

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

Probate-Juvenile Divisions



2013 Annual Report

Washington County, Ohio

Honorable Timothy A. Williams

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I present to you the 2013 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

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

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 Rachel DavisDeputy Clerk/Probate
 Lisa BurkhartDeputy Clerk/Juvenile
 Jill RoachDeputy Clerk/Juvenile
 Judy McAteeDeputy Clerk/Juvenile
 Melody Zimmerman Probation Officer
 Kristi Offenberger..... Probation Officer
 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 | 18 |
| Adoption of Adult | 2 |
| Adoption of Minor Child | 23 |
| Conservatorship | 0 |
| Disinterment of Body | 1 |
| Filing Will Only (no estate) | 5 |
| Full Estate Filings | 165 |
| Guardianship of Incompetent | 26 |
| Guardianship of Minor | 1 |
| Marriage Licenses Issued | 487 |
| Mental Illness | 61 |
| Minor's Settlement | 11 |
| Miscellaneous Civil Proceedings | 12 |
| Name Change | 21 |
| Ohio Estate Tax Filings | 34 |
| Registration of Birth/Correction of Birth Record | 5 |
| Release of Estate | 70 |
| Search Warrants Issued | 95 |
| Summary Release of Estate | 62 |
| Transfer of Structured Settlements | 4 |
| Trusts | 5 |
| Wrongful Death Settlements | 5 |
| TOTAL FILINGS FOR 2013 | 1113 |

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.

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

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 six months. The Center can accommodate 25 children in the program.

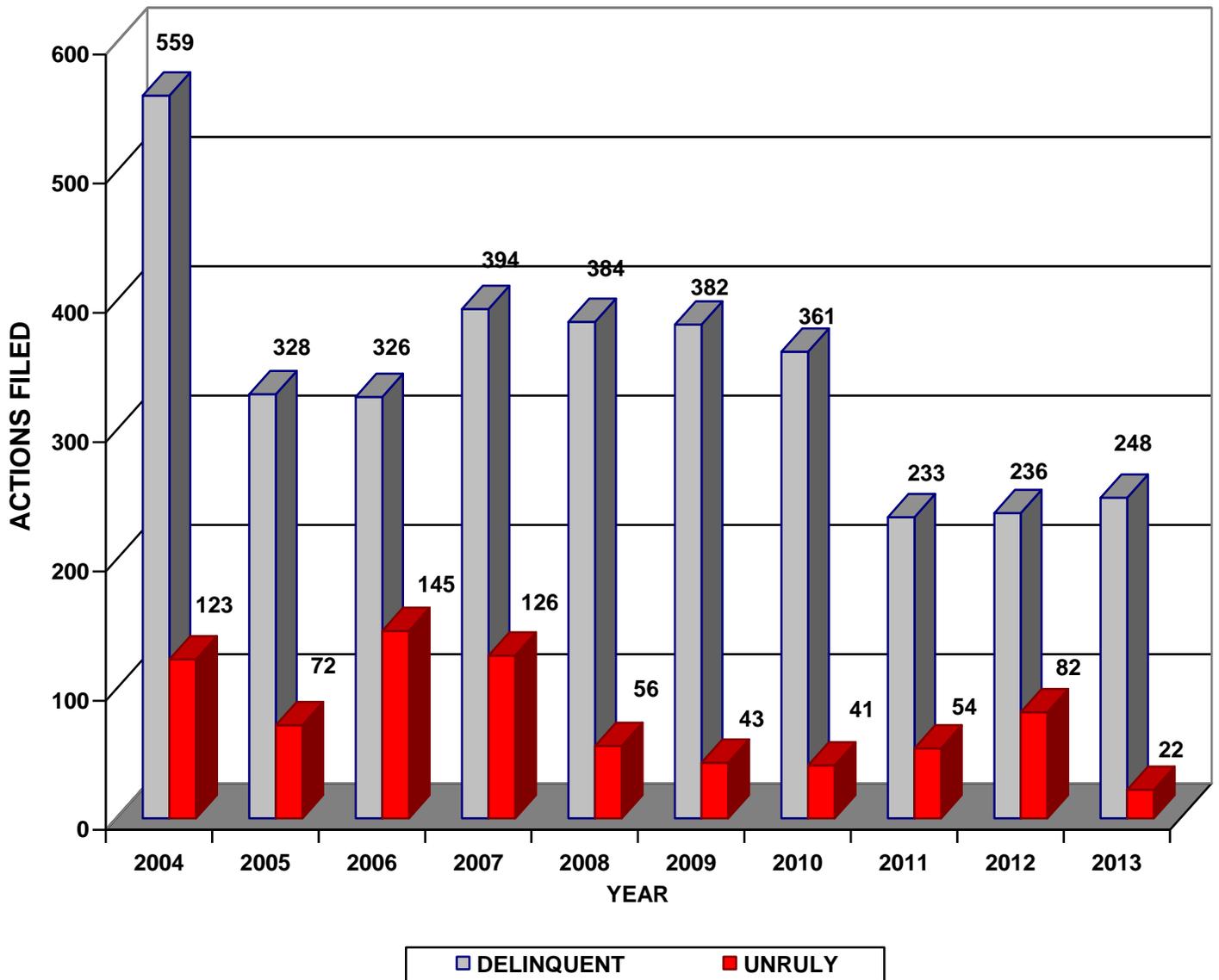
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JUVENILE COURT ACTIONS FILED

| TYPE OF CASE | BOYS | GIRLS | TOTAL |
|---|------|-------|------------|
| Delinquency (Juvenile Crimes – 233) (Truancy – 15) | 180 | 68 | 248 |
| Probation Violations | 27 | 8 | 35 |
| Unruly (School Truancy - 10) (Parental/School Unruly - 12) | 10 | 12 | 22 |
| Traffic | 194 | 110 | 305 |
| Tobacco Offenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abuse and Neglect | n/a | n/a | 31 |
| Custody/Visitation | n/a | n/a | 71 |
| Permanent Custody | n/a | n/a | 5 |
| Permanent Surrender of Child | n/a | n/a | 1 |
| Civil Protection/Stalking Order | n/a | n/a | 0 |
| Paternity | n/a | n/a | 8 |
| Child Support Action | n/a | n/a | 86 |
| Juvenile Marriage | n/a | n/a | 0 |
| Complaints against Adults – Contributing | n/a | n/a | 6 |
| Complaint against Adults – Failure to Send Child to School | n/a | n/a | 22 |
| TOTAL COMPLAINTS FOR 2013 | | | 840 |

10 YEAR HISTORY OF DELINQUENT AND UNRULY ACTIONS FILED



TOP 20 OFFENSES

Committed by Delinquent Children

| NUMBER | TYPE OF CASE | TOTAL COMMITTED |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Drug Offenses | 44 |
| 2 | Underage Drinking | 38 |
| 3 | Theft | 34 |
| 4 | Disorderly Conduct | 29 |
| 5 | Domestic Violence | 19 |
| 6 | Assault | 15 |
| tie | Delinquent by School Truancy | 15 |
| 8 | Sex Related Offenses | 9 |
| 9 | Menacing | 8 |
| 10 | Criminal Damaging | 4 |
| tie | Escape | 4 |
| tie | Vandalism | 4 |
| 13 | Obstruction of Official Business | 3 |
| tie | Receiving Stolen Property | 3 |
| tie | Cruelty to Animals | 3 |
| 16 | Possession of Weapons in School | 2 |
| tie | Breaking and Entering | 2 |
| tie | Unauthorized Use of Vehicle | 2 |
| 19 | Criminal Trespass | 1 |
| tie | Robbery | 1 |

TOP 15 TRAFFIC OFFENSES

| NUMBER | TYPE OF CASE | TOTAL COMMITTED |
|---------------|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Speed | 131 |
| 2 | Failure to Control | 33 |
| 3 | No Seat Belt | 32 |
| 4 | No Operator's License/License Violation | 24 |
| tie | Traffic Sign/Red Light Violation | 24 |
| 6 | Assured Clear Distance | 19 |
| 7 | Failure to Yield | 8 |
| tie | Left of Center/Lane Violation | 8 |
| 9 | License Plates and Tag Violation | 4 |
| tie | Drunk Driving | 4 |
| tie | Equipment Violation | 4 |
| 12 | Following Too Close Violation | 3 |
| tie | Improper Backing | 3 |
| 14 | Improper Turning | 2 |
| 15 | Hit Skip | 1 |

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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 Probation Department monitors youth 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 see that probationers comply with Court orders by assisting the youth in accepting personal responsibility for their actions.

The Court has four probation officers. These four officers supervised a total of 191 children in 2013.

128 Youth were placed on probation during 2013

84 male: 66%
44 female: 34%

A total of 246 Youth were supervised on probation in 2013, including 118 from previous year

35 probation violations were filed in 2013

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 2013, juvenile offenders provided a total of ***7,492 hours of volunteer work*** for various non-profit agencies in the community.

Based on minimum wage, the ***community received \$58,812*** in donated labor and services from these offenders.

RESTITUTION PROGRAM

The Juvenile Court Restitution Program provides a dispositional option for youth committing personal property crimes where restitution is appropriate. The program's goal is to assure that responsibility for behavior rests with the youth. It is also intended to obtain compensation for the victim.

Juvenile offenders who can make monetary restitution to their victim are ordered to pay the victim under the supervision of the probation staff.

In 2013, a total of ***\$1,035.99 was collected*** and paid out for past and present restitution.



WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

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Administrative Personnel

Natalie Doughty Superintendent
Stephanie Galati Senior Case Manager
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Mary Summers Medical Coordinator
Kathy Wright Fiscal Officer
Erika Copley Teacher
Earl James Teacher
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 2013 Statistics

| REHABILITATION PROGRAM ***** | SHELTER CARE PROGRAM ***** | DETENTION PROGRAM ***** |
|--|--|---|
| ADMISSIONS: 2013 Admissions: 24 Males 15 Females 9 2012 Admissions still in Program during 2013: 15 Males 10 Females 5 Total Served 2013: 39 Males 25 Females 14 | ADMISSIONS: 32 Males 20 Females 12 OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 32 Felonies 6 Misdemeanors 26 Unruly Children 0 MISCELLANEOUS: Average length of stay 31 days | ADMISSIONS: 4 Males 4 Females 0 OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 4 Felonies 1 Misdemeanors 3 Out of State Abscondee 0 MISCELLANEOUS: Average length of stay 17 hours |
| OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 39 Felonies 8 Misdemeanors 31 Unruly Children 0 Average days to complete program 186 | <p>Community Service Hours Performed: 3,726</p> <p><i>Based on minimum wage, the community received \$29,245 in donated labor and services from these probationers.</i></p> | |

PLACEMENT OF YOUTH REMOVED FROM HOME 2013 Statistics

Department of Youth Services (Juvenile Prison System)

8 Boys
0 Girls

Community Correction Facilities

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Nelsonville, Ohio | 2 Boys |
| Hamilton, Ohio | 1 Boy |

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

15 Boys
9 Girls

Multi County Detention Center (Detention Facility in Fairfield County)

25 Boys
2 Girls

Foster Care with Washington County Children Services

3 Delinquent and Unruly children
28 Abused, Neglected and Dependent children