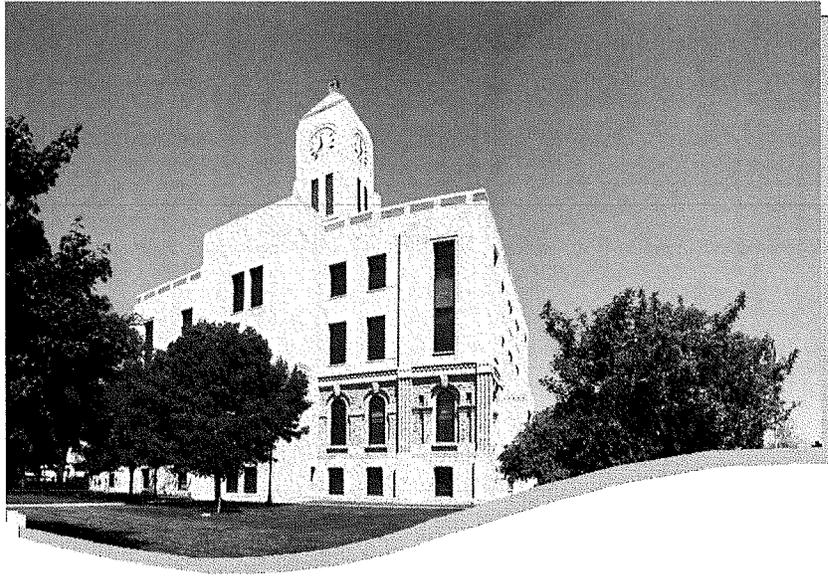


2013 ANNUAL REPORT



ERIE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION

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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 94 employees, 82 of whom are permanent/full time, 3 of whom are part time, and 9 of whom are intermittent. Of that staff, 40 are connected directly to court services with 35 serving the Juvenile Detention Center. The Northern Ohio Community Correction Facility has 19 full time employees. The following chart depicts the growth in the budget in the past 26 years.

ERIE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT EXPENDITURE HISTORY

YEAR	COMPUTER FUND	JUDICIAL	DETENTION	SUBSIDY GRANT	MISC. GRANTS	CCF	WRAPAROUND GRANT	TITLE IV-E	TOTAL
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 2013, there was a total of 2,544 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	175
COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY/VISITATION	133
COMPLAINT FOR DEPENDENCY	74
COMPLAINT FOR NEGLECT	58
COMPLAINT FOR ABUSE	14
DELINQUENCY	1,076
UNRULY	327
JUVENILE TRAFFIC	559
ADULT CONTRIBUTING CRIMINAL CASES	50
JUVENILE TOBACCO	17
GRANDPARENT P.O.A.	34
JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	11
TOTAL:	2,544

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 2,544. 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 2013 was 3,112.

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

TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE CHARGES IN 2013 BY TYPE AND SEX

TYPE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
ABUSE	7	7	14
AGGRAVATED ARSON/ARSON	5	0	5
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY/BURGLARY	33	1	34
AGGRAVATED MENACING/MENACING	29	2	31
AGGRAVATED RIOT/RIOT	14	3	17
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY/ROBBERY	3	0	3
AGGRAVATED TRESPASS	1	0	1
ASSAULT/FELONIOUS ASSAULT	45	24	69
ATTEMPT	8	0	8
BREAKING AND ENTERING	6	0	6
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON	7	3	10
CHILD ENDANGERING	0	0	0
CHRONIC TRUANT	20	11	31
COMPLICITY	39	5	44
CONSUMING	98	65	163
CONTRIBUTING	16	38	54
CONVEYING WEAPON/DRUG INTO DETENTION	1	0	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	58	3	61
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	16	4	20
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	20	11	31
CURFEW VIOLATION	77	43	120
CUSTODY/VISITATION	72	61	133
DEPENDENT & NEGLECT	70	62	132
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	71	51	122
DISRUPTING PUBLIC SERVICE	1	2	3
DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATTER	0	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/THREAT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	25	23	48
DRUG LAW VIOLATION	130	29	159
ESCAPE	2	0	2
FAIL TO COMPLY W/POLICE OFFICER	0	0	0
FALSIFICATION	1	1	2
FORGERY	0	0	0
GRANDPARENT POWER OF ATTORNEY	23	11	34
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION	1	3	4
HABITUAL TRUANT	1	2	3
HARASSMENT BY INMATE	1	2	3
IDENTITY FRAUD	0	0	0
ILLEGAL LIQUOR SALES	0	0	0
ILLEGAL USE OF A MINOR IN NUDITY ORIENTED MAT.	0	0	0
IMPROPER HANDLING OF FIREARM	1	0	1

INCITING VIOLENCE	4	0	4
INCORRIGIBLE	104	81	185
INDUCING PANIC	8	1	9
JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	8	3	11
MAKING FALSE ALARMS	0	1	1
MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS	1	1	2
MISUSE OF 911	1	0	1
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS	73	38	111
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	0	2	2
PARTICIPATING IN CRIMINAL GANG	13	0	13
PATERNITY AND SUPPORT	0	0	191
PERMITTING UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION	0	0	0
PHONE HARASSMENT (TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	1	2	3
POSSESSION OF CRIMINAL TOOLS	5	1	6
POSSESSION OF DEADLY WEAPON	3	1	4
POSSESS FIREWORKS	1	0	1
PUBLIC INDECENCY	1	0	1
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1	2	3
RAILROAD VANDALISM	0	0	0
RAPE	4	0	4
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	30	10	40
RESISTING ARREST	29	15	44
RUNAWAY	60	57	117
SEXUAL IMPOSITION	0	0	0
SKATEBOARD IN ROADWAY	0	0	0
SOUND AMPLIFICATION	1	0	1
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE	2	1	3
TAMPERING WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	3	0	3
THEFT	105	44	149
THROW/SHOOT MISSILES	0	0	0
TOBACCO BILL VIOLATION	12	5	17
TRAFFIC	322	236	558
TRUANCY	11	13	24
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF M/V	1	1	2
VANDALISM	5	2	7
VEHICULAR HOMICIDE	1	0	1
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER/PROBATION	139	67	206
VIOLATION OF JUVENILE CPO	1	1	2
VIOLATION OF PAROLE	17	0	17
TOTAL	1869	1052	3112

TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE CHARGES FOR 2009-2013

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
3851	3434	3592	3601	3112

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS REFERRED IN 2013

CASE TYPE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTALS
CONTRIBUTING	16	34	50
CUSTODY/VISITATION	72	61	133
FELONY	90	37	127
VIOLATION OF PAROLE	17	0	17
TOBACCO BILL	12	5	17
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	87	52	139
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	50	18	68
UNRULY	179	148	327
MISDEMEANOR	486	239	725
ABUSE	7	7	14
NEGLECT	35	23	58
DEPENDENT	33	41	74
TRAFFIC	322	236	558
PATERNITY AND SUPPORT			191
GRANDPARENT P.O.A.	23	11	34
TOTALS	1429	912	2532

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS REFERRED FOR 2009 – 2013

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
3180	2951	3033	2961	2532

TRAFFIC CASES IN 2013 BY MONTH AND SEX

MONTH	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
JANUARY	19	7	26
FEBRUARY	21	15	36
MARCH	12	22	34
APRIL	15	9	24
MAY	44	30	74
JUNE	38	26	64
JULY	37	31	68
AUGUST	29	15	44

SEPTEMBER	40	20	60
OCTOBER	29	26	55
NOVEMBER	17	16	33
DECEMBER	21	19	40
TOTAL	366	217	583

COMMITMENTS TO ODYS BY SEX FROM 2008 – 2013

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Boys	6	6	1	3	10	3
Girls	0	0	0	0	0	0

MOTIONS FILED IN 2013

SUPPORT/4D MOTIONS/FILED BY CSEA	
4D MOTION FOR PAYMENT ON ARREARS	6
4D MOTION TO COMPEL	0
4D MOTION TO CONFORM	0
4D MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE & RECALCULATE CHILD SUPPORT	8
4D MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING	7
4D MOTION TO CORRECT	16
4D MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	28
4D MOTION TO LIFT STAY OF SENTENCE & SET A COMMENCEMENT DATE	0
4D MOTION TO MODIFY SUPPORT	109
4D MOTION FOR IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE	150
4D MOTION FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT	47
4D MOTION FOR NUNC PRO TUNC	2
4D MOTION TO REINSTATE CHILD SUPPORT	5
4D MOTION TO STAY	10
4D MOTION FOR ORDER IMPOSING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION	0
4D MOTION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT	13
4D MOTION TO DISMISS PLEADING	6
4D MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	318
4D MOTION TO ADD PARTY	6
4D MOTION TO ADD NEW DEPENDENT & RECALCULATE CHILD SUPPORT	2
4D MOTION TO REDUCE ARREARAGES	2
4D MOTION TO RECALL BENCH WARRANT	5
4D MOTION TO RECOUP OVERPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT	0
4D MOTION TO REDIRECT SUPPORT	29
4D MOTION TO REVOKE BOND/FORFEIT BONE & REQUEST BENCH WARRANT	0
4D MOTION REQUESTING THAT SUPPORT BE ORDERED	4
4D MOTION TO COMMENCE SERVING JAIL TIME	4
4D MOTION TO WITHDRAW PLEADING	1
NON-4D/CSEA MOTIONS	
MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT	1

MOTION TO AMEND CASE PLAN & NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE	220
MOTION TO APPOINT INDEPENDENT ANALYST	0
MOTION REQUESTING APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL	5
MOTION REQUESTING BINDOVER OF YOUTH TO ADULT DIVISION	17
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	67
MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY	135
MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE/MERGE CASES	6
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING	315
MOTION TO CONVEY PARTY FOR HEARING	2
MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	9
MOTION REQUESTING 2ND DETENTION HEARING	3
MOTION TO DISMISS CASE	8
MOTION TO DISMISS OBJECTIONS FILED	2
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER OF DISPOSITION	2
MOTION REQUESTING AN EARLY RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION	21
MOTION REQUESTING ORDER FOR RESPONSIBILITY OF EDUCATION COSTS	2
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER OF EMANCIPATION	1
MOTION TO ADD PARTY	49
MOTION FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION	0
MOTION TO EXCUSE PARTY/PARTIES FROM HEARING	12
MOTION TO EXEMPT INNOCENT OWNER OF MOTOR VEHICLE	3
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY FEES	0
MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY CUSTODY/PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	75
MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMMENCE SERVING JAIL SENTENCE	0
MOTION REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM	13
MOTION REQUESTING A HOME STUDY BE DONE	0
MOTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL/EXTENSION OF TIME	58
MOTION REQUESTING AN IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE	9
MOTION REQUESTING AN IN-CAMERA INTERVIEW	13
MOTION REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERPRETER	0
MOTION REQUESTING LEAVE TO PLEAD/FILE	1
MOTION IN LIMINE (RULING THAT EVIDENCE MAY OR MAY NOT BE USED AT TRIAL)	7
MOTION REQUESTING PAYMENT FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL FEES	50
MOTION TO DISMISS/CLOSE CASE	28
MISCELLANEOUS MOTION TO MODIFY	7
MOTION TO DETERMINE COMPETENCY	0
MOTION TO CONVERT	18
MOTION TO DISMISS PARTY	16
MOTION TO DISQUALIFY	0
MOTION TO MODIFY OR ELIMINATE PRIOR RESTRAINING ORDER	0
MOTION TO MODIFY VISITATION	39
MOTION REQUESTING EX PARTE EMERGENCY ORDER FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY	169
MOTION REQUESTING FURLOUGH	1
MOTION REQUESTING A PRE-TRIAL BE SCHEDULED	2
MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO REINSTATE CHILD SUPPORT	3
MOTION TO AMEND OR CORRECT COMPLAINT, MOTION OR JUDGMENT ENTRY	26
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO AWARD PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	57

MOTION REQUESTING A CD RECORDING FROM A HEARING	19
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO CHANGE PLACEMENT	63
MOTION TO COMPEL	3
MOTION FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL EVALUATION	1
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER FOR GENETIC TESTING	1
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO IMPOUND SUPPORT	2
MOTION TO INTERVENE	26
MOTION REQUESTING A NOLLE PROSEQUI OF CHARGE	29
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER FOR PERMANENT CUSTODY	9
MOTION REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROCESS SERVER	1
MOTION REQUESTING THAT A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION BE ORDERED	2
MOTION REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT AND PAYMENT OF THE SAME BY THE COURT	2
MOTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF CASE	1
MOTION TO MODIFY SUPPORT	9
MOTION REQUESTING TEMPORARY CUSTODY	17
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO TERMINATE SUPPORT	3
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL	22
MOTION FILED TO ADD A PARTY	49
MOTION TO VACATE	5
MOTION REQUESTING A NEW COURT DATE & TO LIFT WARRANT	3
MOTION REQUESTING A NUNC PRO TUNC TO CORRECT PLEADING	5
MOTION FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING PATERNITY	1
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES	1
MOTION FOR AN ORDER FOR PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT	5
MOTION REQUESTING A PROTECTIVE ORDER	8
MOTION TO QUASH	10
MOTION REQUESTING THE RECALL OF A CAPIAS/BENCH WARRANT	2
MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION	8
MOTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERPAYMENT	0
MOTION FOR HEARING ON INTENT TO RELOCATE	0
MOTION FOR FUNDS TO PAY FOR INTERPRETER	1
MOTION TO OBTAIN JUVENILE'S REPORT	0
MOTION TO REVOKE BOND AND REQUEST FOR BENCH WARRANT	1
MOTION FOR SANCTIONS	2
MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME	0
MOTION TO STAY	20
MOTION TO STRIKE	0
MOTION TO SUPPRESS	1
MOTION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT	4
MOTION FOR INCOME TAX EXEMPTION	0
MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING VIA TELEPHONE	4
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY ORDERS	6
MOTION TO TERMINATE CUSTODY ORDER THAT GRANTS CUSTODY TO ECDJFS	10
MOTION TO TERMINATE PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	21
MOTION TO WITHDRAW MOTION FOR DISCRETIONARY BINDOVER	0
MOTION TO WITHDRAW	28
TOTAL MOTIONS FOR 2013	2651

MOTIONS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR 2009 - 2013

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2295	2217	2352	2525	2651

FINES, COURT COSTS, FEES AND BOND FORFEITURES FOR 2013

MONTH	FINES	COURT COSTS	FEES	BONDS	COMPUTER	COPY FEES	TOTAL
JANUARY	\$ 228.16	\$1,064.64	\$ 591.25	\$1,300.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 8.75	\$ 3,662.80
FEBRUARY	\$ 120.85	\$ 733.05	\$ 375.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 16.25	\$ 1,845.15
MARCH	\$ 846.16	\$ 785.05	\$ 660.00	\$ 246.00	\$ 358.00	\$ 47.75	\$ 2,942.96
APRIL	\$ 772.19	\$ 717.19	\$ 467.08	\$ 0.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 29.50	\$ 2,307.96
MAY	\$ 648.52	\$ 700.84	\$ 425.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 317.00	\$ 73.00	\$ 2,274.36
JUNE	\$ 411.48	\$ 675.50	\$ 345.71	\$ 705.00	\$ 226.00	\$ 67.25	\$ 2,430.94
JULY	\$ 554.96	\$ 796.23	\$ 880.00	\$2,065.00	\$ 374.00	\$ 6.75	\$ 4,676.94
AUGUST	\$ 770.84	\$1,035.14	\$ 416.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 479.00	\$ 58.25	\$ 3,154.23
SEPTEMBER	\$1,200.34	\$1,237.90	\$ 685.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 543.00	\$ 34.30	\$ 4,510.54
OCTOBER	\$ 890.58	\$1,076.16	\$ 93.58	\$ 305.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 2,763.82
NOVEMBER	\$ 960.34	\$1,129.16	\$ 420.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 13.25	\$ 3,127.75
DECEMBER	\$ 887.70	\$ 733.80	\$ 315.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 2,429.50
TOTAL	\$ 8,292.12	\$ 10,684.66	\$ 5,673.62	\$ 6,392.00	\$ 4,704.00	\$ 380.55	\$ 36,126.95

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 2013, 12 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 2013, 207 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. 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 one youth in 2013. 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 2013, 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.

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 2013

Total of Referrals	333
Carry over from 2012	38
Total	371
Total Number of Terminations	282
Successful	222
Unsuccessful	60

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.

STATISTICS FOR 2013

Community Service Yourth	42
Total Hours Worked	685 hours
Number of Victims Served	33
Total Paid to Victims	\$10,041.66

D. Intake Department

The function of the Intake Department is to review all juvenile complaints with the exception of juvenile traffic complaints. In 2013, 1,966 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.

The Intake Supervisor holds 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, 598 students were referred to the Erie County Juvenile Court Truancy Initiative Program. The Erie County School System, which is comprised of Berlin-Milan, Perkins, Margareta, Huron, Ehope Vocational, Vermilion and St. Mary's Central Catholic, referred 135 students.

Of the 135 students referred, 125 students completed the informal hearing process and 10 cases were referred to the Court for formal proceedings.

The Sandusky City School System referred 463 students to the Truancy Initiative Program.

Of the 463 students referred, 103 were set for formal hearing in the Erie County Juvenile Court and 360 students completed the Program.

STATISTICS FOR 2013

Total Number of Informal Hearings (Sandusky City & Erie County Schools)	598
Total Number of Formal Charges Filed	113
Total Number Successfully Completed	485

E. 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, 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 2013, 234 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 2013

Youth served in Actions/Consequences Class	100
Youth served in Anger Management Class	14
Youth served in Shoplifting Class	36
Youth served in Thinking Errors	13
Youth served in Bully Prevention	3
Youth served in Critical Thinking Class	0
Adults served in Thinking Errors	7
Total number of people served	173

For more detailed information - see Appendix A

F. 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 2013, we expended \$ 363,648 in Reclaim Ohio and Youth Services grant funds. The following programs were funded with RECLAIM Ohio and Youth Services funds in 2013:

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 2013, 79 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 2013, 101 youth were served in the electronic monitoring program.

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 2013, a total of 57 youth participated in the Mediation Program.

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 2013, 656 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 family's 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 2013, 131 children were served through the Wraparound process.

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, 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 an 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 2013

Center Capacity	36
Total Admissions	1051
Total Immediate Releases	348
Total Direct Sentencing	13
Total Bonded Youth	22
Total Bond Money Collected	\$3,147.00

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 2013

Erie County	0
Ashland County	4
Cuyahoga County	10
Sandusky County	4
Huron County	0
Lorain County	6
Mercer County	1
Lake County	5
Seneca County	1
Trumbull County	1
Coshocton County	1
Total Youth Served	33

I. Solid Foundations Program (Family Drug Court Program)

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.

During 2013, most program participants demonstrated improvements in parenting, treatment compliance and case plan compliance and a decrease in substance use as evidenced by weekly status hearings, random drug screens and service provider reports.

Statistics for 2013

Total number of clients	11
Clients graduated	1
Clients unsuccessfully terminated	2
Clients discharged neutrally	2
Children involved in the cases	18
Children reunited	3
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 Case Manager 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 2013 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 2013

Total number of clients	10
Clients unsuccessfully terminated	2
Clients graduated	1
Clients discharged neutrally	1

APPENDIX A - DIVERSION

DIVERSION SKILLS CLASS
2013 REPORT

A total of 117 youth participated in the Erie County Juvenile Court's skills classes in 2013. The skills classes are held monthly and include the following: Actions/Consequences, Anger Management, Bullying Prevention, and Shoplifting Consequences.

The primary skills taught in these classes include: problem-solving and decision-making skills, effective communication, anger management and conflict resolution; coping with peer pressure, self-esteem issues. Skills are presented through group discussion, and videos to aid in emphasizing prevention.

Skills classes are held monthly at the Erie County Juvenile Court Annex, located at 221 Parish St., Erie County Job and Family Services building, Sandusky, Ohio. The classes are conducted by Juvenile Court Diversion Counselors who receive continual training to improve their facilitative skills. The skills classes are provided to juvenile offenders to help them develop appropriate social skills and assist them in developing a better understanding of their actions and consequences through positive lawful activities.

Individual sessions are often used to accommodate schedules of parents and youth, or as an option to working with younger offenders. A total of 21 individual classes were held in 2013.

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2013 ANNUAL JUVENILE DIVERSION REPORT

The purpose of the Erie County Juvenile Court Diversion Program is to try to keep minimal offenders out of the formal juvenile court system. A main objective of the Diversion Programming is to have the youth develop a positive relationship towards authority and the laws of the community.

Once a complaint has been received by the court, the Director of Intake reviews the case to see if it qualifies for Diversion. Upon qualifying for Diversion, the youth, parent/guardian and Diversion Counselor will have a meeting to see if the youth is eligible to participate in the diversion programming. If the youth is eligible for Diversion, the Diversion Counselor, youth and parent/guardian will discuss the incident and its consequences to help the youth develop a better understanding of oneself and empathy for others through positive lawful activities.

Upon qualifying for Diversion, a contract between the Diversion Counselor, youth and parent/guardian is developed. Diversion contracts contain specific conditions that the alleged juvenile offender and/or parent must follow. These conditions vary based upon the filed complaints/charges that referred them to the Diversion Program. The youth/parent must follow the conditions of the contract in order to remain involved in the Diversion Program.

Examples of Diversion conditions are as follows but not limited to: referrals to mental health for individual and/or family counseling; referrals for drug/alcohol intervention and assessments; Fire Prevention Educational Programming; Restitution; Parent Project Parenting Program; letters of apologies; Attendance Bonds; Goal Papers; Research papers; Homework Completion/School Behavior Sheets; and various writing assignments that would help provide insight as to what the youth learned from the experience. Skill Class Referrals which are taught by Diversion Counselors are also made for Diversion youth. These classes are: Actions/Consequences, Anger Management, Job Skills, Shoplifting Prevention, Truancy Prevention, Bully Prevention; Critical Thinking; Thinking Errors and individually prepared classes based on specific circumstances.

Upon the youth's successful completion of all of the conditions in the Diversion contract, the case is submitted to the judge to be sealed. If the case does not qualify for the Diversion Program and/or the conditions of the Diversion contract were not completed, the case is referred back to the formal court process.

2013 JUVENILE DIVERSION STATISTICS

Total Youth Served Through Diversion Programming.....234

Total Minority Youth Served: 90 / 39%

Total Non-Minority Youth Served: 144 / 61%

Breakdown Of Total Youth Served:

FEMALES:

Total Females Served: 107 / 46%

- **Minority Females: 49 / 46%**
- **Non-Minority Females: 58 / 54%**

MALES:

Total Males Served: 127 / 54%

- **Minority Males: 41 / 32%**
- **Non-Minority Males: 86 / 68%**

Age of Youth At Time of Offense:

<u>Age Of Youth At Time Of Offense</u>	<u>Number Of Youth Per Age Group</u>	<u>Percentage of Youth Per Age Group</u>
17 Years Old	50	21%
16 Years Old	42	18%
15 Years Old	39	17%
14 Years Old	41	18%
13 Years Old	30	13%
12 Years Old	19	8%
11 Years Old	10	4%
10 Years Old	2	~%
9 Years Old	1	~

Breakdown Of Complaints Referred to Diversion:

Total Complaints.....279

UNRULY	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
120 / 43%	159 / 57%	0

2013 Breakdown of charges by age, sex and race:

MALES:

MINORITY MALE	NON-MINORITY MALE
AGE 9: <u># of Youth:</u> 1 <u># of Charges:</u> 1 <u>Charges:</u> Theft	AGE 9: <u># of Youth:</u> 0 <u># of Charges:</u> 0 <u>Charges:</u> 0
AGE 10: <u># of Youth:</u> 1 <u># of Charges:</u> 2 <u>Charges:</u> Incorrigible; Runaway	AGE 10: <u># of Youth:</u> 1 <u># of Charges:</u> 1 <u>Charges:</u> Assault
AGE: 11 <u># of Youth:</u> 4 <u># of Charges:</u> 5 <u>Charges:</u> Incorrigible x 2; Obstruction of Official Business; Curfew; Assault	AGE: 11 <u># of Youth:</u> 5 <u># of Charges:</u> 5 <u>Charges:</u> Theft; Criminal Mischief; Menacing; Aggravated Menacing; Disorderly Conduct

MINORITY MALE	NON-MINORITY MALE
<p>AGE: 12 <u># of Youth:</u> 4 <u># of Charges:</u> 6 <u>Charges:</u> Assault x 2; Criminal Trespassing; Curfew; Incurrigible; Runaway</p>	<p>AGE: 12 <u># of Youth:</u> 5 <u># of Charges:</u> 6 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 3; Theft; Aggravated Menacing; Chronic Truancy</p>
<p>AGE: 13 <u># of Youth:</u> 10 <u># of Charges:</u> 11 <u>Charges:</u> Habitual Truant x 2; Incurrigible x 2; Criminal Damage x 2; Chronic Truant; Curfew; Runaway; Theft; Disorderly Conduct</p>	<p>AGE: 13 <u># of Youth:</u> 9 <u># of Charges:</u> 11 <u>Charges:</u> Theft x 4; Disorderly Conduct x 2; Incurrigible; Curfew; Drug Paraphernalia; Consuming; Drug Abuse</p>
<p>AGE: 14 <u># of Youth:</u> 7 <u># of Charges:</u> 10 <u>Charges:</u> Curfew x 3; Drug Abuse x 2; Consuming x 2; Habitual Truant; Incurrigible; Drug Paraphernalia</p>	<p>AGE: 14 <u># of Youth:</u> 13 <u># of Charges:</u> 16 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 4; Consuming x 3; Chronic Truant x 2; Disorderly Conduct x 2; Curfew x 2; Theft; Runaway; Resisting Arrest</p>
<p>AGE: 15 <u># of Youth:</u> 6 <u># of Charges:</u> 6 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 3; Chronic Truant; Drug Abuse; Theft</p>	<p>AGE: 15 <u># of Youth:</u> 10 <u># of Charges:</u> 11 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 2; Curfew x 2; Habitual Truant; Drug Abuse; Drug Paraphernalia; Disorderly Conduct; Runaway; Assault; Chronic Truant</p>

MINORITY MALE	NON-MINORITY MALE
AGE: 16 # of Youth: 5 # of Charges: 7 Charges: Theft x 2; Criminal Trespassing; Disorderly Conduct; Chronic Truancy; Drug Abuse; Sound Amplification	AGE: 16 # of Youth: 17 # of Charges: 22 Charges: Drug Abuse x 6; Incorrigible x 4; Drug Paraphernalia x 3; Disorderly Conduct x 3; Curfew x 2; Assault; Chronic Truancy; Criminal Damage; Theft
AGE: 17 # of Youth: 3 # of Charges: 3 Charges: Theft; Runaway; Curfew	AGE: 17 # of Youth: 26 # of Charges: 32 Charges: Consuming x 7; Drug Abuse x 7; Drug Paraphernalia x 4; Disorderly Conduct x 3; Incorrigible x 2; Attempted Breaking and Entering; Theft; Public Indecency; Aggravated Menacing; Obstruction of Official Business; Chronic Truant; CCW; Curfew; Habitual Truant

2013 Breakdown of charges by age, sex and race:

FEMALES:

MINORITY FEMALE	NON-MINORITY FEMALE
AGE: 11 # of Youth: # of Charges: Charges:	AGE: 11 # of Youth: 1 # of Charges: 1 Charges: Incorrigible

MINORITY FEMALE	NON-MINORITY FEMALE
<p>AGE: 12 <u># of Youth:</u> 5 <u># of Charges:</u> 6 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 2; Theft; Criminal Trespassing; Habitual Truant; Disorderly Conduct</p>	<p>AGE: 12 <u># of Youth:</u> 5 <u># of Charges:</u> 6 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 3; Runaway x 2; Disorderly Conduct</p>
<p>AGE: 13 <u># of Youth:</u> 7 <u># of Charges:</u> 9 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 4; Curfew x 2; Inducing Panic; Runaway; Resisting Arrest</p>	<p>AGE: 13 <u># of Youth:</u> 4 <u># of Charges:</u> 5 <u>Charges:</u> Theft x 2; Incurrigible x 2; Consuming</p>
<p>AGE: 14 <u># of Youth:</u> 11 <u># of Charges:</u> 13 <u>Charges:</u> Curfew x 4; Chronic Truant x 4; Incurrigible x 3; Habitual Truant; Theft</p>	<p>AGE: 14 <u># of Youth:</u> 10 <u># of Charges:</u> 11 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 3; Theft x 3; Criminal Damage; Runaway; Disorderly Conduct; Complicity to Assault; Possession of Dangerous Drug</p>
<p>AGE: 15 <u># of Youth:</u> 7 <u># of Charges:</u> 9 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 5; Runaway x 2; Theft x 2</p>	<p>AGE: 15 <u># of Youth:</u> 16 <u># of Charges:</u> 19 <u>Charges:</u> Incurrigible x 7; Runaway x 4; Consuming x 4; Habitual Truant x 2; Chronic Truant; Theft</p>
<p>AGE: 16 <u># of Youth:</u> 11 <u># of Charges:</u> 11 <u>Charges:</u> Runaway x 3; Incurrigible x 2; Consuming; Making False Alarms; Curfew; Chronic Truancy; Telephone Harassment; Habitual Truant</p>	<p>AGE: 16 <u># of Youth:</u> 9 <u># of Charges:</u> 9 <u>Charges:</u> Theft x 3; Habitual Truant; Curfew; VOCO; Disorderly Conduct; Runaway; Chronic Truant</p>

MINORITY FEMALE	NON-MINORITY FEMALE
<p>AGE: 17 <u># of Youth:</u> 8 <u># of Charges:</u> 9 <u>Charges:</u> Curfew x 3; Consuming x 2; Possession of Marijuana x 2; Theft; Drug Abuse</p>	<p>AGE: 17 <u># of Youth:</u> 13 <u># of Charges:</u> 16 <u>Charges:</u> Consuming x 2; Possession of Marijuana x 2; Drug Abuse x 2; Theft x 2; Runaway x 2; Incurrigible x 2; Disorderly Conduct; Criminal Damage; Possession of Criminal Tools; Curfew</p>

ERIE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
Robert C. DeLamatre, Judge

Thinking Errors Youth Group

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Purpose: to introduce and explore the concept of Thinking Errors.

Goal: influence youth to use a positive thinking pattern.

The Erie County Juvenile Court started the Thinking Errors Program in July 1997. Thinking Errors focus on everyone taking personal responsibility for his/her decisions.

It assists participants in becoming aware of their thinking and making a change by identifying errors in thinking. Because thinking plays a key role in our behavior, new patterns of thinking will be introduced and reinforced to help the participants learn to live more responsibly.

Parents are also introduced to this material through an Adult Thinking Errors Group to further encourage their child to be more responsible.

These concepts are introduced through discussions, worksheets, and videos. Participants are required to keep a journal from beginning to end of the session. The journal will contain all materials used in the group sessions and the youth are encouraged to use it as a source of future reference.

Groups are gender specific, with the maximum number being six (6) per group. The participants are referred through probation and other court staff. The probation staff monitors the participant's progress through the entire program.

Attached is a breakdown of the group's composition by race, gender, and levels of offense.

THINKING ERRORS STATISTICS 2013

RACE/GENDER

Female non-minority.....	01
Male minority.....	05
Male non-minority	<u>07</u>
Total.....	13

LEVELS OF OFFENSE

Misdemeanor.....	08
Felony.....	05
Total	13

Adult Thinking Errors
2013 Yearly Report

Purpose:

- **Explain alternatives ways of thinking for parents**
- **Reinforce a positive thinking pattern for youth**

The Adult Thinking Errors Program was started in 1999 with a twofold purpose. First, it is to help the parents reinforce the materials that their child learned as a participant in the Youth Thinking Errors Program. It was decided that the child would have a better chance of changing his/her behavior or pattern of thinking, if the parents were introduced to the same materials. Because the child and his/her parents interact daily, the parents are in a position to continually reinforce the information they learned in the group sessions with their child. So, the child still gets reinforcement long after he/she has completed the program.

Secondly, during the time the parents are reinforcing his/her child they will take a look at their own thinking patterns. They might realize that they can use this same material to correct patterns of irresponsible thinking on their part. This way they can further encourage their child through setting an example, by recognizing and making changes themselves.

A breakdown of the participant is attached by gender and level of offense. Most of the offenses were committed by the Juvenile, which resulted in parent and child attending Adult or Juvenile Thinking Errors, respectively. Some adults were assigned to the Adult Program because of charges they have in Juvenile Court, such as contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Participants are referred to the Adult Thinking Errors by all levels of the court staff.

Number of Participants in 2013: 7

Gender of Adult Participants

Female	4
Male	3
Total	7

Levels of Offense

Misdemeanor	3
Contributing	2
Felony	0
VOCO	1
Unruly	1
Total	7

APPENDIX B - MEDIATION

Mediation Program/Juvenile Division

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Erie County Juvenile Court implemented its Juvenile Victim Offender Mediation Program in May, 1996. Mediation gives the parties in a dispute the opportunity to discuss the situation and arrive at solutions to the problem. These solutions are an agreement that each party believes is fair and in their best interest. The party meets with a neutral third party (mediator) who assists with the process.

Family Group Conferencing was added to the mediation program in 1999. Family Group Conferencing is similar to mediation; however it focuses on discussing the effects the offense/event has on everyone affected, with the intention of repairing the harm done. Conferencing consists of family, friends (community), and victims who meet with the offender; holding them accountable for their actions while offering a peaceful solution to the situation, called social reintegration. Agreements may include apologies, restitution, community service, or other consequences.

The Mediation program accepts all level of offenses. Offenders and victims are contacted and offered the opportunity to participate in the program, as an alternative to formal court involvement. Agreements are drawn up in a contract and signed by all parties. The offender will have the charge sealed from their record if they do not reoffend while the contract is still open.

A total of 57 youths with 63 complaints participated in mediation in 2013. The 63 complaints included offenses of: disorderly conduct, criminal damage; theft, domestic violence, assault, as well as incorrigible behavior. Charges or disputes are referred through intake, other court staff and the prosecutor's office.

The statistics for the complaints are categorized by race, sex, age, and level of offense, and are included in this report.

2013 MEDIATION STATS:

LEVEL OF OFFENSES:

(63 CASES)

Informal.....	3	(5%)
Unruly.....	10	(16%)
Misdemeanor.....	50	(79%)
Felony.....	0	(0%)

RACE/GENDER OF OFFENDERS:

(57 YOUTH)

Female Minority.....	6	(11%)
Female Non-Minority.....	8	(14%)
Male Minority	10	(17%)
Male Non-Minority.....	33	(58%)

AGE OF YOUTH:

(57 YOUTH)

12 & Under.....10 (17%)

13.....9 (16%)

14.....12 (21%)

15.....11 (19%)

16.....5 (10%)

17.....10 (17%)

TOTAL : 100%

2013 ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASS:

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 14

GENDER & RACE

Females:	6	43%	Males:	8	57%
Non-Minority Females:	3	21.5%	Non-Minority Males:	6	43%
Minority Females:	3	21.5%	Minority Males:	2	14%

RACE

Minority:	5	36%	Non-Minority:	9	64%
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AGE

17 yrs	1 youth	7%	15 yrs	6 youth	43%
16 yrs	2 youth	14%	14 yrs	5 youth	36%

5 Individual Classes were held.

2013 SHOPLIFTING CONSEQUENCES CLASS:

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 36

GENDER & RACE

Females:	17 (47%)	Males:	19 (53%)
Non-Minority Females:	10 (28%)	Non-Minority Males:	13 (36%)
Minority Females:	7 (19%)	Minority Males:	6 (17%)

RACE

Minority:	13 (36%)	Non-Minority:	23 (64%)
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AGE

18 yrs	1 youth	3 %	14 yrs	8 youth	22%
17 yrs	6 youth	17%	13 yrs	4 youth	11%
16 yrs	8 youth	22%	12 yrs	1 youth	3 %
15 yrs	5 youth	14%	11 yrs	3 youth	8%

3 Individual Classes were held.

2013 SKILLS CLASS STATISTICS:

ACTIONS CLASS:

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 64

GENDER & RACE

Females:	29 (45%)	Males:	35 (55%)
Non-Minority Females	10 (15%)	Non-Minority Males:	21 (33%)
Minority Females:	19 (30%)	Minority Males:	14 (22%)

RACE

Minority:	33 (52%)	Non-Minority:	31 (48%)
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AGE:

18 yrs	1 youth	1 %	14 yrs	6 youth	9 %
17 yrs	9 youth	14 %	13 yrs	17 youth	26%
16 yrs	9 youth	14 %	12 yrs	7 youth	14%
15 yrs	13 youth	20 %	11 yrs	2 youth	2%

10 Individual Classes were held.

2013 BULLY PREVENTION PREVENTION CLASS:

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 3

GENDER & RACE

Females:	1	33 %	Males	2	67 %
Non-Minority Females:	0	0 %	Non-Minority Males:	2	67 %
Minority Females	1	33 %	Minority Males:	0	0 %

RACE

Minority:	1	33%	Non-Minority:	2	67 %
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3 Individual Classes were held.

**ERIE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
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JUDGE**

2013 CUSTODY MEDIATIONS / HOME STUDIES

Custody Mediations.....	46
Home Studies	<u>02</u>
Total	48

Custody Mediation Outcomes:

Full Agreement:	16
Partial Agreement.....	10
Parties Mediated with No Agreement Result...	16
Parties Refused To Mediate	2
One Party Failed To Show For Mediation.....	<u>2</u>
Total Mediations.....	46