

2013

COSHOCTON COUNTY PROBATE & JUVENILE COURT

Van Blanchard II, Judge



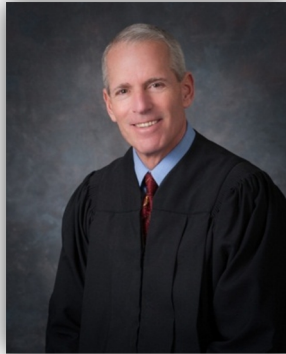
ANNUAL COURT REPORT

A summary of programs, clients served and financial status. All information contained in this report is not audited and is estimates of business conducted between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. Supreme Court of Ohio Reports and the Coshocton County Auditor's Office maintain more detailed statistical and financial information. Some information contained may reflect the State of Ohio fiscal year.

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FROM THE DESK OF VAN BLANCHARD II, JUDGE



This year's message is about change at the Court, but not in the way you might expect. We still operate from the same building, with the same staff, hours, jurisdictions, etc. The change I refer to is in the people we serve, the community, its needs and problems and in the laws we apply. In response, the Court adapts.

The frustration with this dynamic is not that it exists, but that our efforts are largely retrospective, instead of forward looking. We do have some opportunities to make an impact prospectively, and we try to take advantage of these opportunities in various ways, such as:

Public Education - we make ourselves available and speak to groups ranging from schools, community groups, at events, and to small gatherings. For example, last year Jerry Olinger, Principal at River View Junior High contacted me regarding sexting by students. The Court collaborated with the school, Thompkins Adolescent Services, First Step, Jason Given, Coshocton County Prosecutor, and the Coshocton County Sheriff's Department to present a program to every Junior High and High School student in the County regarding the dangers of sexting and the steps law enforcement and the Court takes when it is discovered.

Promoting Healthy Activities – everyone at the Court is community involved, not because we have to, but, because we understand that an ounce of prevention equals a pound of cure. Also, we have a great time. For example, our staff assists The Fatherhood Initiative with the All Pro Dads Breakfast program. Elementary aged student bring their fathers to breakfast at their school each year, play games, and hear an inspirational message about the role of fathers in raising children. This is not to favor fathers over mothers, but recognizes that fathers sometimes need help to understand their importance and encouragement to get involved.

Developing expertise in areas of need- we constantly read, attend programs, and engage in discussions to improve our knowledge and ability to serve, especially in areas of need. Ten years ago a dedicated group developed the Juvenile Drug Court Program. Last year, we decided to apply the model to families, believing that these issues often times involve the parents and not just the child or children. With planning and development assistance from Coshocton County Job and Family Services and Coshocton Behavioral Health Service, we put together a program, obtained a grant of \$130,000.00 from the Ohio Supreme Court, hired a program coordinator, and submitted our application for certification as a specialized docket (the juvenile program is already certified). We are in the final stages of implementing the program and hope to have families in by July 1, 2014, which is when the real work begins.

These are just three ways we engage prospectively to impact positively issues confronting our community. If you have suggestions or comments, or know of other opportunities, please contact me.

Otherwise, it has been another interesting year at the Court. Please review the annual report for further information regarding our activities and performance last year.

FROM THE DESK OF LINDA WEBER, MAGISTRATE

I continue to be humbled by the opportunity I have been given to serve my community. As Coshocton County struggles with increased drug use by parents and juveniles, I appreciate the cooperation of the Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's Office, Department of Job and Family Services, Public Defender's Office, mental health officials, and school officials in supporting the Court's efforts to deal with our community problems with fairness and compassion.



The leadership and professionalism of Judge Blanchard hold us to the highest standards in administering our duties. Our Court staff and probation department greet the people who come to our court in a courteous manner while providing support to the Judge and me. I cannot express my gratitude to this group of professionals enough.



COURT ADMINISTRATOR

The Court Administrator oversees operations of the Court including but not limited to: the budget, all federal, state, and local grants, case management systems, collection of court appointed attorneys, guardian ad litem, and human resource functions.

Doug Schonauer received the Certified Court Executive (CCE) credential on Friday, September 27, 2013 from the National Center for State Courts - Institute for Court Management.

Pictured from left to right: Ohio Supreme Court Administrative Director Steve Hollon, Coshocton County Juvenile and Probate Judge Van Blanchard II, Coshocton Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator Doug Schonauer, and Supreme Court of Ohio Justice William O'Neill.

JUVENILE CLERKS

Responsibilities of the Juvenile Clerks include all cases involving:

- Abuse, Neglect & Dependency
- Parentage, Support, Custody & Visitation
- Grandparent Power of Attorney
- Delinquency
- Traffic
- Legal Notices – Custody Rules



PROBATE CLERKS

Responsibilities of the Probate Clerks include:

- Marriage Licenses
- Adoptions
- Birth Registrations/ Corrections
- Name Changes
- Estates
- Trusts
- Guardianships
- Conservatorships
- Civil Commitment
- Minor's Settlement
- Wrongful Death



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



The Probation officers monitor the juvenile's behavior and make sure the juvenile follows the terms and conditions of probation. The Diversion officer works with juveniles who have been determined eligible by the Prosecuting Attorney's office to monitor the juvenile's behavior without a formal filing of delinquency through the Court. The Family Drug Court Coordinator coordinates all services for the Family Drug Court.

SECURITY



Pictured from left to right: Dave Selders and Dave Wilson

2013 APPROXIMATE REVENUE

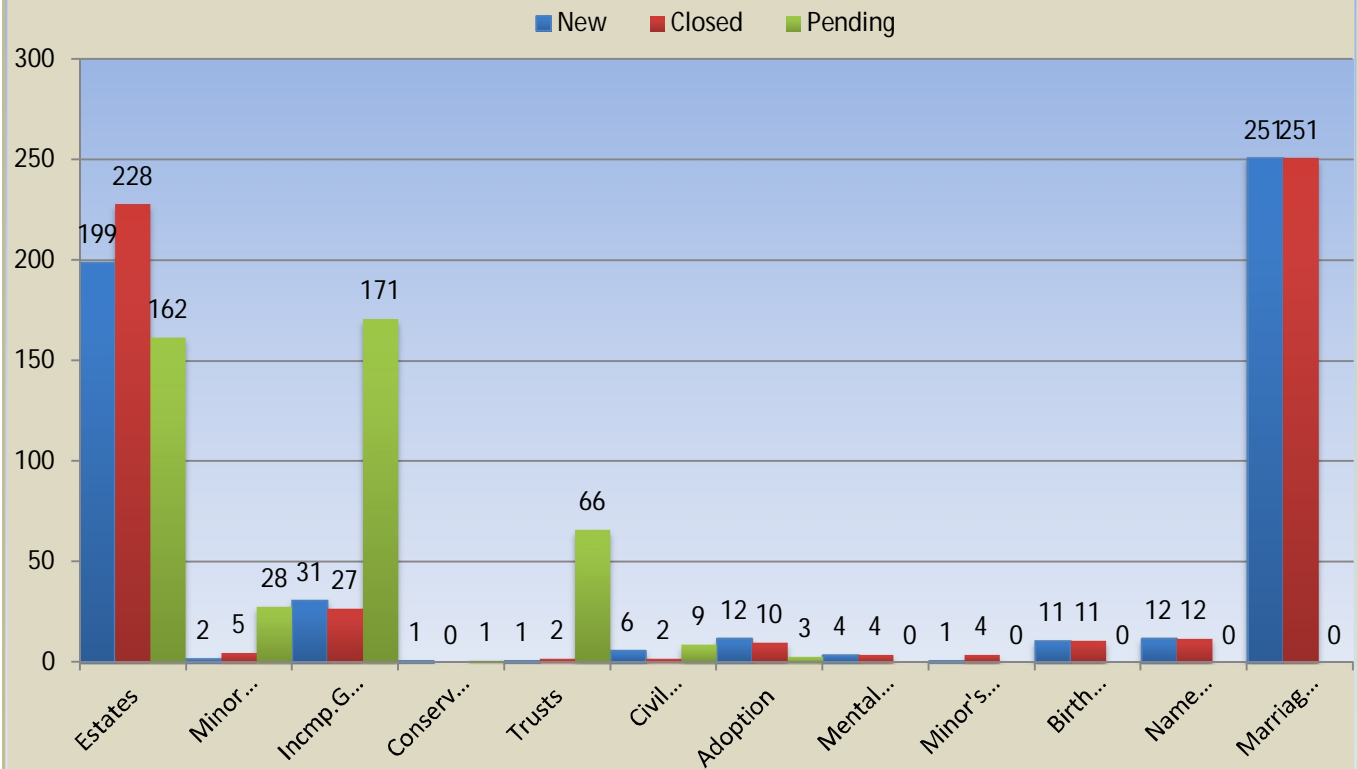
SOURCE	COUNTY PAY-IN
Computer	\$ 14,595
Domestic Violence	\$ 8,344
Probate Fees	\$ 28,616
Juvenile Fees	\$ 9,035
Ind. Guardian	\$ 5,530
Drug Test	\$ 1,081
Indigent Alcohol	\$ 89
Security	\$ 7,059
PD Fee	\$ 1,202
TOTAL	\$ 75,551

BANK STATEMENT	2013
Jan. 1 Balance	\$ 14,072
Receipts	\$ 94,647
Interest	\$ 7
Service Fees	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ 94,760
Dec. 31 Balance	\$ 13,966

SOURCE	STATE PAY-IN
Defense Support	\$ 2,123
Drug Law Enforce.	\$ 204
Legal Aid	\$ 4264
Ohio Pun. Fathers	\$ 390
Seat Belt	\$ 30
OSP Fine	\$ 514
Victim of Crimes	\$ 1,031
TOTAL	\$ 8,556

GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT
Reclaim Ohio / YS	\$ 152,205
Placement	\$ 1,393
Other	\$ 243
Juv. Accountability BG	\$ 10,000
HB 153 Training	\$ 51,500
Guardian Services	\$ 26,249
Ind. Cost Reimburse.	\$ 87,965
TOTAL	\$ 329,555

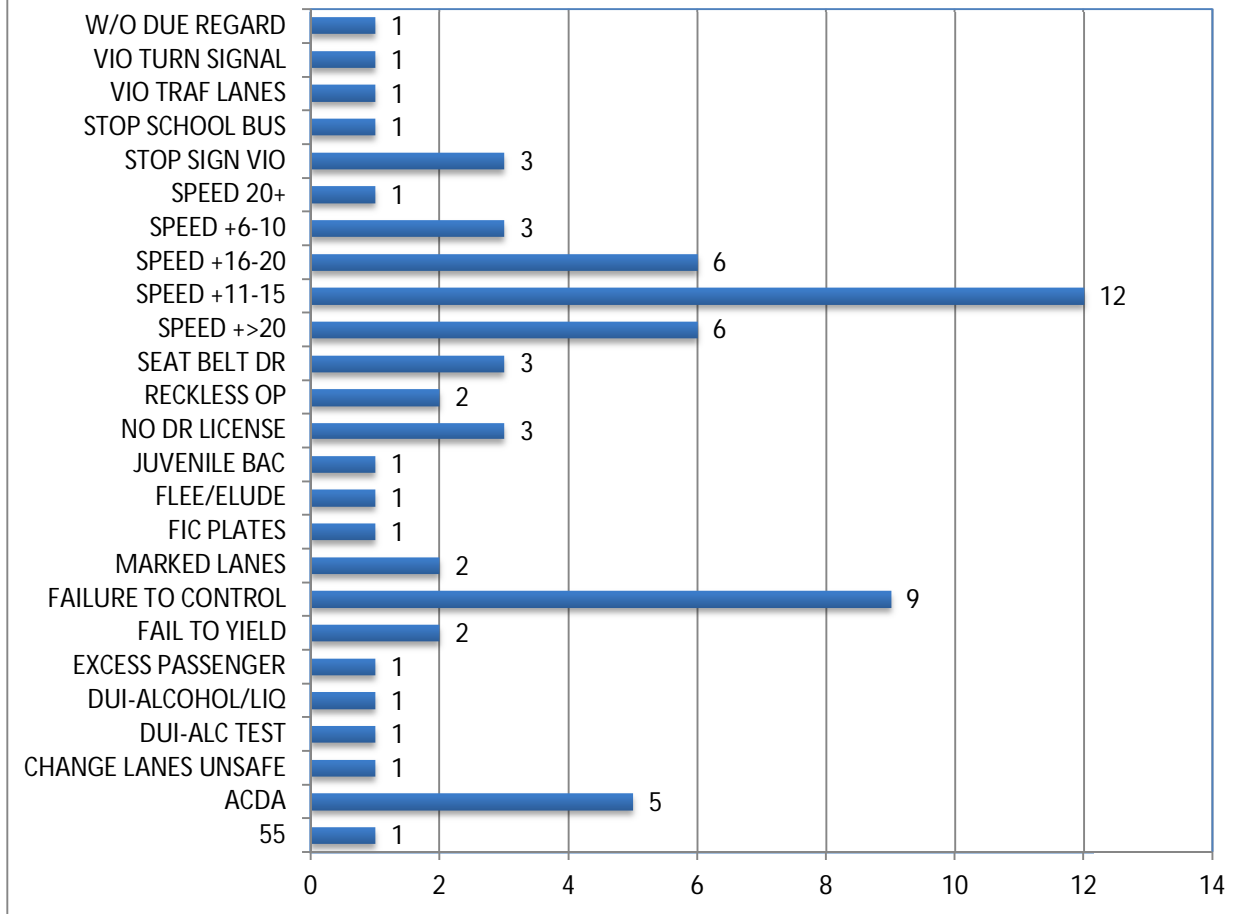
PROBATE ANNUAL REPORT



New														
Date	Estates	Minor Grd.	Incmp. Grd.	Conservatorship	Trusts	Civil Actions	Adoption	Mental Illness	Minors' Settlement	W/Death	Birth Reg/Cor	Name Change	Marriage Application	Totals
3/31/2013	58	2	5	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	4	39	116
6/30/2013	49	0	5	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	6	5	79	150
9/30/2013	50	0	13	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	1	79	151
12/31/2013	42	0	8	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	54	114
Totals	199	2	31	1	1	6	12	4	1	0	11	12	251	531
CLOSED														
3/31/2013	49	0	8	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	39	103
6/30/2013	64	4	10	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	5	79	170
9/30/2013	53	0	5	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	10	4	79	158
12/31/2013	62	1	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	54	125
Totals	228	5	27	0	2	2	10	4	4	0	11	12	251	556
PENDING														
3/31/2013	200	33	164	0	66	6	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	476
6/30/2013	185	29	159	0	65	5	6	0	1	0	6	0	0	456
9/30/2013	182	29	167	0	65	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	452
12/31/2013	162	28	171	1	66	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	440

JUVENILE TRAFFIC

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS 2013



**** 54 Juveniles and a parent/guardian attended Traffic Safety Seminar - 2013 *****

2013 Traffic Violations Filed By					
	Sheriff's Office	State Patrol	Transferred In	Other	West Lafayette
Jan	3	1	3		
Feb	1	3	1		
Mar	2	4			
Apr	3	1			
May	2	2		1	1
Jun	4	7			
Jul	3	0	2		
Aug	4	1			
Sep	1	1	1		
Oct	1	3			
Nov	1	1	2		
Dec	1	2			

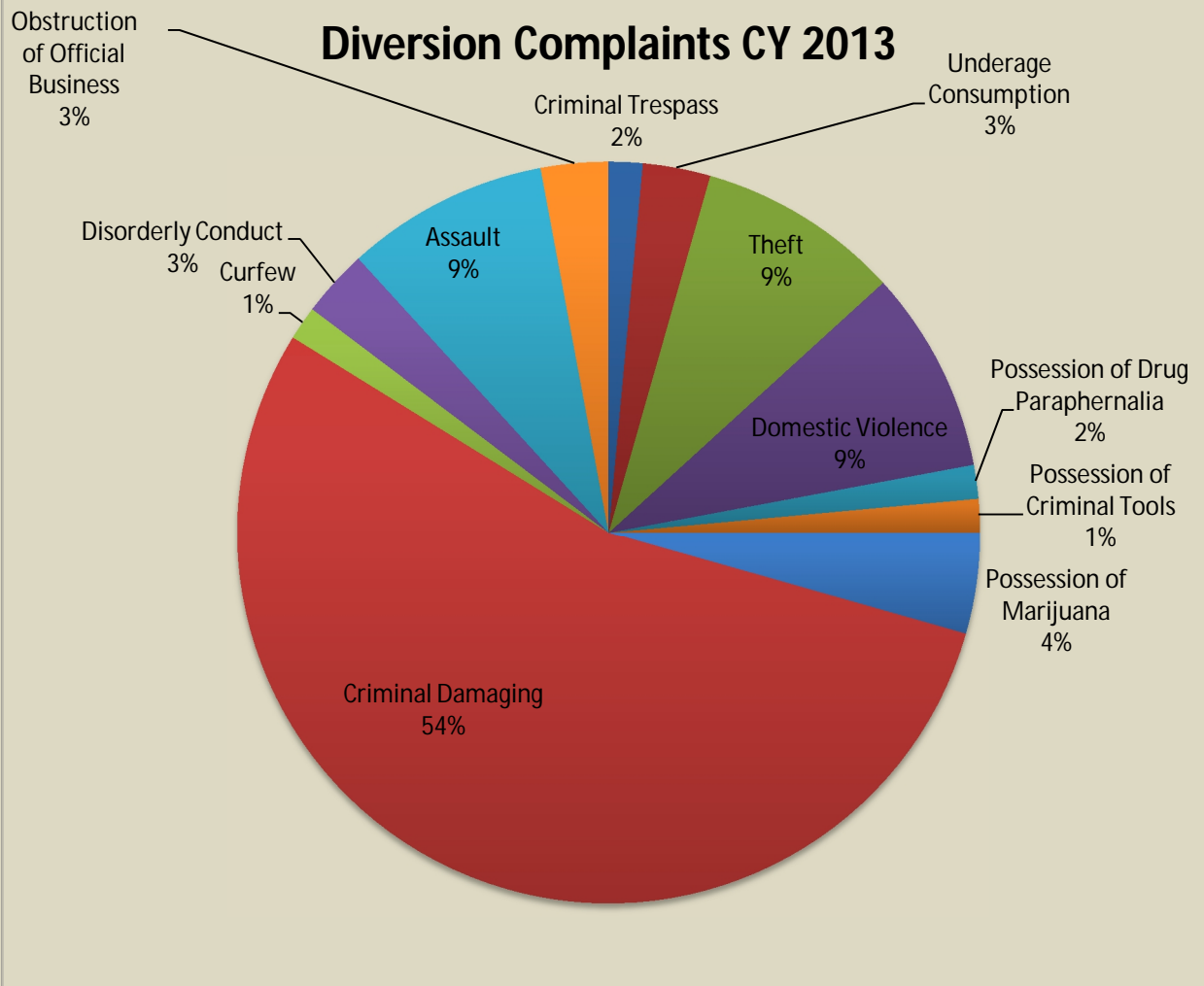
TRUANCY

	1st Notices	2nd Notices	Meetings	3rd Notices	Filed/Referred
Coshocton High School	47	28	20	12	4
Coshocton Jr. High	27	13	13	4	1
Central Elementary	21	12	8	1	1
Lincoln Elementary	2	2	0	2	0
South Lawn Elementary	6	4	4	3	3
Totals	103	59	45	22	9
River View High School	75	20	13	5	0
River View Jr. High School	8	4	1	1	1
Conesville Elementary	5	2	0	1	0
Keene Elementary	0	0	0	0	0
Union Elementary	0	0	0	0	0
Warsaw Elementary	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	89	26	14	7	1
Ridgewood High School	24	10	9	1	1
Ridgewood Middle School	28	3	2	1	1
West Lafayette Elementary	12	4	3	1	1
Totals	64	17	14	3	3
Opportunity School	10	4	4	2	2
Career Center	11	3	3	0	0
Sacred Heart	0	0	0	0	0
County Totals	1st Notices 277	2nd Notices 109	Meetings 80	3rd Notices 34	Filed/Referred 15

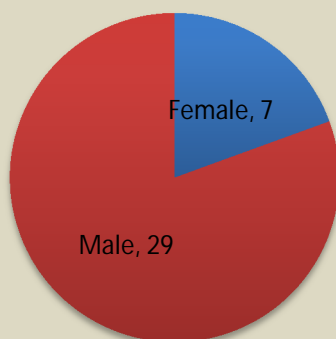
School Truancy Program: Collaborative efforts between the Juvenile Court, Coshocton County Prosecutor Jason Given, Coshocton County Job & Family Services, and the Public School Systems in Coshocton County work to assist schools with compulsory education laws and to identify students with attendance issues. Informal meetings are held to address attendance issues without having formal Court or Agency involvement.

DIVERSION

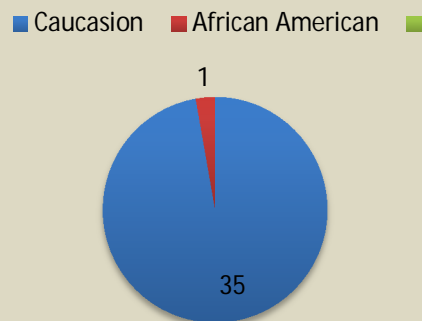
Diversion is an alternative to formal official court involvement. Youth are eligible for Diversion Program if this is their first offense. The offense must be a misdemeanor. Youth can only participate in the Diversion one time.



Gender



Race



DIVERSION

Supervised Community Service			
Date	Location	Number of Youth	Hours Served
February 18, 2013	Kids America	14	105
April 22, 2013	Family Fun Day	5	33.75
July 10, 2013	Senior Center	3	21
August 14, 2013	Senior Center	4	26
August 17, 2013	Kids America	1	6.5
October 5, 2013	Fair Grounds	6	42
December 2, 2013	Kids America	6	42
Total Hours Served			276.25

Nurturing Parenting Sessions	
Date	Number of Families
February 14th & 21st	11
March 14th & 21st	6
May 9th	1
July 11th & 18th	6
October 17th & 24th	6
December 5th & 12th	4

Four (4) Youth had two charges upon entering Diversion:

- Obstruction of Official Business & Underage Consumption
- Domestic Violence (2)
- Theft (3)
- Criminal Damaging; Criminal Trespassing

Five (5) Youth had seven charges upon entering Diversion:

- Criminal Damaging (7)

Thirty Two (32) Youth successfully completed Diversion

Four (4) Youth were released unsuccessfully from Diversion and were transferred to Probation for additional services

- Failed Drug Screens (2)
- Non-Complaint (2)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2013 Service Sites (Partial Listing):

Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices
Coshocton County Fairgrounds
Coshocton County Family & Children First Council
Coshocton Elks
Coshocton Richard Downing Airport - Airshow
Coshocton Senior Center
Department of Job & Family Services - Family Fun Day
Four Paws Pet Adoption Center
Health Services of Coshocton - Hospice
Higher Hopes Therapeutic Riding Center
Kids America Inc.
Riders 4 Relief
United Way- Taste of Coshocton

47 Youth completed 921 hours of Community Service



COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM

The Community Accountability Program is geared towards making reparations for damages caused to the citizens of our community. All service hours donated during the course of this program are specifically targeted to assist youth in meeting financial obligations to crime victims, and credit shall not apply to other community service assignments.



A maximum of **30 hours** service is available through the **C.A.P.**, and for each hour of service **\$5.00** will be applied towards the restitution obligation of said juvenile offender for a **maximum of \$150.00**.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER STATISTICS



Muskingum County Juvenile Detention Center, Zanesville, Ohio

Coshocton Youth Placed into Juvenile Detention – Muskingum JDC

YEAR	TOTAL YOUTH	TOTAL BED DAYS	AVG DAYS PER YOUTH	AVG DAILY POP.	TOTAL COST
2007	85	1,476	17.36	4.04	\$134,662
2008	75	876	11.68	2.39	\$120,830
2009	65	886	13.63	2.37	\$114,917
2010	90	1,186	13.18	3.25	\$100,727
2011	81	1,444	17.83	3.96	\$108,782
2012	78	1,300	16.67	3.56	\$99,130
2013	75	1,508	20.11	4.13	\$107,567

Probationers over age 18 Detained at Coshocton County Justice Center

YEAR	TOTAL YOUTH	TOTAL DAYS	AVG. STAY
2012	6	487	81.2 days
2013	7	233	33.29 days

Video Hearings – Coshocton County Juvenile Court

YEAR	Number of Hearings	Approximate Savings
2013	39	\$10,725
2012	36	\$9,900
2011	38	\$10,450
2010	44	\$12,100
2009	14	\$3,850
TOTAL	132	\$46,575

2013 JUVENILE COURT – ADJUDICATIONS BY CASE TYPE

Violation	Male	Female	Total
Felony Offenses			
Burglary	2	0	2
Gross Sexual Imposition	4	0	4
Possession of Weapon on School Premises	1	0	1
Rape	3	0	3
Trafficking in Drugs	2	0	2
Voyeurism	1	0	1
TOTAL FELONY OFFENSES	13	0	13
Misdemeanor Offenses			
Aggravated Disorderly Conduct	0	1	1
Aggravated Menacing	1	0	1
Assault	2	1	3
Criminal Damaging	4	0	4
Criminal Mischief	1	0	1
Criminal Trespass	2	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1
Domestic Violence	3	1	4
Inducing Panic	1	0	1
Menacing	0	1	1
Obstruction of Official Business	2	0	2
Petty Theft	7	1	8
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	4	0	4
Possession of Marijuana	2	1	3
Probation Violation	32	8	40
Receiving Stolen Property	2	0	2
School Truancy	1	4	5
Tobacco Violation	6	0	6
Underage Consumption	3	0	3
Use of Marijuana	2	0	2
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES	76	18	94
TOTAL FELONY & MISDEMEANOR	89	18	107

COURT RELATED PROGRAMS & SUPPORT SERVICES

Coshocton Opportunity School Care Team-

Court staff participates in weekly student review sessions with the Coshocton Opportunity School to provide positive input for student success. Numerous at-risk students graduate each year with a high-school diploma.

** 28 students graduated in 2013 **

Coshocton County Alternative School-

Court staff provides case monitoring and supportive services for the Coshocton County Alternative School. Regular visits of probation youth, attendance at referral and suspension meetings, monitoring outcomes of court involved youth and reintegration back to the home school highlights support offered.

** \$12,500 in financial support was provided for the 2013-14 school year **

County Superintendent's Meetings-

Truancy Probation staff attends this monthly meeting of the County School systems to provide each district updates on the County Truancy Program. Input and programmatic changes are also discussed and reviewed along with changes in local and state policy.

Juvenile Drug Court-

Started in 2002, the Coshocton County Juvenile Drug Court continues work intensively with those youth with chronic abuse issues. Weekly court hearings as well as treatment, mental health counseling, education, and family support are major components to this intensive non-traditional program. The four phase program takes participants one year minimum to complete.

** 42 youth have participated in this program with 7 current enrollees **

Friends of the Coshocton County Drug Court-

This nonprofit organization supports the efforts of the Drug Court Program. They operate separately from the Court and maintain funds to encourage the positive efforts of youth and families in the program. Various Community Agency and concerned citizens comprise the Board.

Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices-

Is an active participant in Juvenile Drug Court and provides an assortment of treatment, assessment and intervention for addictive behaviors. Individual, Group, and Family participation is encouraged based on needs of the youth. Many youth successfully complete traditional treatment interventions without the need for the intensive drug court program.

COURT RELATED PROGRAMS & SUPPORT SERVICES

Intensive Probation Program-

Since 2004, the Court has received various federal, state and local grant funds to support the Intensive Probation Program. In 2013 the Court received a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant to continue a night monitoring program that has proven to be a valuable asset. Specialized populations of juvenile offenders including drug court youth, felony offenders, and youth with sexually acting-out behaviors were main focuses of the evening check program.

Thompkins Child & Adolescent Services-

Adolescent offenders and at-risk youth are referred from the Court for various assessment, therapeutic, psychological and group sessions. Some of the direct services for court involved youth include:

Aggression Interruption Training: Intensive life-skills based curriculum that teaches youth how to improve social skills, learn about the anger control chain, and utilize tools to make positive decisions to stay out of trouble.

Integrated Family and Systems Treatment (I-FAST): This evidence based model works with community agency supports and strengths of individual families to resolve family relationship issues. Home-based services and individualized treatment is utilized with family goal setting as a strength based approach to resolving conflict and maintaining placement within the home.

S.A.Y. Program: The SAY program utilizes intensive out-patient treatment for youth with sexually acting out behaviors. Assessment utilizing the J-SOAP II, family involvement, group, and individualized services are provided with this program. Regular Court review hearings are also held in order to monitor progress in treatment and compliance with probation terms.

** 15 court involved youth and families participated in 2013 **

Volunteer Guardianship Program-

The Probate Court began exploring options in 2011 for establishing a volunteer guardianship program for citizens and youth that may not be able to manage their affairs either due to mental or physical disability. After selection and training, community volunteers are appointed and able to assume decision making responsibility for individuals that meet program criteria.

COURT RELATED PROGRAMS & SUPPORT SERVICES

Mentoring Program-

Established with a grant award from the Schooler Family Foundation, this program utilizes volunteers that have undergone criminal history checks and an interview process to mentor youth. The goal for this program is to match positive adult role models with identified at-risk and court involved youth. The focus age group is 11-16, but other factors are considered. Five youth were matched with an adult mentor in 2013.

Coshocton County JFS – Access Visitation Grant –

The Court worked collaboratively with the Child Support Division in completing this application, which was granted for a 3 year continuation from 2013-2016. Some of the services provided with this funding include:

Parent Education- various programs based on developmental age and need.

Mediation- parental agreement in custody cases with the Court. Of 65 cases referred, 22 were resolved with no additional court action.

Monitored Parenting- the center where monitored visitation occurs.

Guardian Ad Litem Program-

The Court, through Local Rule and in conjunction with the Supreme Court of Ohio Rules of Superintendence oversees and operates a Guardian Ad Litem Program. These independent investigators contract for the Court to make recommendations on Abuse, Dependency, Neglect, and certain Custody and other cases. Both attorney and non-attorney professionals are used as investigators on these difficult cases.

Adoption Assessment-

Adoption Assessors investigate those cases in which adoption paperwork is filed with the Court. Both public and private cases may be investigated by one of two independent contract investigators on the Court's Assessment list.

“Best Practice Training” Grant Funds:

Community and Regional Training Opportunities for the Court and agencies that serve youth. The University of Cincinnati provided 3 days of best practice training for the probation staff in EPICS- Effective Practices in Community Supervision. This training will continue into 2014 with 5 monthly review sessions as well as train the trainer sessions. Probation staff from several other counties as well as staff from the Department of Youth Services was in attendance.

JUVENILE COURT CASES 10 YEAR COMPARISON

YEAR	DELINQUENT	TRAFFIC	DEP/NEG ABUSED	UNRULY	ADULT	PERM CUSTODY
2004	268	186	40	24 (16)	0	12
2005	182	165	32	28 (9)	0	0
2006	176	182	37	15 (1)	0	2
2007	207	156	37	37 (3)	0	1
2008	161	153	36	24 (4)	0	2
2009	136	143	57	24 (3)	0	1
2010	186	119	40	29 (4)	0	0
2011	159	109	53	26 (4)	0	5
2012	185	115	67	16 (4)	1	5
2013	149	70	74	13 (3)	1	5
10 year Average	204.5	139.8	47.6	26.5 (7)	0	3.3

(THE UNRULY CASES REFLECT TOBACCO TICKETS IN PARENTESIS)

YEAR	CUSTODY/ VISITATION	SUPPORT	PATERNITY	UIFSA	OTHER	TOTAL
2004	96	486	64	10	0	1202
2005	81	532	40	8	1	1078
2006	124	508	16	10	5	1076
2007	136	577	17	6	2	1179
2008	144	535	11	4	5	1079
2009	165	644	19	5	1	1198
2010	122	642	12	9	1	1164
2011	162	664	15	1	1	1199
2012	125	588	12	8	2	1128
2013	149	616	19	3	6	1108
10 year Average	139.8	618.5	26.8	7.4	2.4	1141.1

YEAR	DIVERSION CASES	DETENTION HEARINGS	VIDEO HEARINGS
2004	67	94	n/a
2005	49	62	n/a
2006	71	67	n/a
2007	82	73	n/a
2008	79	60	n/a
2009	51	49	14
2010	68	81	44
2011	73	76	34
2012	45	61	35
2013	36	70	39
10 yr. avg.	62.1	69.3	33.2

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COMMON PLEAS COURT



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