECOVERY***

In 2010, the Community School was approved by the Ohio Department of Education as an official Drop-Out Prevention and Recovery School. This designation goes into effect for the 2010-2011 school year and is granted to schools that primarily serve students 16 to 22 years of age that have dropped out of regular high school or are at risk to do so due to poor attendance, discipline issues or suspension.

# DRUG COURT



**JENNIE SAELENS**  
Drug Court Coordinator

## DRUG COURT STAFF 2010



**DON RAWLINS**  
Substance Abuse Counselor



**BILL JOHNSTON**  
Substance Abuse Counselor



**FRANK BELCHER**  
Substance Abuse Counselor



**JENNIFER MURPHY**  
Substance Abuse Counselor



**DEBBIE WRIGHT**  
Treatment Initiative Program



**TY WALKER**  
Probation Officer



**SHEILA PERRY**  
Probation Officer

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS**



Substances abused by juveniles range from alcohol, marijuana, inhalants, prescription & over-the-counter drugs, heroin, cocaine and methamphetamines. The Court attempts to educate juveniles and parents on the dangers involved in substance abuse and actively works with families to insure sobriety.

### **Drug Court Program**

**Cost: \$250.00**

The Drug Court Program is an intensive one-year program combining probation and substance abuse counseling. The program is broken into three phases, the first being the most intensive and includes frequent visits with their probation officer and counselor, as well as weekly status hearings before the Court. Random and frequent drug screens are performed on these participants. Youth that are currently on probation may be referred to the Drug Court by a probation officer or the Court. An in-depth evaluation is conducted by the Drug Court Team to determine whether the youth is an appropriate candidate for the program.

### **Phase IV**

In 2006, Phase IV was added to the requirements of the Drug Court Program. Once a Drug Court Participant successfully completes the first three phases of the program, they are moved into Phase IV. In Phase IV, participants are required to check in with their probation officer on a monthly basis, the date and time randomly selected by the probation officer. If a problem arises, the probation officer will request a review hearing to be held. If the participant is doing well, no further contact is needed until the following month. This phase helps insure a more successful extended period of aftercare and recovery.

### **Intervention Program**

**Cost: \$50.00**

This is a one-time group session held on Tuesday afternoons by Drug Court Counselor Don Rawlins and is designed to determine the juvenile's level of involvement with illegal substances. Juveniles may be referred by the Court or their probation officer. Recommendations for a more in-depth evaluation or additional counseling may be made if there appears to be a need.

### **F.A.C.T.S. Class**

**Cost: \$70.00**

### ***Fairfield County Alcohol & Drug Addiction Community Treatment/Education Services***

All juveniles adjudicated by the Court as delinquent or unruly are ordered to attend this substance abuse educational program. The class is held at the Crossroads Center for Youth on Saturday mornings. One parent is required to attend the class with their child.

### **Treatment Readiness Program**

The Treatment Readiness Program is a four-week intensive program for juvenile probationers who are struggling with maintaining abstinence and require more than individual counseling. The purpose of the program is to educate juveniles on the basics of substance abuse, learn about the family dynamics of substance abuse and help them prepare a plan to enter into recovery. The program runs Monday thru Friday after school.

### **Teen Groups**

Meetings consist of discussions on relapse, dealing with emotions and recovery planning and is available to any youth on probation that might benefit from a supplement to individual counseling. Rigorous honesty is required. Groups meet at the Drug Court Offices, 320 East Locust Street and are led by substance abuse counselors. Times and days vary.

### **Individual and Family Counseling Sessions**

Counseling is provided by certified substance abuse counselors to juveniles and/or family. Education, intervention and treatment is provided to encourage non-involvement with substance abuse, as well as insight as to life factors contributing to the substance abuse problem.

### **Drug Testing**

Due to the Opiate/Heroin crisis, we have expanded our urine screens from nine panel to twelve panel. Additional tests were added to detect Suboxone and Tramadol. Increased random drug screening is a frequent order of the Court and often initiated by the probation department as well. Drug screens are often conducted by the probation department, Crossroads, at the Labor Program or by the surveillance officer. The Court has added Saturday screenings this year as well.



**SERVICES TO DRUG COURT YOUTH**

New Admissions to Drug Court Program	6
Average Drug Court Probation Caseload	17
Drug Court Status Hearings Held	99
Youth Attending Status Hearings	489
Terminations & Transfers	10
Graduations from Drug Court	1

**SERVICES TO ALL PROBATIONERS**

Substance Abuse Evaluations	84
F.A.C.T.S. Classes Held	21
Youth Attending F.A.C.T.S. Class	200
(Does not include parents, who are also required to attend)	
Intervention Groups Held	8
Youth Attending Intervention	13
Youth Admitted to On-Going Counseling Services	74
Youth Terminated from On-Going Counseling	85



**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**



**LAURA DEKLE**  
Mental Health Supervisor



**CHARLES DEPRIEST**  
Mental Health Counselor



**MICHELE WILBUR**  
Mental Health Counselor



**RYAN SNYDER**  
Mental Health Counselor



**KRISTINE BADURINA**  
Mental Health Counselor



**TIFFANY REED**  
Mental Health Counselor



**KELLY ROBERTS**  
Mental Health Counselor

In order to provide immediate access to mental health services as needed by youth on probation, a mental health division was established by our court. The value of having counselors on staff was quickly proven. With the addition of mental health professionals on staff, the Court could ensure rapid evaluation, access to counseling and continuity of service. The mental health division is located a few blocks from the courthouse at 201 South Broad Street.

In 2010, the need for mental health services was such that it allowed our program to utilize four interns. Combined, they provided 1,070 hours of mental health services to the Court.

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



**TIFFANY REED**  
Mental Health Counselor



**KELLY ROBERTS**  
Mental Health Counselor

### MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL GROUP

In 2010, this group therapy program for students at Crossroads continued to evolve. Scheduling changes were made to allow students to experience group for an hour every weekday.

In August, Kelly Roberts joined our mental health team and co-facilitates this program with Tiffany Reed. As a master's level trained art therapist, Kelly was able to add an art therapy day to the weekly schedule, complimenting Tiffany's growth group therapy style. Group interventions continue to focus on such topics as decision-making skills, drug and alcohol prevention and intervention, anger management, conflict resolution and coping and stress management.

This year the student groups were pleased to add a spring play production to their annual Christmas talent show. They chose "The Outsiders" and each group wrote and directed a separate scene from the play. Parents and court staff were invited to attend the production, which was performed in the school cafeteria.



## MENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS

<b>Clients in treatment at beginning of 2010</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Juveniles &amp; families entering MH Treatment</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Successful Termination from Treatment</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Other Termination from Treatment</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Transfers/referrals to other Agencies</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Clients in treatment at year end</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>*****</b>	
<b>Diagnostic Assessments</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Referrals to other Agencies/Clinicians</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Referrals for Home-Based Therapy</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Clients completing anger management therapy</b>	<b>26</b>

### **NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUE TO GROW**

In 2010, the mental health program saw an increase in successful terminations from counseling services. With the utilization of three master's level interns and one bachelor's level intern, our court clinicians were able to focus on more intensive outpatient services for those juveniles needing frequent and sometimes daily sessions. The Court was also able to attain specialized EMDR training for several clinicians to assist with our dually-diagnosed and high-needs youth.

# Life Skills Program

Our Life Skills Program was created to enhance services provided by the Court and to help older youth on probation develop an individualized plan for transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency.

The Life Skills Program utilizes a team approach and gathers input from the probation officer, treatment providers, school officials, service providers, parents and the Court. Each youth develops a plan for him/herself and progress reports are presented at court hearings.

The Life Skills Coordinator works with youth to help:

- ◆ Identify interests & aptitudes to make appropriate decisions for school, training & work.
- ◆ Determine readiness for successful independent living.
- ◆ Develop workable action steps to obtain educational, personal, social & home management skills for self-sufficiency.
- ◆ Access and utilize services.



**JIM HODGE**  
LIFE SKILLS COORDINATOR

## 2009 STATISTICS

### LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Youth Referred 56

### GED

Youth working on GED 23

Youth obtained GED 10

### COLLEGE

Youth preparing 16

Youth enrolled 4

# FAMILY COURT

Family Court was first established in January, 2005. Based upon the Drug Court model, Family Court is designed for parents that have a significant substance abuse problem and are involved in the judicial system by way of an abuse, neglect, dependency matter. Frequent status hearings before the Court are combined with coordinated services by Children Services and treatment through the Recovery Center. Parents are encouraged to participate in this intensive program to facilitate reunification with their children.

Family Court has ensured accountability for both the professionals and the participants. Participants feel engaged in the reunification process because they have quick access to services and frequent contact with their service providers. Because of the team approach, communication barriers are reduced and communication is consistent.



**JENNIE SAELENS**  
FAMILY COURT COORDINATOR

## FAMILY COURT COORDINATOR

Jennie Saelens is our Family Court Coordinator and has been in that position since the inception of Family Court in January, 2005. In addition, she acts as a placement coordinator for the Title IV-E Program.

### FAMILY COURT STATISTICS

Participants during 2010:	<b>17</b>	Participants Terminated:	<b>14</b>
Total status sessions held:	<b>80</b>	Graduates:	<b>8</b>

## \$\$ FUNDING SOURCES \$\$

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>PROVIDES FOR:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
County General Fund	Court Operations, 16 Employees	\$1,571,603.33
Dept. of Youth Services 510	Grant Administrator, 4 Probation Officers	\$ 180,529.00
Dep. of Youth Services 401	Drug Court, Mental Health, 11 Employees	\$ 423,278.68
Juvenile Recovery Fund	Drug tests, detention, foster, electronic monitor, Transport Officer	\$ 187,030.30
Computer & Computer Research	Maintaining & upgrading computer software, equipment & website.	\$ 12,184.49
Alternative School Fund	School operations, 11 Employees	\$ 325,105.67
Drug Court Fund	FACTS & Intervention Programs, Drug Court Operations	\$ 16,911.24
Multi-System Pooled Fund	2 Mental Health Counselors	\$ 130,000.00
Title IV-E Fund	Foster, Mental Health facility, 9 Probation Officers, Life Skills Coordinator, Drug/Family Court Coordinator (11 employees)	\$ 1,558,416.46
Family Court Fund	Family Court Coordinator	\$ 22,258.98
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE REVENUE</b>		<b>\$4,427,318.15</b>

County General Fund	Court Operations, 7 Employees	\$ 411,613.73
Computer & Computer Research	Maintaining & upgrading computers	\$ 17,710.49
Indigent Guardian Fund	Guardians/Attorneys for Indigent Wards	\$ 14,725.36
Special Projects	Special Projects of the Court	\$ 8,148.57
<b>TOTAL PROBATE REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 452,198.15</b>

## \$\$ REIMBURSEMENTS \$\$

Parents and juveniles are often assessed the cost of detention, foster or other probation sanctions, as well as program fees. These fees are used to sustain court services and take some of the burden off of the county general fund, as well as making juveniles and parents accountable for behavior. The table below shows a comparison of recent years in the amounts collected by the court.

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Fines</b>	7,853.97	8,466.03	7,517.00
<b>Court costs</b>	56,834.25	57,433.41	54,835.60
<b>Restitution</b>	8,746.12	6,619.43	5,375.59
<b>Detention</b>	64,866.93	69,126.53	101,305.37
<b>Drug Tests</b>	25,125.35	27,120.24	28,701.68
<b>Electronic Monitor</b>	5,558.27	6,178.01	3,468.90
<b>Foster Care</b>	275.00	275.00	75.00
<b>DEFT Program</b>	63,559.00	67,983.00	58,358.00
<b>Intervention</b>	966.68	1,015.92	744.51
<b>LABOR Program</b>	25,074.71	25,709.57	17,648.58
<b>FACTS Program</b>	21,983.54	20,657.01	15,796.95
<b>Drug Court</b>	548.84	387.89	369.78
<b>Books &amp; Supplies</b>	1,192.31	1,355.01	1,192.11
<b>School Lunches</b>	5,621.88	7,071.04	5,935.37
<b>Gifts &amp; Donations</b>	5,457.85	350.00	5,676.78
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$293,664.70</b>	<b>\$299,748.09</b>	<b>\$307,001.22</b>

The court allows payment over time if the parties sign a payment agreement, but all costs must be paid prior to the juvenile being successfully terminated from probation. In addition, the court utilizes a collection agency when necessary. In 2010, Alliance One collected **\$1,865.85** on the court's behalf.

# PROBATE CLERKS OFFICE



**Carol Pack**  
Chief Deputy Clerk



**Jennifer Nash**  
Deputy Clerk



**Mary Cennamo**  
Deputy Clerk



**April Fraley**  
Deputy Clerk

## PROBATE UPDATES

**NEW OFFICE** In 2010, the Probate Clerks office moved to a newly remodeled area consolidating their office with the Juvenile Clerks office. The consolidation allows for a more efficient use of supplies and equipment.

**ON-LINE MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS** The public can now complete an application for a marriage license on-line. Parties are still required to appear in person to be sworn to the application; however, completing the application on-line reduces the time it takes to complete the application process.

## 2010 PROBATE CASES FILED

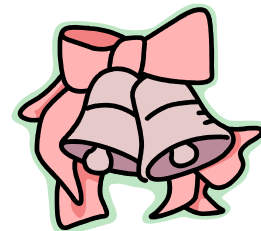
<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>PENDING</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
Estates	367	534	538	363
Wrongful Death Actions	27	12	10	29
Guardianships (All Types)	446	72	56	462
Trusts	15	5	4	42
Civil Actions	36	56	46	46
Mental Affidavits	2	28	28	2
Adoptions & Placements	44	56	47	53
Minor's Settlements	6	15	16	5
Name Changes	8	48	42	14
Birth Record Corrections	0	6	6	0



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