

The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over dependency, neglect, abuse, delinquency, unruly, traffic, juvenile bind overs to adult court, certain adult crimes referred to Juvenile Court, paternity actions, custody changes, child support enforcement, visitation and the modifications that occur in these areas, and contempt proceedings.

Each case is unique and has its own set of facts and circumstances that must be considered by the Judge or the Magistrates who hear these cases. Hearings include arraignment, adjudicatory and dispositional proceedings and other motions duly referred by the Judge of the Juvenile Division.

The Erie County Juvenile Court has a total of 103 employees, 89 of whom are permanent/full time and 14 of whom are intermittent. Of that staff, 40 are connected directly to court services with 40 serving the Juvenile Detention Center. The Northern Ohio Community Correction Facility has 24 full time employees. The following chart depicts the growth in the budget in the past years.

ERIE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT EXPENDITURE HISTORY

YEAR	COMPUTER FUND	JUDICIAL	DETENTION	SUBSIDY GRANT	MISC. GRANTS	CCF	WRAPAROUND GRANT	TITLE IV-E	TOTAL
2014	6,858	1,976,210	1,429,416	292,740	21,204	1,332,075	0	724	5,059,227
2013	9,402	1,982,438	1,375,618	363,648	4,784	1,204,034	0	12,782	4,952,706
2012	0	2,013,370	1,360,185	419,705	5,546	1,111,140	6,437	14,545	4,930,928
2011	9,815	1,805,347	1,439,761	387,412	3,569	1,224,921	189,966	39,163	5,099,954
2010	9,347	1,828,742	1,328,813	524,350	0	1,209,640	235,301	0	5,136,193
2009	8,902	2,081,380	1,466,507	800,047	0	1,222,846	282,143	0	5,861,825
2008	8,478	2,109,032	1,625,768	786,698	0	1,179,724	214,751	0	5,924,451
2007	16,721	2,085,477	1,562,709	778,713	37,343	1,142,346	32,845	0	5,656,154
2006	19,236	2,072,240	1,529,065	745,628	55,701	1,017,578	0	0	5,439,448
2005	13,541	2,075,952	1,452,383	645,112	80,691	888,128	0	0	5,155,807
2004	9,540	2,129,551	1,461,860	635,857	125,202	221,657	0	0	4,583,667
2003	3,506	2,129,677	1,376,681	621,790	115,300	0	0	0	4,246,954
2002	3,020	2,098,934	1,181,122	643,928	99,946	0	0	0	4,026,950
2001	12,800	1,884,858	1,227,204	561,118	50,222	0	0	0	3,736,202
2000	21,385	1,717,889	1,160,111	601,222	0	0	0	0	3,500,607
1999	10,799	1,487,675	1,128,297	612,918	0	0	0	0	3,239,689
1998	5,236	1,307,500	969,402	597,996	0	0	0	0	2,880,134
1997	6,500	1,241,367	800,364	525,398	0	0	0	0	2,573,629
1996	0	1,228,122	773,355	535,543	0	0	0	0	2,537,020
1995	0	1,093,481	677,789	455,810	0	0	0	0	2,227,080
1994	0	1,054,478	636,131	436,442	0	0	0	0	2,127,051
1993	0	1,027,455	655,987	241,420	0	0	0	0	1,924,862
1992	0	937,292	606,557	248,937	0	0	0	0	1,792,786

1991	0	889,932	597,562	219,659	0	0	0	0	1,707,153
1990	0	859,407	578,692	188,000	0	0	0	0	1,626,099
1989	0	771,380	514,080	250,407	0	0	0	0	1,535,867
1988	0	683,413	501,277	318,735	0	0	0	0	1,503,425
1987	0	773,542	530,265	317,359	0	0	0	0	1,621,166
1986	0	565,679	571,493	273,024	0	0	0	0	1,410,196

During the calendar year 2014, there was a total of 2,532 cases referred to the Juvenile Division of the Erie County Common Pleas Court for its consideration and disposition.

COMPLAINT TO ESTABLISH PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP	16
COMPLAINT FOR SUPPORT	168
COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY/VISITATION	129
COMPLAINT FOR DEPENDENCY	38
COMPLAINT FOR NEGLECT	66
COMPLAINT FOR ABUSE	24
DELINQUENCY	1,083
UNRULY	279
JUVENILE TRAFFIC	582
ADULT CONTRIBUTING CRIMINAL CASES	61
JUVENILE TOBACCO	36
GRANDPARENT P.O.A.	34
JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	16
TOTAL:	2,532

Those cases were handled in the following ways:

- (1) Official hearing before the Judge and Magistrates, at which the following dispositions were those most commonly ordered:
 - a. Fine and/or court costs assessed
 - b. Suspension or revocation of driving privileges
 - c. Case study ordered and/or placed on probation
 - d. Referral to other agencies for specialized counseling or treatment
 - e. Referral to one of the Court programs outlined in detail in this report
 - f. Out of home placement
 - g. Commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services
- (2) Diversion
- (3) Bond forfeiture
- (4) Certification to county of legal residence
- (5) Parent/child relationship established, custody, visitation and support ordered

PLEASE NOTE: Because of multiple count charges the number of cases reported to the Supreme Court totaled 2,532. In order to comply with accountability standards mandated by the Supreme Court, complaints that have multiple charges are counted as one case. The total number of actual charges filed in 2014 was 3,056.

The following charts reflect the number of individual charges that were referred to the Juvenile Division.

TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE CHARGES IN 2014 BY TYPE AND SEX

TYPE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
ABUSE	14	10	24
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY/BURGLARY	12	6	18
AGGRAVATED MENACING / MENACING	17	11	28
AGGRAVATED RIOT/RIOT	7	10	17
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY/ROBBERY	6	2	8
ASSAULT/FELONIOUS ASSAULT	56	34	90
ATTEMPT	5	1	6
BREAKING AND ENTERING	4	0	4
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON	9	0	9
CHILD ENDANGERING	1	1	2
CHRONIC TRUANT	21	22	43
COMPLICITY	25	4	29
CONSUMING	110	94	204
CONTRIBUTING	27	34	61
CONVEYING WEAPON / DRUG INTO DETENTION	2	0	2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	39	18	57
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	29	3	32
CRIMINAL SIMULATION	1	0	1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	35	16	51
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	1	0	1
CURFEW VIOLATION	74	36	110
CUSTODY/VISITATION	75	54	129
DEPENDENT & NEGLECT	52	51	103
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	74	58	132
DISRUPTING PUBLIC SERVICE	2	0	2
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / THREAT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	40	16	56
DRUG LAW VIOLATION	103	23	126
ESCAPE	1	0	1
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH POLICE OFFICER	4	0	4
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE ONE'S PERSONAL INFORMATION	2	1	3
FAILURE TO I.D.	1	0	1
FLEE / ALUDE	0	1	1
FURNISH FALSE INFO TO AVOID CITATION	0	1	1
GRAND THEFT	3	0	3
GRANDPARENT POWER OF ATTORNEY	22	12	34
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION	2	0	2
HABITUAL TRUANT	3	1	4
HARASSMENT BY INMATE	4	3	7
IMPROPER HANDLING OF FIREARM	1	0	1

INCORRIGIBLE	97	65	162
INDUCING PANIC	8	1	9
JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	8	8	16
LITTERING	2	0	2
MISUSE OF 911	0	2	2
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS	72	25	97
OPEN FLASK	1	1	2
PARTICIPATING IN CRIMINAL GANG	2	0	2
PATERNITY AND SUPPORT			184
PHONE HARASSMENT (TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	1	1	2
POSSESSION OF CRIMINAL TOOLS	4	7	11
POSSESSION OF DEADLY WEAPON	3	1	4
PUBLIC INDECENCY	1	0	1
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1	0	1
RAPE	4	0	4
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	9	5	14
RESISTING ARREST	16	19	35
RETAIATION	1	0	1
RUNAWAY	53	52	105
SAFECRACKING	4	0	4
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE	7	1	8
THEFT	57	35	92
TOBACCO BILL VIOLATION	31	5	36
TRAFFIC	333	249	582
TRUANCY	6	4	10
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF M/V	4	3	7
VANDALISM	13	1	14
VEHICULAR VANDALISM	1	0	1
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER / PROBATION	144	83	227
VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER	2	1	3
VIOLATION OF PAROLE	11	0	11
TOTAL	1780	1092	3056

TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE CHARGES FOR 2010 - 2014

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
3434	3592	3601	3112	3056

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS REFERRED IN 2014

CASE TYPE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTALS
CONTRIBUTING	27	34	61
CUSTODY/VISITATION	75	54	129
FELONY	94	33	127
VIOLATION OF PAROLE	11	0	11
TOBACCO BILL	31	5	36
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	76	61	137
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	69	21	90
UNRULY	168	111	279
MISDEMEANOR	453	265	718
ABUSE	14	10	24
NEGLECT	35	31	66
DEPENDENT	19	19	38
TRAFFIC	333	249	582
PATERNITY AND SUPPORT			184
GRANDPARENT P.O.A.	22	12	34
TOTALS	1427	905	2516

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS REFERRED FOR 2009 – 2014

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
2951	3033	2961	2532	2516

TRAFFIC CASES IN 2014 BY MONTH AND SEX

MONTH	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
JANUARY	20	12	32
FEBRUARY	18	13	31
MARCH	15	18	33
APRIL	23	21	44
MAY	47	26	73
JUNE	33	28	61
JULY	39	16	55
AUGUST	29	24	53
SEPTEMBER	31	15	46
OCTOBER	29	36	65
NOVEMBER	26	20	46
DECEMBER	23	20	43
TOTAL	333	249	582

COMMITMENTS TO ODYS BY SEX FROM 2009 – 2014

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Boys	6	1	3	10	3	4
Girls	0	0	0	0	0	0

MOTIONS FILED IN 2014

SUPPORT/4D MOTIONS/FILED BY CSEA	
4D MOTION FOR PAYMENT ON ARREARS	3
4D MOTION TO COMPEL	0
4D MOTION TO CONFORM	0
4D MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE & RECALCULATE CHILD SUPPORT	4
4D MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING	5
4D MOTION TO CORRECT	16
4D MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	17
4D MOTION TO LIFT STAY OF SENTENCE & SET A COMMENCEMENT DATE	1
4D MOTION TO MODIFY SUPPORT	159
4D MOTION FOR IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE	175
4D MOTION FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT	36
4D MOTION FOR NUNC PRO TUNC	1
4D MOTION TO REINSTATE CHILD SUPPORT	5
4D MOTION TO STAY	3
4D MOTION FOR ORDER IMPOSING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION	0
4D MOTION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT	3
4D MOTION TO DISMISS PLEADING	1
4D MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	328
4D MOTION TO ADD PARTY	8
4D MOTION TO ADD NEW DEPENDENT & RECALCULATE CHILD SUPPORT	1
4D MOTION TO REDUCE ARREARAGES	0
4D MOTION TO RECALL BENCH WARRANT	6
4D MOTION TO RECOUP OVERPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT	0
4D MOTION TO REDIRECT SUPPORT	34
4D MOTION TO REVOKE BOND/FORFEIT BOND & REQUEST BENCH WARRANT	1
4D MOTION REQUESTING THAT SUPPORT BE ORDERED	19
4D MOTION TO COMMENCE SERVING JAIL TIME	0
4D MOTION TO WITHDRAW PLEADING	2
NON-4D/CSEA MOTIONS	
MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT	8
MOTION TO AMEND CASE PLAN & NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE	204
MOTION TO APPOINT INDEPENDENT ANALYST	0
MOTION REQUESTING APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL	2
MOTION REQUESTING BINDOVER OF YOUTH TO ADULT DIVISION	8
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	104
MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY	116

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE/MERGE CASES	15
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING	365
MOTION TO CONVEY PARTY FOR HEARING	40
MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	11
MOTION REQUESTING 2ND DETENTION HEARING	2
MOTION TO DISMISS CASE	10
MOTION TO DISMISS OBJECTIONS FILED	0
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER OF DISPOSITION	0
MOTION REQUESTING AN EARLY RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION	12
MOTION REQUESTING ORDER FOR RESPONSIBILITY OF EDUCATION COSTS	0
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER OF EMANCIPATION	0
MOTION TO ADD PARTY	27
MOTION FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION	0
MOTION TO EXCUSE PARTY/PARTIES FROM HEARING	7
MOTION TO EXEMPT INNOCENT OWNER OF MOTOR VEHICLE	0
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY FEES	7
MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY CUSTODY/PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	128
MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMMENCE SERVING JAIL SENTENCE	16
MOTION REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM	10
MOTION REQUESTING A HOME STUDY BE DONE	0
MOTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL/EXTENSION OF TIME	15
MOTION REQUESTING AN IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE	13
MOTION REQUESTING AN IN-CAMERA INTERVIEW	6
MOTION REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERPRETER	1
MOTION REQUESTING LEAVE TO PLEAD/FILE	1
MOTION IN LIMINE (RULING THAT EVIDENCE MAY OR MAY NOT BE USED AT TRIAL)	2
MOTION REQUESTING PAYMENT FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL FEES	34
MOTION TO DISMISS/CLOSE CASE	25
MISCELLANEOUS MOTION TO MODIFY	16
MOTION TO DETERMINE COMPETENCY	7
MOTION TO CONVERT	51
MOTION TO DISMISS PARTY	10
MOTION TO DISQUALIFY	0
MOTION TO MODIFY OR ELIMINATE PRIOR RESTRAINING ORDER	0
MOTION TO MODIFY VISITATION	54
MOTION REQUESTING EX PARTE EMERGENCY ORDER FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY	212
MOTION REQUESTING FURLOUGH	0
MOTION REQUESTING A PRE-TRIAL BE SCHEDULED	3
MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO REINSTATE CHILD SUPPORT	4
MOTION TO AMEND OR CORRECT COMPLAINT, MOTION OR JUDGMENT ENTRY	31
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO AWARD PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	38
MOTION REQUESTING A CD RECORDING FROM A HEARING	8
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO CHANGE PLACEMENT	26
MOTION TO COMPEL	6
MOTION FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL EVALUATION	6
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER FOR GENETIC TESTING	3
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO IMPOUND SUPPORT	7

MOTION TO INTERVENE	18
MOTION REQUESTING A NOLLE PROSEQUI OF CHARGE	45
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER FOR PERMANENT CUSTODY	7
MOTION REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROCESS SERVER	1
MOTION REQUESTING THAT A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION BE ORDERED	1
MOTION REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT AND PAYMENT OF THE SAME BY THE COURT	5
MOTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF CASE	4
MOTION TO MODIFY SUPPORT	2
MOTION REQUESTING TEMPORARY CUSTODY	19
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO TERMINATE SUPPORT	0
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL	7
MOTION FILED TO ADD A PARTY	27
MOTION TO VACATE	6
MOTION REQUESTING A NEW COURT DATE & TO LIFT WARRANT	6
MOTION REQUESTING A NUNC PRO TUNC TO CORRECT PLEADING	4
MOTION FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING PATERNITY	0
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES	0
MOTION FOR AN ORDER FOR PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT	3
MOTION REQUESTING A PROTECTIVE ORDER	6
MOTION TO QUASH	3
MOTION REQUESTING THE RECALL OF A CAPIAS/BENCH WARRANT	3
MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION	4
MOTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERPAYMENT	0
MOTION FOR HEARING ON INTENT TO RELOCATE	0
MOTION FOR FUNDS TO PAY FOR INTERPRETER	3
MOTION TO OBTAIN JUVENILE'S REPORT	2
MOTION TO REVOKE BOND AND REQUEST FOR BENCH WARRANT	0
MOTION FOR SANCTIONS	1
MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME	0
MOTION TO STAY	22
MOTION TO STRIKE	0
MOTION TO SUPPRESS	11
MOTION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT	7
MOTION FOR INCOME TAX EXEMPTION	3
MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING VIA TELEPHONE	4
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY ORDERS	5
MOTION TO TERMINATE CUSTODY ORDER THAT GRANTS CUSTODY TO ECDJFS	0
MOTION TO TERMINATE PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	10
MOTION TO WITHDRAW MOTION FOR DISCRETIONARY BINDOVER	0
MOTION TO WITHDRAW	13
TOTAL MOTIONS FOR 2014	2751

MOTIONS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR 2010 - 2014

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
2217	2352	2525	2651	2751

FINES, COURT COSTS, FEES AND BOND FORFEITURES FOR 2014

MONTH	FINES	COURT COSTS	FEES	BONDS	COMPUTER	COPY FEES	TOTAL
JANUARY	\$ 175.06	\$ 982.31	\$ 305.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 429.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 2,104.87
FEBRUARY	\$ 157.04	\$ 691.61	\$ 300.75	\$ 115.00	\$ 333.00	\$ 11.70	\$ 1,609.10
MARCH	\$ 560.01	\$ 1,049.40	\$ 604.46	\$ 95.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 2,667.37
APRIL	\$ 652.34	\$ 772.08	\$ 550.96	\$ 0.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 11.25	\$ 2,350.63
MAY	\$ 749.86	\$ 666.20	\$ 769.19	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 291.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3,889.25
JUNE	\$ 915.58	\$ 1,077.75	\$ 527.13	\$ 190.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 14.50	\$ 3,192.96
JULY	\$ 582.22	\$ 725.92	\$ 318.52	\$ 615.00	\$ 338.00	\$ 14.75	\$ 2,594.41
AUGUST	\$ 997.92	\$ 1,227.79	\$ 821.02	\$ 170.00	\$ 532.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 3,762.73
SEPTEMBER	\$ 813.68	\$ 1,124.58	\$ 540.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 3,728.26
OCTOBER	\$ 745.82	\$ 894.99	\$ 370.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 397.00	\$ 4.75	\$ 3,287.56
NOVEMBER	\$ 423.94	\$ 716.19	\$ 345.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 321.00	\$ 9.25	\$ 2,450.38
DECEMBER	\$ 665.32	\$ 813.98	\$ 405.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 14.25	\$ 2,282.55
TOTAL	\$ 7,438.79	\$ 10,742.80	\$ 5,857.03	\$ 5,045.00	\$ 4,722.00	\$ 114.45	\$ 33,920.07

A. Probation Department

The Probation Department is involved with youth who are adjudicated delinquent or unruly and need services beyond the intake and preliminary hearing levels. The Probation Counselor uses the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) to assist in the development of a plan to address the individual strengths and needs of each youth. If the youth has disruption in one area and poses a low risk to the community they will be placed in Intervention. Intervention is a time limited supervision to assure that the youth complies with court orders specifically designed to address the issue that brought the youth to the attention of the Court. In 2014, 3 youth were served on Intervention. The youth who are assessed as having disruption in more than one area of their lives and who may pose some risk to the community due to their current behavior are placed onto Probation. The youth are afforded the opportunity to participate in a structured probation plan designed to promote responsible pro-social behavior. In 2014, 184 Erie County youth were served by the Juvenile Probation Department. The job description for the Juvenile Probation Counselor has evolved as the result of increased research in

the field of treatment of the juvenile offender. Many new research based practices have been initiated to benefit the youth as well as the community. Currently, the Juvenile Probation Counselors are employing case management techniques to bring a balanced approach to developing juvenile accountability, competency development and individualized assessment and treatment toward the goal of rehabilitation of the youth as well as the protection of the community. In 2014, the Probation Counselors were trained in two Cognitive Behavioral interventions to help change behavioral problems. The interventions are Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) and Thinking for a Change. There are specialized caseloads to provide close supervision and coordination of services for females, sex offenders, drug and alcohol involved youth as well as the very young offender. In addition, the Probation Counselors emphasize parental accountability and responsibility.

The Erie County Juvenile Court is a Title IV-E Court. The Probation Counselors do a risk and needs assessment with each probationer and his/her family. If they meet predetermined criteria, they are found to be a candidate for foster care. The Probation Counselor then completes a Probation Case Plan that addresses the areas that put the youth at risk for removal from the home. Every attempt is made to maintain the youth in his/her home. If a youth needs to be removed from home, the Court can take care and control of the youth for the purpose of placement and specialized treatment. In some cases, there will be federal reimbursement for the out of home care. The Court had care and control of 2 youth in 2014. Some of the current responsibilities of the Juvenile Probation Counselor are as follows:

- Social History – In many cases, once the youth admits to or is adjudicated delinquent of an offense, the Court requests information that will help them make an appropriate disposition. The Juvenile Probation Counselor gathers information about the youth and family and completes a dispositional investigation report. The report is designed to shed light on three basic sets of issues: public protection, accountability and rehabilitation.
- Court appearances – attending hearings involving youth and submitting recommendations for disposition.
- Assessment of youth and family's needs.
- Structured probation plan for the youth and family.
- Probation Case Plan for youth who are candidates for foster care.
- Referrals to services and coordination of services in the community.
- Home and school monitoring visits.
- Wrap around team participation.
- Continued education in the field of Juvenile Justice.
- Drug screening.
- Employment of graduated sanctions and incentives in the community.
- Involvement in the treatment progress of youth in out of home placement.
- Discharge planning for youth who are in out of home placements including the Juvenile Justice Center, Residential Treatment and Community Corrections Centers.

In addition to the juveniles, the Probation Department also carries an adult caseload. Adults who are charged with Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor in Erie County are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Division. A pre-sentence investigation is completed by the Probation

Department to develop recommendations for sentencing. Recommendations for sentencing in the adult cases are designed to assure that no similar offenses occur, in order to protect the youth of Erie County. Adult sentences include jail time, fines and court costs, restitution, monthly reporting fees, house arrest through electronic monitoring, drug and alcohol assessments and treatment, individual and family counseling, sex specific evaluation and treatment, medication compliance, parenting classes, participation in wrap around teams, Adult Thinking Errors class, letters of apology to the victim and victim's family, and orders of no contact. In 2014, 1 adult was on probation, 2 adults were on diversion and 7 adults were given court orders that, although they were not placed on probation, were tracked by the Probation Department.

B. Home Detention Program

Home Detention is a contractual form of home supervision characterized by strict house arrest, intense monitoring for compliance with these rules and appropriate sanctions for violations. Youth are admitted into the program in lieu of remaining in the Detention Center pending further court action. Youth placed on Home Detention are allowed to live at home, attend school, work, and attend court ordered programs.

Youth are ordered to Home Detention by way of a court order from the Judge, Magistrate, or from the Intake Department.

There are two aspects to the program – House Arrest and Curfew. During House Arrest the youth must remain on his or her property at all times except for court approved activities.

Curfew means the youth may be away from the home without supervision. However, the parents must approve and know the youth's whereabouts at all times. Further, the youth must be in the home at a time set by the Court.

Statistics for 2014

Total of Referrals	78
Males	54
Females	24
Total Number of Terminations	66
Successful	55
Unsuccessful	11

Probation Monitoring is another aspect of the Home Detention, House Arrest Program. Youth are placed on monitoring status by probation officers, Magistrates or the Judge. Youth on monitoring are seen frequently during the day, late evening, weekends and holidays. Contacts are made with parents, schools and other agencies that have involvement with the youth.

Statistics for 2014

Total of Referrals	76
Males	51
Females	25
Total Number of Terminations	79
Successful	49
Unsuccessful	30

C. Community Service/Restitution Program

The Community Service/Restitution Program has been active since June 1987. The goal of the program is to make youth responsible for their behavior and to reimburse victims for personal or property damage.

In the Community Service Program the youth are assigned work hours, ranging from fifteen to fifty hours, depending on the severity of the offense. The youth can earn credit of five hours for being involved in extra-curricular activities at school or working at a regular job. This feature adds a positive note to the program and encourages the youth to become involved in the community. There is no identified victim in the Community Service Program.

Each youth is asked to read and sign a behavior contract that includes the rules and guidelines of the program. Failure to follow this contract can result in the following: letter of violation, contempt, or violation of court order.

The Court uses volunteer help throughout Erie County. These job sites include:

Castalia Fire Dept.	Boys & Girls Club	Castalia Cemetery	Erie Co. Care Facility	Maritime Museum
Providence Care Center	Vermilion Schools	Vermilion Y.M.C.A.	McCormick Middle School	New Day Resource Center
Perkins Schools	Huron High School	Sandusky High School	Care & Share	
Victory Temple Kitchen	Humane Society	Second Harvest Food Bank	Nehemiah Center	
Ohio Veterans Home	Huron Boat Basin	Perkins Police Dept.	Huron Health Care Center	

The youth are asked to assist the supervisor on the job site in the following ways: sweep floors, mop floors, empty trash, wash windows and desks, pick up litter, play checkers with residents, read to residents. Other job responsibilities are to sort clothes, peel potatoes, make cookies, pull weeds, and rake. Youth also shovel snow and sweep sidewalks. The volunteer supervisors influence youth positively with their caring and concern. They give the youth compliments and support during the time that they are supervising them. This program serves the victim, the youth and the community.

There were 59 Loss Verification forms completed with 72 youth being involved.

STATISTICS FOR 2014

Community Service Youth	29
Total Hours Worked	480 hours
Number of Victims Served	30
Total Paid to Victims	\$8,354.94

D. Intake Department

The function of the Intake Department is to review all juvenile complaints with the exception of juvenile traffic complaints. In 2014, 245 cases were reviewed. The Intake Department also prevents youth who exhibit unruly or incorrigible behavior from officially entering the court system. In addition, youth that meet certain criteria and are charged with their first misdemeanor offense are referred to the Court's Diversion Program. Informal hearings are also used to divert youth when appropriate.

The Intake Supervisor meets with the parents and/or guardians and the youth when the parents/guardians request to file unruly charges. An in-depth interview is completed and, if possible, referral is made to other social service or mental health agencies, and the youth is warned that continuation of unruly behavior will lead to court intervention and the possible consequences of such intervention. If, however, the situation warrants immediate court action, a complaint charging unruly behavior is prepared and signed by the parent or guardian.

The Intake Supervisor interviews and completes an assessment on all youth placed in the Detention Center who are not on probation.

The Intake Supervisor coordinates with the interstate compact office regarding runaway or delinquent youth from other states.

E. Truancy Department

Attendance officers hold informal hearings regarding students who are truant or have behavioral problems at school. These hearings are attended by the Attendance Officer, the principal of the school, the parents or guardian and the youth. At this time the problem is discussed in an attempt to reach a solution. The youth and parent or guardian are told that charges will be filed if the truancy or misbehavior continues.

For the current school year, 731 students were referred to the Erie County Juvenile Court Truancy Initiative Program. The Erie County School System, which is comprised of Berlin-Milan, Perkins, Margaretta, Huron, Ehope Vocational, Vermilion and St. Mary's Central Catholic, referred 188 students.

Of the 188 students referred, 181 students completed the informal hearing process and 7 cases were referred to the Court for formal proceedings.

The Sandusky City School System referred 543 students to the Truancy Initiative Program.

Of the 543 students referred, 88 were set for formal hearing in the Erie County Juvenile Court and 455 students completed the Program.

STATISTICS FOR 2014

Total Number of Informal Hearings (Sandusky City & Erie County Schools)	731
Total Number of Formal Charges Filed	95
Total Number Successfully Completed	636

F. Diversion Program

The Diversion Program accepts first time offenders who are charged with misdemeanor or unruly offenses. Felony referrals require the approval of the Prosecutor and Judge/Magistrate. A variety of complaints are referred to the Diversion Program. Examples of complaints referred are trespassing, criminal damaging, criminal mischief, curfew, menacing, drug/alcohol complaints, petty theft, arson, sound amplification, obstruction of justice, falsification, telephone harassment, disorderly conduct, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property, littering, truancy, and a variety of incorrigible/unruly complaints.

A contract with specific conditions for the youth and parent is devised. The conditions of each youth's contract are developed based on the complaint and the discussion that takes place during the first appointments, which includes the youth, parent/guardian, and the Diversion Counselor. The conditions may include: mental health counseling, restitution for damages, letters of apology to victims, research papers, "thinking papers" (what have they learned from this experience), viewing of prevention films, skill classes, Fire Prevention Educational Programming, and Substance Abuse Education Program referrals.

Prevention films, skill classes and behavior charts are utilized to provide the youth with the tools necessary to develop a better understanding of oneself and empathy for others through positive lawful activities. The main skills taught are problem solving/decision making, resolving conflicts/managing anger, and coping with peer pressure and self-esteem issues.

The Diversion Program also makes referrals to outside agencies when necessary. Examples of outside referrals include Firelands Substance Abuse Education Program, fire prevention/education programming, and mental health counseling at various community agencies. In 2014, 83 Youth were served through the Court's Diversion Program.

Skill classes are offered by the Diversion Unit as a disposition for court involved youth. Most youth are ordered by the Judge or Magistrate to attend and complete specific skill classes as part of their disposition. Other youth are referred to the classes as a part of their diversion requirements. These skill classes are offered and taught by the Juvenile Diversion Counselors on a monthly and as needed basis.

The skill classes are Actions/Consequences, Anger Management, Shoplifting Prevention, Truancy Prevention, Job Skills, Youth Thinking Errors, Bully Prevention, Adult Thinking Errors and Repeat Offender Program. Each skill class provides the youth with positive alternatives to dealing with anger, decision making, conflict management, problem solving, communication and many other social skills.

Statistics for 2014

Youth served in Actions/Consequences Class	56
Youth served in Anger Management Class	11
Youth served in Shoplifting Class	15
Youth served in Thinking Errors	13
Youth served in Bully Prevention	0
Youth served in Critical Thinking Class	1
Adults served in Thinking Errors	0
Total number of people served	83

For more detailed information - see Appendix A

G. RECLAIM Ohio and Youth Services Grants

RECLAIM Ohio is a funding initiative which encourages Juvenile Courts to develop or purchase a range of community-based options to meet the needs of each juvenile offender or youth at risk of offending. By diverting youth from Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) institutions, courts have the opportunity to increase the funds available locally through RECLAIM.

In response to a growing need for local alternatives for juvenile courts and overcrowding in Ohio Department of Youth Services institutions, the RECLAIM Ohio (Reasoned and Equitable Community and Local Alternatives to the Incarceration of Minors) was created on July 1, 1993, in House Bill 152. In January 1994, ODYS launched the RECLAIM Ohio pilot program with nine counties, including Erie County, participating. The pilot counties were selected based on their proposals and projected reduction in commitments to ODYS. During that year, the pilot counties had a 42.7% decrease in commitments to ODYS compared to 1993.

RECLAIM Ohio is a funding initiative that encourages the courts to develop or purchase a range of community based options to meet the needs of each juvenile offender or youth at risk of offending. By diverting youth from DYS institutions, Court has the opportunity to increase the funds available locally through RECLAIM. These funds are based on averages of felony adjudications, with deductions for DYS and community corrections facilities bed day usage during the prior year. This allows Courts to know prior to the beginning of the state fiscal year the amount of their actual RECLAIM Ohio allocation in order to plan more efficiently the use of their RECLAIM Ohio funds. "Public Safety Beds" are daily per diems for youth who are committed for a category I or II offense (aggravated murder, attempted aggravated murder, murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, rape, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, felonious sexual penetration and aggravated arson) and the county is not charged for youth committed on these charges.

RECLAIM Ohio and the Youth Services Grant together make up the DYS Subsidy Grant. Youth Services Grant funds have been in existence since 1981 and are known as the "base" portion of the Subsidy Grant because, unlike the RECLAIM "variable" funds, their allocations do not vary based on the number of felony adjudications and bed days used. The Youth Services Grant is allocated annually to Juvenile Courts based on a formula that used county population. Each Court is allocated a base amount of \$50,000. The remainder of the line item is then allocated to Courts with a population of more than 25,000 on a per capita basis.

The funds received through RECLAIM and the Youth Services Grant can be used for a vast array of treatment, intervention, diversion and prevention programs. Examples of such programs include day treatment, alternative schools, intensive probation, electronic monitoring and residential treatment. The

primary limitation of the use of Subsidy Grant funds is that they cannot be used to supplant local funds. In addition, RECLAIM funds cannot be used for construction or renovation, while a limited amount of Youth Services Grant funding can be used for such expenditures.

In 2014, we expended \$ 292,740 in Reclaim Ohio and Youth Services grant funds. The following programs were funded with RECLAIM Ohio and Youth Services funds in 2014:

Probation

RECLAIM grant funding is also used to fund one Probation Counselor position. The Probation Officer carries a specialized caseload for females. Female offenders present a higher likelihood of past victimization, mental health problems, substance abuse and family conflict. They often do not have access to specialized services. The Probation Counselor works to meet the specialized needs by developing a structured, competent community supervision plan. The Probation Counselor completes an OYAS assessment on each assigned youth. The needs assessment helps the Probation Counselor to identify mental health, substance abuse and family conflict issues. Referrals are made to evidence based practices within the community: drug and alcohol education and treatment, In Home Therapy, individual and family therapy and health services. Probation generally lasts six to nine months. The youth's behavior and progress are monitored by probation. In 2014, 43 youth were served on the gender specific caseload.

Electronic Monitoring

Electronic Monitoring offers an alternative to incarceration by monitoring the degree of compliance to house arrest. The target population is youth charged with delinquency that could benefit by release from Detention pending disposition of the youth's case. Under electronic monitoring, an offender must wear a transmitter, which sends an encoded signal to a receiving/processing unit installed in the offender's home. The unit is connected by telephone to the host computer in a monitoring center. The offender wears the transmitter on his/her ankle. When they are within range of the receiving unit, the system indicates the offender is home. If the offender goes beyond the range of the unit, such as when he/she leaves home, the signal from the transmitter is not received and the monitoring center's computer is notified of the absence. If the offender fails to comply with the approved schedule, a call is made to the appropriate authority indicating a violation has occurred. The Court uses electronic monitoring as a community sanction and alternative to detention when appropriate. In 2014, 91 youth were served in the electronic monitoring program.

Statistics for 2014

Total of New Charges	91
Males	64
Females	27
Total Number of Terminations	79
Successful	55
Unsuccessful	24

Mediation

The Mediation Program considers and accepts all levels of offenses. Mediation is a method of alternative dispute resolution that allows parties to discuss interests and arrive at possible solutions to the problem. Offenders and victims are contacted and offered the opportunity to participate in the program. If they decide to participate, they are given the chance to state their view of the situation. Then a date is

scheduled to bring both parties together for the mediation. When the parties reach an agreement through Mediation, it is drawn up in a contract and signed by all parties. If the parties do not come to an agreement, the case will be referred to the Court for a final course of action. By coming to an agreement, the offender has the opportunity to have his/her complaint expunged after sixty days providing he/she follows the contract and does not incur any new charges during that time.

Family Group Conferencing was added in 1999 as another component of the Mediation Program. Family Group Conferencing is similar to mediation, but consists of family, friends and victims that recognize the potential good of the offender and offers the possibility of social reintegration. Social reintegration can be accomplished through apology, restitution, community service, or other means.

During 2014, a total of 86 youth participated in the Mediation Program.

In matters of contested change of custody cases and contested visitation issues, our medication program has been assisting residents of Erie County to resolve disputes, negotiate fairly and to make decisions with the best interest of children in mind. In some cases, home studies need to be completed by the mediation staff.

In 2014, there were 51 custody mediations and 2 home studies completed.

For more detailed information – see Appendix B

Drug Testing

The Court formalized the use of multi panel drug screens into a program funded by RECLAIM grant funds. The screens are used as a tool to help identify the use of illegal drugs by juvenile offenders. There are two program tracks within the system. In the first tract, the Juvenile Justice Center screens every youth admitted to the facility. The test results are used as information shared with the parent so that they might have the youth participate in a drug and alcohol assessment. The information will also be available to the Probation Counselor to assist in case planning. In 2014, 599 youth participated in drug testing.

High Fidelity Wraparound

RECLAIM grant funds are used to partially fund the position of Wraparound Coordinator. Wraparound is a process that develops and carries out plans for Erie County children and their families who have very complex needs. Families who have used traditional services may find wraparound helpful in meeting the families identified needs. The wraparound process is implemented with the involvement of those individuals that are important to the family. Wraparound hopes to improve the lives of the families by building on their strengths. It encourages them to make helpful, caring connections in the community. The wraparound process ensures that services are focused on the needs of the youth and his family. The plans developed are flexible and unique to each family and redefined on an ongoing basis. Goals are to reduce out of home placements, avoid Court involvement, reduce parent/child conflict and reduce recidivism. In 2014, 118 children and 43 families were served through the Wraparound process with 87% of the families reaching their goal of stability in all life domains.

G. Erie County Detention Center

The Erie County Juvenile Justice Center contains two distinct, but separate, facilities. Although all under the same roof, the Erie County Juvenile Detention Center and the Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility share support areas of the facility (i.e. dining room, intake, medical office, indoor and outdoor recreation areas) but their respective resident populations never occupy these areas simultaneously. The Detention Center is a temporary holding facility for youth that is open twenty-four

hours a day and seven days a week. The Center exists for the purpose of safely and securely housing youth who are held pending court action. The detained youth participate in positive and useful programming and are held accountable for their behavior by the use of an active behavior management system.

By statute, youth are detained in the Detention Center when they meet at least one of four criteria:

1. The youth may abscond.
2. To protect the youth from immediate or threatened harm.
3. No custodial parent or guardian
4. The youth is a danger or threat to others

Youth in detention are kept active daily from breakfast until bedtime with several programs incorporated into the daily activity schedule. All programming is positive and educational. The following are activities currently used in programming as scheduled by the Program Specialist:

Physical Education – residents who are not exempt due to medical reasons perform daily exercises. Weather permitting; youth participate in competitive games out of doors including basketball, volleyball, and kickball or waffle ball. Basic fundamentals of each sport are demonstrated. Teamwork and sportsmanship are also emphasized to youth prior to participating.

Living Skills – A variety of group activities with sessions on self-esteem, peer pressure, drug and alcohol education/awareness, job applications, resumes', first aid, and other basic life skills.

Arts and Crafts – Youth are taught to use their imagination, individuality and hand/eye coordination to create pictures, paintings and designs.

Guest Speakers – Periodically, area community volunteers and professionals discuss their area of expertise on subjects such as alcoholism, drug abuse/addiction, birth control, AIDS/sexually transmitted disease, career plans, etc.

School – Youth are required to attend all scheduled school days while in detention. Residents receive individual work assignments from the respective home schools to ensure their continuing education while in detention. Those youth who are legally withdrawn or expelled from school are assigned remedial work based on their tested abilities. The North Point Educational Services Center is the school system that operates the facility's classroom.

Cognitive Behavioral Groups – Groups such as Thinking Errors and Thinking For A Change are taught weekly at the Center.

Mental Health Agencies – Every day Firelands Mental Health comes into the facility to provide counseling. Bayshore Counseling comes into the facility also to do skills groups.

The Juvenile Detention Center staff consists of the Superintendent of Corrections, an Administrative Assistant, the Detention Director, a Quality Control Administrator, Program Specialist, 8 Shift Supervisors, two Training Officers, two Transport Officers, 14 full-time Juvenile Corrections Officers, 8 part-time intermittent Juvenile Corrections Officers, one full-time Office Duty Worker, and two full-time Cooks.

The State of Ohio, in accordance with standards mandated for juvenile detention facilities, requires that all new juvenile corrections officer staff receive a minimum 24-hour orientation training prior to assuming independent responsibilities for the job within a detention facility. The State of Ohio further requires that all line staff receive an additional thirty-two hours of annual job related training. All non-direct care staff are required to receive sixteen hours orientation training prior to assuming independent

responsibilities and at least additional sixteen hours annual job related training. Managerial Staff is required to receive forty hours training during their first year of employment followed by twenty-four annual hours of job related training.

Statistics for 2014

Center Capacity	36
Total Admissions	679
Total Immediate Releases	302
Total Direct Sentencing	32
Total Bonded Youth	11
Total Bond Money Collected`	\$1,515.00

H. Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility

The facility opened on November 8, 2004, with a capacity of 30 beds with 24 of the beds funded by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The facility has a staff of 19 including a Superintendent of Corrections, Program Director, two Mental Health Therapists, one Chemical Dependency Counselor, one Intake Coordinator, four Senior Youth Specialists, six Youth Specialists, and one part-time Youth Specialist. The facility serves Erie County, Huron County, Seneca County, Ashland County and Sandusky County. The youth that are placed at the facility are males who have committed a felony and are 12 to 17 years old.

It is the mission of the Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility to serve the residents, their families, and their communities. This facility offers a safe and secure, nurturing environment. Treatment consists of specialized programs facilitated by a dedicated team. The treatment is designed to fit the needs of the residents and families along with the expectations of their local juvenile courts. The goal of the Center is that upon completion of the multi-phased programming, the residents will lead a more positive, productive, lawful, and healthy lifestyle.

The facility offers the following programs:

- Education - The services are provided through the North Point Educational Services Center. There are two classrooms on site with the capacity of 15 youth per classroom. There are computers located in each of these classrooms. Services provided are teaching of standard high school and middle school level, distance learning to youth's home school and virtual learning.
- Substance Abuse Counseling - Youth are provided with substance abuse education and/or individual and group intensive therapy.
- Mental Health Counseling - Youth are evaluated through the staff therapist and seen on an individual basis. The therapist also runs group therapy on a weekly basis for all youth. Topics include anger management, coping skills and teamwork.
- Thinking for a Change - This program helps the youth decrease the thoughts and perceptions that lead to delinquent behaviors. Thinking for a change groups are conducted for all offenders in the program.
- Thinking Errors/Tactics - Youth on Phase I attend this class on a daily basis. This class is for the residents to begin thinking about errors that they have had in their thinking in the past. Residents learn how to correct thinking errors and how to use tactics to assist them in their thinking.

- Life Skills - Several sessions a week are presented on life skills. These topics include job interviews, communication with others and decision-making.
- Victim Empathy - Several sessions a week are presented on victim empathy. The goal of this treatment is to assist the youth in understanding how their behavior has impacted victims. Youth are taught how to change their attitudes toward other people and their property.
- Trauma Therapy - This research-based treatment is designed for youth that have experienced traumatic events in their lives. The group meets twice a week and works from a model through the National Institute of Trauma and Grief.
- Parent Education and Therapy - A major treatment component of the facility is to involve parents with the goal of increasing positive family functioning. In the group sessions, all parents are presented educational components such as setting limits, sanctions, controlling anger, parenting techniques and encouragement. Parents attend approximately eight sessions while the youth are placed at the facility. In addition, all parents are engaged in individual therapeutic sessions with their child.
- Sex Offender Treatment - All sex offenders are provided with a treatment schedule of both individual and group work. The goal is to have the youth take responsibility for their thinking, feelings and offending behavior in order to prevent further victimization by the youth.
- Aggression Replacement Training (A.R.T.) - This is seen in Ohio as a "best practice". Currently A.R.T. group is taking place once a week for an hour and a half. This concept teaches youth how to deal with stressful situations, anger and their cycle of anger so that they can begin to recognize their anger.
- Community Service - In order to teach the youth the importance of giving back to their community, we use community service opportunities. When the youth earn a certain level of trust in the program, they may be involved in going off grounds to community projects.

Statistics for 2014

Erie County	3
Ashland County	7
Cuyahoga County	6
Sandusky County	1
Huron County	0
Lorain County	5
Ross County	0
Lake County	4
Geauga County	1
Ashtabula County	2
Coshocton County	1
Total Youth Served	30

H. Solid Foundations Program (Family Drug Court Program)

The Solid Foundations Program operated from May, 2003 until February 25, 2014.

The mission of Solid Foundations is to provide parents with substance dependence an opportunity to develop a safe, sober, self-sufficient lifestyle; to protect and support the children during the process; preserve or reunify families and to provide permanency for children. The program has been operational since May 2003.

Solid Foundations is an intensive program that utilizes active and continuous judicial supervision of participant's sobriety, treatment progress, development of sober lifestyle and compliance with court orders. The program is a minimum of 36 weeks and is categorized by four distinct phases with specific goals and tasks. In addition to overall program goals, individualized goals are established to meet the needs of the participant and support compliance with their case plan requirements. The program utilizes a system of immediate and graduated incentives and sanctions to encourage and support compliance with program requirements. The Judge meets with participants weekly during phase 1 and phase 2, bi-weekly during phase 3 and monthly during phase 4.

Solid Foundations utilizes a non-adversarial team approach in addressing the needs and compliance of the parent with substance abuse issues. This team approach uses a coordinated strategy in the use of community resources. The treatment team is comprised of the Juvenile Judge, Drug Court Coordinator, caseworker and supervisor at Erie County Department of Job and Family Services, Assistant Erie County Prosecutor representing Erie County Department of Job and Family Services, Assistant Public Defender, CASA, Wraparound Coordinator, Bayshore Counseling Services and Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services. The team also receives reports from other agencies and/or individuals providing services to the family.

Solid Foundations is a voluntary program. The program serves parents with a pending abuse, neglect or dependency case in Erie County, Ohio who are substance dependent and have been determined to be high risk/high need. In assessing parent's risk and need the team will consider current age, criminal history including age of onset, family history, age of first use, prior treatment failures, family history of substance use/abuse, substance associations, prior history with children services and history of violence.

In order to successfully complete the program, a participant must be treatment compliant and have a plan for post-graduation treatment needs, successfully completed all phases, clean and sober as evidenced by negative screens, have safe and appropriate housing and have a plan for financial stability.

The Solid Foundations Program concluded operations on February 25, 2014. At the conclusion of the program, all participants were making progress and doing well in the program.

Statistics for 2014

Total number of clients	6
Clients graduated	0
Clients unsuccessfully terminated	1
Clients discharged neutrally	5
Children involved in the cases	8
Children reunited	0
Clients that obtained employment	0
Drug-free baby	0

J. Erie County Juvenile Success Division (Juvenile Drug Court Program)

The mission of the Erie County Juvenile Success Division is to strengthen families and the community by assisting court involved youth experiencing issues with substance abuse to become accountable, responsible, productive citizens through a judicially supervised, comprehensive, individualized, strength based program.

The Juvenile Success Division provides an intensive program which utilizes active and continuous judicial supervision of the participant's treatment progress, sobriety, school attendance, compliance with probation rules and all program requirements. The program uses a system of immediate and graduated incentives and sanctions to encourage and support compliance with program requirements. The program lasts a minimum of 32 weeks and is categorized by four distinct phases with specific goals and requirements for both youth and parents. Program participants and parents meet with the Judge weekly during phase 1 and 2, bi-weekly during phase 3 and monthly during phase 4.

The Juvenile Success Division utilizes a non-adversarial team approach in addressing the needs and compliance of the substance abusing youth. This team approach effectuates a coordinated strategy in the use of community resources. The treatment team is comprised of the Juvenile Judge, Drug Court Coordinator, Probation Counselor, Wraparound Coordinator, Erie County Prosecutor and representative from Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services. The team receives progress reports and information from treatment providers throughout the community and local school administrators.

The Juvenile Success Division is a voluntary program for youth ages 12 to 17 with a pending case in Erie County Juvenile Court who are substance dependent or at high risk of becoming substance dependent and have been determined to be high risk/high need. In assessing a youth's risk and need, the program considers the youth's history with juvenile court including age of first offense and compliance with court orders, youth's history of substance use and prior treatment history, youth's mental health and history of treatment, history of engagement in pro-social activities, peer associations, educational history and needs and any history with children services. The program also considers a parent's willingness and ability to participate in services and to supervise the youth.

In order to graduate from the program, a youth must meet the following requirements: comply with treatment recommendations, develop a plan for post-graduation treatment needs, maintain sobriety, comply with their educational plan, participate in a pro-social activity, pay outstanding fines, court costs and any restitution, comply with probation rules and successfully complete all program phases. Upon graduation, a youth is terminated from probation.

During 2014 most program participants demonstrated an improvement in school attendance and treatment compliance and a reduction in substance use and new charges as evidenced by weekly status hearings and probation reports.

Statistics for 2014

Total number of clients	10
Clients unsuccessfully terminated	5
Clients graduated	1
Clients discharged neutrally	0

APPENDIX A - DIVERSION

APPENDIX B – MEDIATION



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