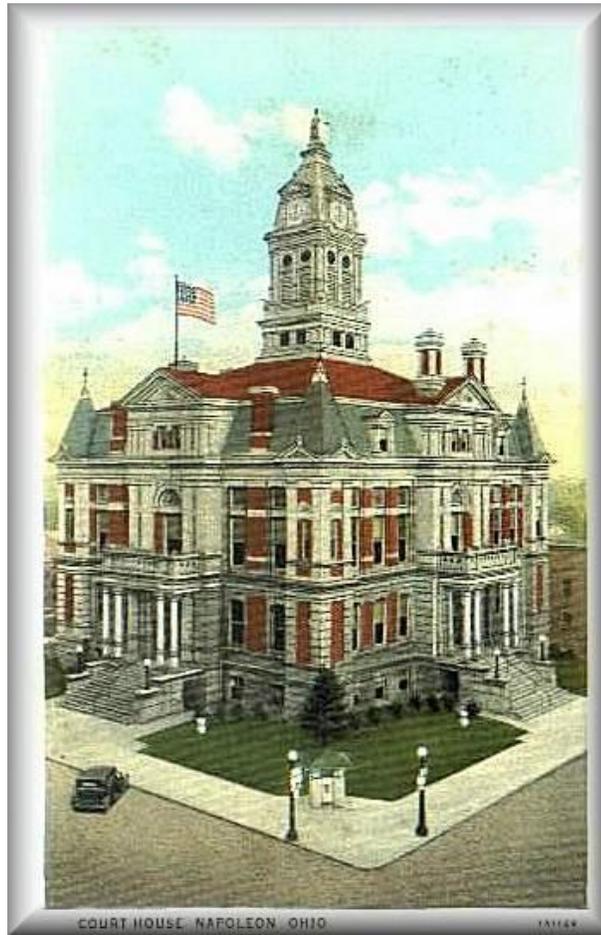


# HENRY COUNTY FAMILY COURT

2017 Annual Report



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## **HENRY COUNTY FAMILY COURT**

The Courts of Common Pleas in Ohio have four divisions: general, domestic relations, juvenile, and probate. In the past, Henry County had one judge overseeing all four divisions, while most other counties had two or more judges in their Common Pleas Courts. Commencing January 1, 2005, the divisions were separated into General-Probate and Domestic Relations-Juvenile. This has resulted in two Common Pleas Court judges. Since 2005, Judge Denise Herman McColley has presided over the Family Court, which includes both the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Divisions.

The Juvenile Division is responsible for hearing delinquency and unruly child proceedings and juvenile traffic offender and juvenile tobacco offender proceedings. This division is also responsible for hearing proceedings against adults for contributing to the unruliness or delinquency of a child or failure to send a child to school. Juvenile cases include juvenile protection orders, abuse, neglect and/ or dependency proceedings, as well as allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, and child support proceedings for those parents who are not involved in a divorce or dissolution of marriage proceeding.

In the Domestic Relations Division annulment, legal separation, divorce, and dissolution of marriage proceedings are heard. In addition, post-divorce, dissolution and legal separation motions, Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) proceedings, as well as civil domestic violence and conciliation proceedings come before the court.

The judge, magistrate and staff of the Henry County Family Court work to bring about results that are fair, just, and in compliance with the law. The court and its officers are committed to helping rehabilitate juvenile offenders as well as assist families in transition to resolve their disagreements about finances, property, and, especially, to resolve their disputes regarding children. The court is committed to serving the best interests of families by creating solutions, resolving disputes and helping families transition smoothly into a new family situation.



Judge McColley commenced her first term as Judge of the Henry County Family Court on January 1, 2005, where she is presently serving her third judicial term. Prior to her election, she was a magistrate of Henry County and Fulton County Common Pleas Courts for eight years. Before becoming Magistrate, she worked as a private practice attorney in the firm of Lankenau, Wesche & McColley for fifteen years. During that time, she also served as a mediator in private practice the last seven years. She is a past-president of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, was a member of the Ohio Task Force for Family Law and Children, is a past-president of the Henry County Bar Association, past-chair of the Continuing Legal Education and Public Education Subcommittee of Ohio State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Committee, and was a member of the American Bar Association Pro Bono Child Custody Project Advisory Committee, Ohio Lawyers' Assistance Program Judicial Advisory Group and the Ohio Judicial College Board of Trustees. For 2012 and 2013, she served as president of the Board of Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Courts Judges. She also presently serves as a member of the Ohio Judicial Conference's Juvenile Law and Procedure and Domestic Relations Law and Procedure Committees, and is the co-chair of the Ohio Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Children and Families. She is the author of Chapter 6 *Alternative Forms of Dispute Resolution*, contained in Baldwin's Ohio Practice: Domestic Relations Law, Beatrice K. Sowald and Stanley Morganstern, editors. She was the recipient of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts John E. VanDuzer Distinguished Service Award (2008) and President's Award (1999), the Ohio State Bar Foundation Public or Government Service Award (2001), the Ohio Association of Magistrates Judicial Award (2008), the Northwest State Community College Making a Difference Award (2017), The Ohio State University Alumni Association 2017 Pay it Forward Award, and is a member of the 2017 class of Napoleon High School Distinguished Alumni. She is presently serving on the board of the Ohio State University Alumni Club of Northwest Ohio and the Symphony of Trees board. Judge McColley received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Bowling Green State University and her Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University.



Since 2005, Richard L. Altman has been the Magistrate for both Henry County and Fulton County Courts of Common Pleas. From 1998 through 2004 he was the Mediation Coordinator of the Northwest Ohio Court Mediation Services. He has worked extensively as an attorney and mediator in the areas of civil law, domestic relations, parenting issues, and criminal matters. Magistrate Altman has been a frequent presenter for organizations such as the Ohio Supreme Court, The Ohio Judicial College, the Wisconsin Association of Mediators, and the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts. He is a past president of the Fulton County Bar Association and of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts. He is also a member of The Ohio Association of Magistrates, The American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, where he has served as Chair of the Dispute Resolution Committee, and is a member of several local bar associations. He is currently serving as chair of the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution. Magistrate Altman is the 2013 recipient of the Ohio Association of Magistrates Education Award. Magistrate Altman received his Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Toledo, and was a Paul Harris Fellow studying at the University of Sydney Law School, Sydney Australia. In addition to his duties as Magistrate, Magistrate Altman teaches at Owens Community College and Northwest State Community College Police Officer Training Academies. He was the recipient of the 2013 Ohio Association of Magistrates' Education Award.

## Family Court Staff



Katie Baden is the Court and Program Administrator for the Family Court. Katie began working for Henry County as the Family and Children First Council Coordinator in 2008. She came to the Court in April 2011. Katie is responsible for performing a variety of administrative duties relating to the Court, as well as fiscal and program management. Katie is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology, and is also a graduate of Bluffton University with a Masters of Business Administration. In the fall of 2014, Katie earned the status of Certified Court Manager. She presently serves as a committee chair on The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Northwest Ohio



Leigh Glick is the Assignment Commissioner for the Judge and Magistrate. Previously from Indiana, where she was an On-Site Manager for a telecommunications company, Leigh began with Family Court in September of 2010. Her responsibilities include a variety of clerical duties as well as docketing cases for the Judge and Magistrate. She also serves as bailiff and assists the Grant Administrator with maintaining ledgers for the Department of Youth Services Grant. Leigh attended Northwest State Community College along with Owens Community College.



Abbie Badenhop is a 2006 graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Criminology. Abbie was employed by the Franklin County Juvenile Probation department from prior to her graduation until 2015. In her last position before leaving Franklin County, Abbie was a juvenile probation officer supervising juvenile sex offenders. In 2015, Badenhop was employed by Henry County Job and Family Services, working in the Children Services unit as the Family Intervention Court Coordinator. In 2016, Abbie's employment was transferred to the Family Court, where her title remained the same. At the Court, Abbie is the coordinator for the Family Intervention Court – juvenile treatment docket and is involved in “infusion’ and dependency treatment docket cases regarding cases in which a parent or parents have significant substance abuse issues. Abbie presently serves as a board member of The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Northwest Ohio.



Dawn Bischoff began with Henry County Juvenile Court in June of 1998 as Deputy Clerk. In 2006, Henry County added the Family Court, which is when Dawn became the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Juvenile Division. Dawn is responsible for any new filing of custody and dependent/neglect/abuse cases. Dawn also compiles the Supreme Court report, and is responsible for the general operations and function of the Juvenile Clerks office. In the fall of 2011, Dawn earned her certificate of completion of the Ohio Supreme Court Management Program. Dawn is active in the Ohio Association of Juvenile Clerks.



Nancy Thomas was hired in January 2017 as Juvenile Deputy Clerk. She is responsible for filing and docketing traffic, delinquent/unruly, adult contributing, paternity/child support, and failure to send children to school cases. She is also responsible for the BMV report which reports license suspensions to the BMV.



Dan Baer was hired in August 2015 as the Attendance Officer for the Holgate, Liberty Center, and Patrick Henry School Districts. He is responsible for investigating truancies and reports of education neglect, as well as working with students/parents to improve attendance in an attempt to avoid formal court action. Dan retired as a guidance counselor from Napoleon High School in 2014 with a total of 35 years of public service (the last thirteen of which he served at Napoleon High School). He also served at Fostoria High and Van Wert City and County Schools. Prior to his service within schools, Baer was a juvenile probation officer in Van Wert County for six years. He received his undergraduate degree from Defiance College and his master's degree from Bowling Green State University. Dan is a member of the Napoleon City Council, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Napoleon, and the Henry County Retired Teachers Association.

## Juvenile Probation Staff



Chief Probation Officer Joyce Beck has been employed with the Henry County Juvenile Probation Department since July 1985. Joyce is responsible for the management of the staff and operations of the Juvenile Probation Department. She is also the Grant Administrator for grants received from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Joyce was previously employed at the Maumee Youth Center, a Department of Youth Services institution, as well as with Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission as a case worker. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowling Green State University majoring in Sociology and Psychology.



Probation Officer Elissa Carrizales has been with the Juvenile Probation Department since May 1995. Elissa came to the Court from Northwest Community Action Commission, Head Start Program, where she served as a Family Service Specialist. Elissa graduated from Northwest State Community College in 1994 with an Associate's Degree in Human Services. Elissa supervises a caseload of youth on probation in addition to attending Court hearings and conducting unofficial unruly conferences.



Probation Officer Ashley Rohrs came to the Juvenile Probation Department in September 2012. Ashley supervises a caseload of youth on probation. She is also responsible for conducting unruly conferences as well as attending Court hearings. Ashley came to the Family Court from the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center where she was a Lieutenant and served as Program Officer. Ashley attended Northwest State Community College taking continuing education courses in Criminal Justice and is a graduate from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice.

# **JUVENILE COURT/PROBATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

## **Intake**

Upon the filing of a complaint by law enforcement, a determination is made whether the case should be scheduled for an official hearing before the Judge or Magistrate or scheduled for an unofficial or diversion hearing. In general, first time offenders who have committed a misdemeanor offense may be eligible for an unofficial hearing. All felony offenses are scheduled for official hearings.

Other responsibilities required during the intake process include information gathering by contacting the schools for attendance, grades, and disciplinary reports, investigating the amount of restitution due to the victims, and referring the cases to a victim advocate when required.

## **Diversion**

Certain youth may be appropriate for diversion depending on the offense, previous court involvement, and other collateral information. The youth must be willing to admit his/her involvement in the offense. Youth are given a variety of consequences which may include curfews, community service hours, substance abuse education program, theft offenders program, apology letters, and operator's license suspensions. If the youth successfully completes his requirements, the case is closed and the youth is deemed not to have a formal juvenile record.

## **Reclaiming Futures**

In 2015, the Henry County Family Court, along with the Williams and Defiance County Juvenile Courts became a Reclaiming Futures site. The Reclaiming Futures initiative is a model that unites juvenile courts, probation, adolescent substance abuse treatment and the community to improve drug and alcohol treatment. Another major component of this model is connecting youth to the community by finding or creating positive activities. The model stresses adding these six steps into the juvenile justice system; screening, assessment, service coordination, initiation, engagement, and transition. Reclaiming Futures also makes local leadership a priority. Each county has a core team of local leaders that includes, a project director, the court, probation, treatment, and the community. The three counties combined have a leadership core team to oversee that the model is implemented in all three counties. By becoming a Reclaiming Futures site, the leadership team hopes to provide young people in Northwest Ohio involved in the juvenile justice system access to more treatment, better treatment, and beyond treatment.

## **Official Probation**

One of the most common dispositions in the Juvenile Court is probation. In 2017, 52 juveniles were supervised on probation. Probation officers attended a total of 285 Court hearings and 22 probation violations or motions to revoke were filed.

Probation officers are responsible for supervising youth that are placed on probation by the court and monitoring the youth's compliance with court orders. Supervision is provided through home visits, school visits, and office visits. Officers also visit youth who are placed outside the home in foster care, residential placements, or incarcerated at the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center. Probation officers maintain regular contact with parents, school personnel, and service providers. Probation officers attend Individual Education Plan ("IEP") and other school meetings, as well as case planning and semi-annual review meetings with the Henry County Department of Job and Family Services.

A probation officer attends each scheduled court hearing regarding a youth. They are responsible for providing the court with recommendations regarding disposition as well as progress made by the youth. At the request of the court, a pre-dispositional report will be completed by interviewing the parents, youth, school personnel, and other service providers. All three probation officers are certified in the Ohio Youth Assessment which was developed by the University of Cincinnati. This assessment determines the youth's risk level, areas needing treatment, and measures progress. The assessment is completed on each youth placed on probation and can also be used as a pre-dispositional tool.

All probationers are subject to random drug screens. A positive rapid drug screen completed in the office is confirmed by laboratory analysis. Probation officers may take a variety of actions in the event of a positive drug screen, including referral for treatment or a probation violation being filed with the court.

The Probation Department provides an on-call officer, available 24 hours a day, for law enforcement to contact when serious juvenile related matters occur. A probation officer can authorize a youth's incarceration at the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center or assist in determining an alternative placement pending a court hearing.

### Unruly Conferences

Probation officers will also conduct an informal conference with an unruly juvenile at the request of parents, school officials, and law enforcement officers. Probation officers advise the youth and parents of possible consequences should the undesirable behavior continue as well as make appropriate referrals for services that may be helpful to the youth and family.

### Restitution and Community Service

In 2017, thirty-five (35) youth were ordered to complete community service as a part of their disposition. A grant obtained from the Ohio Department of Youth Services enables the Probation Department to provide youth the opportunity to complete community service to pay restitution owed to a victim. In 2017, a total of five (5) youth paid restitution to victims by working 50 hours which amounted to \$391.80 through this program. Community service is completed at public worksites such as the Henry County Humane Society, Henry County Fairgrounds, Napoleon Civic Center, Napoleon High School, Henry County Relay for Life, Symphony of Trees, and several area churches.

### Attendance Services

In 2015, the Henry County Family Court entered into a contract with the Northwest Ohio Educational Services Center to provide an attendance officer to the Holgate, Liberty Center, and Patrick Henry School Districts. The attendance officer assists the school districts in dealing with students who fail to attend school as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

The attendance officer investigates trancies and reports of education neglect. Once trancies have been identified, the attendance officer sets up and attends home visits and meetings to investigate the causes of a student's unexcused absences and develops an agreement to improve school attendance to avoid formal court action. When formal court action is necessary, the attendance officer refers complaints of truancy or education neglect to the county prosecutor or Children's Services.

In the 2016-2017 school year, the attendance officer received 82 referrals, conducted 92 student meetings, 45 parent meetings, and 9 home visits. Mediation services were utilized six (6) times. In the 2016-2017 school year, approximately 94% of students/parents that met with the attendance officer improved their attendance and avoided referral to court. One (1) parent and four (4) student/parent court referrals were made.

In the 2017-2018 school year, the attendance officer received 76 referrals, conducted 95 student meetings, 59 parent meetings, and 6 home visits. Mediation services were utilized seven (7) times. In the 2016-2017 school year, approximately 95% of students/parents that met with the attendance officer improved their attendance and avoided referral to court. One (1) parent and three (3) student/parent court referrals were made.

### Family Intervention Court Juvenile Treatment Docket

In 2016, the Henry County Family Court became certified to operate the Family Intervention Court (FIC), within which a Juvenile Treatment Docket (JTD), focusing on mental health and drug abuse issues, was approved. The JTD is a dispositional alternative that offers a therapeutically oriented judicial approach to providing court supervision and appropriate treatment to individuals. For a family to be accepted into this program, the youth must be found to be delinquent or unruly and the youth and/or their families must have severe and persistent domestic violence issues, mental health issues and /or substance abuse issues that are contributing or mitigating factors in their behavior that led them to be involved in the juvenile court. Participants of this docket have frequent review hearings, and access to support from a treatment team. They are eligible for incentives when doing well, and receive quick sanctions when things are not going well. In 2017, the court had two (2) participants in the Juvenile Treatment Docket of the Family Intervention Court, with one (1) successfully graduating. Treatment Team members of the FIC include representatives from the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Four County Family Center, Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio, Maumee Valley Guidance Center, A Renewed Mind, Henry County Children Services, Henry County Juvenile Probation, CASA (if applicable), a designated defense counsel, a designated prosecuting attorney, the FIC coordinator, and the Judge.

### Family Intervention Court Dependency Treatment Docket

In September 2017, the Henry County Family Court became certified to operate a Family Dependency Treatment Docket (FDTD), a specialized docket within the Family Intervention Court (FIC). The FDTD is a dispositional alternative that offers a therapeutically oriented judicial approach to providing court supervision and appropriate treatment to individuals. For a family to be accepted into the program, the parent's child must be found to be abused, neglected, or dependent and the parent must have a diagnosed substance abuse issues and/or their families may have severe and persistent domestic violence issues and /or mental health issues that are contributing or mitigating factors in their behavior that led them to be involved in the juvenile court. Participants of the FDTD have frequent review hearings, and access to support from the Treatment Team. They are eligible for incentives when doing well, and receive quick sanctions when things are not going well. The Treatment Team members include representatives from the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Four County Family Center, Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio, Maumee Valley Guidance Center, A Renewed Mind, Henry County Children Services, Northwest Ohio Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a designated defense

counsel, a designated prosecuting attorney, the court administrator, the FIC Coordinator, and the Judge. In 2017, the court had five (5) participants in the Family Dependency Treatment Docket, all cases were on-going at the end of the year.

## State Systems Reform Project

In the fall of 2015, Henry County Family Court was selected by the Supreme Court of Ohio to participate in a Statewide System Reform Program (SSRP) as a demonstration site. The Ohio Statewide System Reform Program seeks to expand and enhance Ohio's efforts to implement effective Family Dependency Treatment Courts in local communities and institutionalize their use in the larger state-level child welfare, substance abuse treatment, and court systems. Henry County was selected as an infusion site which means the court takes existing best practices from the Family Drug Court model and integrates them into all cases affected by parental substance use disorders in the dependency court system. These best practices include screening, earlier access to assessments and treatment, increased judicial oversight and a collaborative approach between the court, child welfare, substance abuse treatment systems and community partners. In 2017, two (2) cases were heard using infusion practices, for a total of two (2) parents involved in the process. Both parents were successfully reunified with their children.

## OUT OF HOME PLACEMENTS

There are some youth in Henry County who require placement outside of their home either in a secure or non-secure facility. The decision to remove a child from his home is never taken lightly and is used as a last resort when community based services have been exhausted.

### Ohio Department of Youth Services

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) is the state correctional system for juvenile offenders ages 10-18 who commit felony level offenses. The commitments range from a minimum period of 6 months to a maximum period of the youth's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. ODYS provides treatment and educational programming to meet each youth's needs. A parole officer is assigned to the youth upon release to assist their transition from the institution back into the community. Henry County Juvenile Court committed zero (0) youth, on no offenses to ODYS in 2017.

### Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio located in Bowling Green, Ohio is a secure 42-bed treatment facility (or a community corrections facility "CCF") for male youth adjudicated of a felony offense. The Juvenile Residential Center is used as an alternative for youth who may have otherwise been placed at the Department of Youth Services. The facility offers numerous treatment options that are supported by research and practice. Individualized treatment is based upon a youth's specific needs and families are included in counseling sessions. The close proximity of the facility makes family involvement realistic. Two (2) youth were placed at the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Residential Center in 2017. There are similar facilities for female youth who have been adjudicated delinquent for committing what would be a felony if she were an adult, the closest being the Youth Treatment Center in Toledo, Ohio. No females were placed through the Henry County Juvenile Court at any CCFs in 2017.

## Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center

Henry County Juvenile Court utilizes the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training, and Rehabilitation Center (JDC) located in Stryker, Ohio for short term incarceration of youth who have been adjudicated a delinquent child, youth in pre-trial status that are not safe to be released to the community pending adjudication, and youth awaiting transport to another facility. Henry County Juvenile Court contracts for 6 beds in the facility. In 2017, six hundred twenty-five (625) bed days were used by twenty-two (22) different youth placed at the detention center. However, six (6) of those same youth were detained on more than one occasion.

Youth are provided with many services while incarcerated at JDC. Mental health services and evaluations were provided to youth by Four County Family Center. Alcohol/drug assessments and treatment were provided by Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio. Many other groups such as Life Skills, Strategies for Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Girls Circle, and Boys Council are facilitated by staff employed by JDC. In addition, while at JDC, youth are able to complete school credits.

### Foster Care/Residential Treatment

The court is occasionally faced with a youth on probation that for a variety of reasons cannot be maintained in their home and a secured facility is not appropriate or necessary. Community based and in-home services provided to the family have not been effective. In these cases, the court places the youth in the custody of the Henry County Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) for placement in a foster home, group home, or residential placement. The goal is continued involvement with the youth's family and eventual reunification or in the case of older youth, independent living. During 2017, eight (8) youth on probation were in the DJFS custody, four (4) youth on probation were placed in DJFS custody through a delinquency case.

## **Court Provided Treatment Services**

- **Court Assessments**

In some cases, determining appropriate custody, placement and treatment can be a very difficult and complex task. A court evaluator is available through funding provided by the local Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. A master's level therapist gathers information and interviews all parties involved in the case before submitting a written recommendation to the court.

- **Mediation Services**

Court mediators are available to both parents and schools for truancy issues as well as to establish behavior contacts. In addition, the youth offender and victim may be referred to mediation to determine an appropriate amount of restitution to be paid.

- **S.T.A.R. Mentoring Program**

STAR (Supporting Teens to Achieve Results) is a mentoring program that connects high risk youth with positive adult role models. The program is funded by the Henry County Family Court and the local ADAMHs Board. The mission of the program is to create, nurture and support meaningful relationships between children and volunteers that will encourage each child to grow into an assertive, capable and compassionate adult.

- **Theft Offender Program**

The Theft Offender Program is a one-time class for youth adjudicated of a theft related charge. A parent must attend the four-hour session with the youth. Four (4) youth completed the program in 2017.

- **CARTEENS**

Northwest Ohio CARTEENS is a traffic safety program for first time juvenile traffic offenders. The CARTEENS program topics include excessive speed, driving under the influence, seat belt safety use, consequences of unsafe decisions, dealing with peer pressure, understanding traffic laws, and recognizing and reacting to traffic signs and signals. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of repeat juvenile traffic offenders, decrease the number of teen traffic offenders, and increase teen awareness of traffic/vehicular safety. Forty-seven (47) were referred to the CARTEENS program.

- **Mental Health/Substance Abuse Short Screener**

Two different short screens are used on various participants of the Family Court, The MAYSI-2 and the GAIN-SS. The results from the short screener may signify the need for further assessment or referral to some part of the behavioral health treatment system. The MAYSI-2 is utilized by Juvenile Probation, and is a brief behavioral health screening tool designed especially for juvenile justice programs and facilities. It identifies youths 12 through 17 years old who may have important, pressing behavioral health needs. Generally, all juveniles charged with a delinquency or unruly offense are screened using the MAYSI-II. Youth that are charged with certain offenses are automatically referred for a formal diagnostic assessment with a mental health/substance abuse provider. The GAIN Short Screener (GAIN-SS) is utilized in open investigations by Children's Services. It is a brief 5 to 10-minute instrument designed to quickly and accurately screen general populations of both adults and adolescents for possible internalizing or externalizing psychiatric disorders, substance use disorders, or crime and violence problems.

## REFERRAL AGENCIES

- **AJA Behavioral**

AJA Behavioral provides mental health counseling as well as alcohol/drug treatment to youth and their families. Numerous treatment modules are offered including Adolescent Correctional Counseling, Coping with Anger, Responsible Living, Rules are Made to be Followed, and Something for Nothing among others.

- **Center for Child and Family Advocacy**

The Center for Child and Family Advocacy is the area's leading agency in providing sex offender treatment for both adults and juveniles. The agency also specializes in the treatment of victims of sexual and physical abuse. They also provide traditional individual, children's play therapy, and family counseling, as well as home based therapy. Additionally, the agency conduct's batterer's intervention groups.

- **Four County Family Center**

In 2017, Four County Family Center provided many services to youth and their families. Pharmacological management provided psychiatric assessment and monitoring services for those requiring medication. Family Systems Therapy was available as a home-based treatment designed to work with the family as a whole in order to decrease conflict and improve family communication. Intensive Home-Based Treatment provided counseling within the youth's home to provide the structure to help the family function at their highest level of ability. Out-patient counseling was provided for individuals and families to decrease personal issues many youth face due to stress, conflict, or life changes.

- **Comprehensive Crisis Care Center**

In 2014, Four County Family Center merged with First Call for help to form the Comprehensive Crisis Care (CCC) center. The CCC provided information and referrals, outpatient services and emergency mental health services to residents of Northwest Ohio. At the facility there was a children's crisis stabilization unit. The 10-bed facility was available for brief stays where children received group and individual counseling and medication management by mental health professionals. The CCC provided emergency mental health assessments as well as outpatient psychiatric care.

- **Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio**

Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio provides counseling services to youth struggling with chemical dependency as well as prevention and education services. Youth who are charged with a first offense of Underage Consumption and some minor drug offenses are referred to the Adolescent Education Program which is held weekly for six weeks. Parents are required to attend the final session. The agency also provides traditional individual and family counseling.

Life Without Drugs Program is a 90 day treatment program provided by Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio and is housed at the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Training and Rehabilitation Center. Youth are placed at the detention center during the treatment period. In 2017, two hundred seventy two (272) bed days were used by three (3) youth in the Life Without Drugs Program. None of those youth was placed more than one time.

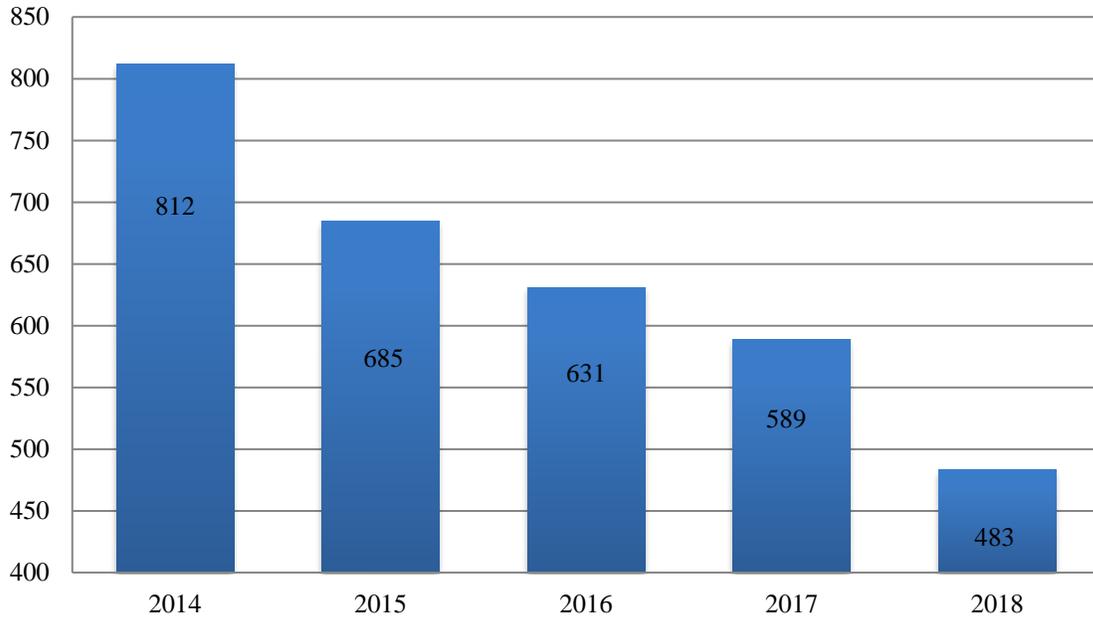
- **Maumee Valley Guidance Center**

Maumee Valley Guidance Center provides many services to youth and their families including diagnostic assessments, individual, family and group therapies, psychiatric evaluations, child psychiatry, alcohol and other drug addiction services, and integrated health care, among many other services. Maumee Valley Guidance Center also offers case management services to adults and youth with severe behavioral issues or mental disabilities.

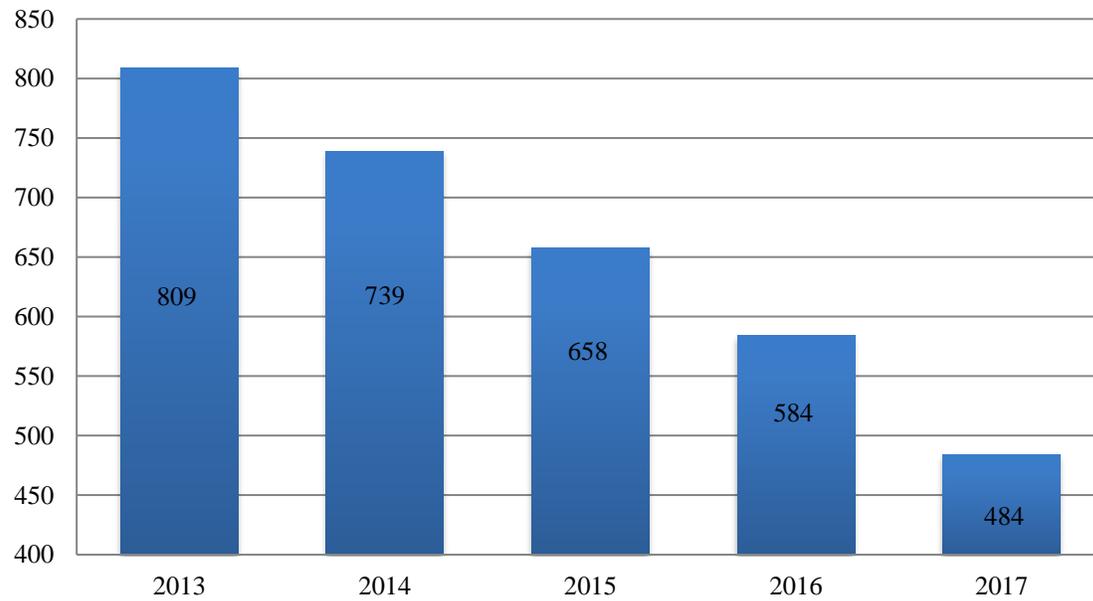
- **A Renewed Mind**

A Renewed Mind provides mental health and substance abuse treatment to youth and adults. Among their many services, a Renewed Mind provides school based services, substance abuse treatment for youth and adults, a residential treatment facility for men, medication assisted recovery, and intensive and traditional outpatient addiction treatment for youth and adults.

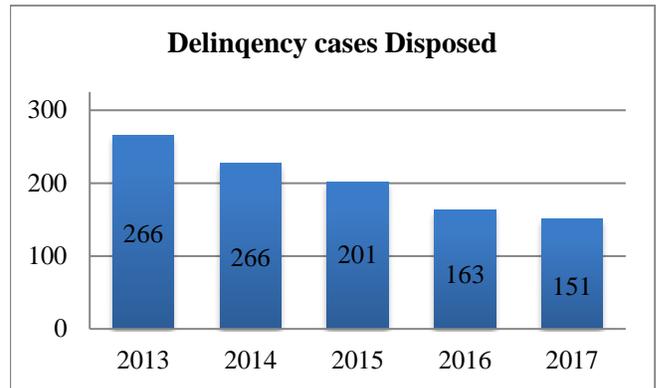
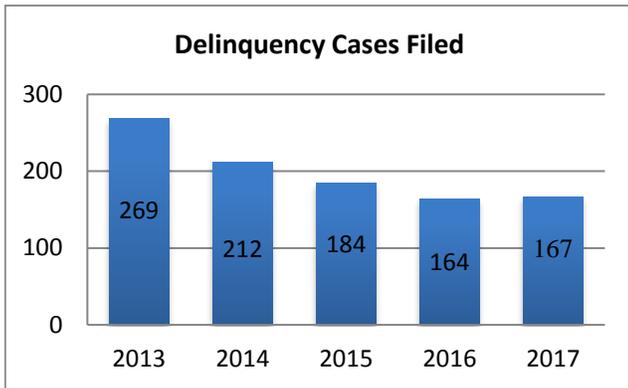
## Juvenile Court Cases Filed & Reactivated



## Juvenile Court Cases Disposed



## DELINQUENCY CASES 2017



2152.02 (F) Delinquent Child defined:

“Delinquent child” includes any of the following:

- 1) Any child, except a juvenile traffic offender, who violates any law of this state or the United States, or any ordinance of a political subdivision of the state that would be an offense if committed by an adult.
- 2) Any child who violates any lawful order of the Court made under this chapter, including a child who violates a court order regarding the child’s prior adjudication as an unruly child for being an habitual truant;
- 3) Any child who violates any lawful order of the court mad under Chapter 2151. Of the Revised Code other than an order issued under section 2151.87 of the Revised Code;
- 4) Any child who violated division (C) of section 2907.39, division (A) of section 2923.211, or division (C)(1) or (D) of section 2925.55 of the Revised Code.

		Ages
Official Cases Filed	102	Eleven
Unofficial Cases Filed	43	Twelve
Motions to Revoke	22	Thirteen
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>167</b>	Fourteen
		Fifteen
Official Cases Disposed	90	Sixteen
Unofficial Cases Disposed	42	Seventeen
Motions to Revoke	19	Eighteen
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>151</b>	
		Sex
<b>Total Felony Offenses Filed</b>	<b>10</b>	Male
<b>Total Felony Adjudications</b>	<b>5</b>	Female
<b>Total Commitments to DYS</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total Commitments to CCF</b>	<b>2</b>	

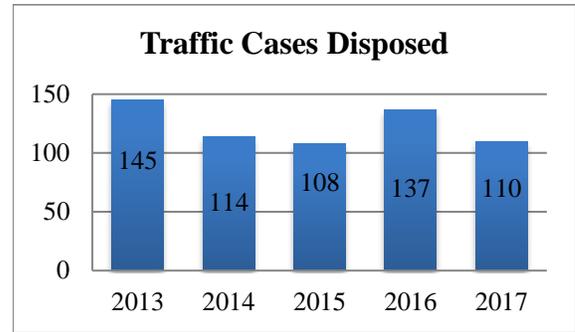
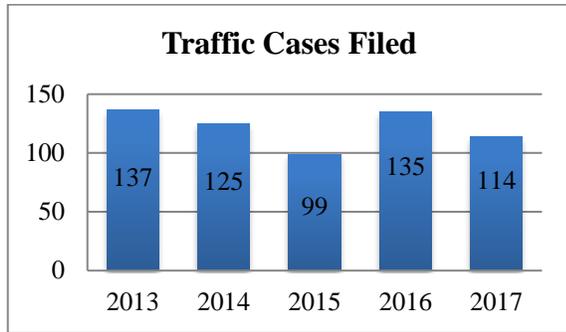
## TYPES OF DELINQUENCY OFFENSES

Assault (misdemeanor)	12	Falsification	2
Attempted Breaking & Entering	2	Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity Oriented Material	2
Aggravated Arson	1	Inducing Panic	3
Aggravated Assault	1	Menacing	3
Aggravated Menacing	2	Motion to Revoke	16
Break and Enter (Felony)	1	Obstructing Official Business	2
Burglary (Felony)	1	Offenses Involving Underage	34
Criminal Damaging	10	Open Container	1
Criminal Mischief	5	Pander Obscenity	1
Criminal Trespassing	5	Probation Violation	6
Disorderly Conduct	17	Possessing Criminal Tool	2
Disseminate Matter Harmful to Juveniles (Misdemeanor)	1	Receiving Stolen Property	1
Disseminate Matter Harmful to Juveniles (Felony)	1	Resisting Arrest	1
Domestic Violence	7	Robbery (Felony)	1
Drug Paraphernalia	8	Theft (Felony)	1
Drug Possession	7	Theft (Misdemeanor)	7
Drug Trafficking	1	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Fail to Disclose	1		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>

## **TYPES OF DELINQUENCY DISPOSITIONS**

DYS Commitment Suspended	5
Juvenile Residential Center of N/W Ohio	2
Probation	33
Detention/Jail	28
Detention/Jail Suspended	31
House Arrest/Electronic Monitoring	3
Curfew	13
Apology Letter	12
Community Service	27
Out of Home Placement	3
Individual/Family Counseling	30
Alcohol Drug Assessment & Treatment	43
Residential Drug Treatment	4
Parenting Education Program	3
Sex Offender Treatment	1
Theft Offender Program	2
Operator's License Suspension	9
Operator's License Suspension w/Privileges	4
Restitution	10
Fine/Costs	14
Certified to Another County	34
Miscellaneous Dispositions	3
Dismissed	24

## TRAFFIC CASES 2017



2152.02(N) Juvenile Traffic Offender defined:

Any child who violates any traffic law, traffic ordinance, or traffic regulation of this state, the United States, or any political subdivision of this state, other than a resolution, ordinance, or regulation of a political subdivision of this state the violation of which is required to be handled by a parking violations bureau or a joint parking violations bureau pursuant to Chapter 4521. of the Revised Code.

Official Cases Filed	114
Unofficial Cases Filed	0
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>114</b>
Official Cases Disposed	110
Unofficial Cases Disposed	0
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>110</b>

<b>Ages</b>	
Fifteen	1
Sixteen	38
Seventeen	71
Eighteen	4
<b>Sex</b>	
Male	66
Female	48

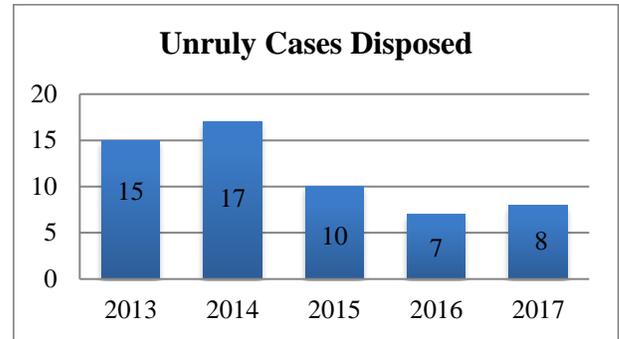
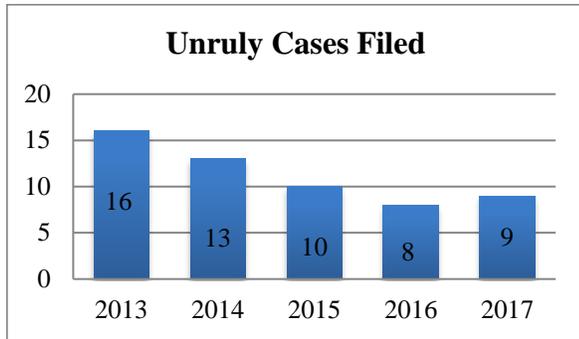
## TYPES OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Assured Clear Distance	10	No Operators License	6
Excess Passengers	2	No Tail Lights	1
Expired Tags	1	OVI	1
Expired Plates	1	One Way Violation	1
Fail Emergency Vehicle	1	Probationary License Violation	4
Failure to Control	14	Reckless Operation	1
Failure to Dim	1	Registration Violation	1
Failure to Yield	2	Restraint Violation	1
Fictitious Plates	1	Seat Belt (driver)	7
Following Close	1	Speeding	53
Improper Backing	1	Stop Sign	10
Leave Scene of an Accident	1		
Left of Center	1		
Marked Lanes	3		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

## TYPES OF TRAFFIC DISPOSTIONS

First Time Juvenile Traffic Offender Program	47	Fine/Costs	75
Operator's License Suspension	43	Certified to Another County	27
Operator's License Suspension w/Privileges	12	Dismissed	9

## UNRULY CASES 2017



2151.022 Unruly Child defined:

As used in this chapter, “unruly child” includes any of the following:

- A) Any child who does not submit to the reasonable control of the child’s parents, teachers, guardian, or custodian, by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient.
- B) Any child who is an habitual truant from school
- C) Any child who behaves in a manner as to injure or endanger the child’s own health or morals or the health or morals of others.
- D) Any child who violates a law, other than division (C) of section 2907.39, division (A) of section 2923.211, division (C)(1) or (D) of section 2925.55, or section 2151.87 of the Revised Code, that is applicable only to a child.

## UNRULY CASES 2017

Official Cases Filed	9		
Unofficial Cases Filed		Male	6
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>9</b>	Female	3
Official Cases Disposed	8	<b>Ages:</b>	
Unofficial Cases Disposed		Fourteen	2
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>8</b>	Fifteen	1
<b>Charges Filed By</b>		Sixteen	2
School	3	Seventeen	4
Law Enforcement	5		
Parent	1		
Unruly placed in alternatives to adjudication	3		
Successfully completed alternatives	3		
Failed to complete alternatives	0		

## TYPES OF UNRULY OFFENSES

Habitual Truant	5
Habitually Disobedient	4

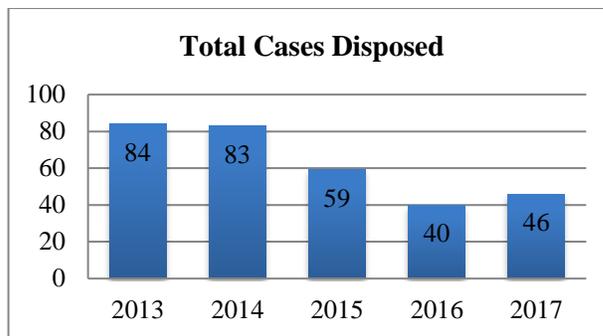
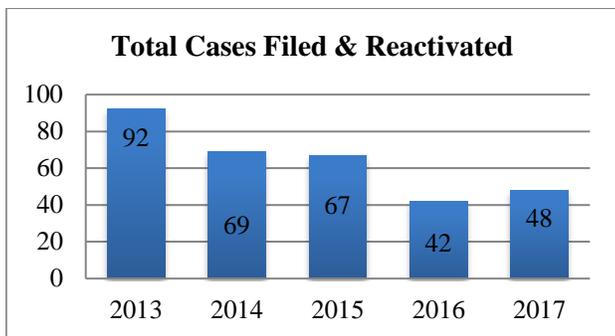
## TYPES OF UNRULY DISPOSITIONS

Probation	3	Alcohol/Drug Assessment & Treatment	2
Curfew	1	Fine/Cost	3
Community Service	1	Certified to Another County	1
Individual/Family Counseling	3	Dismissed	3

## CONFERENCES BY PROBATION OFFICERS

Unruly	1
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# ABUSE/DEPENDENT/NEGLECT & PERMANENT CUSTODY



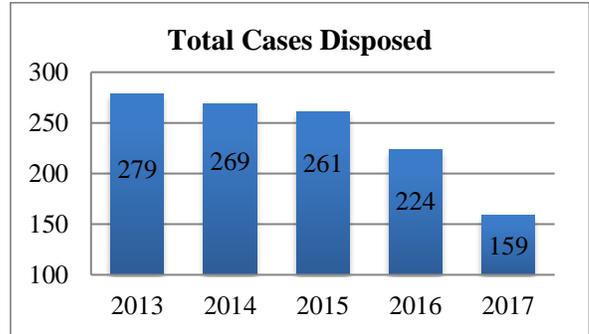
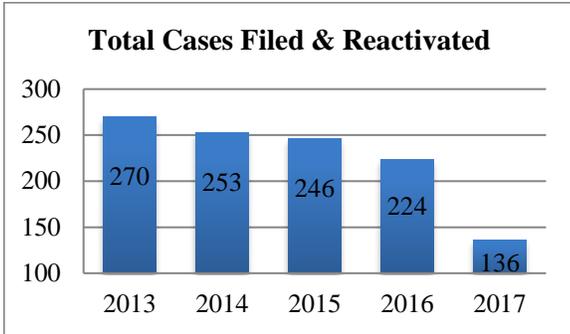
## Types of Cases Filed

	<u>New Cases Filed</u>	<u>Reactivated</u>	
Abuse/Dependent/Neglect	16	30	
Permanent Custody	0	2	
			<b>Total Cases Filed</b> <b>16</b>
			<b>Total Cases Reactivated</b> <b>32</b>
			<b>Total</b> <b>48</b>

## Types of Cases Disposed

Abuse/Dependent/Neglect	41	
Permanent Custody	5	
		<b>Total Cases Disposed</b> <b>46</b>

# CUSTODY/VISITATION/PATERNITY & SUPPORT



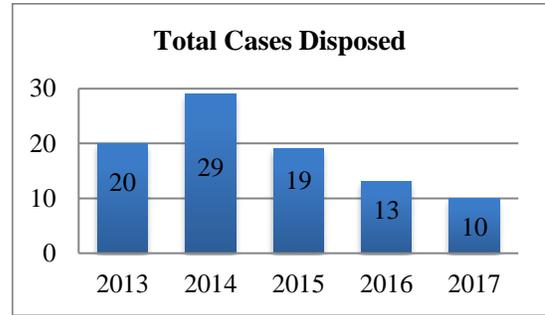
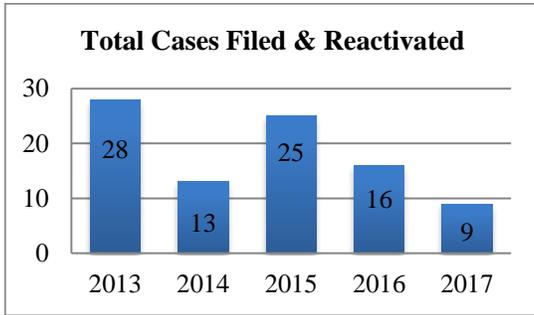
## Types of Cases Filed

	<u>New Cases Filed</u>	<u>Reactivated</u>
Custody/Visitation	9	33
Support	4	66
Paternity	22	2
UIFSA	0	0
	<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>35</b>
	<b>Total Cases Reactivated</b>	<b>101</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>

## Types of Cases Disposed

Custody/Visitation	54
Support	81
Paternity	24
UIFSA	0
	<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>
	<b>159</b>

## ADULT CASES



### Types of Cases Filed

	<u>New Cases Filed</u>	<u>Reactivated</u>
Failure to Send	7	
Contribute to Minor	2	
		<b>Total Cases Filed      9</b>
		<b>Total Cases Reactivated    0</b>
		<b>Total                                9</b>

### Types of Cases Disposed

Failure to Send	8	
Contribute to Minor	2	
		<b>Total Cases Disposed        10</b>

# **DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The Domestic Relations Division of the Family Court hears all cases concerning the termination of marriages filed in Henry County. These include divorce, dissolution, legal separation, annulment and the issuance of civil protection orders arising out of domestic violence. The court also hears all matters associated with these cases such as determining parental rights and responsibilities or custody, child support, spousal support or alimony, property division and debt allocation. Cases filed under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act are also heard in the Domestic Relations Division. These involve actions started in another state but enforced in Ohio when the support is owed by an Ohio resident.

## **TERMINATION OF MARRIAGE**

Ohio residents have the option of terminating their marriages either (a) by agreement through dissolution or (b) by filing a divorce action. In addition, the spouses may want to remain married but formalize their rights and duties through a court-ordered legal separation.

### **A. Dissolution**

In a dissolution, spouses end their marriage by agreement without stating why they want the marriage ended. They must agree to all matters – including property and debt division, parental rights and responsibilities, and spousal support (if any) – and put that in the form of a written contract or separation agreement.

### **B. Divorce**

In a divorce, at the time of filing the parties **are not** in agreement with the necessary issues involved in terminating a marriage and require a judge's decision. It is possible for the parties to reach agreement during the divorce process. There are several grounds for divorce under Ohio Revised Code section 3105.01. The most commonly cited are: incompatibility, living separate and apart for more than a year, adultery, extreme cruelty, and gross neglect of duty. Couples can also get a divorce for bigamy, fraudulent contract, habitual drunkenness, or imprisonment for a felony.

### **C. Annulment**

While divorce and dissolution end a valid marriage, annulment declares that a marriage is not valid. In Ohio, there are grounds for annulment when the party seeking the annulment was under age at the time of marriage; a former marriage of either party was and still is valid (bigamy); either party was mentally incompetent; the consent of either party to the marriage was obtained by fraud; the consent of either party was obtained by force; and even though the marriage was otherwise valid, the parties never consummated the marriage. Bigamy is the only ground that makes the marriage void (invalid from the start). The other grounds must be asserted within a specified time.

### **D. Legal Separation**

In a legal separation, a couple remains legally married, but most aspects of the marital relationship are terminated. The grounds for legal separation are virtually the same as the grounds for divorce with one exception: "Procurement of a divorce outside Ohio" a ground for divorce, is not a ground for legal separation. Even if one spouse files for legal separation, the other spouse still may seek a divorce or annulment.

### **E. Post-Decree Motions**

After a divorce or dissolution proceeding is final, more disputes may arise between former spouses. The court has the authority to modify the orders related to any minor children, if certain requirements are met, and to enforce all orders issued by the court. Parties to the case bring those matters to the court's attention through a written motion or request for additional orders. These motions are called "post-decree motions" because they are filed after the final decree of divorce or dissolution; they re-open the original divorce or dissolution case.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

### **Civil Protection Orders (CPOs)**

The Domestic Relations Court hears cases involving requests for civil protection orders (CPOs). A CPO is an order that prohibits a person from contacting or coming near another person; it may also remove a person from a shared home, if there is violence, and make orders regarding the parties' minor children. A CPO may be issued as a Domestic Violence CPO, where the parties are related to one another in certain ways, or as a Stalking or Sexually Oriented Offense CPO, where there may be no family or intimate relationship between the parties but one party is stalking or has sexually assaulted the other. The person filing the petition for a CPO is called the "petitioner," while the person against whom the order is sought is the "respondent."

If the Court issues an emergency CPO against the respondent, the CPO will be delivered to the respondent by the sheriff of the county where the respondent lives and a full hearing, or trial, will be scheduled within the next 7 to 10 Court days. If the parties agree that a CPO should be issued, they can both sign a consent agreement for a CPO and give it to the court to approve. If the parties do not agree, the court will issue a decision either granting or dismissing the CPO.

A respondent may be arrested and convicted of a criminal offense for violating a CPO if the respondent has been served with the CPO for as long as that CPO is in effect. Even if the petitioner gives the respondent permission to violate the order, the respondent may be charged with a criminal offense. It is the respondent's responsibility to follow the order. If either party believes the order should be changed, that party may file a motion to modify the CPO; the Court will schedule a hearing to decide if the CPO should be modified. The issuance of a CPO may affect a respondent's rights to have a firearm or to hold certain employment positions, so a respondent should contact an attorney regarding the effects of a CPO.

## Court Ordered Services

- **A-OK**

A-OK is a mandatory parenting class for divorcing couples with minor children. The class teaches divorcing parents how to maintain an appropriate parenting relationship outside of a marriage by developing communication skills and respect.
- **What About Me?**

“What About Me?” is a program designed for children of divorcing parents. This class addresses various issues facing children during this difficult time. For ages 5-12, this course helps teach children how to cope with the changes and how to communicate better with their parents. The class is broken down into two age groups (5-8 year olds and 9-12 year olds) so that discussion may be age appropriate. A separate class is conducted for teens ages 13-17. Classes are on the same evenings as A-OK.
- **Partnerships in Parenting**

Partnerships in Parenting is a seminar for planning and communicating for parents who were not married to one another. The program is a one-time, 2-1/2 hour session that is facilitated by a “parenting coach”. Participants will receive handouts and learn new ways to enhance their ability to minimize conflict with their child’s other parent
- **How to Raise the Best Child Possible**

How to Raise the Best Children Possible is a six-week parenting class for divorcing parents where there is some degree of conflict or special circumstances. Parents may be ordered to take this class if there are serious ongoing disagreements on parenting, there is a history of conflict, the parents have very young children, the parents have children with medical or psychological conditions or disabilities, or if one or both parents suffer from mental or psychological conditions or disabilities.
- **Our Family Wizard**

Our Family Wizard is a website that provides a neutral zone for parent communication to help manage the challenges of shared parenting with a former spouse or partner.
- **Northwest Ohio Court Mediation Services**

Mediation provides disputing parties with an opportunity to settle their differences outside of the traditional courtroom setting. In mediation, the parties are able to decide the outcome, rather than having a judge or jury decide for them. The mediator is not a judge, but rather a trained individual employed by the court. The mediator is there solely to assist the parties in exploring possible solutions to the problem, not to decide the case. For domestic relations cases, mediation can be used to settle disputes about custody, support, parenting time, or any other dispute between separating parties. Through Mediation Services, parenting coordination (PC), early neutral evaluation (ENE), and arbitration may also be offered.

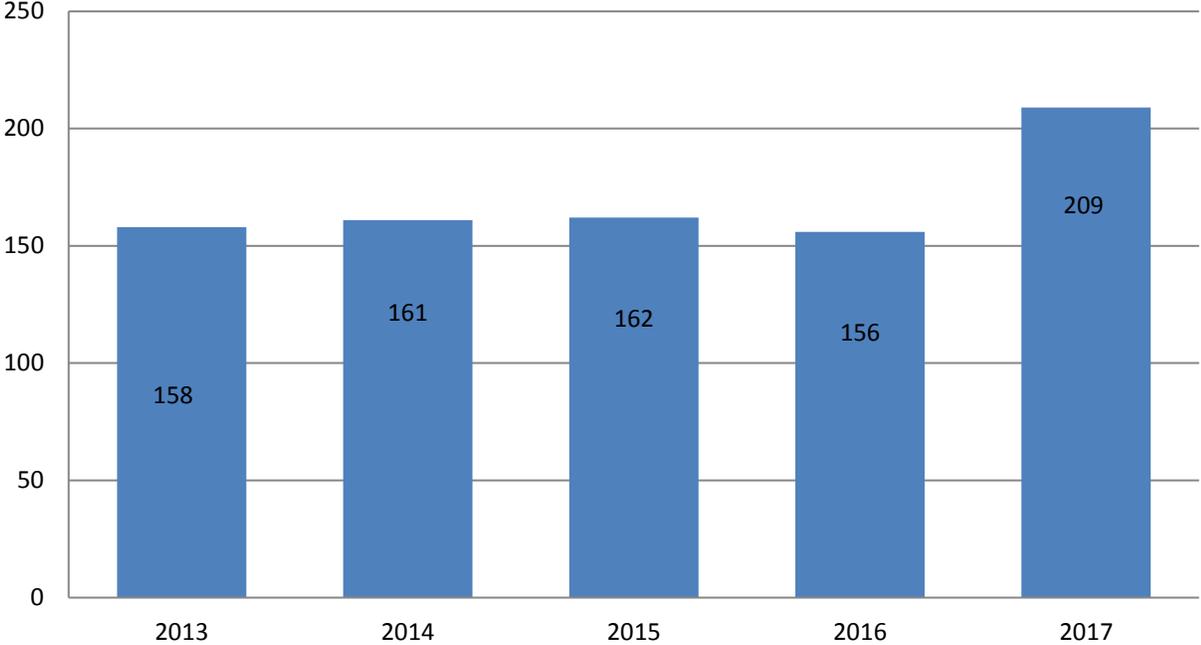
  - *Parenting Coordination (PC)* is a child-focused alternative dispute resolution process in which a mental health or legal professional with mediation training and experience assists high conflict parents to implement their parenting plan by facilitating the resolution of their disputes in a timely manner, educating parents about children’s needs, and with prior approval of the parties and/or the court, making decisions within the scope of the court order or appointment contract.
  - *Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE)* is when disputing parties submit their case to neutral evaluators through a confidential "evaluation session." The neutral evaluators consider each side's position and render an evaluation of the case.

- *Arbitration* is a procedure in which a dispute is submitted, by agreement of the parties, to one or more arbitrators who make a binding decision on the dispute. In choosing arbitration, the parties opt for a private dispute resolution procedure instead of going to court.

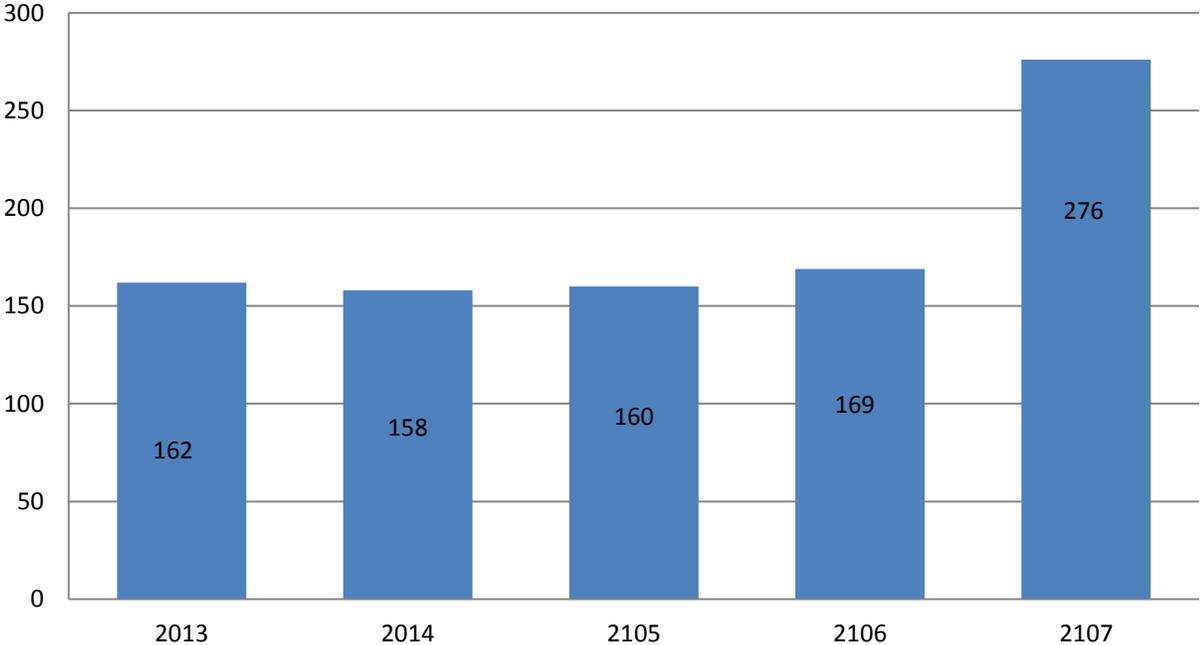
- **The Meeting Place**

The Meeting Place Program is a supervised parenting time and neutral exchange program at The Center for Child & Family Advocacy. A supervised visit is the contact between a child and a parent or family member (usually a non-custodial parent) in a safe, family-friendly setting that is monitored by a visitation monitor professionally trained to protect the safety and rights of everyone involved. Neutral exchanges are for parents who are not required to have supervision during parenting time, but need to be able to make an exchange without interacting with the other parent. During an exchange, a visitation monitor escorts the child from one parent to the other. Parents arrive and leave the Center at staggered times. Families are referred to The Meeting Place Program by the Henry County Family Court.

### Domestic Relations Cases Filed

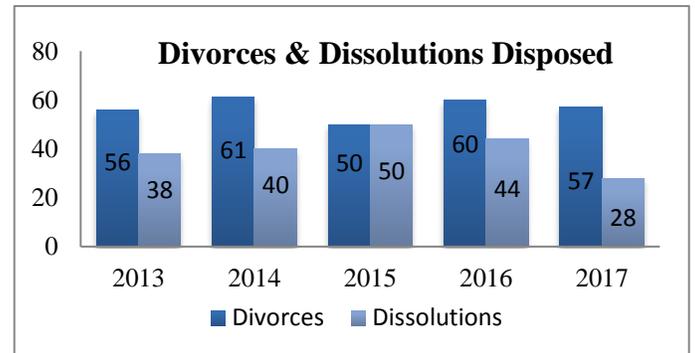
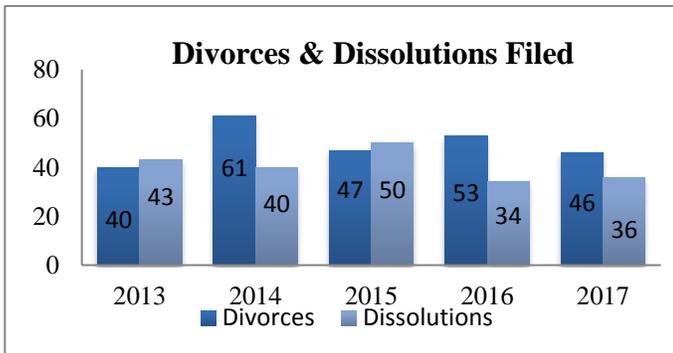


### Domestic Relations Cases Disposed



# DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES 2017

## Divorces, Legal Separations, Annulments and Dissolutions – New Filings



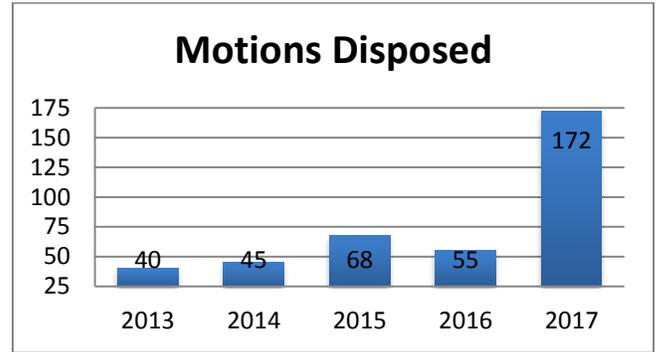
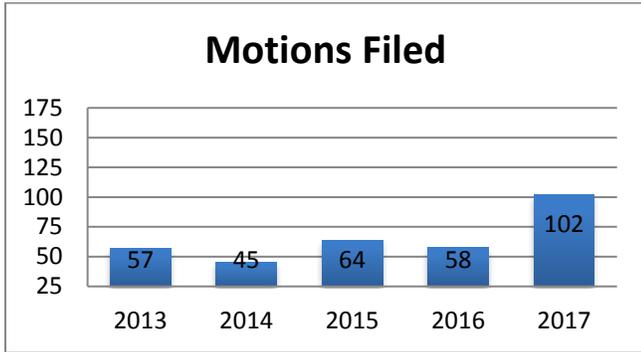
### Types of Cases Filed

<b>Divorces, Legal Separations, Annulments Filed</b>		<b>Dissolutions Filed</b>	
With Children	26	With Children	17
Without Children	20	Without Children	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total Divorce &amp; Dissolution Filings</b>		<b>82</b>	

### Types of Cases Disposed

<b>Divorces, Legal Separations, Annulments Disposed</b>		<b>Dissolutions Disposed</b>	
With Children	36	With Children	12
Without Children	21	Without Children	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total Divorce &amp; Dissolutions Disposed</b>		<b>86</b>	

## Post-Decree Motions



### Motions

#### Post-Decree Motions Filed

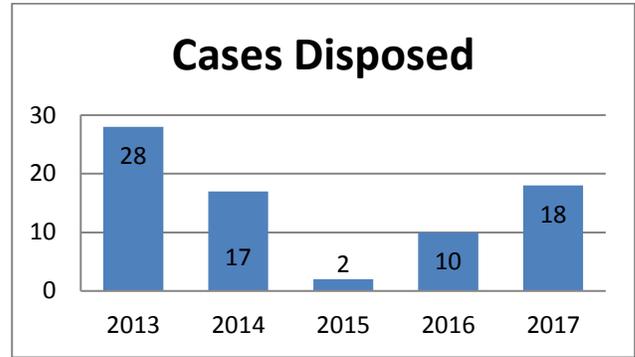
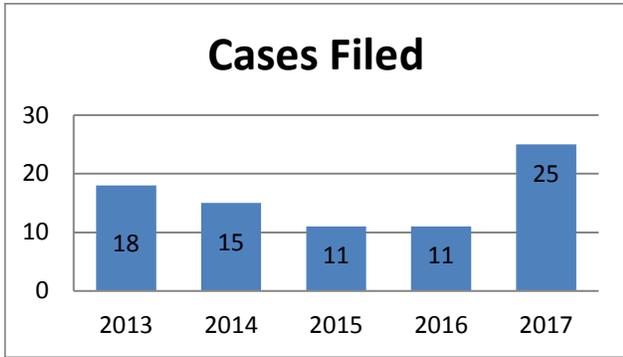
Change in Custody	5
Visitation Modification	7
Support Modification	79
Parentage	0
UIFSA	4
All Other	7
<b>Total Post-Decree Motions</b>	<b>102</b>

### Disposed

#### Post-Decree Motions Disposed

Change in Custody	17
Visitation Modification	22
Support Modification	116
Parentage	4
UIFSA	4
All Other	9
<b>Total Post-Decree Motions Dispose</b>	<b>172</b>

## Domestic Violence



	<u>New Cases Filed</u>	<u>Reactivated</u>
Civil Protection Orders Filed	18	7
	<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>Total Cases Reactivated</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

## Cases Disposed

Civil Protection Orders Disposed	18	
	<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>18</b>