

**Erie County Common Pleas Court  
Juvenile Division  
Robert C. DeLamatre, Judge**

The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over dependency, neglect, abuse, delinquency, unruly, traffic, bindovers to adult court, certain adult crime 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 2010 operating budget for the Court and Detention Center was \$3.4 million. The Court's budget was supplemented with an additional \$1 million in grant funds. From this budget, 86 employees, 68 of whom are permanent/full time, 8 of whom are part time, and 10 of whom are intermittent were funded. Of that staff, 45 are connected directly to court services with 41 serving the Juvenile Detention Center. The Northern Ohio Community Correction Facility has an annual operating budget of \$1.2 million funded by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The facility has 17 full time employees and 2 part time employees and provides services to 24 youth from surrounding counties.

The growth of the Erie County Juvenile Court reflects the ever-changing needs and demands of our society. The future will require the Juvenile Court to adjust and continually develop effective, progressive responses to the legal and social needs of our children, youth and families of Erie County.

The following statistics reflect the new cases and motions filed in the Juvenile Division of this Court.

Complaint to Establish Parent/Child Relationship	26
Complaint for Support	146
Complaint for Custody	109
Complaint for Dependency	39
Complaint for Neglect	17
Complaint for Abuse	9
Delinquency	1,356
Unruly	496
Juvenile Traffic	678
Juvenile Tobacco	41
Juvenile Civil Protection Cases	
Adult Contributing Criminal Cases	37
Grandparent Power of Attorney	28
Total new cases filed in 2010	2,991
Total motions filed in the Juvenile Division in 2010	2,217