

2023 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.

In 2023, the Erie County Juvenile Court has a total of **81** employees, **74** of whom are permanent/full- time, **2** part-time and **6** of whom are intermittent. Of that staff, **34** are connected directly to court services with **22** serving the Juvenile Detention Center. The Northern Ohio Community Correction Facility has **25** 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
2023	1,300	2,227,018	1,844,035	349,372	62,493	2,041,539	0	27,253	6,553,010
2022	3,600	2,034,153	1,574,228	310,805	1,541	1,570,036	0	0	5,494,363
2021	3,600	2261480	1,658,138	312,270	86,507	1,644,114	0	0	5,966,109
2020	3,600	2,372,516	1,769,931	413,065	5,233	1,709,408	0	708	6,274,461
2019	3,273	2,284,460	1,816,182	482,964	11,002	1,853,737	0	0	6,451,618
2018	4,000	2,219,376	1,845,298	511,574	43,208	1,676,085	0	0	6,299,541
2017	4,000	2,289,479	1,886,851	548,047	33,614	1,887,713	0	3,183	6,652,887
2016	4,000	2,064,382	1,616,674	458,309	2,200	1,737,737	0	1,000	5,884,302
2015	2,857	2,080,297	1,595,121	437,557	38,923	1,936,368	0	3,685	6,094,808
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

During the calendar year 2023, there were a total of 1480 cases referred to the Juvenile Division of the Erie County Common Pleas Court for its consideration and disposition.

COMPLAINT TO ESTABLISH PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP	7
COMPLAINT FOR SUPPORT	253
COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY/VISITATION	105
COMPLAINT FOR DEPENDENCY	24
COMPLAINT FOR NEGLECT	72
COMPLAINT FOR ABUSE	10
DELINQUENCY	393
UNRULY	120
JUVENILE TRAFFIC	465
ADULT CONTRIBUTING - CRIMINAL CASES	6
ADULT CONTRIBUTING - TRUANCY ISSUES	9
JUVENILE TOBACCO	1
GRANDPARENT P.O.A.	9
JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	6
JUVENILE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	0
JUVENILE PAROLE VIOLATIONS	0
JUDICIAL BY-PASS	0
TOTAL:	1480

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 1,480. 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 2023 was 1,645.

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

TABLE I. TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE CHARGES IN 2023 BY TYPE AND SEX

TYPE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
ABUSE	5	5	10
ABDUCTION	1	0	1
AGGRAVATED ARSON	2	0	2
AGGRAVATED RIOT	9	3	12
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	1	3	4
AGGRAVATED STALKING	1	0	1
ASSAULT	23	15	38
ATT. BREAKING AND ENTERING	1	0	1
ATT. FELONIOUS ASSAULT	1	0	1
ATT. MURDER	2	0	2
BREAKING AND ENTERING	3	0	3
BURGLARY	1	0	1
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON	2	0	2
COMPLICITY TO ASSAULT	15	5	20
COMPLICITY TO FELONIOUS ASSAULT	1	0	1
COMPLICITY TO ROBBERY	1	0	1
COMPLICITY TO THEFT	3	0	3
CONSUMING	14	14	28
CONTRIBUTING	5	10	15
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	21	2	23
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	15	1	16
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	29	3	32
CURFEW VIOLATION	15	5	20
CUSTODY/VISITATION	48	57	105
DEPENDENT	15	9	24
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	46	25	71
DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN FRONT OF MEDICAL STAFF	1	0	1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	17	16	33
DRUG LAW VIOLATION	5	3	8
ESCAPE	2	0	2
EXTORTION	2	0	2
FAIL TO COMPLY W/POLICE OFFICER	3	0	3
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFO.	4	1	5
FALSIFICATION	1	0	1
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	8	0	8
FIREARMS IN M/V	1	0	1
GRANDPARENT POWER OF ATTORNEY	5	4	9
GRAND THEFT OF A VEHICLE	3	2	5
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION	2	0	2
INCORRIGIBLE	23	15	38
INDUCING PANIC	1	1	2

JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS	1	5	6
MAKING FALSE ALARMS	4	0	4
MENACING	1	0	1
MENACING BY STALKING	2	0	2
NEGLECT	37	35	72
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	0	0	0
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS	19	4	23
OPEN CONTAINER	1	0	1
PATERNITY AND SUPPORT			260
POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPON	1	0	1
POSSESSION OF DEADLY WEAPON	1	0	1
POSSESION OF DEADLY WEAPON @ SCHOOL	1	0	1
PUBLIC INDECENCY	2	0	2
RAPE	10	0	10
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	13	0	13
RESISTING ARREST	5	5	10
ROBBERY	2	0	2
RUNAWAY	8	5	13
SAFECRACKING	0	1	1
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE	8	0	8
THEFT	25	7	32
THREAT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	10	1	11
TOBACCO BILL VIOLATION	0	1	1
TRAFFIC	288	177	465
TRUANCY	30	55	85
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF M/V	0	1	1
UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT	1	1	2
VANDALISM	3	2	5
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	21	8	29
VIOLATION OF PAROLE	0	0	0
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	14	2	16
TOTAL	875	509	1644

TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE CHARGES FOR 2019 – 2023

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1824	1217	1746	1560	1644

TABLE II. TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS REFERRED IN 2023

CASE TYPE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTALS
CONTRIBUTING	9	6	15
CUSTODY/VISITATION	48	57	105
FELONY	80	10	90
VIOLATION OF PAROLE	0	0	0
TOBACCO BILL	0	1	1
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	21	8	29
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	14	2	16
UNRULY	66	54	120
MISDEMEANOR	159	86	245
ABUSE	5	5	10
NEGLECT	37	35	72
DEPENDENT	15	9	24
TRAFFIC	288	177	465
PATERNITY AND SUPPORT			260
GRANDPARENT P.O.A.	5	4	9
JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	1	5	6
JUDICIAL BY-PASS	0	0	0
TOTALS	748	459	1,467

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS REFERRED FOR 2019 – 2023

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1670	1110	1607	1400	1467

TABLE III. JUVENILE TRAFFIC CASES BY MONTH FOR 2023

MONTH	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
JANUARY	14	29	33	23	28
FEBRUARY	25	37	27	21	33
MARCH	41	17	40	28	30
APRIL	34	5	46	16	27
MAY	65	5	45	37	52
JUNE	40	19	49	52	43
JULY	66	35	64	39	50
AUGUST	44	41	63	42	48
SEPTEMBER	52	33	41	29	48
OCTOBER	50	18	34	32	44
NOVEMBER	34	42	17	35	36
DECEMBER	37	15	29	26	26
TOTAL	502	296	488	380	465

TABLE IV. JUVENILE TRAFFIC CASES IN 2023 BY MONTH AND SEX

MONTH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
JANUARY	15	13	28
FEBRUARY	21	12	33
MARCH	22	8	30
APRIL	14	13	27
MAY	37	15	52
JUNE	31	12	43
JULY	29	21	50
AUGUST	27	21	48
SEPTEMBER	27	21	48
OCTOBER	26	18	44
NOVEMBER	22	14	36
DECEMBER	17	9	26
TOTAL	288	177	465

MOTIONS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR 2023

SUPPORT/4D MOTIONS/FILED BY CSEA	
4D 60B MOTION	0
4D MISCELLANEOUS MOTION	30
4D MOTION FOR PAYMENT ON ARREARS	3
4D MOTION TO COMPEL	0
4D MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE & RECALCULATE CHILD SUPPORT	2
4D MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING	3
4D MOTION TO CORRECT	4
4D MOTION TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ORDER	1
4D MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	25
4D MOTION TO DISMISS PARTY	0
4D MOTION FOR EXPART TO TERMINATE CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION	21
4D MOTION TO TERMINATE CHILD SUPPORT	31
4D MOTION FOR GENETIC TESTING	7
4D MOTION TO IMPOUND SUPPORT	4
4D MOTION TO LIFT STAY OF SENTENCE & SET A COMMENCEMENT DATE	3
4D MOTION FOR LIQUIDATION OF ARREARS	0
4D MOTION TO MODIFY SUPPORT	61
4D MOTION FOR IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE	110
4D MOTION FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT	8
4D MOTION FOR NEW REPORT DATE	8
4D MOTION FOR EARLY RELEASE	0
4D MOTION FOR NUNC PRO TUNC	4
4D MOTION TO REINSTATE CHILD SUPPORT	12
4D MOTION TO STAY	7

4D MOTION FOR ORDER IMPOSING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION	3
4D MOTION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT	52
4D MOTION TO DISMISS PLEADING	2
4D MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	412
4D MOTION TO ADD PARTY	2
4D MOTION TO ADD NEW DEPENDENT & RECALCULATE CHILD SUPPORT	3
4D MOTION TO REDUCE ARREARAGES	1
4D MOTION TO RECALL BENCH WARRANT	25
4D MOTION TO RECOUP OVERPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT	0
4D MOTION TO REDIRECT SUPPORT	17
4D MOTION TO REVOKE BOND/FORFEIT BOND & REQUEST BENCH WARRANT	0
4D MOTION FOR SUPPORT TO BE ORDERED	5
4D MOTION TO COMMENCE SERVING JAIL TIME	0
4D MOTION TO WITHDRAW PLEADING	0
4D MOTION FOR VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL	166
4D OBJECTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER	0
4D PETITION TO REGISTER A FOREIGN ORDER	3
MOTION FOR CHANGE OF PLACEMENT IN A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM	8
MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT (60B)	0
MOTION TO AMEND CASE PLAN & NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE	13
MOTION TO APPOINT INDEPENDENT ANALYST	0
MOTION REQUESTING APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL	8
MOTION REQUESTING BINDOVER OF YOUTH TO ADULT DIVISION/MOTION TO TRANSFER	3
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	39
MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY	83
MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE/MERGE CASES	0
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING	223
MOTION TO CONVEY PARTY FOR HEARING	0
MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	0
MOTION REQUESTING 2ND DETENTION HEARING	2
MOTION TO MODIFY PARENTAL RIGHTS	8
MOTION TO CHANGE CUSTODY/VISITATION	13
MOTION FOR EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF VISITATION	0
MOTION REQUESTING AN EARLY RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION	2
MOTION TO TERMINATE SHARED PARENTING	0
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER OF EMANCIPATION	1
MOTION TO ADD PARTY	18
MOTION FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION	0
MOTION TO EXCUSE PARTY/PARTIES FROM HEARING	9
MOTION TO EXEMPT INNOCENT OWNER OF MOTOR VEHICLE	0
MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY CUSTODY/PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	81
MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMMENCE SERVING JAIL SENTENCE	0
MOTION REQUESTING FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM	4
MOTION TO RELINQUISH JURISDICTION	0
MOTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL/EXTENSION OF TIME	6
MOTION REQUESTING AN IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE	0

MOTION REQUESTING AN IN-CAMERA INTERVIEW	19
MOTION REQUESTING LEAVE TO PLEAD/FILE	0
MOTION IN LIMINE (RULING THAT EVIDENCE MAY OR MAY NOT BE USED AT TRIAL)	0
MOTION TO CLOSE CASE	1
MISCELLANEOUS MOTION	0
MOTION TO DETERMINE COMPETENCY	13
MOTION TO CONVERT	8
MOTION FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE	0
MOTION TO RELEASE PROPERTY	2
MOTION TO MODIFY OR ELIMINATE PRIOR RESTRAINING ORDER	0
MOTION TO MODIFY VISITATION	13
MOTION REQUESTING EX PARTE EMERGENCY ORDER FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY	175
MOTION REQUESTING FURLOUGH	0
MOTION FOR ORDER OF DESTRUCTION	2
MOTION TO AMEND OR CORRECT COMPLAINT, MOTION OR JUDGMENT ENTRY	3
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO AWARD PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	29
MOTION TO AMEND CASE PLAN	46
MOTION REQUESTING A CD RECORDING FROM A HEARING	22
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO CHANGE PLACEMENT	8
MOTION FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL EVALUATION	0
MOTION TO TERMINATE BECAUSE OF AGE	1
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO IMPOUND SUPPORT	1
MOTION TO INTERVENE	7
MOTION REQUESTING A NOLLE PROSEQUI OF CHARGE	12
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER FOR PERMANENT CUSTODY	10
MOTION REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROCESS SERVER	5
MOTION REQUESTING THAT A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION BE ORDERED	0
MOTION REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT AND PAYMENT OF THE SAME BY THE COURT	5
MOTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF CASE	0
MOTION TO MODIFY SUPPORT	6
MOTION REQUESTING TEMPORARY CUSTODY	10
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO TERMINATE SUPPORT	0
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL	7
MOTION FILED TO SUBSTITUTE A PARTY	8
MOTION TO VACATE	6
MOTION TO SET A NEW COURT DATE & TO LIFT WARRANT	0
MOTION REQUESTING A NUNC PRO TUNC TO CORRECT PLEADING	2
MOTION FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING PATERNITY	0
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES	12
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF ASSIGNED COUNSEL FEES	30
MOTION REQUESTING A PROTECTIVE ORDER	1
MOTION FOR GENETIC TESTING	5
MOTION TO QUASH	4
MOTION REQUESTING THE RECALL OF A CAPIAS/BENCH WARRANT	13
MOTION TO RECONSIDER	2
MOTION FOR HEARING ON INTENT TO RELOCATE / NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE	0

MOTION TO APPOINT INTERPRETER	0
MOTION FOR FUNDS TO PAY FOR INTERPRETER	0
MOTION TO OBTAIN JUVENILE'S REPORT	0
MOTION TO REVOKE BOND AND REQUEST FOR BENCH WARRANT	0
MOTION FOR SANCTIONS	0
MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME	0
MOTION TO STAY	9
MOTION TO STRIKE	0
MOTION TO SUPPRESS	3
MOTION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT	3
MOTION FOR INCOME TAX EXEMPTION	0
MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING VIA TELEPHONE	45
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY ORDERS	5
MOTION TO TERMINATE CUSTODY ORDER THAT GRANTS CUSTODY TO ECDJFS	0
MOTION TO TERMINATE PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	6
MOTION TO WITHDRAW MOTION FOR DISCRETIONARY BINDOVER	0
MOTION TO WITHDRAW	31
MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIDGES PROGRAM	2
PETITION TO REGISTER A FOREIGN ORDER	0
TOTAL MOTIONS FOR 2023	2,148

MOTIONS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR 2019 - 2023

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2967	2195	2298	1759	2148

COMMITMENTS TO ODYS BY SEX FROM 2016 – 2022

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
MALES	2	3	1	2	2	0	3
FEMALES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FINES, COURT COSTS, FEES AND BOND FORFEITURES FOR 2023

MONTH	FINES	COURT COSTS	FEES	BONDS	COMPUTER	COPY FEES	TOTAL
JANUARY	\$ 20.00	\$ 352.26	\$ 858.48	\$ 105.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 4.90	\$ 1,457.64
FEBRUARY	\$ 70.64	\$ 612.49	\$ 460.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 1,370.13
MARCH	\$ 191.28	\$ 821.25	\$ 510.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 367.00	\$ 5.70	\$ 1,895.23
APRIL	\$ 423.01	\$ 434.75	\$ 400.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 169.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,427.01
MAY	\$ 661.86	\$ 568.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 273.00	\$ 6.85	\$ 2,084.71
JUNE	\$ 86.86	\$ 151.69	\$ 320.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 1.60	\$ 612.15
JULY	\$ 647.10	\$ 544.42	\$ 332.35	\$ 385.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 22.20	\$ 2,178.07
AUGUST	\$1,473.08	\$ 1,146.82	\$ 955.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 481.00	\$ 32.86	\$ 4,518.76
SEPTEMBER	\$ 477.05	\$ 613.95	\$ 420.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 273.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,174.00
OCTOBER	\$ 301.05	\$ 223.36	\$ 450.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 4.40	\$ 1,069.81
NOVEMBER	\$ 890.20	\$ 1,008.69	\$ 420.50	\$ 425.00	\$ 481.00	\$ 11.30	\$ 3,236.69
DECEMBER	\$ 436.86	\$ 354.14	\$ 435.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 1,472.00
TOTAL	\$5,678.99	\$6,831.82	\$6,032.08	\$1,910.00	\$2,915.00	\$ 128.31	\$23,496.20

A. Probation Department

The Probation Department is involved with youth who are adjudicated delinquent and in need of services beyond the intake and preliminary hearing levels. The Judge or Magistrate will order a Probation Counselor to prepare an investigative report which addresses all of the youth's life domains. The Probation Counselor will also prepare a standardized risk assessment known as the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) which assists in measuring the youth's risk to reoffend. The Probation Counselor will use this information to develop recommendations for the Court at disposition. If the youth is placed on community supervision by the Court, the Probation Counselor will then work with the youth and family to address all of the youth's criminogenic needs. The goal is to reduce the youth's risk to reoffend and increase the youth's chance of success which will increase community safety.

The Erie County Juvenile Probation Counselors employ the techniques of Effective Practices in Community Supervision "EPICS" in working with the youth. The EPICS model uses a combination of monitoring, referrals and face to face interaction to provide the youth with the proper level of treatment interventions appropriate to the youth's risk need. A youth who is at high risk to reoffend would require more time in treatment and involvement in more intensive treatment than a moderate or low risk youth. The focus of every intervention, including the

thought behavior link and social learning, focus on the youth's criminogenic needs to reduce the youth's risk to reoffend. Probation Counselors are also trained in other "best practice" models of supervision such as Motivational Interviewing and the Carey Guides to assist the youth in changing their behavior. These approaches effectively utilize staff as agents of change in our community. **The probation department served 74 youth in 2023 of which 23 were terminated successfully; 6 unsuccessfully and 2 other administrative reasons.**

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 are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Division. A pre-sentence investigation is completed 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.

In 2023, 2 adults had orders that were tracked by the Probation Department.

B. Home Detention Program 2023

Home Detention is a contractual form of Home Supervision characterized by strict house arrest and intense monitoring. For lack of compliance with these rules, there are appropriate sanctions. Youth are admitted to the program through the court's Intake Department, Arraignment Hearings, and referrals from Probation, Diversion, and in lieu of a detention stay. Youth admitted to the program are allowed to live at home, attend school, work, court ordered programs, places of worship, and doctor appointments.

House Arrest refers to; youth must remain at home, on their property at all times. They are allowed to leave for court ordered activities and school only. This may also consist of extra curriculum school activities, work, mental health services, church functions, doctor appointments, court, and Probation appointments. Youth may not go anywhere else, not even with parents or guardians, without prior approval from this department.

24 Hour Supervision refers to; youth can be placed on a parental supervised form of house arrest. Parents must provide proper and approved supervision for the youth if they work or have an appointment. The youth is never to be left alone. This is age appropriate for our younger youth or any youth that cannot manage being home alone.

Curfew means youth are set a time to be away from home. This is also a parent's responsibility to monitor and give permission to the youth to leave. Youth must be home at curfew time. They must call in to report they are home, we then check on them and they are back on house arrest until the following morning. Curfew is earned or court ordered.

Total new charges: 8

Terminations:

Successful: 6

Felony: 1

Unruly: 0

Unsuccessful: 1

Misdemeanor: 7

Traffic: 0

Total: 7

Males: 7

Female: 1

*****0 carried over into 2023; 1 carried over into 2024**

ELECTRONIC MONITOR/GPS 2023

Electronic Monitoring is one level of Home Detention. This is usually for the most severe charges or youth that may be a danger to others. It has been highly effective and assists the department with; supervision and accuracy at all hours. Youth are placed on from the Judge and/or Magistrates at time of hearing. All electronic monitors are cell units. The youth and their families no longer need a landline, as our new units use cell phone towers. The youth is equipped with an ankle device and a monitoring unit is placed in the home by this department. Attenti is the monitoring company we use. They report the movement of the youth in and out of the home. All violations are reported to court staff daily.

GPS Monitoring is another form of electronic monitoring that was established in 2022. GPS allows staff to track a youth's whereabouts 24/7. This form of electronic monitoring is considered the highest form of monitoring and is used primarily on high-level offenders. Attenti is the company we use to monitor the youth. Attenti will notify staff of any movement through emails and texts messages 24/7.

2023 – Electronic Monitoring: Total new charges: 55

Terminations:

Successful: 51	Felony: 46	Unruly: 0
Unsuccessful: 4	Misdemeanor: 9	Traffic: 0
Total: 55	Males: 49	Female: 6

***7 carried over into 2023; 7 carried over into 2024

PROBATION MONITORING 2023

Probation Monitoring is another aspect of Home Detention. These youth are on Probation. They are ordered from the Judge, Magistrates, and Probation Officers. These youth can range from Violation of Probation, new charges, home visits from placement, or may just need additional supervision. Youth are seen daily.

2023 – Probation Monitoring: Total new charges: 7

Terminations:

Successful: 5	Felony: 6	
Unsuccessful: 3	Misdemeanor: 1	
Total: 8	Unruly: 0	
Males: 7	Females: 0	Traffic: 0

***1 carried over into 2023; 0 carried over into 2024

Total Statistics for Home Detention Program in 2023:

Successful releases: 62	Felonies: 7
Unsuccessful releases: 8	Misdemeanors: 17
Intake: 70	Unruly: 0
Males: 63 Females: 7	Traffic: 0
8 total youth carried over into 2023 from 2022	
8 total youth carried over into 2024 from 2023	

C. Restitution Program

Restitution is a court order that looks to restore justice when a youth commits an offense that creates a loss for another. Paying for the damage or loss addresses both the youth's accountability and compensation for the loss. The order is made after a restitution investigation has been completed and an amount has been agreed upon by the parties. At the time of the order, an amount and a time frame for payment is established. The Restitution Coordinator will monitor the case for compliance. Compliance to the order will help the youth to understand the financial and emotional consequence that his/her behavior has created. This understanding should reduce his/her risk of recidivism. **In 2023, a total of \$ 15,841.04 was paid to victims**

D. Compliance

Juvenile Court makes orders in unruly and delinquent cases that should assist the youth and family in addressing needs that may be a barrier to their success. The youth needs to complete the orders to gain any benefit from the service. The Community Control Officer will actively monitor their compliance. When an order is made in a case, they will be scheduled for a Compliance meeting in 90 days. This gives the youth and family time to engage in or complete treatment or programming. On the day of the order, they are given the date of their compliance meeting but informed that if they have successfully completed the order they are to call the Community Control Officer and they will not have to attend their scheduled meeting.

If the youth has not complied with the order, the Community Control Officer will offer the youth and family assistance at that scheduled meeting. They will also be informed of the potential consequences of not completing the court order; including further court action.

In 2023, orders on 100 youth were tracked for compliance by the Community Control Officer.

E. Intake Department

The function of the Intake Department is to review all juvenile complaints with the exception of juvenile traffic complaints. Complaints are reviewed to determine whether youth should be referred to the Diversion department for informal action or referred to the Judge for formal court action. The intake Director reviews all complaints filed in Juvenile Court. In 2023, **501** total delinquency and unruly complaints were filed with the Court.

The Court, through the intake department diverts certain offenders from formal Court action. Youth who exhibit unruly or incorrigible behavior are generally referred to the Diversion Department to prevent them from officially entering the court system. In addition, youth that meet certain criteria and are charged with a misdemeanor offense are also referred to the Court's Diversion Program to prevent them from officially entering the court system. Diversion counselors meet with youth and parent or guardian to try to address the behavior that lead to the filing of the charges. Youth are then referred to appropriate services. Youth who do not follow through with the services are sent to the Judge for formal court action.

The Intake Director also 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.

F. Truancy Department

During 2023, the School Attendance counselors received **441** referrals. They completed phone calls, home visits and school visits. They also participated in **297** Absence Intervention Team meetings. They attended **34** Diversion meetings. They have also assisted with referrals to the other agencies for services for students and/or their parents. They also work with youth who are referred to the TEMP (Truancy Erie County Mediation Program) described later in this report.

In 2023, **42** Truancy cases were filed; 5 cases were referred directly to court; **37** cases were referred to Diversion for informal case processing. Of those referred to Diversion, **34** successfully completed the program and their cases were sealed and expunged; **28** cases were referred to the Court for formal action due to failure to comply with their Diversion Contract; **19** cases are still pending in diversion, 7 of the cases referred for formal court action were dismissed.

In 2023, **55** cases were referred to the diversion department for informal action regarding parents/custodians who were at risk of contributing to the delinquency of minor charges for failure to send their child to school. **25** cases were resolved in diversion and no further action was taken; **17** cases are still open in Diversion; **9** case were unsuccessfully terminated from Diversion and referred for formal court action; and **4** cases was dismissed after parent moved outside of jurisdiction.

G. Skill Classes:

Life Choices skill class is offered by the Diversion Department as a disposition for court involved youth. Most youth are ordered by the Judge or Magistrate to attend and complete the class as part of their disposition. Other youth are referred to the classes as a part of their diversion requirements. The skill classes are offered and taught by the Juvenile Diversion Counselors on a monthly and as needed basis.

Individual skill classes are utilized for young offenders, youth not appropriate for a group setting and when a specific need is identified. 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. A total of **32** youth participated in the diversion classes in 2023.

H. Custody Mediation / Home Studies:

In matters of contested change of custody cases and contested visitation issues, our mediation 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 staff.

In 2023, **66 cases** were referred for custody mediations. There were also **7** pending cases from 2021. The cases were resolved as follows:

44 - full agreements; **17** - no agreements reached; **2** refused
3 - no show; **6** - remain open as of the end of 2023

There were 4 custody home studies completed in **2023**.

H. 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 2023, we expended **\$ 477,788.15** in Reclaim Ohio and Youth Services grant funds. The following programs were funded with RECLAIM Ohio and Youth Services funds in 2023.

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 2023, 12 youth were served on the gender specific caseload (12 females, 1 male); 3 were non-minority and 9 were minority; 2 were successful and 1 closed for administrative reasons.**

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 2023, 55 youth were served in the electronic monitoring program of which 46 were felonies and 9 misdemeanors.**

Statistics for 2023

Total of New Charges	70
Males	63
Females	7
Total Number of Terminations	70
Successful	62
Unsuccessful	8

Diversion Program:

The Diversion Program accepts status offenders (unruly, runaway, truancy), youth who are first time offenders and are charged with low level offense and youth with minimal contact with Juvenile Court who are charged with low level offenses. Felony referrals require the approval of the Prosecutor and Judge/Magistrate. A variety of complaints are referred to the Diversion Program.

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 appointment, which includes the youth, parent/guardian, and the Diversion Counselor. The goal is to address the charge, the underlying behavior that led to the charge and to provide services to prevent further court involvement. 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 Fireland's Substance Abuse Education Program, fire prevention/education programming, and mental health and drug/alcohol counseling at various community agencies.

In 2023, **278** Youth were served through the Court's Diversion and Mediation Programs, with 157 cases being opened in **2023** with a total of **113** carried over from **2022**. A total of 134 were terminated as follows: **103** successfully completed; 28 were unsuccessfully terminated; **3** were neutrally discharged as of the end of the year.

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 2023, 216 youth participated in drug testing

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. There are many benefits to participating in mediation. The mediation process provides all parties with: Answers to questions about the offense that only the offender can provide; an opportunity to express frustrations and concerns directly with people involved; an opportunity to be directly involved in the consequences and outcome of the mediation and the choice in determining, when applicable, the amount of restitution owed and method it will be paid with the offender. 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. In 2023, **1** youth was referred for Mediation and case was still pending at the end of the year; 3 pending cases from 2022 were successfully completed in 2023.

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. This process focusing on the repairing damage or harm cause from crime. It also encourages the offender to examine how their actions affect the victim, the people they care about and the community. Social reintegration can be accomplished through apology, restitution, community service, or other means. In 2022, **2** Family Group Conferencing were held. **One** case was successfully completed and **4** cases are still pending. Both cases were successfully completed in 2023. 4 pending cases from 2022 were also successfully completed in 2023.

Pro Kids and Families Program

During 2017, the Court implemented new services to assist families in crisis due to unruly or runaway behaviors exhibited by one or more children in the home. The purpose of this program is to address unruly behaviors and their underlying causes as early as possible, assist parents in parenting their child who is exhibiting unruly behavior, divert unruly youth from the formal juvenile court system and to prevent further involvement with the Juvenile Court.

A Diversion Counselor is available Monday through Friday at 9:00am at the Diversion Office located at 221 W Parish Street, Sandusky, Ohio to provide immediate assistance for youth who have been charged with being unruly and their parent or for parents seeking assistance with unruly behavior by their child who has not been charged. No appointment is necessary. Both youth and parent must attend.

Pro Kids and Families is a program specifically for youth exhibiting unruly behaviors at home, school and/or in the community, youth who are running away and youth who are truant from school. The Program is available for youth ages 8 to 17 who are Erie County residents. It serves youth who are low to moderate risk. The Program is available when a formal complaint has been filed with the Court. It is also available in cases where a parent informally asks for assistance with their child who is exhibiting unruly behavior. In cases where a formal complaint has been filed, the charges are referred to the Diversion Program. If youth successfully completes Pro Kids and Families, the charges are dismissed and expunged from their record.

Pro Kids and Families is administered by Ohio Guidestone. Each youth who is referred to the program receives an assessment to identify their individual needs. The assigned staff from Ohio Guidestone then works directly with the youth and their parent or guardian in their own home. The youth will work on addressing the unruly behaviors that brought the youth to the attention of the Juvenile Court, as well as other identified needs. The staff also works with the parent or guardian to provide them with tools and techniques to assist them in parenting their child who is exhibiting unruly behavior. A family workbook is provided to each family. This workbook is then used during the Program to assist both the youth and parent. The Program lasts 120 days. During the program, the youth and parents meet with their assigned staff from Ohio Guidestone a minimum of one time per week.

During 2023, **11** youth were referred to the Pro Kids Program. In addition, **26** were still participating from the previous year. During 2023, 16 youth successfully completed the program; **4** youth were neutrally discharged from the program; 6 youth were unsuccessfully terminated from the program; 11 youth were still participating in the program at the end of 2023.

TEMP (Truancy Erie County Mediation Program):

TEMP was developed to reduce truancy among youth in Erie County. TEMP connects parents, youth and six local school districts through mediation to assist in reaching a solution that improves school attendance.

Program Partners: Vermilion Local School District, Sandusky City School District, Perkins Local School District, Huron City Local School District, Edison School District and Margaretta Local School District.

TEMP utilizes diversion staff and attendance officers who are trained mediators to implement the program. All mediations are held at the youth's school to avoid unnecessary time out of the classroom. During mediation and subsequent meetings, issues and/or barriers are identified and solutions are developed by all involved parties.

Together with school staff, TEMP meets regularly with youth to address barriers/issues relating to truancy. Parental involvement continues to be fostered throughout the process. TEMP programming is a 2-year commitment for youth, parent and school.

In 2023, **10** youth were served by the TEMP Program; **4** completed TEMP program; **3** were successful; **1** unsuccessful; **0** neutral; and **6** youth are still participating in the program.

From the programs start date of March of 17, 2015 through December 31, 2023, **142** youth received services. Successful Program Releases of **96** youth; Neutral Releases of **21** youth; Unsuccessful Releases of **19** youth; and **6** youth are continuing into the upcoming year.

J. 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, one Program Specialist, 4 Shift Supervisors, two Training Officers, one 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 is 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 2023

Total Admissions **	216
Total Immediate Releases	3
Total Direct Sentencing	25
Total Bonded Youth	0
Total Bond Money Collected	\$0.00

** Of the **216** Total admissions - **133** were Erie County youth and **83** were out of county youth

K. 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 2023

Erie County	4
Ashland County	1
Sandusky County	1
Lorain County	4
Lake County	1
Franklin County	1
Madison County	1
Summit County	4
Geauga County	1
Lucas County	1
Huron County	2
Wayne County	1
Cuyahoga County	7
Seneca County	1
Stark County	1
Knox County	1
Total Youth Served	32

L. TEAM Court (Together Everyone Achieves More) Our Family Treatment Court

The Mission of TEAM Court is to promote safe, stable, and sober homes for children by collaborating with community partners to provide timely, comprehensive, strength-based, and individualized treatment for children and their families including judicial monitoring aimed at reuniting at risk families. TEAM Court has been operational since August 25, 2021.

TEAM Court is a voluntary program for parents or legal custodians with a pending abuse, neglect or dependency case involving their minor children pending in Erie County Juvenile Court. The program serves parents or legal custodians with a moderate to severe substance use disorder whose children have been placed in an out of home placement.

TEAM Court provides an intensive program which utilizes active and continuous judicial supervision of participant's progress. Program services are individualized to meet the needs of participant and their children. During the program, participants attend a variety of services to assist them on their journey to long term recovery and reunification with their children. Participants attend the following activities during the program: substance use counseling, mental health counseling, parenting program, recovery support activities, drug testing, family counseling, parenting time with their children, participation in children's school and medical appointments and such other activities that may be recommended by the treatment team. The program lasts a minimum of 14 months and is categorized by five distinct phases with specific goals and requirements. Program participants meet with the Judge weekly during Phase 1, bi-weekly during Phase 2 and Phase 3, every three weeks during Phase 4 and monthly during Phase 5. TEAM

court uses a system of immediate and graduated incentives and sanctions to encourage and support compliance with program requirements.

TEAM Court utilizes a non-adversarial team approach in addressing the needs of the participant and their children. The team approach effectuates a coordinated strategy in the use of community resources. The treatment team is comprised of the Juvenile Judge, Drug Court Coordinator, Assistant Erie County Prosecutor, Assistant Erie County Public Defender, Supervisor and Caseworker at Erie County Department of Job and Family Services, treatment representatives from Bayshore Counseling Services, Fireland's Counseling and Recovery Services, The LCADA Way, and the Erie County Health Department, peer supporter from Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center and Erie County C.A.S.A.

In order to successfully complete the program, a participant must have completed treatment or developed a plan for post-graduation treatment services, completed Job and Family Services case plan goals, be actively participating in recovery support activities, successfully completed all phases, be sober as evidenced by negative drug screens, have safe and appropriate housing, have a plan for financial stability, reunification with their children has occurred or permanency has been established and participant has developed a plan for post-graduation needs.

Statistics for 2023

Participants	10
Children served	30
Children reunified	4
Participant graduated	1
Participants unsuccessfully terminated	0
Participants neutrally discharged	1



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