

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



**ERIE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION**

**323 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio**

## **JUDGE ROBERT C. DELAMATRE**

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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 92 employees, 80 of whom are permanent/full-time, 2 part-time and 10 of whom are intermittent. Of that staff, 41 are connected directly to court services with 26 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
2021	3,600	2,261,480	1,658,138	312,270	86,507	1,644,114			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
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

During the calendar year **2021**, there were a total of **1607** cases referred to the Juvenile Division of the Erie County Common Pleas Court for its consideration and disposition.

COMPLAINT TO ESTABLISH PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP	23
COMPLAINT FOR SUPPORT	127
COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY/VISITATION	122
COMPLAINT FOR DEPENDENCY	19
COMPLAINT FOR NEGLECT	55
COMPLAINT FOR ABUSE	11
DELINQUENCY	361
UNRULY	371
JUVENILE TRAFFIC	474
ADULT CONTRIBUTING - CRIMINAL CASES	5
ADULT CONTRIBUTING - TRUANCY ISSUES	8
JUVENILE TOBACCO	2
GRANDPARENT P.O.A.	9
JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	5
JUVENILE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	0
JUVENILE PAROLE VIOLATIONS	1
JUDICIAL BY-PASS	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1607</b>

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 1,110. 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 2021 was 1,217.

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

**TABLE I. TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE CHARGES IN 2021 BY TYPE AND SEX**

TYPE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
ABUSE	4	7	11
AGGRAVATED MENACING	12	1	13
AGGRAVATED RIOT	4	1	5
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	4	0	4
ASSAULT	25	11	36
ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION	0	1	1
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT	0	1	1
ATTEMPTED FELONIOUS ASSAULT	1	0	1
ATTEMPTED GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION	1	0	1
ATTEMPTED IMPROPER HANDLING OF FIREARM IN M/V	1	0	1
ATTEMPTED PANDERING OBSCENITY	1	0	1
ATTEMPTED PUBLIC INDECENCY	3	0	3
ATTEMPTED RAPE	3	0	3
BREAKING AND ENTERING	3	0	3
BURGLARY	1	0	1
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON	9	0	9
CHILD ENDANGERING	0	1	1
COMPLICITY TO ASSAULT	1	0	1
COMPLICITY TO BURGLARY	2	0	2
COMPLICITY TO MURDER	1	0	1
COMPLICITY TO PUBLIC INDECENCY	0	1	1
COMPLICITY TO THEFT	2	1	3
CONSUMING	15	14	29
CONTRIBUTING	5	8	13
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	10	3	13
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	4	0	4
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	3	2	5
CURFEW VIOLATION	40	33	73
CUSTODY/VISITATION	63	59	122
DEPENDENT	10	9	19
DISCHARGE FIREARM	1	0	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	32	16	48
DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN A SCHOOL ZONE	1	2	3
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	27	21	48
DRUG LAW VIOLATION	8	9	17
ESCAPE	2	0	2
FAIL TO COMPLY W/POLICE OFFICER	4	0	4
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION	1	0	1
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	3	0	3
FORGERY	0	1	1
GRANDPARENT POWER OF ATTORNEY	5	4	9
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION	9	0	9

IDENTITY FRAUD	0	1	1
IMPROPER HANDLING OF FIREARM IN M/V	4	0	4
INCORRIGIBLE	19	5	24
INDUCING PANIC	7	1	8
INTIMIDATION	2	1	3
LITTERING	2	0	2
MAKING FALSE ALARMS	3	0	3
MENACING	2	0	2
NEGLECT	33	22	55
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	1	0	1
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS	24	2	26
OPEN CONTAINER	0	2	2
PANDERING SEXUALLY ORIENTED MATERIAL	1	0	1
PATERNITY AND SUPPORT			150
POSSESSION OF CRIMINAL TOOLS	1	0	1
POSSESSION OF DEADLY WEAPON	2	0	2
PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION	0	1	1
PUBLIC INDECENCY	1	0	1
RAPE	18	0	18
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	18	1	19
RESISTING ARREST	13	4	17
ROBBERY	3	0	3
RUNAWAY	61	41	102
SOUND AMPLIFICATION	0	1	1
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE	4	1	5
THEFT	10	3	13
THEFT OF FIREARM	2	0	2
THREAT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1	0	1
TOBACCO BILL VIOLATION	1	1	2
TRAFFIC	300	188	488
TRUANCY	106	100	206
UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT	2	0	2
VANDALISM	16	0	16
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	19	6	25
VIOLATION OF PAROLE	1	0	1
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	8	0	8
VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER	3	0	3
TOTAL	1009	587	1746

**TOTAL NUMBER OF JUVENILE CHARGES FOR 2017 – 2021**

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
2403	1963	1824	1217	1746

**TABLE II. TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS REFERRED IN 2021**

<b>CASE TYPE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
CONTRIBUTING	5	8	13
CUSTODY/VISITATION	63	59	122
FELONY	75	4	79
VIOLATION OF PAROLE	1	0	1
TOBACCO BILL	1	1	2
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	19	6	25
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	24	2	26
UNRULY	223	148	371
MISDEMEANOR	150	81	231
ABUSE	4	7	11
NEGLECT	33	22	55
DEPENDENT	10	9	19
TRAFFIC	301	187	488
PATERNITY AND SUPPORT			150
GRANDPARENT P.O.A.	5	4	9
JUVENILE CIVIL PROTECTION CASES	5	0	5
JUDICIAL BY-PASS		0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>1607</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH AND ADULTS REFERRED FOR 2017 – 2021**

<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
2070	1778	1670	1110	1607

**TABLE III. JUVENILE TRAFFIC CASES BY MONTH FOR 2021**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
JANUARY	33	14	29	33
FEBRUARY	37	25	37	27
MARCH	33	41	17	40
APRIL	17	34	5	46
MAY	63	65	5	45
JUNE	58	40	19	49
JULY	56	66	35	64
AUGUST	36	44	41	63
SEPTEMBER	52	52	33	41
OCTOBER	45	50	18	32
NOVEMBER	45	34	42	17
DECEMBER	41	37	15	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>488</b>

**TABLE IV. JUVENILE TRAFFIC CASES IN 2021 BY MONTH AND SEX**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
JANUARY	18	15	33
FEBRUARY	16	11	27
MARCH	22	18	40
APRIL	24	22	46
MAY	27	18	45
JUNE	35	14	49
JULY	43	21	64
AUGUST	43	20	63
SEPTEMBER	19	22	41
OCTOBER	20	14	34
NOVEMBER	13	4	17
DECEMBER	21	8	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>488</b>

**MOTIONS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR 2021**

<b>SUPPORT/4D MOTIONS/FILED BY CSEA</b>	
4D 60B MOTION	0
4D MISCELLANEOUS MOTION	9
4D MOTION FOR PAYMENT ON ARREARS	0
4D MOTION TO COMPEL	0
4D MOTION FOR COMPROMISE OF ARREARS	0
4D MOTION TO CONFORM	1
4D MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE & RECALCULATE CHILD SUPPORT	0
4D MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING	2
4D MOTION TO CORRECT	0
4D MOTION FOR COURT ORDER OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW	0
4D MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	29
4D MOTION TO DISMISS PARTY	2
4D MOTION TO EMANCIPATE	0
4D MOTION TO TERMINATE CHILD SUPPORT	24
4D MOTION FOR GENETIC TESTING	24
4D MOTION TO IMPOUND SUPPORT	2
4D MOTION TO LIFT STAY OF SENTENCE & SET A COMMENCEMENT DATE	2
4D MOTION FOR LIQUIDATION OF ARREARS	6
4D MOTION TO MODIFY SUPPORT	65
4D MOTION FOR IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE	97
4D MOTION FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT	7
4D MOTION FOR NEW REPORT DATE	67
4D MOTION FOR EARLY RELEASE	1
4D MOTION FOR NUNC PRO TUNC	12

4D MOTION TO REINSTATE CHILD SUPPORT	6
4D MOTION TO STAY	54
4D MOTION FOR ORDER IMPOSING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION	0
4D MOTION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT	38
4D MOTION TO DISMISS PLEADING	10
4D MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	184
4D MOTION TO ADD PARTY	2
4D MOTION TO ADD NEW DEPENDENT & RECALCULATE CHILD SUPPORT	15
4D MOTION TO REDUCE ARREARAGES	2
4D MOTION TO RECALL BENCH WARRANT	15
4D MOTION TO RECOUP OVERPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT	0
4D MOTION TO REDIRECT SUPPORT	30
4D MOTION TO REVOKE BOND/FORFEIT BOND & REQUEST BENCH WARRANT	0
4D MOTION FOR SUPPORT TO BE ORDERED	3
4D MOTION TO COMMENCE SERVING JAIL TIME	0
4D MOTION TO WITHDRAW PLEADING	14
4D MOTION FOR VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL	138
4D OBJECTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER	2
4D PETITION TO REGISTER A FOREIGN ORDER	0
EMERGENCY MOTION FOR CHANGE OF PLACEMENT IN A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM	0
MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT (60B)	0
MOTION TO AMEND CASE PLAN & NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE	147
MOTION TO APPOINT INDEPENDENT ANALYST	0
MOTION REQUESTING APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL	2
MOTION REQUESTING BINDOVER OF YOUTH TO ADULT DIVISION/MOTION TO TRANSFER	3
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	27
MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY	124
MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE/MERGE CASES	0
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING	207
MOTION TO CONVEY PARTY FOR HEARING	3
MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	0
MOTION REQUESTING 2ND DETENTION HEARING	8
MOTION TO DISMISS CASE	1
MOTION TO DISMISS OBJECTIONS FILED	2
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER OF DISPOSITION	0
MOTION REQUESTING AN EARLY RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION	7
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY FEES	21
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER OF EMANCIPATION	0
MOTION TO ADD PARTY	23
MOTION FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION	0
MOTION TO EXCUSE PARTY/PARTIES FROM HEARING	1
MOTION TO EXEMPT INNOCENT OWNER OF MOTOR VEHICLE	0
MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY CUSTODY/PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	71
MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMMENCE SERVING JAIL SENTENCE	0
MOTION REQUESTING FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM	9
MOTION REQUESTING HOME STUDY	1



MOTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL/EXTENSION OF TIME	3
MOTION REQUESTING AN IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE	0
MOTION REQUESTING AN IN-CAMERA INTERVIEW	9
MOTION REQUESTING LEAVE TO PLEAD/FILE	12
MOTION IN LIMINE (RULING THAT EVIDENCE MAY OR MAY NOT BE USED AT TRIAL)	5
MOTION TO CLOSE CASE	0
MISCELLANEOUS MOTION	0
MOTION TO DETERMINE COMPETENCY	3
MOTION TO CONVERT	10
MOTION TO DISMISS PARTY	6
MOTION TO DISQUALIFY	1
MOTION TO MODIFY OR ELIMINATE PRIOR RESTRAINING ORDER	4
MOTION TO MODIFY VISITATION	36
MOTION REQUESTING EX PARTE EMERGENCY ORDER FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY	192
MOTION REQUESTING FURLOUGH	3
MOTION REQUEST FOR HEARING / TRIAL	4
MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO REINSTATE CHILD SUPPORT	0
MOTION TO AMEND OR CORRECT COMPLAINT, MOTION OR JUDGMENT ENTRY	17
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO AWARD PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	16
MOTION TO AMEND CASE PLAN	147
MOTION REQUESTING A CD RECORDING FROM A HEARING	10
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO CHANGE PLACEMENT	13
MOTION TO COMPEL	5
MOTION FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL EVALUATION	6
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER FOR GENETIC TESTING	2
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO IMPOUND SUPPORT	2
MOTION TO INTERVENE	18
MOTION REQUESTING A NOLLE PROSEQUI OF CHARGE	21
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER FOR PERMANENT CUSTODY	5
MOTION REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROCESS SERVER	0
MOTION REQUESTING THAT A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION BE ORDERED	1
MOTION REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT AND PAYMENT OF THE SAME BY THE COURT	4
MOTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF CASE	4
MOTION TO MODIFY SUPPORT	10
MOTION REQUESTING TEMPORARY CUSTODY	10
MOTION REQUESTING AN ORDER TO TERMINATE SUPPORT	1
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL	19
MOTION FILED TO ADD A PARTY	22
MOTION TO VACATE	1
MOTION TO SET A NEW COURT DATE & TO LIFT WARRANT	0
MOTION REQUESTING A NUNC PRO TUNC TO CORRECT PLEADING	3
MOTION FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING PATERNITY	0
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES	8
MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF ASSIGNED COUNSEL FEES	75
MOTION FOR AN ORDER FOR PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT	0
MOTION REQUESTING A PROTECTIVE ORDER	0

MOTION TO QUASH	2
MOTION REQUESTING THE RECALL OF A CAPIAS/BENCH WARRANT	1
MOTION TO RECONSIDER	5
MOTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERPAYMENT	0
MOTION FOR HEARING ON INTENT TO RELOCATE / NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE	3
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	6
MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME	0
MOTION TO STAY	6
MOTION TO STRIKE	1
MOTION TO SUPPRESS	3
MOTION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT	0
MOTION FOR INCOME TAX EXEMPTION	0
MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING VIA TELEPHONE	3
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY ORDERS	13
MOTION TO TERMINATE CUSTODY ORDER THAT GRANTS CUSTODY TO ECDJFS	1
MOTION TO TERMINATE PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	15
MOTION TO WITHDRAW MOTION FOR DISCRETIONARY BINDOVER	0
MOTION TO WITHDRAW	11
MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIDGES PROGRAM	0
PETITION TO REGISTER A FOREIGN ORDER	0
<b>TOTAL MOTIONS FOR 2021</b>	<b>2298</b>

#### MOTIONS FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR 2017 - 2021

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
2763	2475	2967	2195	2298

#### COMMITMENTS TO ODYS BY SEX FROM 2015 – 2021

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Boys</b>	2	1	2	3	1	2	2
<b>Girls</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## FINES, COURT COSTS, FEES AND BOND FORFEITURES FOR 2021

MONTH	FINES	COURT COSTS	FEES	BONDS	COMPUTER	COPY FEES	TOTAL
JANUARY	\$134.64	\$233.86	\$435.00	\$125.00	\$104.00	\$6.00	\$1,038.50
FEBRUARY	\$88.76	\$167.71	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$934.47
MARCH	\$168.80	\$637.37	\$700.00	\$250.00	\$273.00	\$14.05	\$2,043.22
APRIL	\$329.39	\$995.85	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$403.00	\$3.90	\$2,362.14
MAY	\$722.44	\$873.73	\$590.00	\$295.00	\$351.00	\$4.60	\$2,836.77
JUNE	\$1,155.88	\$1,107.40	\$590.00	\$315.00	\$533.00	\$0.00	\$3,701.28
JULY	\$353.80	\$434.29	\$443.75	\$85.00	\$169.00	\$0.00	\$1,485.84
AUGUST	\$828.48	\$909.48	\$586.25	\$540.00	\$364.00	\$3.00	\$3,231.21
SEPTEMBER	\$990.96	\$856.98	\$600.00	\$505.00	\$416.00	\$5.70	\$3,374.64
OCTOBER	\$464.96	\$532.00	\$490.00	\$230.00	\$260.00	\$2.90	\$1,979.86
NOVEMBER	\$273.72	\$370.00	\$570.00	\$170.00	\$174.00	\$2.80	\$1,560.52
DECEMBER	\$398.72	\$702.94	\$770.00	\$195.00	\$208.00	\$4.80	\$2,279.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,910.55</b>	<b>\$7,821.61</b>	<b>\$7,005.00</b>	<b>\$2,710.00</b>	<b>\$3,333.00</b>	<b>\$47.75</b>	<b>\$26,827.91</b>

### 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 124 youth in 2021 of which 45 were terminated successfully (71.43%); 12 unsuccessfully (19.05%) and 6 other administrative reasons (9.52%)**

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 2021, due to COVID-19, no adults had orders that 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.

**2021: Total of new charges: 13**

### **Terminations:**

Successful: 11	Felony: 0	Unruly: 0
Unsuccessful: 0	Misdemeanor: 13	Traffic: 0
Total: 11	Males: 11	Female: 2

\*1 carried over into 2021; 3 carried over into 2022

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. The youth are placed on from the Judge, Magistrates, and Drug Court. 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. BI 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. There was a total of **45** males and **3** females on Electronic Monitoring in **2021**.

**2021 – Electronic Monitoring - Total of new charges: 48**



## **E. 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 2021, orders on 46 youth were tracked for compliance by the Community Control Officer.**

## **F. 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 2021, 735** 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.

## **G. Truancy Department**

During **2021**, the School Attendance counselors received **740** referrals. They completed phone calls, home visits and school visits. They also participated in **179** Absence Intervention Team meetings. They attended **111** 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 2021, 203 Truancy cases were filed; 6 cases were transferred to other counties; 11 cases were referred directly to court; 186 cases were referred to Diversion for informal case processing. Of those referred to Diversion, 28 successfully completed the program and their cases were sealed and expunged; 17 cases were referred to the Court for formal action due to failure to comply with their Diversion Contract; 106 cases are still pending in diversion, 9 of the cases referred for formal court action were dismissed.

In 2021, 50 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. 1 case was resolved in diversion and no further action was taken; 39 cases are still open in Diversion; 6 cases were unsuccessfully terminated from Diversion and formal contributing charges were filed against the parents; 4 cases were terminated unsuccessfully with no formal contributing charges filed.

#### **H. Skill Classes:**

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 and Shoplifting Prevention. 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. Individual sessions are often used to accommodate schedules of parents and youth, or as an option to working with younger offenders. A total of 8 youth participated in the diversion classes in 2021, which were all done individually due to COVID.

#### **I. 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 2021, there were 59 custody mediations, with the following outcomes:

15 - full agreements; 7 - neutral/partial agreements; 15 - no agreements reached  
10 - no show; 4 - referred for home study; 1 - not suitable for mediation  
7 - remain open as of the end of 2021

There were 8 custody home studies completed in 2021 and 3 pending at the end of the year

#### **J. 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 **2021**, we expended **\$ 312,270.34** in Reclaim Ohio and Youth Services grant funds. The following programs were funded with RECLAIM Ohio and Youth Services funds in 2021.

### **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 2021, 12 youth were served on the gender specific caseload (12 females, 0 males); 1 were non-minority and 11 minority**

### **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 2021, 48 youth were served in the electronic monitoring program of which 35 were felonies and 13 misdemeanors.**

### Statistics for 2021

<b>Total of New Charges</b>	48
Males	45
Females	3
<b>Total Number of Terminations</b>	46
Successful	40
Unsuccessful	6

### 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 **2021, 326** Youth were served through the Court's Diversion and Mediation Programs, with 256 cases being opened in **2021** with a total of **70** carried over from **2020**. A total of **242** were terminated as follows: **191** successfully completed; **47** were unsuccessfully terminated; **4** 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 2021, 191 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 **2021, 10** youth were referred for Mediation; **8** successfully completed the program and **2** were still pending at the end of the year.

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 **2021**, no Family Group Conferencing was completed due to COVID.

### **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 St 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 **2021**, **17** youth were referred to the Pro Kids and Families Program; **16** youth successfully completed the program; **4** youth were neutrally discharged from the program; **3** youth was unsuccessfully terminated from the program; **12** youth were still participating in the program at the end of **2021**.

### **High Fidelity Wraparound:**

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

**In 2021**, **75** Children and **32** families were served through the Wraparound process with **20** families reaching their goal of stability/transitioned out of Wraparound and **10** families continuing in the program. Erie County continues to have ongoing state collaborative training along with National Trainer Pat Miles from the state of Oregon. Erie County has adapted the Wraparound process to meet the needs of the family's through Zoom meeting due to the pandemic. All families received team meetings monthly with **28** of the families receiving crisis intervention. **32** Families received school/community mentoring support, decreasing aggressive/violent behaviors in the youth at home, school and community. **47** families received transportation assistance to appointments and school meetings increasing social connectedness. In addition all families have mentors or a peer support.

Wraparound was transferred to Erie County Family and Children First in July of 2021. Therefore, the Erie County Juvenile Court is no longer the fiscal agent and no longer managing the process.

### **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 Margareta 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 2021, 11 youth were served by the TEMP Program; 10 completed TEMP program; 7 were successful; 3 unsuccessful and 0 neutral.**

From the programs start date of March of 17, 2015 through December 31, 2021, **132 youth** received services. Successful Program Releases of **92 youth**; Neutral Releases of **21 youth**; Unsuccessful Releases of **18 youth**; and **1 youth** are continuing into the upcoming year.

### **K. Erie County Detention Center**

The Erie County Juvenile Justice Center contains two distinct, but separate, facilities. Although all under the same roof, the Erie County Juvenile Detention Center and the Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility share support areas of the facility (i.e. dining room, intake, medical office, indoor and outdoor recreation areas) but their respective resident populations never occupy these areas simultaneously. The Detention Center is a temporary holding facility for youth that is open twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. The Center exists for the purpose of safely and securely housing youth who are held pending court action. The detained youth participate in positive and useful programming and are held accountable for their behavior by the use of an active behavior management system.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The State of Ohio, in accordance with standards mandated for juvenile detention facilities, requires that all new juvenile corrections officer staff receive a minimum 24-hour orientation training prior to assuming independent responsibilities for the job within a detention facility. The State of Ohio further requires that all line staff receive an additional thirty-two hours of annual job related training. All non-direct care staff 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 2021**

Total Admissions **	265
Total Immediate Releases	13
Total Direct Sentencing	19
Total Bonded Youth	0
Total Bond Money Collected	\$0.00

\*\* Of the 265 Total admissions - 191 were Erie County youth and 74 were out of county youth

#### **L. 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 2021**

Erie County	2
Ashland County	3
Sandusky County	3
Lorain County	3
Lake County	1
Delaware County	2
Seneca County	1
Summit County	3
Huron County	2
Allen County	2
Guernsey County	1
Total Youth Served	23

**M. 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 270 days and is categorized by five distinct phases with specific goals and requirements for both youth and parents. Program participants and parents meet with the Judge weekly during phase 1, bi-weekly during phase 2 & 3, once every 3 weeks in phase 4 and monthly during phase 5.

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, Assistant Erie County Prosecutor, Assistant Erie County Public Defender and representatives from Fireland's 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, youth must be diagnosed with a moderate to high substance use disorder 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 2019 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.

On January 21, 2022, the Juvenile Success Division concluded operation with the graduation of the program's remaining participant.

### **Statistics for 2021**

Total number of clients	3
Clients unsuccessfully terminated	2
Clients graduated	0
Clients discharged neutrally	0

### **N. 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 supporters from Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center and Erie County C.A.S.A.

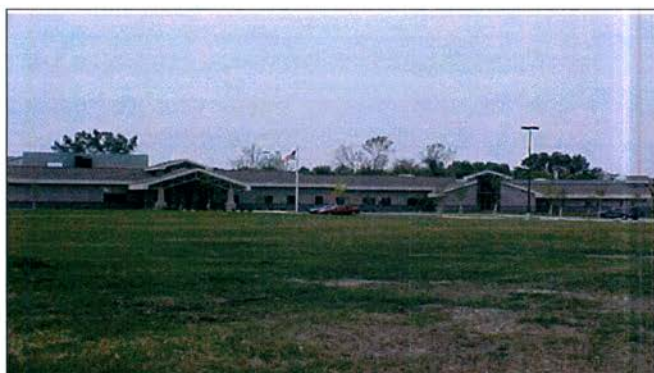
In order to successfully complete the program, a participant must have completed treatment or developed a plan for post-graduation treatment services, completed Job and Family Services case plan goals, be actively participating in recovery support activities, successfully completed all phases, be clean and 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 2021**

<b>Participants</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Children served</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Children reunified</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Participant graduated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Participants unsuccessfully terminated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Participants neutrally discharged</b>	<b>0</b>



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