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In compliance with Section 2151.18 of the Ohio Revised Code, we submit herewith the Annual Report of the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, Butler County, Ohio, covering the calendar year of 2006. This report reflects the number and kinds of cases that have come before it, and other data pertaining to the work of the Court and of interest to you and the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Niehaus
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JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW

2006

In 2006, many of the same issues which have been identified in past reports continue to strain the juvenile court system. We have seen delinquency numbers remain relatively static while sexual offenses and offenses of violence by juveniles have been receiving increased attention both socially and legally. The complexity regarding child protection cases has continued to increase. More and more adults are having children outside of marriage thus leading to caseload increases in this court regarding custody and visitation issues. Those factors, coupled with the continued population growth in Butler County, continue to present the juvenile court with challenges. In response to those challenges, the juvenile court embarked upon several initiatives in 2006

In May of 2006, with the assistance of the Supreme Court of Ohio, this court initiated a program aimed at decreasing the timelines relating to the processing of child protection cases. That program contained many facets including; alternate dispute resolution through mediation and settlement conferences, the use of specialized courts starting with the family drug court program, and a system where cases are immediately set for trial. Over the course of the year, those systems were initiated in the hope that, over time, we will begin to see a decrease in the amount of time that it takes to resolve child protection cases.

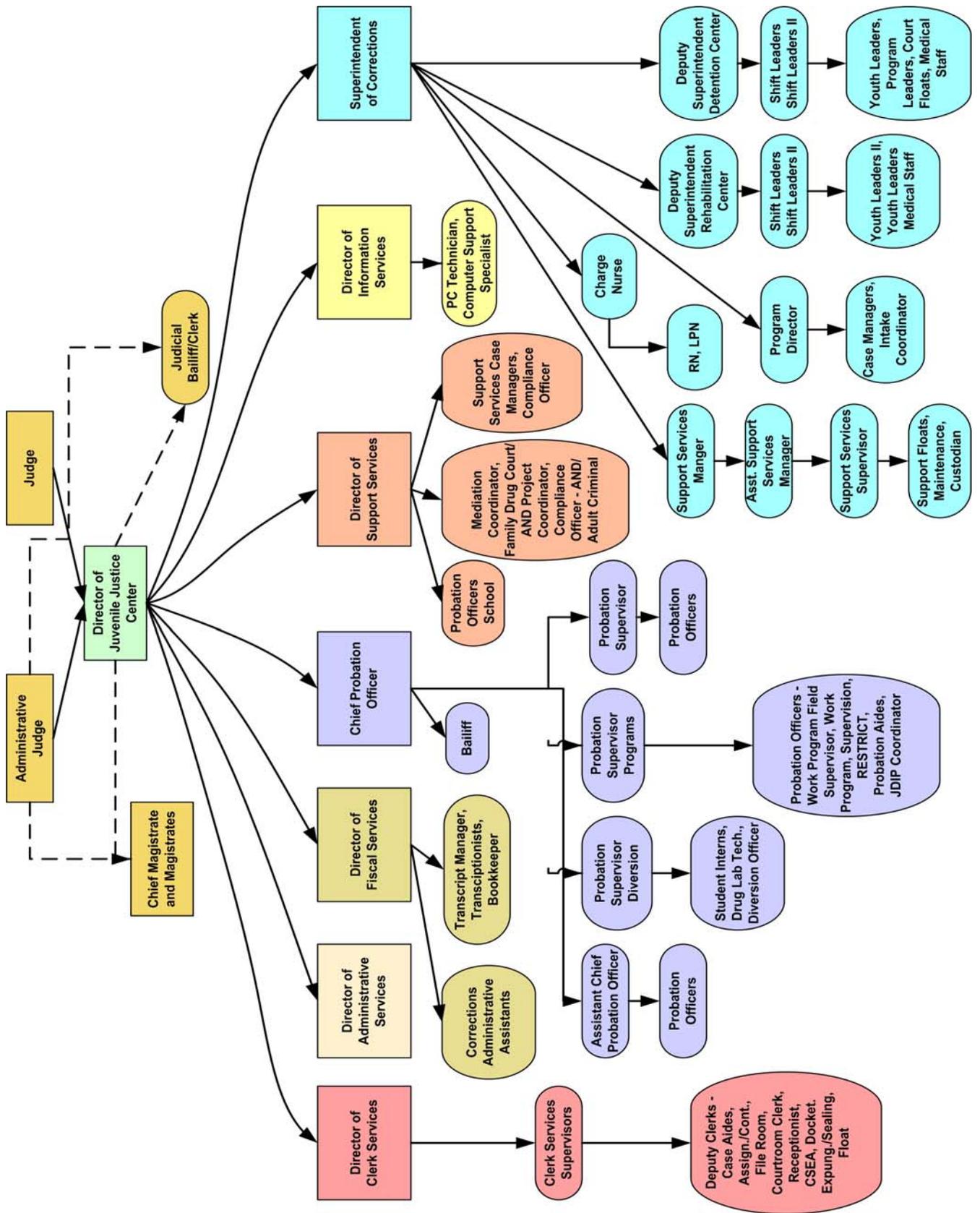
Our probation department, in response to the specialized response needed for sexual assault cases, established a program where specific probation officers were assigned supervision authority over cases involving sexual offenses. By this specialization, the court hopes to provide an appropriate measure of supervision regarding those troubling cases.

Throughout the year, the Juvenile Court has been able to “certify” large numbers of child support cases to the Domestic Relations Court for hearings. Although the certification process has proven to be cumbersome and expensive at times, the Juvenile Court and the Domestic Relations Court have remained committed to mutual cooperation. This cooperation has allowed the Juvenile Court to use the resources and space possessed by the Domestic Relations Court to address this burgeoning caseload.

Simultaneously, this court has remained committed to combating truancy. As was stated in last year’s report, truancy has been definitively linked with the development of delinquent and criminal behavior. We at Juvenile Court believe that in order to decrease future criminal behavior, we must assure that every child attends school regularly. We also believe that parents should be held accountable when their children do not attend school.

Finally, as was mentioned last year, the court has continued with the implementation of its computerization program. A mere 10 years ago, this court had no meaningful computer system in place. Many of the records of the court were still hand-written. Now, the vast majority of this court’s orders are computer-generated and electronically stored. Although we have encountered our fair share of glitches along the way, the computerization process is ongoing.

We at Juvenile Court hope that the positive trends, as set forth in this report, continue and that any negative trends can be reversed. We are committed to continue to work with all systems, public and private, in the county and to make our best efforts for the future of the youth of our community



JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

2006

Youth placed on probation are required to complete court orders as well as complying with standard probation rules. Court officers supervise probationers in the community, ensuring compliance. The Probation Department strives to develop the child's sense of self-worth, the child's sense of accountability for his/her own actions, and his/her ability to think critically and solve relevant problems. The goal is to direct the youths in making the connections between their behavior and the consequences of their actions. The safety and concerns of the victims and the community are always paramount to the rehabilitative process.

The Probation Department subscribes to the philosophy of the Balanced Approach, emphasizing Public Safety, Accountability and Skill Building/Competency Development for probationers and their parents.

1. **PUBLIC SAFETY** - The Juvenile Court believes that youth who are threats to the community must be removed (i.e., institutionalization, placement). Youth that are not threats to public safety and thereby eligible for probation in the community, are actively supervised by our Probation Department.

- Diversion Officers - First time minor offenses are generally diverted from official processing which generates an official record. Diversion Officers, interns from social workers fields and other related courses of study, supervise these youth, ensuring that they are held accountable for their actions.
- Official Probation - Youth that are non-divertable are typically placed on official probation. Probation Officers supervise in the community, enforce the orders of the court, and help youth and their families help themselves by developing new skills.
- Butler County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center / Department of Youth Services - Juvenile felony offenders that are determined to be threats to the community are typically institutionalized in the Butler County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center or a Department of Youth Services institution. Youth released from the Rehabilitation Center are supervised by court personnel for aftercare. Youth released from a Department of Youth Services' institution are supervised by the State Parole Authority or State Parole Officers.
- Relinquishment - Juveniles who have committed a felony, and are considered not to be amenable to rehabilitation in the juvenile system, are relinquished or bound-over to the adult system for adjudication and disposition. Under certain circumstances, some crimes committed by juveniles are mandated as relinquishments to the adult system.

In order to more effectively supervise probationers in the community, the Probation Department has adopted the following programs:

- Drug Testing - Juveniles are ordered to be drug tested by the Judge and the Magistrates from court hearings. Children on probation are also randomly tested. These tests are performed in the Juvenile Court Drug Lab. A total of 1631 tests were performed in 2006.
- Standardized Curfews - The standard curfew utilized by the Probation Department is 8:00 P.M. (Sunday to Thursday) and 9:30 P.M.(Friday and Saturday).

- Home Phone Checks - Probationers are called at home to ensure compliance with court curfews, compliance with home incarceration orders, and compliance with house arrest orders.
 - Home Supervision Checks - Probationers with court curfews or other freedom-restricting orders are routinely checked at home by Juvenile Court employees to ensure compliance.
 - Electronic Monitoring - Select probationers are supervised in the community via electronic monitoring.
 - Probation Reporting Line - As it is imperative that parents work with the Probation Department to effect change in a child, parents are required to report their child's violations (e.g. returning late on curfew) to a 24-hour, 7-day a week, time and date-stamped answering machine. Failure to report a violation may result in charges being filed against a parent.
 - Truancy Docket – Juvenile Court established a truancy docket in order to comply with a law which became effective on 9/4/00. The docket is scheduled every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon during the school year to hear Chronic Truancy and Habitual Truancy charges, as well as, charges against parents and/or custodians for Failure to Cause Attendance in school. These children and parents/custodians are supervised by Truancy Probation Officers.
2. **ACCOUNTABILITY** - The Juvenile Court believes that juveniles must be held accountable for their actions. Therefore, it is imperative that the orders of the Court are strictly enforced. This accountability must be to the community at large, as well as to an individual victim. An example of accountability in action includes:
- Work Program - Youth are assigned to the Work Program for community service hours, as well as restitution hours. Hours worked on the Work Program allow youth the opportunity to “work off” the financial obligation to their victim.
 - Restitution and Fines/Costs - The Probation Department ensures that youth comply with court orders, ensuring that youth are held accountable and that victims are made whole.
 - RESTRICT Program - As a result of a technical violation (Violation of a Court Order, Violation of Probation, or Violation of Parole), and in lieu of incarceration, youth are placed in the RESTRICT Program on weekend evenings (Friday and Saturday) at the Juvenile Justice Center. While in the program, youth work on school assignments brought from their home school or on work assigned by the RESTRICT staff. The program holds probationers accountable for non-compliance and also takes a high risk population off of the streets for the weekend.
 - Victim/Offender Mediation - The Victim/Offender Mediation Program has been operational since 1992. We know that many of our youth have little or no empathy for their victims. A lack of connection by the offender to the victim has resulted in a community and, more

importantly, the individual victims seeking closure to a victimization, which can never be closed. The program targets the offenders whose disposition involves restitution or restoration issues. The program has expanded its target population to repeat offenders (both misdemeanors and felonies) who have committed a property offense, and the victim desires face-to-face contact.

The Victim-Offender Mediation Program provides a specially trained mediator to bring juvenile offenders together with their victims in face-to-face meetings for the purpose of sharing feelings, discussing the facts of the offense, and to develop restitution and restoration agreements. The court has been able to ensure that the offender is held accountable to his/her victim, and the victim is allowed to close an emotional and sometimes painful chapter in their life.

3. **SKILL DEVELOPMENT** - The Juvenile Court believes that we must help juveniles and their families help themselves. Programming is directed at identifying skill deficiencies and then building new skills designed to deter criminal behavior. Examples of skill development programming include:

- Drug/Alcohol Assessment and Counseling - Sojourner Adolescent Services provides immediate assessment of youth appearing in court and, if needed, provides ongoing drug counseling for the probationer and his/her family.
- Positive Parenting and Living - The Juvenile Court has collaborated with the Butler County Mental Health Board, and a coalition of five social service agencies, in operating the Positive Parenting and Living Program. The program consists of two parts: first, an assessment of the family for service needs using a clinical interview as well as psychological testing; secondly, the juvenile and the parents are referred to six psycho-educational groups. The groups teach the child life skills and equip the parents with necessary parenting skills.

Miami Mentoring Program - A cooperative effort by the Juvenile Court and Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency matches Miami University students one-to-one with a child on probation. The matches meet weekly for either a group activity or a one-to-one. There is a female and a male program that run separate from each other. Both are headed by a student coordinator who works cooperatively with the Assistant Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Director of A.N.D. Unit / Program Services of the Juvenile Court.

All children in this program have been involved in the juvenile court system. They have already begun to make bad choices and are heading down a negative and destructive path. This program is designed to expose these high risk children to new options so that they learn to make better choices. This is done by forming a close relationship with a positive adult role model who is consistent and dependable and can expose them to new ideas, assist in setting goals and making good decisions.

- Status Offender Mediation - The Status Offender Mediation Program became operational in January of 1996 to address the problem of significantly increasing numbers of unruly cases (incorrigibles, runaways, curfew violations and trancies) being brought to the Juvenile Court. Since the program's inception, it has served more than 1,500 juveniles and their parents. This program is made possible in cooperation with Conflict Resolution Services and Violence

Prevention Programs, a division of the Alcohol and Chemical Abuse Council of Butler County, Ohio, Inc. They have recruited both trained Certified Mediators, as well as trained Miami University interns, to provide intake, mediation, referral service, follow-up and program managements.

The Status Offender Mediation Program is designed to divert first-time offender unruly youth from the traditional juvenile justice and correctional system. The program provides the juveniles and their families with an individualized family-centered alternative to more intrusive court intervention.

The purpose of Status Offender Mediation is to provide families with opportunities to work together to address the juvenile's problems, providing short-term immediate solutions, as well as skill and information, for continued family-centered problem solving. This kind of approach can empower the family to work together to address their issues. Family-centered mediation has the purpose of increasing parental and child accountability. It gives the parents, juvenile, and the school (in truancy cases) a significant voice in decisions made about the child and the child's home and school environment. Youth participate in the discussion of problems, generation of solutions, and establishment of consequences for their actions. An Anger-Management Program is also available.

This program is based on the assumption that the family, given the appropriate skills and services, can address many of the problems that have brought about the initial court involvement, not only for the individual juvenile, but possibly for his/her siblings.

JUVENILE COURT DELINQUENT/UNRULY STATISTICS
2006

CASES

(Does not include technical violations)

Cases by Residence

<u>CITY/TOWNSHIP</u>	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Hamilton	1094	590	1684
Middletown	850	487	1337
Fairfield	307	152	459
West Chester	235	126	361
Trenton	95	70	165
Oxford	82	71	153
Monroe	31	36	67
Liberty Township	19	9	28
Okeana	13	2	15
Fairfield Township	7	0	7
Seven Mile	1	1	2
Out of County	315	161	476
Out of State	57	42	99
Other	6	16	22
TOTAL	3112	1763	4875

Cases By Referral Agency

<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT REFERRALS</u>	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Middletown Police Department	595	299	894
Hamilton Police Department	557	262	819
Butler County Sheriff's Department	375	143	518
Fairfield Police Department	334	161	495
West Chester Township Police Dept.	275	169	444
Oxford Police Department	103	42	145
Fairfield Township Police Department	91	45	136
Trenton Police Department	56	34	90
Monroe Police Department	49	36	85
Ross Township Police Department	20	13	33
New Miami Police Department	16	8	24
Ohio State Patrol	9	4	13
Oxford Township Police Department	6	1	7
Sharonville Police Department	1	0	1
TOTAL	2487	1217	3704
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION REFERRALS</u>	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Middletown Board of Education	153	133	286
Hamilton Board of Education	150	123	273
Fairfield Board of Education	59	60	119
Lakota Board of Education	34	30	64
Edgewood Board of Education	6	22	28
Talawanda Board of Education	9	12	21
New Miami Board of Education	6	11	17
Monroe Board of Education	3	10	13
Ross Board of Education	3	6	9
Madison Board of Education	1	0	1
TOTAL	424	407	831
<u>OTHER REFERRALS</u>	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Transferred from Other County	98	87	185
LIFE SKILLS	34	24	58
Out of County	14	11	25
Butler County Detention Center	21	3	24
Miami University Security	8	5	13
Butler County Juvenile Court	8	2	10
Butler County CSB	1	2	3
Private Citizen	1	0	1
Butler County Metro Parks	1	0	1
Other	14	6	20
TOTAL	200	140	340
TOTAL	3111	1764	4875

JUVENILE COURT DELINQUENT/UNRULY OFFENDER PROFILE
2006

<u>AGE/ GENDER</u>	<u>UNDER 10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18 & OVER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Male	3	13	21	38	85	166	358	580	646	1202	3112
Female	1	0	4	14	44	104	181	309	398	708	1763
TOTAL	4	13	25	52	129	270	539	889	1044	1910	4875

<u>RACE GENDER</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>HISPANIC</u>	<u>BI- RACIAL</u>	<u>ASIAN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Male	2264	618	91	106	2	31	3112
Female	1338	312	39	59	1	14	1763
TOTAL	3602	930	130	165	3	45	4875

<u>AGE/ RACE</u>	<u>UNDER 10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18 & OVER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
White	3	8	16	39	73	176	376	665	763	1483	3602
Black	1	3	6	11	41	69	121	171	191	316	930
Hispanic	0	2	0	0	7	5	15	22	41	38	130
Bi-Racial	0	0	3	1	6	20	19	21	41	54	165
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Other	0	0	0	1	2	0	8	10	8	16	45
TOTAL	4	13	25	52	129	270	539	889	1044	1910	4875

OFFENSES
2006

TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Violation of Court Order	356	474	412	282	130
Violation of Probation	1319	1047	1299	793	506
Violation of Parole	21	12	66	53	13
TOTAL	1696	1533	1777	1128	649

UNRULY

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Unruly Child	816	807	746	379	367
Unruly/Runaway	44	59	44	21	23
Unruly/Curfew Violation	99	182	142	100	42
Habitual Truancy 1 st Offense	214	226	308	159	149
TOTAL	1173	1274	1240	659	581

OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Murder	2	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	1	0	0	0	0
Vehicular Homicide	2	2	3	2	1
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	4	0	1	1	0
Vehicular Assault	2	0	4	4	0
Vehicular Manslaughter	1	0	0	0	0
Felonious Assault	29	25	23	20	3
Felonious Assault Against a Peace Officer	1	2	1	0	1
Aggravated Assault	1	2	2	2	0
Aggravated Assault Against a Peace Officer	1	4	0	0	0
Assault	484	411	383	240	143
Negligent Assault	2	2	6	2	4
Aggravated Menacing	57	38	47	35	12
Menacing	69	89	76	51	25
Kidnapping	2	2	1	1	0
Abduction	0	0	4	4	0
Unlawful Restraint	0	2	3	3	0
Rape	25	29	54	54	0
Sexual Battery	0	2	2	2	0
Gross Sexual Imposition	26	30	29	29	0
Sexual Imposition	14	15	7	7	0
Importuning	5	1	2	2	0
Public Indecency	5	20	13	11	2
Soliciting	0	0	0	0	0
Pandering Obscenity Involving Minor	1	0	0	0	0
Endangering Child	1	0	0	0	0
Contributing to Unruliness/Delinquency of Minor	1	0	0	0	0
Contributing to Unruliness	1	1	2	1	1
Domestic Violence	361	335	332	226	106
Intimidation	0	0	2	2	0
Ethnic Intimidation	8	0	1	1	0
Menacing by Stalking	2	1	1	1	0
Harassment by Inmate	1	2	0	0	0
Retaliation	1	1	1	1	0
Inciting to Violence	0	0	0	0	0
Taking the Identity of Another	1	0	1	1	0
Telecommunications Harassment	17	19	31	16	15
Contaminating Substance for Human Consumption	0	2	0	0	0
Child Endangering Abuse/Neg	0	4	1	0	1
TOTAL	1128	1041	1033	719	314

OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Aggravated Arson	6	4	6	5	1
Arson	3	13	4	4	0
Arson without Owners Consent-Property>\$500.00	8	14	10	9	1
Arson-Public Buildings	5	6	3	1	2
Disrupting Public Service	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	37	41	28	24	4
Criminal Damaging	181	179	159	134	25
Criminal Mischief	54	68	67	54	13
Terroristic Threat	1	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	10	6	6	6	0
Robbery	18	15	24	16	8
Aggravated Burglary	18	5	11	9	2
Burglary	88	63	77	75	2
Breaking & Entering Unoccupied Structure	87	21	53	51	2
Criminal Trespass	165	134	98	82	16
Aggravated Trespass	3	5	6	3	3
Safecracking	1	1	0	0	0
Tampering with Coin Machine	0	1	0	0	0
Petty Theft Under \$500	547	470	474	283	191
Theft \$500-\$5,000	48	36	66	50	16
Grand Theft \$5,000-\$100,000	30	17	13	10	3
Grand Theft Motor Vehicle	31	29	20	19	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle or Firearm	1	3	11	11	0
Theft / Elderly or Disabled	1	1	0	0	0
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	37	33	32	22	10
Unauthorized Use of Property	1	1	0	0	0
Passing Bad Checks	0	0	0	0	0
Unauthorized Use Of Telecommunications Property	0	1	0	0	0
Misuse of Credit Card	6	8	5	2	3
Forgery	7	17	10	8	2
Criminal Simulation	0	0	0	0	0
Receiving Stolen Property – M1	37	51	42	37	5
Receiving Stolen Property – F5	15	27	25	17	8
Receiving Stolen Property – F4	32	32	20	17	3
Possessing Criminal Tools	7	1	2	2	0
Passing Bad Checks Under \$500.00	0	2	0	0	0
Insurance Fraud	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1486	1305	1272	951	321

OFFENSES INVOLVING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Corrupting Another with Drugs	3	1	0	0	0
Trafficking Offenses	37	49	35	31	4
Possession of Drug Abuse Instrument	1	5	1	1	0
Trafficking in Harmful Intoxicants	0	0	0	0	0
Consumption in Motor Vehicle	2	4	1	1	0
Prohibition – Underage Consumption	221	243	244	163	81
Possession of Counterfeit Substance	4	4	3	3	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	110	121	120	93	27
Advertising Drug Paraphernalia	1	0	0	0	0
Open Container/Underage Possession	3	14	7	6	1
Allow Minor Remain While Consuming	0	0	0	0	0
Cultivating Marijuana	2	0	0	0	0
Possession of Dangerous Drugs	1	17	4	3	1
Possession of Tobacco	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Tobacco Offender	0	0	0	0	0
Preparation of Drugs for Sale	0	0	0	0	0
Permitting Drug Abuse	5	6	6	3	3
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	1	1	1	1	0
Theft of Drugs	5	4	7	4	3
Attempt to Purchase by Minor under 16	0	0	0	0	0
Misrepresent by Minor Under 18	0	0	0	0	0
Misrepresent by Minor Under 21	1	0	4	1	3
Intoxicating Liquor, Illegal Possession	0	4	1	1	0
Restrictions on Sales of Alcohol	1	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Possession of Drugs	0	2	3	2	1
Disorderly Conduct While Intoxicated	12	12	1	0	1
Obtain/Possess/Use Cocaine	6	15	17	15	2
Obtain/Possess/Use Marihuana	53	101	85	68	17
Possession of Cocaine	26	20	11	10	1
Possession of Drugs	21	39	37	29	8
Possession of Marihuana	155	106	122	102	20
Conveying Prohibited Item into Detention Facility	2	2	0	0	0
Tampering with Drugs	1	0	0	0	0
Unauthorized Practice of Pharmacy	1	2	1	0	1
Illegal Dispensing of Drug Samples	4	6	0	0	0
Illegal Dispensing of Drug Samples Near School	1	1	0	0	0
Using Weapon while Intoxicated	1	0	0	0	0
Corrupting Another with Drugs	1	1	0	0	0
Other	0	5	0	0	0
TOTAL	682	785	711	537	174

OFFENSES INVOLVING WEAPONS

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Carrying Concealed Weapon	18	17	8	8	0
Unlawful Possession Of Dangerous Ordinance	1	1	1	1	0
Sale or Use of Fireworks	0	0	0	0	0
Discharging Fireworks	2	1	0	0	0
Dangerous Ordinance – School Premises	34	16	0	0	0
Possession of a Deadly Weapon under Detention	3	0	0	0	0
Conveying Weapon or Item into Detention Facility	3	2	0	0	0
Conveying Weapon into a Courthouse	0	1	0	0	0
Discharging a Firearm	6	3	3	3	0
Having Weapon Under Disability	0	1	1	1	0
Improper Handling of Firearm in Vehicle	2	1	1	1	0
Unlawful Transaction in Weapons	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Weapon while Intoxicated	0	1	0	0	0
Improper Furnishing of Firearm to Minor	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Conv./Deadly Weapon/School Safety Zone	0	0	31	26	5
Illegally Manufacturing or Processing Explosives	1	0	6	6	0
CCW Loaded/Dangerous Ordinance	0	4	6	5	1
TOTAL	70	48	57	51	6

OTHER OFFENSES

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Complicity	1	2	3	2	1
Criminal Simulation	5	7	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	369	424	470	298	172
Intimidation	7	0	2	1	1
Misconduct at an Emergency	18	1	0	0	0
Disrupting Public Services	2	1	1	1	0
Inducing Panic	29	25	25	21	4
Riot	1	13	0	0	0
Making False Alarms	3	5	3	1	2
Tampering with Evidence	2	6	7	7	0
Failure to Report Felony	1	0	0	0	0
Obstructing Official Business	136	128	148	104	44
Obstructing Justice	8	17	9	6	3
Resisting Arrest	67	80	77	51	26
Escape	10	8	5	2	3
Falsification	7	15	9	5	4
Failure to Comply-Order of Police	14	3	3	3	0
Cruelty to Animals	1	4	2	1	1
Fictitious I.D.	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to Disperse	1	0	0	0	0
Participating in Criminal Gang	4	0	0	0	0
Possessing Criminal Tools	5	7	6	6	0
Courtesy Supervision to Probation	7	4	1	1	0
Disseminating Harmful Matter	6	0	1	1	0
Making False Reports	1	6	3	1	2
Chronic Truancy	439	482	602	307	295
Littering	8	7	5	4	1
Other	9	37	0	0	0
TOTAL	1164	1282	1382	823	559

GRAND TOTAL OFFENSES

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
MALE	4763	4868
FEMALE	2505	2604
TOTAL	7268	7472

For the calendar year 2006, there were 7,472 offenses, handled through 4,875 cases, that were committed by 2,654 juveniles.

JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS
(Includes Multiple Dispositions)
2006

<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Detention	953	208	1161
Court Costs	1058	629	1687
Court Costs Waived	48	13	61
Fine	37	15	52
Fine and Court Costs Waived	1	2	3
Restitution	565	206	771
Work Program/Community Service	548	256	804
Official Probation	455	139	594
Court Supervision	1125	543	1668
House Arrest	624	231	855
Electronic Monitoring	36	4	40
Transferred to Other County	138	63	201
Admonished/Warned	42	33	75
Family Dispute/Anger Management	70	44	114
Parole Rules Adopted	38	3	41
Bound to Grand Jury	16	0	16
Case Dismissed	440	254	694
Referral to B.C. Children Services Board	22	13	35
Juvenile Fund Contribution	199	108	307
Curfew	67	33	100
No Contact/Off Limits	2214	1030	3244
Other	1098	550	1648
Drug/Alcohol Assessment	418	159	577
Psychological Assessment	45	8	53
Positive Parenting & Living	64	40	104
Home Incarceration	76	21	97
Victim Offender Mediation Program Referral	258	90	348
Case Withdrawn	84	58	142
Courtesy Supervision	6	2	8
DNA Specimen	288	58	346
Status Offender Mediation Referral	64	64	128
Drug Testing	596	261	857
Appoint Attorney	1140	372	1512
RESTRICT Program	51	33	84
School Bond	183	154	337
License Suspension	121	25	146

JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS
(Includes Multiple Dispositions)
(continued)

<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Counseling (Family/Individual)	111	62	173
Substance Abuse Counseling	11	6	17
Assault Mediation	21	34	55
Truancy Probation	302	301	603
Anger Management Group	53	30	83
Appoint Interpreter	26	6	32
Diversion Supervision	398	263	661
Competency Evaluation	65	14	79
JRC Placement Evaluation	75	0	75
Sex Offender Evaluation	50	0	50
Sex Offender Counseling	4	0	4
Sex Offender Group Counseling	5	0	5
Parent Failed to Appear	150	63	213
Failure to Appear (No Warrant)	186	99	285
Failure to Appear (Warrant)	151	77	228
Firesetter Prevention Program	10	1	11
JDC Release	698	278	976
JDC Suspend Sentence	77	32	109
Railroad Program Referral	1	0	1
School Attendance Mandatory	493	438	931
Suspend Right to Apply	41	17	58
Support Order	30	4	34
Mandatory STD/HIV Testing	39	0	39
Truancy Parent Charged	282	267	549
Warrant Ordered	139	82	222
Warrant Served	59	35	94
Warrant Recalled	102	59	161
TOTAL	16767	7890	24657

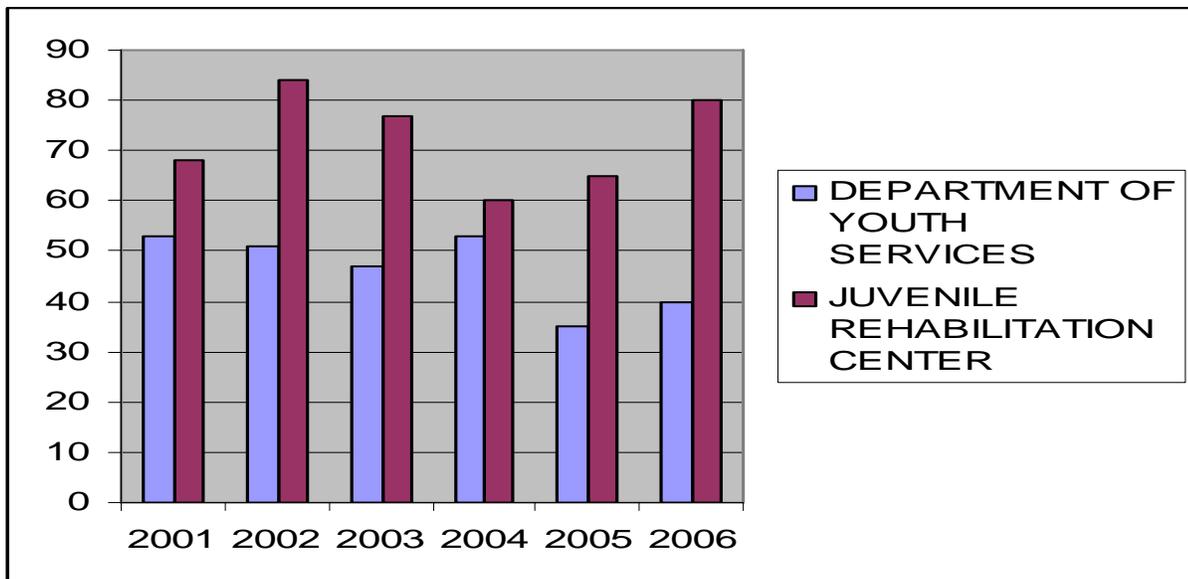
JUVENILE DIVERSION STATISTICS

2006

<u>OFFENSE TYPE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Delinquent	418	209	627
Unruly	79	117	196
TOTAL	497	326	823

INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENTS
2006

	<u>DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES</u>	<u>JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2001	53	68	121
2002	51	84	135
2003	47	77	124
2004	53	60	113
2005	35	65	100
2006	40	80	120



JUVENILES RELINQUISHED TO CRIMINAL COURT

BIND-OVER CASES

2002	17
2003	21
2004	15
2005	12
2006	13

JUVENILE COURT
WORK PROGRAM STATISTICS
2006

Total Juvenile Participants	2395
Restitution Hours	6378
Community Service Hours	7499
Restitution Disbursed from Work Program Project	\$16,677.00

WORK SITES

Abilities First (Middletown)	Middletown City Schools
Badin High School (Hamilton)	Middletown Parks
Butler County Metro Parks	Middletown Midfest
Middletown Bike Path	Monroe City Schools
Clean Sweep (Hamilton)	Monroe City Parks
Oxford Parks	New Miami Parks
Edgewood Schools	PARACHUTE (Hamilton)
Fairfield City Schools	Ross Schools
Life Span (Hamilton)	Red Cross (Hamilton)
Fenwick High School (Middletown)	Seven Mile City Schools
Habitat for Humanity (Hamilton/Middletown)	Shared Harvest (Fairfield)
Habitat Restore (Hamilton/Middletown)	Talawanda Schools
Hamilton Dam & Riverwalk	Trenton City Parks
Hamilton City Parks	Trenton Knothole Diamonds
Hamilton City Schools	Pyramid Hill (Hamilton)
Hamilton Water Works	West Chester City Parks
Lakota Schools	Westside Little League (Hamilton)
Madison Schools	New Miami Schools
Sherman Manor Retirement Apt. (Hamilton)	Life Span (Hamilton)
Fairfield Parks	Butler County Fair Grounds
Baker Concrete (Education Project)	

COURT ORDERED RESTITUTION, FINES AND COURT COSTS

January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

TOTAL RESTITUTION COLLECTED	\$91,590.46
TOTAL FINES & COSTS COLLECTED	\$247,131.44

BUTLER COUNTY
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER OVERVIEW
2006

The Butler County Juvenile Detention Center is a secure 66 bed, short-term holding facility for juveniles who have been charged with offenses and are in need of secure placement pending case action by the Butler County Juvenile Court. The facility's mission is to maintain the care, welfare, safety and security of the residents placed in the facility's care. The facility houses up to 66 residents, utilizing a classification system to separate youth based on age, gender, and seriousness of offense.

In 2006, the average daily population at the Butler County Juvenile Detention Center slightly increased. The facility admitted 1570 juveniles into the facility compared to 1551 the previous calendar year. The average stay in the facility was 14 days with an average daily population of 67 residents. Fifty seven percent of the juveniles held in the facility where charged with a felony offense.

The Butler County Juvenile Detention Center utilized community resources to provide beneficial programming to the residents of the facility. The facility contracts with the Hamilton City School District to provide for the resident's educational needs. Resources such as Narcotics Anonymous, Car Teens, Cincinnati Zoo, Butler County Mental Health Board, Mercy Crisis Center, and the Rape Crisis Center volunteered their time to provide the residents of the facility with meaningful programming. Local churches such as Courts of Praise, Church on Fire, King's Kids, Princeton Pike Church of God, Solid Rock Church of God, Hamilton Vineyard, Emmanuel Lutheran, and Stratford Heights volunteered their time to address the religious needs of the residents at the facility.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER STATISTICS

2006

<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Males	1054	1074
Females	497	496
TOTAL	1551	1570
<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Status	82	91
Misdemeanors	424	477
Felonies	291	325
Court Violations	754	677
TOTAL	1551	1570
<u>REFERING AGENCY</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Butler County Juvenile Court	841	756
Hamilton Police Department	181	222
Middletown Police Department	158	125
Butler County Sheriff Department	130	186
Fairfield Police Department	35	60
West Chester Police Department	66	91
Ohio Department of Youth Services	28	8
Miami University Security	0	0
Oxford Police Department	15	17
Trenton Police Department	21	16
New Miami Police Department	11	11
Monroe Police Department	8	14
Ross Township Police Department	11	8
Ross Police Department	3	1
Fairfield Township Police Dept.	29	47
Oxford Township Police Department	3	2
Sharonville Police Department	1	0
Warren County Sheriff Office	1	0
Hamilton County Sheriff Department	1	1
Ohio State Patrol	3	0
Hamilton County Juvenile Court	3	5
Other	2	0
TOTAL	1551	1570

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

<u>CHILD'S RESIDENCE</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Hamilton	638	669
Middletown	460	376
Fairfield	106	140
Oxford	50	53
New Miami	10	5
Trenton	40	41
In County	81	88
Out of County	56	85
Out of State	24	12
West Chester	86	101
TOTAL	1551	1570
Average Length of Stay in Days	14.8	14

BUTLER COUNTY
JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER OVERVIEW
2006

The Butler County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center (BCJRC) is a 30 bed secure facility housing male felony offenders from southwestern Ohio. Built as the first juvenile Community Correctional Facility (CCF) in Ohio, the facility was created to house offenders in a secure setting, while providing programming designed to help youth become productive citizens.

Youth incarcerated in the facility are provided a variety of programs, both individual and group, designed to meet their unique needs. Programming includes cognitive behavioral interventions and motivating and teaching residents how to make important life changes. Specialized programs such as sex offender and substance abuse treatment are also provided for identified youth. While incarcerated, parents of our residents are involved in Parent Education groups and ongoing family sessions. These services have been created to aid in the transition of youth back to their home community.

While the main focus of the facility is to change the criminal thinking and behavior of our residents, academic improvement is also targeted. Intake testing and educational history allow facility teachers to provide an individualized instruction plan (IIP) for each resident. Comprehensive assessment coupled with targeted instruction has resulted in significant academic improvement for many of our residents. One example of this improvement being that 90% of the residents experienced academic gains within the year.

Within the year, there have been several significant statistical changes. The average length of stay has decreased to 162 days as compared to a 2005 average of 184.5 days. In addition, the total number of admissions increased from a 2005 total of 65 to a 2006 total of 80. Finally, 78 total youth were released in the year, with 63 (81%) being successful completions.

In closing, the good work of this facility would not be possible if it were not for the involvement of our community partners. Organizations which deserve special thanks are the Alcohol and Chemical Abuse Council, Hamilton Christian Center, Hamilton Vineyard Church, Catholic Social Services, Butler County Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities (MRDD), Miami University, along with the countless number of volunteers and mentors who have reached out to our residents. Finally, special recognition should be given to our staff who tirelessly work with our youth, helping them help themselves.

JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER STATISTICS
RESIDENT PROFILE
2006

<u>COMMITTING COUNTY</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Butler	53(82%)	66(82.5%)
Clermont	0(0%)	0(0%)
Clinton	10(14%)	12(15%)
Warren	1(2%)	0(0%)
Adams	1(2%)	2(2.5%)

TOTAL **65** **80**

<u>FELONY LEVEL</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Felony 1	4(6%)	14(17%)
Felony 2	7(20%)	10(13%)
Felony 3	15(23%)	14(17%)
Felony 4	9(14%)	16(20%)
Felony 5	28(36%)	26(33%)

TOTAL **65** **80**

<u>AGE</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
12	0	1(1%)
13	6	5(6%)
14	9	8(10%)
15	14	18(22%)
16	17	20(25%)
17	19	26(33%)
18	2	2(3%)

TOTAL **65** **80**

JUVENILE TRAFFIC OVERVIEW
2006

As has been the case over the past several years, the total number of juvenile traffic offenders cited to juvenile court remained static in 2006. We did see a slight increase in the number of juveniles cited to court for grossly excessive speeds.

Through 2006 the juvenile court continued its initiative to hold juvenile traffic offenders accountable for their actions. Evidence of this is evident in the fact that although the number of offenses in 2006 was virtually identical to 2005, the court actually issued almost 600 more license suspensions in 2006.

It is the continued hope of this court that through the use of sanctions such as suspensions and interventions such as CarTeens and the Driving Improvement Program, that we can positively impact upon the driving habits of our youngest drivers.

JUVENILE COURT TRAFFIC OFFENSES

<u>OFFENSE</u>	(Includes Multiple Offenses)	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
All Purpose Vehicle Prohibited		4	6
Approaching Public Safety Vehicle		1	1
Assured Clear Distance		286	271
Crossing Divided Highway		0	2
Curfew Violation Temporary Permit Violation		1	2
Disregard of Safety		5	4
Driver's License Misrepresentation		3	44
Drag Racing/Street Racing		6	1
Driving in Marked Hazardous Zones		1	3
Driving Left of Center		17	7
Driving on Left Side of Roadway		4	3
Driving on Bike Path		0	0
Driving on a Closed Highway		2	2
Driving on Sidewalk		1	4
Driving Under DUI Suspension		0	0
Driving Under Suspension		62	81
Driving With Previous Registration		4	8
DUI (See also OVI for 2005)		13	4
Duty to Present Certificate		0	1
Equipment Misuse		3	0
Expired Plates		41	25
Failure to Display Registration		8	6
Failure to File Required Report		0	26
Failure to Control		178	175
Failure to Dim Headlights		2	1
Failure to Display License Plates		15	11
Failure to Display Driver's License		30	22
Failure to Reinstate License		3	6
Failure to Stop for Injury to Person or Property		5	2
False Information Provided to Avoid Citation		4	4
Fleeing /Eluding Police Officer		5	4
Focus and Aim of Headlights		0	0
Following Too Closely		4	9
Failure to Yield (Place other than roadway)		26	18
Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle		0	1
Failure to Yield		7	6
Failure to Yield at Intersection		17	9
Failure to Yield While Turning Left		64	76
Failure to Yield from Private Drive		8	8
Failure to Yield from Stop Sign		117	98
Headlight Violation		6	7
Headlights Not On		21	20
Hit/Skip Leaving the Scene		34	32

JUVENILE COURT TRAFFIC OFFENSES

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Improper or Prohibited Turn	6	8
Improper Passing	8	3
Miscellaneous (Listed as Violation of Equip Regulation in 2003)	0	0
Muffler/Exhaust Violations	2	1
No Child Restraint	3	2
No Driver's License	267	274
No License Plate Light	8	14
No Moped License or Safety Equipment	1	3
No Motorcycle Endorsement	1	0
No Temporary Permit/No Adult	15	41
Operating an Unsafe Motor Vehicle	14	26
Operation of a Motor Vehicle w/o License Plates	0	5
OVI (See, also, DUI)	27	38
Parking on Posted Private Property	0	0
Parking Violation	8	4
Permitting Riding on a Vehicle	1	0
Permitting Unlicensed Driver to Drive (Listed as Wrongful Entrustment in 2003)	0	2
Prohibited Pedestrian on Freeway	0	0
Prohibited U-Turn	5	6
Reckless Operation (Private Property)	2	3
Reckless Operation	65	37
Registration Required for Special Purpose Vehicles	1	1
Riding on Vehicle	3	0
Right of Way Pedestrian	0	3
Right Side of Roadway	1	5
Safety Belt (Passenger)	34	47
Safety Belt (Driver) (2003 figure is total passenger & driver citations)	161	173
Slow Speed	1	3
Speeding (2003 figure is total of all speeding citations)	957	802
Speeding (more than 30MPH over limit)	32	37
Speeding (more than 55MPH and more than 10 MPH over limit)	39	119
Stopped School Bus Violation	7	9
Tail Light Violation	4	5
Tinted Windows	6	4
Traffic Control Devices/Signs	41	44
Traffic Control Lights	78	38
Unattended Motor Vehicle	1	0
Unauthorized Use of Plates	19	8
Unsafe Operation	3	1
Vehicle Noise Violation	9	10

JUVENILE COURT TRAFFIC OFFENSES

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Violation of Starting/Backing	18	14
Violation Turning at Intersection	8	3
Violation RR Crossing	1	4
Violation Reverse Lights	6	0
Violation Right Turn on Red	2	8
Violation One Way Traffic	4	9
Violation Traffic Lanes/Lines	52	53
Other	39	74
TOTAL	2969	2951

JUVENILE COURT TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS

(Includes Multiple Dispositions)

<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
CarTeens	974	891
Dismissed	50	66
Driving Improvement Program	103	148
Fines & Costs	2527	2246
Fines & Costs Waived	1	1
Juvenile Fund Contribution	2	2
License Suspension – Class	n/a	500
License Suspension – Court	n/a	409
License Suspension – FTA BMV	n/a	151
License Suspension – FTA BMV	n/a	247
License Privileges Granted – BMV	n/a	344
License Privileges Granted – Court	n/a	11
Parental Suspension	0	5
Petition Granted (Driving Privileges)	197	2
Pleasure Driving Suspension	295	16
Probation	7	4
Restitution	30	3
Seat Belt Fine	53	69
Suspend Right to Apply	63	76
Teen Intervention Program	14	20
Ticket Withdrawn by Officer	15	0
Transferred to Other County	117	154
Warned and Admonished	4	6

JUVENILE TRAFFIC COSTS AND FINES

Total Costs, Fees, Fines Levied	\$180,680.33	
Total Costs, Fees, Fines Collected	\$151,030.33	(Includes carryover of Fines and Costs assessed in prior years and collected in 2006)

SUPPORT SERVICES UNIT OVERVIEW
2006

The Support Services Unit is comprised of a team of case managers who provide critical coordination of information and services to the court system, the public, the legal community, law enforcements agencies, volunteer agencies, as well as social service agencies within and outside of Butler County. The array of cases handled by the case managers include abuse, neglect, and dependency actions, adult criminal actions, custody/visitation actions, and child support matters.

A total of 1451 charges of abuse (238), neglect (467), and dependency (746) were filed by the Butler County Children Services Board and private citizens in 2006. Of those cases, Children Services Board was granted permanent custody in 43.

A total of 780 adult criminal charges were filed by police departments, truant officers, or private citizens in 2006. Of those cases, 442 were parents charged with Failure to Send A Child to School or Contributing to the Non Support of a Minor. In 2000, a specialized truancy docket was created to focus on school truancy issues. Parents or custodians may be fined up to \$1000.00 or sentenced to six months in the Butler County Jail if found guilty of this criminal offense.

SUPPORT SERVICES UNIT STATISTICS
2006

C.S.B./PRIVATE COMPLAINTS FILED

Abuse	238
Neglect	467
Dependency	746
Transfers	0
TOTAL	1451

PETITIONS FOR CUSTODY

Legal Custody	587
TOTAL	587

PETITIONS FOR VISITATION

Visitation	65
TOTAL	65

PERMANENT CUSTODY

Permanent Custody	22
TOTAL	22

ADULT CRIMINAL

Failure to Send	423
Contributing to the Unruliness	143
Endangering Children	103
Endangering Child/Op Vehicle	41
Contributing to the Delinquency	29
Contributing to the Non-Support	19
Domestic Violence	19
Sexual Imposition	1
Interference with Custody	1
Assault	1
Public Indecency	0
TOTAL	780

GRAND TOTAL	2905
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FAMILY DRUG COURT PROGRAM
2006

The mission of the Butler County Juvenile Court-Family Drug Court is to expedite the reunification of children with their parent(s) in abuse, neglect and dependency cases whereupon parent(s) have identified drug and/or alcohol dependency problems and have complied with court orders, or to expedite permanency in the children's cases whereupon the parent(s) refuse to comply with court orders.

The Family Drug Court Program (FDCP) is a voluntary program that offers a new opportunity to parents who are involved with Juvenile Court because the Children's Services Agency has filed a complaint of abuse, neglect and/or dependency. The FDCP provides parents with a more intensive focus on treatment and monitoring. The parents are provided immediate access to needed services as well as interaction with a Judicial Hearing Officer and a team of professionals. The parents attend weekly, bi-weekly or monthly court hearings and compliance, or non-compliance is reviewed by the Team and immediate incentives and sanctions are given. When parents are successful, the family is reunified quicker.

Since the FDCP began in July 2006, 26 individuals have been accepted to the program. Four have successfully completed. Currently there are 12 participants. The program has been able to place 12 children in the legal custody of the parent(s) in which they were removed. Another, 14 children have been placed in the temporary custody of their parent(s).

FAMILY DRUG COURT PROGRAM STATISTICS
2006

Individuals Accepted to Program	26
Individuals Successfully Completing Program	4
Current Individuals in Program	12
Children Placed in Legal Custody of Parent(s)	12
Children Placed in Temporary Custody of Parents(s)	14

CLERK SERVICES UNIT OVERVIEW
2006

In 2006, all case types were initiated in our computer system. The primary role of the Clerk Services Unit is to aid the Magistrates and Judges in the courtrooms, Support Services Unit, the Probation Department, outside agencies, and the public in processing the paperwork on new and existing cases. The objective of the Clerk Services Unit is to process all filings and paperwork in an effective and timely manner to ensure that all the Juvenile Court's operations are efficient. In addition, the Deputy Clerks are responsible for the scheduling of official cases before the Judges and the Magistrates, and the monitoring of payments for court costs, fines, restitution, and drug screens.

Juvenile Court has been working in conjunction with Domestic Relations Court scheduling and hearing support cases since June of 2005. This collaboration has helped to expedite the timeframe that issues were addressed for the public substantially. The assistance Juvenile Court has received from the Domestic Relations Court is greatly appreciated.

In 2006, the Docket Clerks filed a variety of cases which included 717 adult criminal; 4,875 delinquent and unruly; and 769 abuse, neglect and dependency complaints for a combined total of 6,361 new cases. The Traffic Clerk processed 2,395 new cases which was a slight increase from the previous year.

The Child Support Deputy Clerks initiated 2,062 new cases including custody and visitation. The Child Support Deputy clerks also generated 150 wage assignments which include not only child support cases but also cases where juveniles are placed outside the home due to delinquency, abuse, neglect, and/or dependency cases. This wage assignment number is significantly lower this year because the Domestic Relations' staff creates wage assignments on cases that have been assigned and heard in their court.

The Juvenile Court continues to work with the vendor to improve the case management system that will assist both the court and correctional facility staff in managing case information in a more efficient manner.

JUVENILE SUPPORT CASE STATISTICS
2006

<u>PARENTAGE</u>	260
TOTAL	260
<u>SUPPORT</u>	821
TOTAL	821
<u>UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT</u>	83
<u>AGREED PATERNITY AND SUPPORT</u>	0
<u>OBJECTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS</u>	289
<u>FOREIGN SUPPORT</u>	0
TOTAL	372
WAGE ASSIGNMENTS	150
<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES INITIATED</u> (Not including Wage Assignments)	1603

INFORMATION SERVICES OVERVIEW
2006

In 2006, Butler County Juvenile Court continued to move forward with the automation of the Court by “going live” with Adult Criminal cases in January. With these additions the Court was able to process the vast majority of cases electronically within the JCS (Juvenile Court System) software. The Court is looking forward to completing the implementation of the remaining minor modules and the addition of the Juvenile Detention Center and Rehabilitation Center modules in 2007 or early 2008.

The Juvenile Court Information Services Department continued to be responsible for the ordering and maintaining of all personal computers, printers, scanners and servers. Additionally, all user accounts were created, modified, and maintained for use by the employees who work for the Juvenile Justice Center which was open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All of this would not be possible without the assistance of the Butler County Information Services Department who has designated the services of a PC Technician to the Juvenile Justice Center.

Technology also served the Court well in the form of the Kronos Timekeeping System. This integrated solution was designed to manage the collection and distribution of employee hours in every area of the Juvenile Justice Center. The system captured arrival times and departure times, transfers from one department to another, and changes in shift or pay categories of all staff members. Kronos also enabled staff to access their own sick, vacation, and compensatory time earned.

The Support Enforcement Tracking System (SETS) continued to be fully operational and allowed the employees of the Court, as well as the Child Support Enforcement Agency, to inquire as to accurate child support and paternity case information on a statewide basis.

In order to maintain consistency in court processes and to promote the sharing of information among staff the Court implemented a continual education program for Court personnel. The Courtroom Clerks and Hearing Officers received additional training on the case management system and reviewed the proper procedures for processing hearings through the software.

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We would like to express our appreciation to law enforcement agencies, other county departments, schools and various community organizations for their continued support in our efforts to provide meaningful service to the community.

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