

***WASHINGTON COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS***

Probate-Juvenile Divisions



2014 Annual Report

Washington County, Ohio

Honorable Timothy A. Williams

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I present to you the 2014 Annual Report of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions.

This report contains information on the Court's cases, services, and programs provided to the citizens of Washington County.

If you have any questions concerning any information contained in this report, please feel free to contact Rae Ward, Court Administrator.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Williams, Judge



WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Probate-Juvenile Divisions

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 Justin Gregory Probation Officer
 Matt Tullius..... Probation Officer

PROBATE – JUVENILE COURT



Judge Timothy A. Williams serves as the Probate Judge for Washington County. The position is an elected, non-partisan office with a six-year term. He was first elected in February 1997.

Judge Williams is a 1984 graduate of Ohio Northern University law school. He served as an associate editor of the Ohio Northern University Law Review. After graduation, he entered private practice from 1984 through 1997. From 1989 to 1997 he also served as a part-time Juvenile Court Magistrate for Washington County.

Judge Williams appointed Attorney Mark Kerenyi to serve as a part time Magistrate for the Juvenile Court on March 1, 2004, to help handle the caseload of the Court. He is a 1990 graduate of Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

As Probate Judge for Washington County, Judge Williams presides over both the Probate Court Division and the Juvenile Court Division.

PROBATE COURT JURISDICTION

The Probate Court handles the following types of cases: estates, guardianships, trusts, adoptions, mental commitments, wrongful deaths, minor settlements and name changes. The Court also issues all marriage licenses for Washington County.

While most Probate Court records are open to the public, Ohio law closes records pertaining to mental illness and adoptions.

The Court maintains the following records that are open to the public during business hours:

- Estates, Guardianships, Trusts, Misc. 1789 to present
- Marriage 1789 to present
- Birth and Death 1867 to 1908

The Judge and his staff are dedicated to serving the public in a professional manner. While the staff of the Probate Court is prevented from practicing law, all efforts are made to help the public within the constraints of the law.

The day-to-day operation of the Court, including supervision of all employees, is managed by the Court Administrator, Rae A. Ward. Ms. Ward holds a National Certificate in Court Management from the National Center for State Courts. If you have questions or concerns about the operation of the Court, please contact Ms. Ward at (740)373-6623 Ext. 252.

PROBATE COURT ACTIONS FILED

TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL
Admission of Will without Estate Filing	8
Adoption of Adult	1
Adoption of Minor Child	15
Filing Will Only (no estate)	4
Full Estate Filings	166
Guardianship of Incompetent	26
Guardianship of Minor	4
Marriage Licenses Issued	394
Mental Illness	65
Minor's Settlement	5
Miscellaneous Filings	8
Name Change	13
Notice of Medicaid Status	16
Ohio Estate Tax Filings	15
Registration of Birth/Correction of Birth Record	7
Release of Estate	91
Search Warrants Issued	94
Summary Release of Estate	69
Transfer of Real Estate (No Estate)	3
Transfer of Structured Settlements	5
Trusts	6
Wrongful Death Settlements	6
TOTAL FILINGS FOR 2014	1021

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

Judge Timothy A. Williams as the Probate Judge also serves as the Judge of the Juvenile Division for Washington County.

The Juvenile Court hears the following types of cases: abused, neglected, dependent, unruly and delinquent children, juvenile traffic offenders, custody, visitation, parentage, child support actions, and cases charging adults with failing to send children to school and contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of children.

The Court has a juvenile probation staff consisting of four (4) full-time probation officers to monitor the behavior of the children that the Judge and Magistrate place on probation.

The Court also operates the Washington County Juvenile Center, a residential treatment and rehabilitation program for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, which lasts an average of 9 months. The Center can accommodate 25 children in the program.

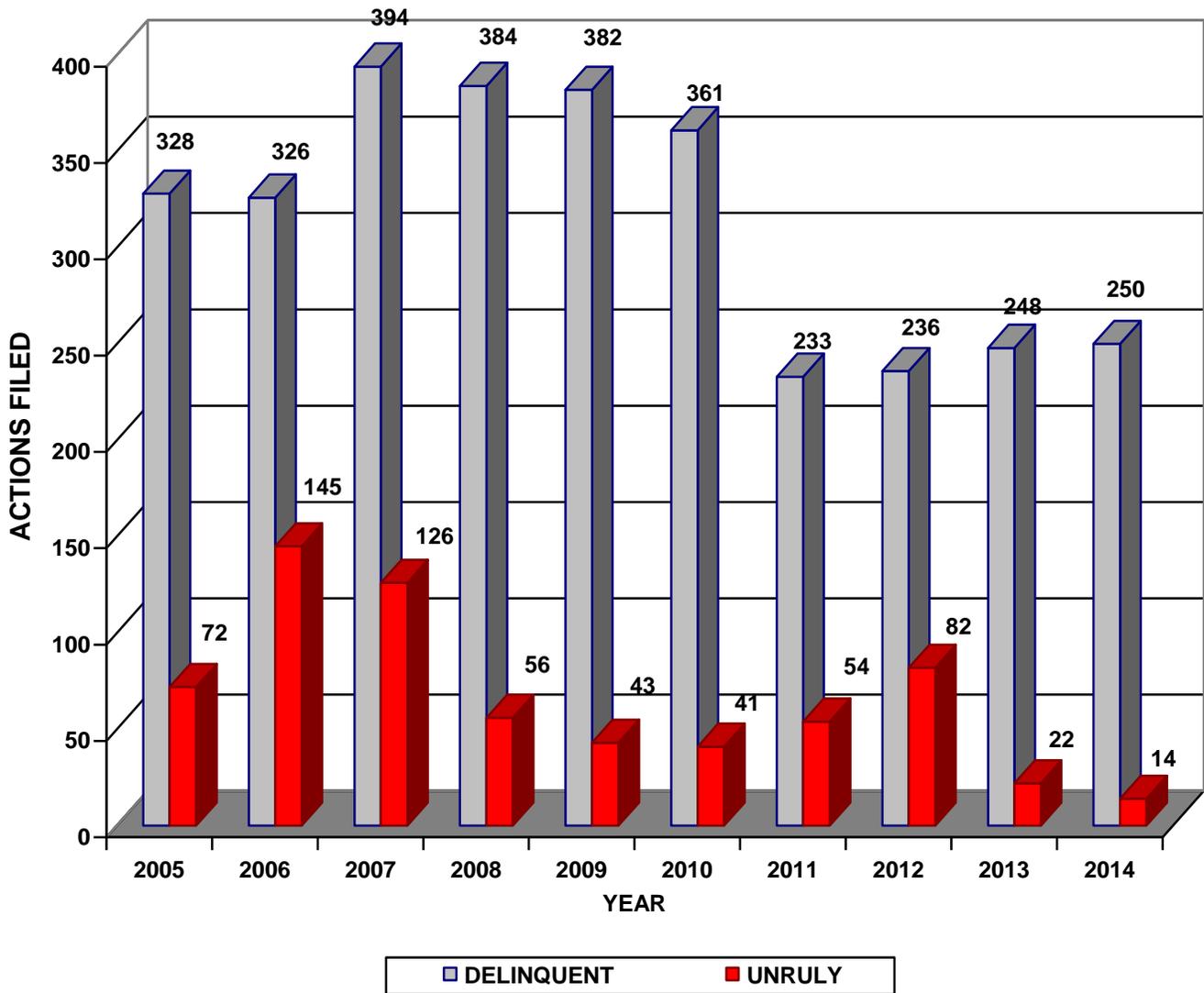
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JUVENILE COURT ACTIONS FILED

TYPE OF CASE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Delinquency (Juvenile Crimes – 204) (Truancy – 46)	173	77	250
Probation Violations	29	4	33
Unruly (School Truancy - 7) (Parental/School Unruly - 7)	6	8	14
Traffic	193	116	309
Tobacco Offenses	1	0	1
Abuse and Neglect	n/a	n/a	49
Custody/Visitation	n/a	n/a	53
Grandparent Power of Attorney	n/a	n/a	16
Permanent Custody	n/a	n/a	7
Permanent Surrender of Child	n/a	n/a	1
Civil Protection/Stalking Order	n/a	n/a	0
Paternity	n/a	n/a	3
Child Support Action	n/a	n/a	75
Juvenile Marriage	n/a	n/a	0
Complaints against Adults – Contributing	n/a	n/a	10
Complaint against Adults – Failure to Send Child to School	n/a	n/a	54
TOTAL COMPLAINTS FOR 2014			859

10 YEAR HISTORY OF DELINQUENT AND UNRULY ACTIONS FILED



TOP 20 OFFENSES

Committed by Delinquent Children

NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL COMMITTED
1	Delinquent by School Truancy	46
2	Drug Offenses	38
3	Disorderly Conduct	28
4	Theft	22
5	Assault	17
6	Domestic Violence	15
7	Sex Related Offenses	13
8	Underage Drinking	12
9	Criminal Damaging	11
10	Burglary	8
11	Menacing	5
tie	Criminal Mischief	5
13	Breaking and Entering	4
14	Vandalism	3
tie	Possession of Weapons in School	3
16	Tampering with Evidence	2
tie	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	2
tie	Criminal Trespass	2
19	Escape	1
tie	Robbery	1

TOP 15 TRAFFIC OFFENSES

NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL COMMITTED
1	Speed	120
2	Failure to Control	37
tie	No Seat Belt	37
4	Assured Clear Distance	25
5	No Operator's License/License Violation	24
6	Failure to Yield	17
7	Traffic Sign/Red Light Violation	15
8	Equipment Violation	5
9	Left of Center/Lane Violation	4
tie	License Plates and Tag Violation	4
tie	Mobile Devise	4
12	Drunk Driving	2
tie	Following Too Close Violation	2
14	Improper Turning	1
Tie	Reckless Operation	1

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The Probation Department monitors both children and adults placed under Court supervision. The department's goal is to provide a community based corrections program with consistent sanctions geared toward altering negative behavior. Probation officers make regular contact with the children, parents, schools, agencies and others involved with the children to assist them in making positive changes in their lives.

The department has four Probation Officers who insure that Juvenile and Adult probationers comply with Court orders by assisting them in accepting personal responsibility for their actions.

Juvenile Probation

101 Youth were placed on probation during 2014

63 male: 62%
38 female: 38%

A total of 223 Youth were supervised on probation in 2014, including 122 from previous year

33 probation violations were filed in 2014

Adult Probation

9 Adults were placed on probation during 2014

3 male: 33%
6 female: 67%

A total of 11 Adults were supervised on probation in 2014, including 2 from previous year

1 probation violation was filed in 2014

1 contempt action was filed in 2014

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Program is a valuable and constructive dispositional option. The program has proven to be a positive way that juveniles can take responsibility for their actions. Youth are ordered by the Court to perform a specific number of community service work hours serving non-profit organizations in the community.

The Court monitors the progress of the children to ensure successful completion of court ordered community service hours.

In 2014, juvenile offenders provided a total of ***5,271 hours of volunteer work*** for various non-profit agencies in the community.

Based on minimum wage, the ***community received \$41,904*** in donated labor and services from these offenders.

RESTITUTION

The Juvenile Court requires that youth committing personal property crimes reimburse the victim for the cost of any damage by paying restitution. The Court's goal is to assure that responsibility for behavior rests with the youth.

In 2014, a total of ***\$3,127.97 was collected*** and paid out for past and present restitution.



WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

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Gerald SteffenTeacher
Kendra Whittekind Teacher's Aide

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

Mission

The Washington County Juvenile Center is a residential rehabilitation facility for youth committed by the Juvenile Judge. All young men and women in residence at the Center are between the ages of twelve and eighteen at the time of admission. The Center can accommodate 15 boys and 10 girls in the residential rehabilitation program.

The Center's mission is to provide a safe, structured environment where a delinquent youth receives professional help and support through a behavioral modification program to address the problems causing the negative behaviors. The Center challenges the residents to modify their behaviors by changing the way they think. The program emphasizes positive reinforcement and focuses on improving the child's behavior, academics, and emotional and mental well-being.

The Washington County Juvenile Center is operated under guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Center is inspected by the Department each year and meets all state requirements.

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

Program Highlights

- *Rehabilitation plan prepared by child and family team consisting of child, parents, probation officer, case manager, and counselor.*
- *3 case managers and 12 youth specialists work with the youth helping them achieve their rehabilitation plan.*
- *2 certified teachers and 1 teacher's aide employed through Marietta City Schools provide individualized classroom instruction on site.*
- *Individual and family counseling provided.*
- *Mental health services provided by Hopewell Health Centers, Inc.*
- *Weekly anger management by L & P Services.*
- *Drug and alcohol counseling provided by Hopewell Health Centers, Inc.*
- *Court ordered parenting program.*
- *Tutors that help youth with problem academic areas.*
- *Community Service performed by youth for nonprofit entities.*
- *Daily recreation provide on premises.*
- *Voluntary running club.*
- *Voluntary non-denominational church service offered.*
- *Medical, dental, and optical care provided by local providers.*
- *Menus planned by licensed dietitian.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER 2014 Statistics

REHABILITATION PROGRAM *****	SHELTER CARE PROGRAM *****	DETENTION PROGRAM *****
ADMISSIONS: 2014 Admissions: 17 Males 15 Females 2 2013 Admissions still in Program during 2013: 22 Males 13 Females 9 Total Served 2014: 39 Males 28 Females 11	ADMISSIONS: 20 Males 15 Females 5 OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 20 Felonies 5 Misdemeanors 15 Unruly Children 0 MISCELLANEOUS: Average length of stay 26 days	ADMISSIONS: 6 Males 5 Females 1 OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 5 Felonies 2 Misdemeanors 3 Out of State Abscondees 1 MISCELLANEOUS: Average length of stay 16 hours
OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 39 Felonies 10 Misdemeanors 29 Unruly Children 0 Average days to complete program 276	<p>Community Service Hours Performed: 4,857</p> <p><i>Based on minimum wage, the community received \$38,613 in donated labor and services from these probationers.</i></p>	

PLACEMENT OF YOUTH REMOVED FROM HOME 2014 Statistics

Department of Youth Services (Juvenile Prison System)

10 Boys
0 Girls

Community Correction Facilities Nelsonville, Ohio 1 Boy

Washington County Juvenile Center (Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, Marietta, Ohio)

15 Boys
2 Girls

Multi County Detention Center (Detention Facility in Fairfield County)

19 Boys
1 Girls

Foster Care with Washington County Children Services

5 Delinquent and Unruly children
30 Abused, Neglected and Dependent children