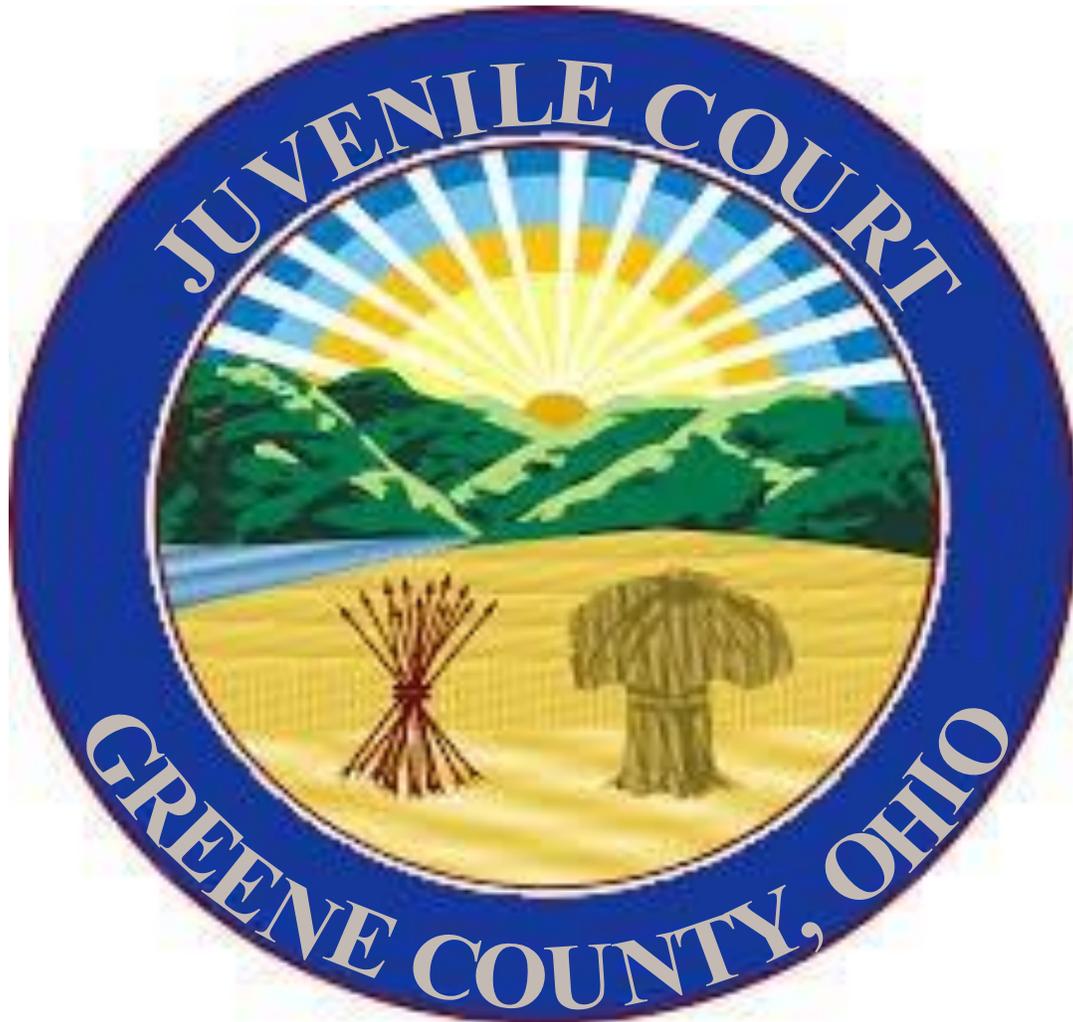


**GREENE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
JUVENILE DIVISION**



**THE HONORABLE  
ADOLFO A. TORNICHIO, JUDGE**

**2017 Annual Report**



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Greene County Commissioners  
35 Greene Street  
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Re: Juvenile Court Report for 2017

Dear Commissioners:

Ohio law directs juvenile courts in our state to provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children, to protect the public interest and safety, to hold offenders accountable for their actions, restore the victims, and rehabilitate the offenders. Since their inception over one hundred years ago, the juvenile courts have been statutorily authorized to serve the community in a dual capacity: 1. to resolve disputes between parties to a case and determine whether citizens have violated the law; 2. to provide direct-care services and programs to children and families whose issues are brought before the court. The following 2017 Annual report of the operations of the Greene County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, issued pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.18, provides an account of these cases, services and programs.

Attached hereto find Exhibit A, which indicates the number and types of cases in which dispositions were entered. Reference is also made to the frequency of use of the Greene County Juvenile Detention facility. These statistics, however, do not reflect the hundreds of hours of services, counseling sessions and intake interviews provided, which often divert youth with emotional and behavioral problems to social agencies outside the court.

## **GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM**

The primary purpose of the Diversion Program is to prevent formal court involvement for youth charged with status offenses and/or misdemeanors. The Diversion Program, in cooperation with the Greene County Prosecutor's Office, screens sexting related complaints presented to the Court. The Diversion Sexting Program is longer in duration and affords more extensive programming than traditional diversion. All truancy filings begin in diversion, as well as unruly complaints if they are determined to be appropriate for the program after an intake screening. The Diversion Program also handles cases involving repeat offenders on a case by case determination. If a youth has previously completed the Diversion Program successfully, but receives another, dissimilar misdemeanor complaint, he/she is given another opportunity to participate in the Diversion Program.

The target population for diversion are children ages 10 through 17 who are at risk of being adjudicated unruly or delinquent. The goal is to address behaviors by providing short-term (2-6 months), intensive court interventions for the children and their families. The Diversion Program focuses on teaching behavioral ownership through self-discipline, individual and family empowerment, as well as creating victim awareness. The Diversion Program is aimed at reducing recidivism by improving the youth's decision making skills, strengthening the family's relationship and enhancing the child's self-esteem.

As a means to encourage children and hold them accountable for their behaviors, the Diversion staff conducts school visits, home visits, and/or office visits. The Diversion staff completes drug screens on youth to ensure and encourage abstinence from drugs. The Diversion staff also facilitate and refer youth to various programs offered at the Court to provide additional support and guidance to the youth. The programs are generally provided after school hours. The groups offered and facilitated by the Diversion Staff include:

- 1) First Time Offenders Group
- 2) Young Offenders Group
- 3) Victim Awareness Group
- 4) Repeat Offenders Group
- 5) Character Chronicles
- 6) Strengthening Families Program
- 7) Stop Shoplifting School
- 8) Parenting the Love and Logic Way

Youth are also referred to programming offered in conjunction with The Community Network ("TCN") and Family Solutions Center.

In accordance with the Pre-Adjudication Procedures under the Ohio Revised Code, Individuals referred to diversion are assured of the following due process rights:

- 1) A child who is referred to a Diversion program may choose to have their case handled formally by the Court;

- 2) At the outset of the diversion hearing, children are expected to admit or deny the complaint(s). If the child admits to the complaint(s), the hearing officer will develop a diversion contract for the child. If the child denies the complaint(s), the case will be transferred for formal court proceedings. The hearing officer has the discretion to refer a case for formal proceeding;
- 3) The child has the right to consult an attorney and/or have an attorney present in the diversion hearing before agreeing to participate in the program;
- 4) If a complaint gets filed formally with the Court, any statements made by the child during participation in the diversion program are inadmissible in any subsequent adjudicatory hearing relative to the complaint which was attempted to be diverted. Statements and/or documents created or utilized in the Diversion Program may be used in the prosecution of a co-defendant who is formally charged.

The benefits of diversion are bountiful: if a child and their parent(s) fulfill the terms of the diversion contract and successfully completes the program, the complaint(s) will be dismissed and the child will not have an official court record; there are no fines assessed - the only cost is a \$40.00 diversion fee; and the program reduces the Court's formal docket, enabling the Court to provide greater services in other pending matters.

In 2017, the Diversion Program processed 426 cases which represents a slight decrease from the 441 cases addressed in 2016. The following statistics represents truancy cases processed for diversion in 2017:

- Number of children placed in alternatives to adjudication under R.C. 2151.27(G): 54
- Number who successfully complete alternatives to adjudication: 21
- Number who failed to complete alternatives to adjudication and were adjudicated unruly: 19

Outside of their general caseload, the Diversion staff provides services to children, their parents/guardians/custodians, as well as the community, by participating in Wrap-Arounds, Children Services meetings, IEP meetings, etc.

### **GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The Greene County Juvenile Court Prevention Program is a voluntary support service offered to Greene County, Ohio. The purpose of the Prevention Program is to successfully intervene in a child's life before a child is charged with an offense and involvement with Greene County Juvenile Court would be required and not voluntary. Children between the ages of 6 to 11 years old, who have had no previous court involvement, may be eligible for the Prevention Program.

The prevention program receives referrals from several sources: parents can make referrals based upon their child's undesirable behavior; school officials can make referrals based upon a student's academic struggles or continued violations of school behavioral policies; law enforcement officials may make referrals based upon frequent responses to a home in order to address the concerns; and Court officials or community service providers may reach out to the Court for assistance.

The prevention program aids in developing a partnership between families and the community, all while supporting children to make positive life choices. Once a referral is received, the Prevention Coordinator reviews the referral to determine acceptance into the program and if it is, will contact the parent/guardian/custodian to schedule an intake appointment. The intake appointment can take place at the child's school, at Greene County Juvenile Court, or on occasion, at a police station. As a result of the intake, the Prevention Coordinator will develop a list of recommendations for the youth and an agreement to participate is signed. Recommendations vary on a case-by-case basis and are dependent upon the child's needs, taking into account the child's environment and any relevant factors.

The Prevention Coordinator provides intermediary services between all parties involved in the process. Case management is a large part of the Prevention Program. Referrals are made by the Prevention Coordinator to the appropriate agencies, including mental health providers, as identified in the Agreement to Participate. Routine school visits are made to check on the youth's attendance, grades, and/or behavioral issues. The Prevention Coordinator further facilitates the Strengthening Families Program to further the objectives of the program. The Prevention Coordinator works directly with families to schedule review hearings, provide advice on how to handle certain situations and acts as a liaison between school officials and counselors. The Prevention Program has been described as "the missing link" for families who are looking for extra support and do not want formal Court involvement.

The Prevention Program is an asset to the Court and community as it provides additional support to youth to develop appropriate decisions making skills and helping direct the youth to become responsible, productive members of society. In addition, families will be strengthening themselves through the use of community support services and educational programs.

In 2017, the Prevention Program processed 34 cases, up from the 33 cases in 2016 and 16 cases in 2015.

The Prevention Coordinator coordinates and monitors the Parental Educational Neglect Mandates delivered by school officials to the parents of students pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.66. The Prevention Coordinator is a liaison between all Greene County schools districts and the Greene County Prosecutor's Office. Once a parent receives a mandate from the school, parents are instructed to call the Prevention Coordinator within two business days. Upon contact, the Prevention Coordinator schedules a mandatory parenting class for the parent(s). Classes are offered and instructed by Juvenile Court staff. Failure to comply with the mandate results in notification to the prosecutor's office and the referring school district. The Greene County

Prosecutor's Office then files a complaint and affidavit for Parental Education Neglect. The Prevention Coordinator attends all Court hearings and follows up on the child's attendance.

In 2017, 41 mandates were delivered to parents and processed through the Prevention Coordinator. This is a decrease from the 57 mandates in 2016. The Court and school districts ensure compliance with House Bill 410.

### **STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM**

Strengthening Families is an evidence-based practice proven to decrease substance abuse, aggression, and conduct in a child's life. This program has effectively evidenced success in increasing youth's resistance towards peer pressure and improving the parent/youth relationship. This program is conducted in all fifty states and thirty-six countries. Strengthening Families is culturally sensitive rather than culturally specific, but has also been adapted for various cultures and translated into numerous languages.

Strengthening Families is for families with children between the ages of 10 and 14. The six-week program focuses on an array of skills for the parents/guardians/custodians and their children. Strengthening Families builds upon existing strengths found within the family and provides caregivers with tools to help their children become responsible young adults. The program enhances and strengthens caregivers' abilities to set appropriate boundaries and goals for their children. Strengthening Families teaches the children to become respectful and more appreciative of their parent/guardian/custodian.

The program includes specific activities designed to:

- Provide parents/caregivers education in nurturing and supporting their children;
- Teach parents/caregivers how to effectively discipline and guide their youth to build character within the family unit;
- Give children a healthy future orientation; and
- Teach children skills to deal with stress and peer pressure.

During the 2017-18 school year, 55 families were referred to the Strengthening Families Program through Prevention, Diversion, Probation, Court proceedings, Children Services, House Bill 601 and self-referrals. Of the 55 families referred, 47 families enrolled and 35 families either successfully or satisfactorily completed the program. The 35 families which completed the program are comprised of 51 parents/guardians/custodians and 48 youth, totaling 99 individuals that were serviced in Greene County. This represents a decrease from the 129 individuals serviced in 2016.

### **ANGER MANAGEMENT**

The anger management course is a six session education class facilitated at the Greene County Juvenile Court by Family Solutions Center. The program is designed to educate participants about anger, including defining anger, aggression, and hostility. Participants learn to identify negative consequences of aggression and hostility and how

to implement healthy ways to deal with anger and learn the benefits of doing so. Topics addressed are:

- Defining anger, hostility, and aggression;
- Monitoring anger;
- Identifying high risks, triggers, and cues to anger;
- Defining timeouts, creating anger control plan;
- Conflict resolution/Defining assertive, passive and aggressive behavior/Role play being assertive (Conflict Resolution Model);
- CBT skills. Thoughts influence feelings, feelings influence behavior. Power over thoughts (ABCD model); and
- Creating a wellness toolbox, reducing stress, and setting goals.

In 2017, 95 (52 males and 43 females) children were served by this program.

### **DRUG INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

The Greene County Juvenile Court Drug Intervention Program is a four week program that meets one evening a week at Greene County Juvenile Court. During the sessions, high risk youth are educated about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The program addresses several topics: defining psychoactive drugs and how psychoactive drugs interrupt normal brain function, with an emphasis on marijuana and alcohol; how alcohol and drug use is related to social problems amongst teenagers and how alcohol and drug related disorders develop; and it looks at high risks to use alcohol and drugs, specifically peer pressure and ways to cope with high risks.

In 2017, 47 children completed this program. This program is overseen by Juvenile Court Staff; groups are facilitated by the Alcohol and Drug specialists of Family Solutions Center. The group meets on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

In response to regular contact from community members interested in assisting the Court in carrying out its mission, the court created a structured volunteer program. Adult volunteers complete an application/interview process, undergo a background check and participate in a training program. Volunteers work in the area of their choice, along with Court staff. Services range from performing clerical duties to one-on-one mentoring with a child. Thousands of volunteer hours enhance the services provided by the Court without any expenditure of taxpayer dollars. The Volunteer Program is coordinated by the Diversion Director.

74 community members volunteered in 2017. The breakdown is as follows: Detention – 17; Student Interns - 4; One-on-One mentors – 47; Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center - 5; and Clerical – 1.

## **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY**

In Ohio, a juvenile delinquent is defined as "... any child, except a juvenile traffic offender, who violates any law of this state, the United States, or any ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision of the state, which would be a crime if committed by an adult." This definition also includes any child who violates any lawful order of the Juvenile Court and any child who is a chronic truant.

In 2017, the court entered disposition on 623 delinquency cases, an increase from 583 cases in 2016. The Court has spent many hours in 2017 identifying new programming for the youth involved with the Court to ensure best practices are implemented.

## **UNRULY CHILD**

Unruly offenses are status offenses, which includes behavior such as school truancy, being a juvenile runaway and incorrigibility. Such acts would not be considered crimes if committed by adults, but are undesirable behaviors which if not addressed appropriately, could lead to further involvement with the Court.

In 2017, the court entered dispositions in 56 unruly cases, an increase from 46 cases in 2016. In 2017, Judge Tornichio requested Court staff to investigate and implement new practices to address unruly behaviors. The new approaches, which have been recognized by the Ohio Department of Youth Services, have led to a significant decrease in the number of youth incarcerated in the detention facility.

## **TRAFFIC**

The court also has jurisdiction in all juvenile traffic cases in Greene County.

In 2017, the court entered disposition on 708 traffic cases, an increase from 619 cases in 2016. The policy of requiring all juveniles and their parents to appear in court for traffic violations was continued in 2017. As part of disposition, a Juvenile Traffic Offenders may be referred to CARTEENS or ordered to take a remedial driving course.

The CARTEENS program is a mandatory traffic safety education program for first time juvenile traffic offenders. The C-A-R in CARTEENS stands for "Cautious and Responsible", and is the main objective and focus of the program's presentations. The program format utilizes lectures, group discussions, and videos to help assist violators in becoming safer, more responsible drivers.

First time offenders make up more than 85% of teen traffic offenses. More significantly, however, is the fact that the number of traffic accidents involving juvenile drivers is on the rise as well. The CARTEENS program is an effort to directly address both these critical issues.

The program focus is on helping youth make more responsible choices. It is designed to help increase awareness of driving decisions and the impact these decisions have on others. The statement is clearly made that "the decisions you make will affect those you know and those you do not know."

The major agency participants in the CARTEENS program are the Ohio State Extension, Ohio Highway Patrol and the Greene County Juvenile Court. The program helps to maintain on-going networking between these agencies. The total number of youth served in CARTEENS for 2017 was 187.

### **DEPENDENT, NEGLECTED, ABUSED CHILDREN AND CUSTODY DISPUTES**

In general, a dependent child lacks proper care or support through no fault of the parents or custodians. A neglected child lacks parental care because of the faults, habits and indifferences of the parents or custodians. An abused child includes any child that exhibits evidence of any serious injury inflicted other than by accidental means.

In such cases the primary responsibility of the court, after adjudication, is not to punish parents or custodians, but to make orders which are in the best interest of the child. On occasion, simultaneous criminal case may be prosecuted in the General Division of the Greene County Court of Common Pleas. Such cases are most complex and require the close cooperation of the court, Greene County Children Services, law enforcement, and other county agencies.

In 2017, the court entered disposition in 1,990 dependency, neglect and custody cases, an increase from 1,956 cases in 2016. The Court processed 434 custody and visitation proceedings.

### **GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

The Greene County Juvenile Detention Center provides short term care in a secure facility for juveniles who have been accused or adjudicated delinquent. Juveniles may be placed in detention in order to protect the youth, to protect persons or property of others, or to ensure the juvenile's appearance in court.

The mission of the Juvenile Detention Center is to provide for the care, welfare, safety, and security of the children in the Court's physical custody. This is accomplished through a comprehensive treatment program which consists of formal education provided through the Xenia City Schools. The education program runs year round and is designed around a digital platform which allows children to work at their grade level and at their own pace. The formal education component is supplemented by daily physical education classes taught by a certified teacher as well as classes that are relevant for teens such as art, creative writing, social living skills, domestic violence prevention and law related education.

Attached hereto find Exhibit B which indicates the number of youth placed in detention and the reasons for said placement.

### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

The Detention Center also operates a 90-day treatment program for youth who are at high risk of placement in more secure facilities. The program is called New Beginnings.

New Beginnings participants have group counseling sessions for six hours per week and individual therapy sessions for an additional 2-3 hours per week with a licensed mental health counselor versed in the area of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). The therapist is provided through a collaboration with The Family Solutions Center. The program is based on a closed group model that allows up to 8 individuals to participate in the group at one time. Detention staff are assigned to provide support for the youth and to report to the therapist any concerns that may arise during the course of the program. The Family Solutions Center also provides crisis intervention, mental health assessments and ongoing counseling for children in need of such services.

### **DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES**

The Department of Youth Services maintains three juvenile institutions for males, the purpose of which is to provide a secure, humane and healthy environment for youth who have been adjudicated delinquent by reason of committing a felony offense. The department moved its female population to Montgomery County in 2014; They are housed in the old Mon-Day building in Dayton. The Department is directed to maintain safe and secure facilities by providing primary care such as food, clothing, shelter and medical care. The Department also maintains a controlled environment to ensure public safety.

In addition, the Department of Youth Services provides treatment services to youth in aftercare through seven regional offices. The Department of Youth Services has aided in the funding of programming offered at the Juvenile Court.

In 2017, the Greene County Juvenile Court committed a total of 2 youth to the Department of Youth Services, a decrease from the 6 commitments in 2016. No youth were bound over to the Greene County Court of Common Pleas, General Division in 2017.

### **MIAMI VALLEY JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER**

The Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center (MVJRC) became operational in the fall of 2000. The facility is a 24 bed multi-county Community Correctional Facility funded and is licensed by the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). MVJRC provides treatment in secure custody for felony offenders referred from a ten county consortium, which includes the following counties: Adams, Brown, Champaign, Clark, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Logan, Madison and Union. (See Exhibit C). Referrals from other Ohio counties are also accepted. MVJRC is one of three juvenile community correctional facilities that accepts females. In the interest of public safety, the purpose of MVJRC is to divert youth from placement in ODYS institutions to a more intensive treatment program.

The MVJRC program is designed to meet the behavioral, educational, and emotional and health needs of youth placed in the facility. MVJRC provides a cognitive-behavioral program that includes cognitive behavioral therapy, problem-solving, rational-emotive therapy and social skills development through modeling, practice and reinforcement. Youth are trained to re-define themselves in more socially responsible and personally fulfilling ways. The program targets specific crime-producing factors by

challenging cognitive distortions, pro-criminal attitudes/values, negative peer associations, substance abuse, and anger. The integrity of the program is supported by various quality assurance processes and a staff educated and trained in the implementation of a structured, social learning program.

In 2017, the Greene County Juvenile Court placed 7 youth with the MVJRC, of which 6 were male and 1 was female. The following charts summarize admissions for 2017:

**Gender**

| <b>Admissions by Gender</b> |             |               |              |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>2017</b>                 |             |               |              |
| <b>Facility</b>             | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>MVJRC</b>                | 31          | 17            | 48           |

**Admissions by County**

**Governing Counties**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Adams                                   | 2  |
| Brown                                   | 0  |
| Champaign                               | 3  |
| Clark                                   | 6  |
| Fayette                                 | 1  |
| Greene                                  | 7  |
| Highland                                | 2  |
| Madison                                 | 0  |
| Logan                                   | 3  |
| Union                                   | 4  |
| Total Admissions for Governing Counties | 28 |

**Other Counties**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Auglaize | 2 |
| Clinton  | 3 |
| Cuyahoga | 4 |
| Defiance | 1 |
| Hancock  | 1 |
| Hamilton | 5 |
| Pike     | 1 |
| Putnam   | 1 |

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Shelby                               | 1  |
| Van Wert                             | 1  |
| Total Admissions from Other Counties | 20 |

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Total Admissions</b> | <b>48</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------|

See MVJRC.org for more information about the program.

### **PROBATION**

The Greene County Juvenile Court Probation department consists of the Chief Probation Officer and six (6) Probation Officers.

In 2017, probation officers attended training in Combatting Human Trafficking, CPR, First Aid, Sex Offender Management, Opioid Crisis, Culture and Diversity, Defensive Driving, Maintaining Neutrality and Impartiality as Court Personnel, Making Lives Shine- Working with Children with Developmental Disabilities, Protect Your Neck, Safety in the Field, Shades of Grey- Ethics and Boundaries in the Field, LGGQTI Training of Trainers Part I, and Ohio Youth Assessment re-certifications. The probation department further attended the annual Inter-court Conference, which focuses on current issues and introduces staff to new programming offered throughout the State of Ohio.

The Probation staff call upon their professional skills, training, experience, and community resources to effect change with clients and families. The staff incorporates behavioral contracts, therapeutic interventions and accountability measures such as electronic monitoring, drug testing and DNA testing.

In 2017, 211 youth were served through the Probation Department, of which 177 were adjudicated delinquent; 24 unruly; and 10 were juvenile traffic offenders. The demographics of the youth served were:

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Male: 145             | African American: 22   |
| Female: 65            | Appalachian: 3         |
| Unknown/Not listed: 1 | Caucasian: 141         |
|                       | Asian: 1               |
|                       | Unknown/Not listed: 44 |

In 2017 there were 302 probation violations. This number comes from all youth on probation for delinquencies, unruly and traffic offenses. This is a decrease from 355 violations in 2016.

### **RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS**

2017 was the last full year of operation for the Boys' and Girls' Residential Treatment Centers. The Boys' home began to wind-down operations in December of 2017 and closed in January 2018. The Girls' home continued operation into April 2018.

During operation, the Centers provided local placement options for troubled children who could not be maintained in their home environments. The ability to place these children locally provided benefits to all concerned:

1. Parents and other family members participated weekly with the youth and Residential Treatment Center Staff pursuant to a reunification plan;
2. Costs, services and admissions were controlled locally. Service providers, who often had an established history with youth, such as Family Solutions Center, Greene County YMCA, Integrated Youth Services, Churches, schools and job placements were able to continue programming for the youth; and
3. The probation counselor is able to have more frequent contact with the youth.

The Residential Treatment Centers provided therapeutic programming dedicated to the spiritual, emotional and physical growth of the residents. The program utilized a holistic approach to meet the needs of the residents and their families.

In 2017, 14 girls and 25 boys received services at the centers. All children were all enrolled in academic programming and attendance and participation in school was a daily priority. All youth maintained satisfactory attendance and received at least 8 hours of weekly tutoring provided by Xenia Community Schools. All residents improved their grades while at the centers. Sixteen hours of enrichment/recreation activities were provided to residents each week. The residents participated in various service projects for non-profit organizations. The projects included the Greene County Fair, Taste of Greene County, Hamvention, providing services at Greenwood Manor and 4 Paws for Ability, serving meals at United AME Church, volunteering at the Xenia Rotary Pancake Day, Taste of Greene County and Micheal's House.

All residents participated in an array of programming, including but not limited to: Drug/Alcohol counseling (group and individual); Drug Intervention and Tobacco education; Anger Management; Character Chronicles; Strengthening Families; Social Responsibility; STD Prevention; Self-Esteem; Thinking Errors; Budgeting and Financial Responsibility; Youth Recovery Program; Independent Living Classes; Relationship Building Skills; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Education Importance; NA/AA meetings; Group and Individual Hope Program; and individual and group mental health counseling. These programs are provided by the Greene County Juvenile Court, Family Solutions Center, Greene County Combined Health District, Greene County Children Services, Girl Scouts of America, Boy Scouts of America, Ohio PREP, Xenia Community Church, local universities, and the Treatment Center Staff. Outpatient counseling was provided to residents by Family Solutions, Family Violence Prevention Center, Mental Health Services (Springfield), Kettering Behavioral Medical Center, Greene Memorial Hospital, Dr. Layh and Associates, and private therapists. During 2017, the male residents received:

- 450 individual hours of counseling;
- 286 hours of family counseling;
- 432 hours of group counseling; and

- 210 hours of private therapy.

The females received:

- 401 individual hours of counseling;
- 322 hours of family counseling;
- 316 hours of group counseling; and
- 186 hours of private therapy.

Attached hereto find Exhibit C setting forth accomplishments and activities of center residents and staff. In 2018, the staff will transition to the new Greene County Juvenile Court Intervention Center. Staff continue to research programming to enhance the lives and services available for children and families of Greene County.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The community service program is designed to serve youth who have been ordered by the Court to perform community service hours. Some youth who perform community service are also afforded the ability to work off their court costs and fines.

The Community Service Program scheduling is designed to accommodate youth during the day and evening hours. The scheduling make community service hours available to youth who are suspended, expelled or even home schooled. The day shift helps alleviate the temptation of engaging in further delinquent acts which may be provoked if the youth remained at home alone. The youth involved with the program can engage in community actives, as well as work on age and grade appropriate assignments through a partnerships with Readworks.org and the local library.

In 2017 the program saw significant growth and re-structuring. In total there were 130 youth offenders who worked through the program which was a significant increase from 2016. Within this group of youth: thirty were felony offenders (receiving a 60 hour minimum); eighty were charged with misdemeanors and; twenty were unruly. In total, the youth in the program worked 2869.17 hours, which allowed them to pay off a collective amount of \$14,215.02 in costs and fines.

2017 was a year of progress for the Community Service Program. The program has evolved into an asset which helps combat youth incarcerations by providing yet another tool the Court can use for the youth, while providing the youth with a sense of accomplishment.

Community service has expanded its reach to partner with a large number of community programs to remain as beneficial as possible. Starting in June of 2017, Community Service offered life skills classes in conjunction with community service hours to youth participating in the New Beginnings Program. The kids and parents are introduced to community service at the start of New Beginnings. A partnership was created with Ohio Means Jobs to help youth gain employment. Once every few months, representatives from Ohio Means Jobs come to the Court and walk a group of kids through their program application to help set them up with services for employment and

job training. Guest speakers routinely provide insight on careers and military employment.

Through community partnerships with businesses like One Bistro and 4 Paws for Ability, youth are able to customize their community service hours in a way which interests them. In special cases, youth ordered to complete community service may be permitted to work their hours outside of the Court with minimal intervention of the Community Service Coordinator. In such cases, a contract must be signed and a completion date will be established. The youth are provided with a few locations to contact and set up an interview with the approved agency/business. If the youth is selected as a result of his/her interview, he/she can work the designated hours through the agency/business and provide an executed log of hours upon completion. This work may lead to resume building and potential employment.

The youth in community service assist all over our county through various work sites. Two of the main projects each year include Hamvention and the Greene County Fair. In 2017, the youth worked at the Family Violence Prevention Center to set up for their Denim and Diamonds fundraiser and served our community at the Rotary Club's annual pancake breakfast. Service hours were provided to Michael's House to prepare for their great Lip Sync Battle of 2017. 43 hours were donated to Habitat for Humanity in the summer of 2017. Routinely, the program provides landscape work at the Juvenile Court and handle the recycling. Every Tuesday, youth in the program volunteer at 4 Paws for Ability, an amazing facility that trains service dogs for families all over the world. We also help out with various projects at other buildings in our county like the Health Department, Archives and Probate Court.

### **VICTIM AWARENESS PROGRAM**

The Victim Awareness program is for those juveniles who are ordered to participate in the Restitution/Community service program. The program format utilizes writing assignments, preview of videos, as well as small group discussions to process victimization.

The program focus is on helping youth to develop victim awareness and victim empathy, along with personal insight and growth.

### **DRUG TESTING STATISTICS FOR 2017**

In 2017, the court staff drug tested a total of 1175 urine samples using a 5-Panel field test. This is an increase from 1050 samples tested in 2016. The court staff tests for the following drugs: marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, opiates, and benzodiazepine. The probation department has identified a more cost effective drug screen for utilization in 2018, which actually tests a larger panel of substances. With heightened concerns for youth and the adults involved in their lives utilizing illicit substances, being able to quickly test whether a person is, or was recently under the influence of illicit substances, helps Court personnel render decision-making in the best interest of the youth involved with the Court.

## **CASA**

Greene County Juvenile Court established the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program in 1996. The program recruits, trains and supervises adult volunteers who serve as Guardians Ad Litem for children in abuse, neglect and dependency cases in Juvenile Court.

The CASA volunteer acts as “A Powerful Voice for a Child in Court” by performing whatever functions are necessary to protect the best interest of the child including, but not limited to, investigation, monitoring Court proceedings, monitoring services provided to the family, and making recommendations to the Court.

Prior to the implementation of this program, the Courts relied solely on Court Appointed Attorneys, who were paid an hourly rate, to serve as Guardians Ad Litem.

In 2017, forty-one CASA/GAL volunteers advocated for 246 abused, neglected and dependent children. The appointments of CASA/GAL’s saved the court over \$204,000.00, in fees that would have been paid to an attorney. Since the program’s inception, CASA Volunteers have served over 2,850 children and saved the court over \$3,487,806.00.

The program is always in need of more trained, qualified community volunteers to advocate for the children of this community.

## **CONCLUSION**

2017 was a year of reflection and great successes for the Juvenile Court and the youth and families in Greene County, Ohio. As we move into 2018, the Court is adding more evidence-based programming to its curriculum and laying a foundation to aid in ensuring the basic and special needs of the youth who come into contact with the Court are met, whether it be inside the Court or making referrals to community partners who may be able to assist the youth and their families in time of need.

Sincerely,

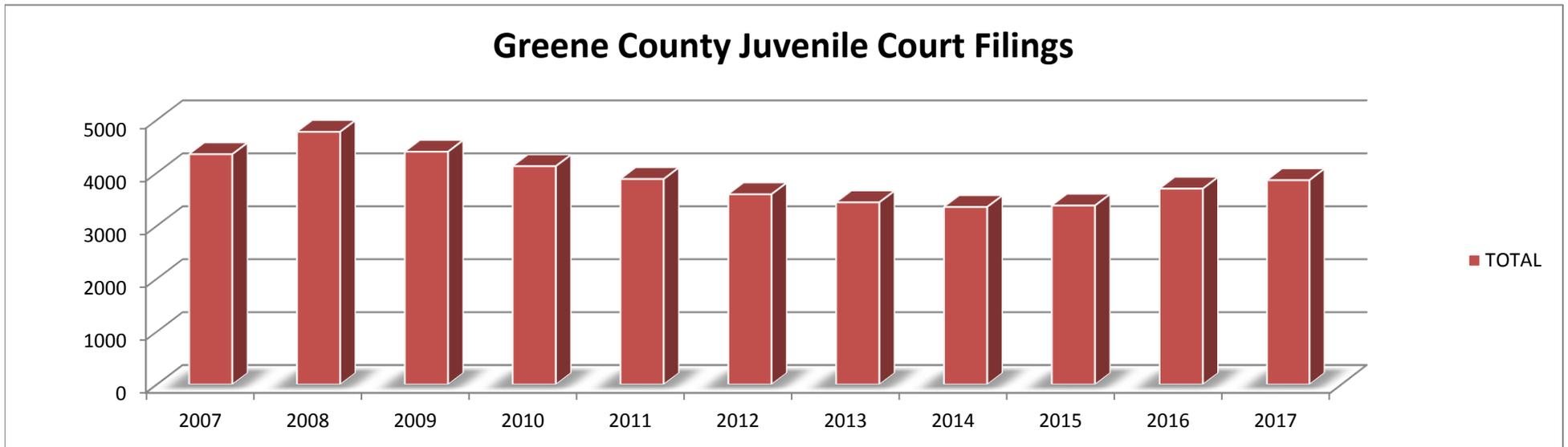


Adolfo A. Tornichio, Judge

# EXHIBIT A

## Greene County Juvenile Court Filings

|                               | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>DIVERSION</b>              | 668  | 609  | 557  | 551  | 565  | 481  | 466  | 394  | 461  | 499  | 485  |
| <b>DELINQUENCY</b>            | 900  | 980  | 830  | 684  | 657  | 705  | 592  | 557  | 574  | 583  | 623  |
| <b>NEGLECT/DEPENCY/ ABUSE</b> | 131  | 177  | 155  | 203  | 183  | 189  | 177  | 213  | 305  | 336  | 298  |
| <b>SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS</b>    | 1903 | 2026 | 1949 | 1956 | 1725 | 1528 | 1585 | 1583 | 1432 | 1620 | 1692 |
| <b>UNRULY</b>                 | 83   | 66   | 72   | 36   | 54   | 57   | 55   | 39   | 43   | 46   | 56   |
| <b>TRAFFIC</b>                | 668  | 917  | 837  | 696  | 700  | 636  | 569  | 570  | 568  | 619  | 708  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | 4353 | 4775 | 4400 | 4126 | 3884 | 3596 | 3444 | 3356 | 3383 | 3703 | 3862 |



GREENE COUNTY  
 Juvenile Detention Statistics  
 01/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017

Overall:

|                           |           |      |   |     |   |       |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|---|-----|---|-------|-----------|
| Average Daily Population: | Male:     | 6217 | / | 365 | = | 17.03 | Detainees |
|                           | Female:   | 1572 | / | 365 | = | 4.31  | Detainees |
|                           | Combined: | 7789 | / | 365 | = | 21.34 | Detainees |
| Average Length of Stay:   | Male:     | 6217 | / | 376 | = | 16.53 | Days      |
|                           | Female:   | 1572 | / | 164 | = | 9.59  | Days      |
|                           | Combined: | 7789 | / | 540 | = | 14.42 | Days      |
| Average Age:              | Male:     | 5860 | / | 376 | = | 15.59 | Years     |
|                           | Female:   | 2560 | / | 164 | = | 15.61 | Years     |
|                           | Combined: | 8420 | / | 540 | = | 15.59 | Years     |

Felonies:

|                           |           |      |   |     |   |       |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|---|-----|---|-------|-----------|
| Average Daily Population: | Male:     | 1386 | / | 365 | = | 3.80  | Detainees |
|                           | Female:   | 222  | / | 365 | = | .61   | Detainees |
|                           | Combined: | 1608 | / | 365 | = | 4.41  | Detainees |
| Average Length of Stay:   | Male:     | 1386 | / | 33  | = | 42.00 | Days      |
|                           | Female:   | 222  | / | 9   | = | 24.67 | Days      |
|                           | Combined: | 1608 | / | 42  | = | 38.29 | Days      |
| Average Age:              | Male:     | 528  | / | 33  | = | 16.00 | Years     |
|                           | Female:   | 137  | / | 9   | = | 15.22 | Years     |
|                           | Combined: | 665  | / | 42  | = | 15.83 | Years     |

|                      |      |        |       |
|----------------------|------|--------|-------|
| Number of Detainees: | Male | Female | Total |
|                      | 211  | 98     | 309   |

|           |      |        |       |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|
| Race:     | Male | Female | Total |
| BLACK     | 39   | 13     | 52    |
| CAUCASIAN | 152  | 66     | 218   |
| HISPANIC  | 6    | 2      | 8     |
| ORIENTAL  |      | 1      | 1     |
| BI-RACIAL | 14   | 16     | 30    |
| Totals:   | 211  | 98     | 309   |

|         |      |        |       |
|---------|------|--------|-------|
| Age:    | Male | Female | Total |
| 0       | 1    | 0      | 1     |
| 9       | 1    | 0      | 1     |
| 10      | 1    | 0      | 1     |
| 11      | 0    | 3      | 3     |
| 12      | 4    | 2      | 6     |
| 13      | 10   | 8      | 18    |
| 14      | 39   | 8      | 47    |
| 15      | 44   | 17     | 61    |
| 16      | 39   | 28     | 67    |
| 17      | 60   | 27     | 87    |
| 18      | 9    | 3      | 12    |
| 19      | 3    | 2      | 5     |
| Totals: | 211  | 98     | 309   |

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| Recidivism: | Male | Female | Total | Times<br>Returned |
|-------------|------|--------|-------|-------------------|
|             | 44   | 14     | 58    | 1 ( 58 )          |
|             | 25   | 10     | 35    | 2 ( 70 )          |
|             | 7    | 5      | 12    | 3 ( 36 )          |
|             | 6    | 1      | 7     | 4 ( 28 )          |
|             | 4    | 1      | 5     | 5 ( 25 )          |
|             | 1    |        | 1     | 6 ( 6 )           |
|             |      | 1      | 1     | 8 ( 8 )           |
|             |      |        |       | ( 231 ) Total     |

| Race (All Detentions) | Male | Female | Total |
|-----------------------|------|--------|-------|
| BLACK                 | 64   | 24     | 88    |
| CAUCASIAN             | 278  | 108    | 386   |
| HISPANIC              | 12   | 2      | 14    |
| ORIENTAL              |      | 2      | 2     |
| BI-RACIAL             | 22   | 28     | 50    |
| Totals:               | 376  | 164    | 540   |

Number of Youths Detained Over 90 Days: 24

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| Complaint Type: | Male | Female | Total |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|
| FELONY          | 33   | 9      | 42    |
| MISDEMEANOR     | 90   | 55     | 145   |
| Totals:         | 123  | 64     | 187   |

| Complaint:                              | Male | Female | Total |
|---|------|--------|-------|
| DUI                                     | 1    |        | 1     |
| ATTEMPTED MURDER                        | 1    |        | 1     |
| ASSAULT                                 | 18   | 10     | 28    |
| ASSAULT OF POLICE OFFICER               | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE                       | 1    | 7      | 8     |
| AGG MENACING                            | 4    |        | 4     |
| MENACING                                | 2    | 1      | 3     |
| FELONIOUS ASSAULT                       | 2    | 1      | 3     |
| COMP.FEL.ASSAULT                        | 2    |        | 2     |
| RAPE                                    | 2    |        | 2     |
| GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION                 | 1    |        | 1     |
| CURFEW VIOLATION                        | 1    |        | 1     |
| DELINQUENT - VCO                        | 2    | 2      | 4     |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE/ENDANGER                | 5    | 2      | 7     |
| CRIMINAL MISCHIEF                       | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| DELQ/PROBATION VIOLATION                | 211  | 82     | 293   |
| DPV-POSITIVE DRUG SCREEN                | 1    |        | 1     |
| AGG ROBBERY                             | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| ROBBERY                                 | 2    |        | 2     |
| BURGLARY                                | 5    |        | 5     |
| BREAKING & ENTERING                     | 3    |        | 3     |
| CRIMINAL TRESPASS                       | 3    |        | 3     |
| THEFT                                   | 6    | 2      | 8     |
| FELONY THEFT                            | 1    |        | 1     |
| GRAND THEFT                             | 1    |        | 1     |
| COMPLICITY TO THEFT                     |      | 1      | 1     |
| RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY               | 2    |        | 2     |
| REC. STOLEN PROP - FELONY               | 1    |        | 1     |
| IDENTITY THEFT                          | 1    |        | 1     |
| UNAUTHORIZED USE/VEHICLE                | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS                  | 1    |        | 1     |
| INDUCING PANIC/FELONY                   |      | 1      | 1     |
| FAILURE TO APPEAR                       | 13   | 5      | 18    |
| CHILD ENDANGERING                       |      | 2      | 2     |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT                      | 5    | 4      | 9     |
| INDUCING PANIC                          | 1    |        | 1     |
| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE                       | 31   | 15     | 46    |
| INTERSTATE COMPLACT FILE                |      | 3      | 3     |
| OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUS.               | 1    | 2      | 3     |
| OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE                     | 3    | 1      | 4     |
| RESISTING ARREST                        | 3    | 4      | 7     |
| FALSIFICATION                           | 3    | 1      | 4     |
| DISCHARGE OF FIREARM                    | 1    |        | 1     |
| CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON               | 1    |        | 1     |
| CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON F                | 1    |        | 1     |
| POSS. DRUG PARAPHENALIA                 | 1    |        | 1     |
| ILLEGAL USE OF POSS. OF MARIJ DRUG PARA | 1    |        | 1     |
| POSS. OF MARIHUANA DRUG PARAPHERNALIA   | 1    |        | 1     |
| POSS. DRUG PARAPHERNALIA                | 1    |        | 1     |
| TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS                    | 1    |        | 1     |
| DRUG ABUSE                              | 1    |        | 1     |
| THEFT OF DRUGS                          | 1    |        | 1     |
| UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION                    | 1    | 2      | 3     |
| POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS                 | 2    | 1      | 3     |
| PANDERING OBSCENITY                     |      | 1      | 1     |
| DISSEMINATE HARMFUL MATTER              |      | 2      | 2     |

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| Complaint:            | Male | Female | Total |
|-----------------------|------|--------|-------|
| PAROLE REVOCATION     | 5    |        | 5     |
| RUNAWAY               | 6    |        | 6     |
| THEFT OF A FIREARM    | 1    |        | 1     |
| UNRULY CHILD          | 5    | 8      | 13    |
| VIOLATION COURT ORDER | 2    |        | 2     |
| Total Complaints:     | 376  | 164    | 540   |

**2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**Greene County Boy's Residential Treatment Center**

- \*Received school supplies and equipment from Xenia Board of Education
- \*Additional tutoring and summer program by Mr. Gray, Mr. Gamble, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Bongers (Xenia Community School Teachers)
- \*Staff trained in Trauma Informed Care
- \*Staff trained in Crisis Prevention
- \*Staff attended Intercourt Conference
- \*Volunteered at United AME Church (Community dinner)
- \*Big Brothers – Cedarville College
- \*Attended Staff members graduation from Wright State
- \*FSC Independent Living Program
- \*Juvenile Court Anger Management/Drug Education Group/Character Chronicles/Strengthening Families/Mentoring Program
- \*Hiking at Sugarcreek Reserves, Glen Helen, and Charlotte Falls
- \*Voices through the Domestic Violence Center
- \*Parents Attending – Report Card Fair and Parent teacher conference
- \*Xenia Library Youth Activities
- \*YMCA fitness center—Aerobic classes, swimming, kickboxing classes, yoga, exercise/weight equipment
- \*Residents involved in extra-curricular programs at school
- \*STD/Pregnancy Prevention Group (OHIO PREP)
- \*Tours of local universities
- \*Mental Health Services through Dr. Kidd (Roush and Associates), Kettering Behavioral Health), and Family Solutions Center
- \*Weekly mental health group at the center through Family Solutions Center
- \*Attended a male responsibility building group
- \*Residents participated in choir, track and field, and wrestling
- \*Attended groups on bullying, coping with anxiety and stress, and cognitive behavioral techniques through Family Solutions Center
- \*Participated in the Youth Recovery Program, Dual Diagnosis Group, Intensive Outpatient Program, Standard Outpatient Program, and Aftercare through Family Solutions Center
- \*Volunteer Xenia Rotary Pancake Day
- \*Guitar Lessons
- \*Visited the African American Museum at Wilberforce University
- \*Attended driver's education classes
- \*Utilized Family and Children First for cluster meetings
- \*All staff trained in Crisis Prevention by Crisis Prevention Institute

## **Greene County Girl's Residential Treatment Center**

- \*Additional tutoring – summer program by Mr. Gray, Mr. Moore, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Bongers
- \*Staff trained in Trauma Informed Care
- \*Staff trained in Crisis Prevention Institute
- \*Staff trained in Loss Team Training
- \*Staff attended Intercourt Conference
- \*Staff attended CBI training
- \*Staff attended Mental Health First Aid Training
- \*Student of the Month Program
- \*Resident of the Month Program
- \*Big Sisters – Cedarville College
- \*Developed an Independent Living Program
- \*Juvenile Court Anger Management/Drug Education Group/Character Chronicles/Strengthening Families/Mentoring Program
- \*Hiking at Sugarcreek Reserves, Glen Helen, and John Bryant
- \*Visited Air Force Museum
- \*Attended Staff members Bachelor's Graduation at Wright State University
- \*Parents Attending – Report Card Fair and Parent teacher conference
- \*Utilized Xenia Library for Youth Activities and academics
- \*YMCA zumba, swimming, kickboxing classes, yoga, exercise/weight equipment
- \*Attending Zumbathons to help raise money for various community causes
- \*Green County Health Department Groups- Nutrition, Traffic Safety, STD prevention, Substance Abuse and Sexual Health
- \*STD/Pregnancy Prevention Group (OHIO PREP)
- \*Attending community church services and participating in youth groups/dance troops/
- \*Mental Health Services through Family Solutions Center
- \*Weekly mental health groups through Family Solutions Center and interns with local colleges
- \*Participated in choir concerts, and cheerleading competitions
- \*Attended groups on bullying, coping with anxiety and stress, and cognitive behavioral techniques through Family Solutions Center
- \*Attended the Beavercreek Art Fest and Xenia First Fridays
- \*Participated in the Youth Recovery Program, Dual Diagnosis Group, Intensive Outpatient Program, Standard Outpatient Program, and Aftercare through Family Solutions Center
- \*Toured University of Dayton, Central State University, and Wright State University
- \*Community Service Program
- \*Volunteer at Greenwood Manor- Handed out holiday cards, assisted, decorated for Christmas and various volunteer activities
- \*Assisted residents to obtain part-time employment
- \*Participated in community service projects
- \*Participated in a budgeting exercise by visiting local thrift shops
- \*Attended Yellow Springs boys basketball games
- \*Attended community school choir concerts, track meets, and basketball games
- \*Volunteered at the Xenia Church of Christ School Supply Giveaway

# JUDGE ADOLFO A. TORNICHIO

## Amy Lewis Court Administrator and Chief Magistrate

|  |   |   |  |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Chief Deputy Clerk</b><br>Christy Ahrens  | <b>Assitant Court Administrator</b><br><b>Budget Director/PT Magistrate</b><br>Brittany Hensley | <b>Personnel and Treatment Center Director</b><br>Edward C. Watts | <b>Magistrates</b><br>David McNamee<br>Stephanie Stephan<br>Cynthia Thompson | <b>Chief Probation Officer</b><br>Sheena Nipper  | <b>Diversion Director</b><br>Rhonda White     | <b>Court Constable/Director of Security Services</b><br>James Humston |
| <b>Dep. Clk. Asst. Off. Mgr.</b><br>Melody Mullikin  | <b>Fiscal Specialist</b>  | <b>STAFF</b>  |  | <b>Probation Counselors</b><br>Julie Broyles<br>Jodie Clemens<br>Krisheree Jones<br>Todd Kreill<br>Linda Lyons<br>Matthew Oliver | <b>Diversion Counselors</b><br>Tracey Woodson | <b>Court Constable/Bailiffs</b><br>Jacqueline Deckard<br>Angel Haught |
| <b>Deputy Clerks</b><br>Cheryl Bowen<br>Tammy Brown<br>Tayler Creswell<br>Phyllis Dichito<br>Laine Gregg<br>Janice Little<br>Felicia Shelley<br>Kylie Walker | <b>Adminstrative Support Specialist</b><br>Nancy Brannen  | Mari McPherson<br>Andrea Miller                                   |  |  | <b>Prevention Coordinator</b>                 | <b>Court Constable/Chief of Security</b><br>William McKinney          |
|  | <b>CASA Director</b><br>Greta McKenzie  | Wynter Ramsey-Mitchell  |  |  |   |   |
|  | <b>CASA Volunteer Specialist</b><br>Tammy Detty   | TRUANCY INTERVENTIONIST<br>Rachel Biggs                           |  | <b>Comm. Service/Victim Srv Coordinator</b><br>Cassie Kooser   | <b>Support Technician</b><br>Lori Fulk        | <b>Court Constables</b><br>James Langston<br>Terry Swisshelm          |