

Muskingum County Juvenile Court & Detention Center 2014 Annual Report



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Annual Report 2014

In compliance with Section 2151.18, Revised Code of the State of Ohio, I submit herewith the Annual Report of the Juvenile Court and Detention Center of Muskingum County, Ohio, for the calendar year 2014, showing the number and kind of cases that have come before it, and other data required by statute or of interest to the general public.

Eric D. Martin
Judge



This Annual Report is provided to:

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FOREWORD FROM THE COURT DIRECTOR

Change was the operative word at the Muskingum County Juvenile Court in 2014. Most significantly, Judge Joseph Gormley retired in June, ending an esteemed legal career after almost twenty-four (24) years on the Probate and Juvenile Court bench. In August, Governor John Kasich appointed Eric Martin to complete the remainder of Judge Gormley's term. Judge Martin was elected to the Probate and Juvenile bench on November 4, 2014 and began his first full term on February 8, 2015.

In May, Steven Buck retired after twenty-eight (28) years of dedicated service to this Court. During his career as a referee and magistrate, he served under Judges Francis Burkhart, and Joseph Gormley. Magistrate Buck dedicated his life to the betterment of children not only as an officer of this Court, but as a father, foster parent, scout leader, and Sunday school teacher. Though retired, he continues to be active in the community.

In September, Dan Kieffer retired after almost thirty-seven (37) years of service to this Court. Dan began his career in the detention facility and became its superintendent in 1979. In 2005, Dan succeeded Rick Davis as the Director of Court Services, a position that he held until his retirement.

In October, Cathy Capunay retired after approximately thirty (30) years of service to this Court. Like Dan, Cathy worked her way through the ranks through hard work and dedication to public service. In 1992, she was appointed Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts, a position she held until her retirement.

These three (3) individuals had a combined ninety-five (95) years of experience with the Court. Each left his or her mark upon the office. Needless to say, their contributions will be missed.

Two (2) significant changes in Juvenile Court operations in 2013 resulted in the Court accessing two (2) sources of federal funding for programming and child placements. Under the facilitation of Angela Carder, Program Administrator, the Court was officially granted Title IV-E status by Ohio Jobs and Family Services in 2014. This status makes the Court eligible for partial cost reimbursement for certain children in court

ordered placements. This project continues to be a work-in-progress as the Court works diligently to meet compliance requirements in an effort to obtain a stable funding source to offset expenses incurred toward out-of-home placements.

Additionally, 2013 was our initial year as a Title IV-D Court. As a Title IV-D Court, we are entitled to reimbursement from the federal government for the costs of a magistrate who is assigned to hear child support enforcement cases involving lower income families that may be receiving governmental financial assistance. This designation resulted in Muskingum County receiving eight thousand eight hundred eighty-two and 50/100ths dollars (\$8,882.50) as partial reimbursement for the Court conducting child support hearings in 2013. In 2014, the Court received four thousand seven hundred sixty-five and 00/100ths dollars (\$4,765.00) as partial reimbursement for conducting those hearings.

In 2013 the Court collaborated with Six County Inc., to provide a mental health counselor who could see clients at our site. This collaboration has continued successfully throughout 2014. By scheduling a child's probation appointment and mental health appointment simultaneously, we have observed a decrease in missed counseling sessions and have eliminated some transportation issues.

The Court's programs for children and families continue to have a positive impact on our community. The Probation Department continues to be an effective option for the Court as only five percent (5%) of probationers were unsuccessfully terminated from probation. Three (3) of the unsuccessful terminations were committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Of the one hundred three (103) youth who were placed on Suspended Probation, only ten (10) failed to complete their Court obligations and were added to the probation roles.

In 2013, the Court received an additional three hundred ten thousand three hundred forty-seven and 59/100ths Dollars (\$310,347.59) from RECLAIM Ohio for the year, which was used primarily to fund the Juvenile Reentry Program, counseling programs, and psychological evaluations of youth. However, due to a slight uptick in our use of DYS bed space during 2014, the Court did not receive any additional funds. The Court was able to meet all funding commitments through fiscal restraint and the use of RECLAIM funds carried over from budget year 2013.

The Detention Center continues to be a model facility having met or exceeded every State and Federal Standard of Operation. Staff turnover was again minimal, which aides in maintaining a high level of security and safety for staff and residents.

After slight declines in recent years, Court records show an increase in new case filings in 2014. Child abuse, neglect, and dependency cases, which have been trending upward for the past few years, increased once again by six (6) cases ending the year with two hundred seventy-two (272) cases.

I'd like to recognize and thank our many community partners who have assisted us in a variety of ways. A special note of gratitude goes to Muskingum Families and Children First, Muskingum County Child and Adult Services, Six County Inc, Thompkins Child and Adolescent Services, the Muskingum Counseling Center, and the Lelia L. Payton Counseling Center.

Most importantly, I want to thank all of the employees of the Court and the Detention Center for their patience and professionalism during this period of transition. Change can sometimes be difficult. Ultimately the influx of new ideas, in combination with suggestions from seasoned veterans, will result in a more efficient and more effective court dedicated to serving the families and children of Muskingum County.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Smith, Esq.
Director of Court Services

COURT OPERATION REPORT

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Complaints Accepted For Court Action	2050	2409
Delinquency Cases Filed	580	593
Status Offense Cases Filed	209	237
Traffic Cases Filed	394	428
Abused, Dependent or Neglected Cases Filed	266	272
Paternity Cases Filed	0	0
Support Cases Filed	151	416
Custody/Visitation	2	2
Permanent Custody	9	5
Adult Cases Filed	10	30
Other (Motions to Modify, POA, etc.)	429	426

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Kathie Davis
Deputy Clerk

TRAFFIC PROGRAMS

CARTEENS

The CARTEENS Program is a traffic safety program for first time juvenile traffic offenders. The CAR in CARTEENS stands for “caution and responsibility” while TEENS refers to the teenagers who help prepare and present the program. The program’s primary goal is to reduce the number of repeat juvenile offenders by educating teen traffic offenders of the consequences of unsafe driving and by providing tips for safer driving. Participants in the program attend one session which lasts approximately two (2) hours. Program topics include drinking and driving, seatbelt safety, consequences of unsafe driving, and tips for safer driving.

The CARTEENS Program was implemented by the Muskingum County Juvenile Court in January 1995 with the assistance of The Cooperative Extension Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. It is held monthly at the Muskingum County Juvenile Court. During 2014, an average of thirty (30) offenders attended with a parent, per session. Each offender pays the cost of \$25.00 to the Cooperative Extension Office. During 2014, two hundred four (204) first time juvenile traffic offenders attended the program. Overall, nine thousand nine hundred thirty-two (9932) first time juvenile traffic offenders have attended the program since its inception.

PROGRAM FORMAT

- Introduction of CARTEENS program
- Court procedures and State of Ohio Driving Laws
- Decision-making and the possible consequences from accident victim
- State Trooper presentation in regards to the outcomes of “bad choices” regarding alcohol and the importance of not drinking/driving.

The most important part of the program is the teen presenters who take their time to come in and speak to their peers. They read poems, speak about consequences, and talk to the teen offenders. The program was designed so the offenders could relate to their own age group instead of several adults speaking to them and telling them the same thing. A peer,

who is highly motivated toward safety, can be the effective catalyst to change a juvenile traffic offender's behavior.

The number one goal of the program is a chance for us to save at least one life through our efforts. The CARTEENS program has had an impact on our community for the past nineteen (19) years.

THE EFFECTS THE CARTEENS PROGRAM HAS HAD ON OUR COMMUNITY:

- Reduced the number of second time juvenile traffic offenders.
- Helped teens make responsible lifestyle choices.
- Increased awareness of driving decision and the impact they have on others.
- Established a network between juvenile court, law enforcement officials, and the 4-H program.
- Made the community more aware of the effects of drinking and driving.
- Made the parents/guardians aware of their responsibilities.

At each CARTEENS session, each teen offender and parent receive an evaluation form in which they are asked to rate the effectiveness of the CARTEENS program there is an evaluation form given to each teen offender and provide feedback on program content. Teenagers regularly report that the program will affect their decisions and driving habits in the future.

COMMENTS FROM THE PARENTS AND TEEN OFFENDERS:

- "Taught me/provided me with new information"
- "Know more about/understand driving laws"
- "Understand/reinforce responsibility/consequences"
- "I am responsible for their/my actions"
- "Makes you realize it can happen to you"

Prepared By:

Vicki Vallee
Deputy Clerk, Traffic Division

PROBATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were no changes in personnel to the probation staff in the year 2014. As of the close of 2014, the Probation Department consisted of:

Mike Blake, Chief Probation Officer
Rose Oliver, Probation Officer
Steve Desrosiers, Intensive & Re-Entry Probation Officer
Jessica Chandler, Probation Officer
James Parry, Probation Officer
Alisha Cooper, Probation Officer
Jeff Baker, Probation Officer

There were also no changes in programming during the year. However, the department did undergo a couple of role changes during the year. One change included adults who were convicted of the charge of Contributing to Truancy being placed on probation and being supervised by probation staff. The second change occurred in November when the probation department started providing security for the Court. All probation officers received training and were certified in the use of Tasers. Throughout the workweek, Probation Officers rotate shifts at the front desk during which time they greet visitors, check people through metal detectors, maintain order in the lobby and insure decorum in the courtrooms.

From January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 the Probation Department opened Two Hundred Eighty-five (285) cases for supervision. These cases consisted of new court referrals, transfers, or recidivist transfers. Total open cases in January of 2014 were one hundred four (104), and 2015 will begin at one hundred seven (107). Closings for the year totaled two hundred seventy-three (273). From the two hundred seventy-three (273) closings, one hundred fifty-three (153) were terminated satisfactorily, ninety-seven (97) by transfer out-of-county or inner office, two (2) by commitment to the Department of Youth Services, eight (8) as no further benefit, eleven (11) by the court and two (2) after the court ended supervised release.

Our Intensive Probation Program received five (5) new referrals during 2014 with one (1) successful termination, one (1) terminated by DYS commitment, and one (1) court closing due to no further benefit during the

year. Our intensive probation officer continued to receive traditional probation cases to supervise as well as re-entry cases.

Intensive Probation serves both felony and misdemeanor offenders who have been assigned by the Judge or Magistrate. Most of these offenders have failed in completing prior court orders or complying with lower levels of supervision.

Youth placed on Intensive Probation are supervised for one hundred eighty (180) to three hundred sixty (360) days depending on his or her behavior. Offenders must complete a detention phase and a four (4) phase program upon release. Intensive youth are subjected to increased face-to-face contact with the Intensive Probation Officer, a thirty (30) day detention sentence followed by thirty (30) days of Electronic House Arrest, home visits, family intervention, cognitive behavioral therapy, and frequent drug and alcohol testing.

Our re-entry officer served twelve (12) youth during 2014. These are youth who were released from a CCF or released to probation after a commitment to the Department of Youth Services. There were five (5) successful terminations, one (1) unsuccessful, and one (1) closing with no further benefit during the year.

Suspended Probation is a means to ensure youth receiving court orders complete their orders. Youth failing to complete orders are brought back before the court for further disposition.

Suspended probation cases opened for the year totaled one hundred three (103). Youth placed on suspended probation are tracked by the Chief Probation Officer. Closings for the year totaled one hundred one (101). Closings included eighty-four (84) successful terminations, ten (10) transferred to probation, and seven (7) by the court as no further benefit with conditions.

Commitments to the Department of Youth Services (DYS) totaled four (4). Another five (5) youth were placed at a Community Correction Facility (CCF). Males accounted for all of the DHS and CCF placements during 2014.

Programs and Services offered during 2014 included; Electronic Monitored House Arrest, Random Drug Testing, Telephone and Home Visit Surveillance, Victim Empathy Classes, Theft Awareness Classes, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Group, Weekend Theft Offender Program, "16 & Beyond", Risk Assessments and completion of Dispositional Investigative Reports and Home Based Counseling through Leila L. Peyton Counseling Agency.

"16 and Beyond" was offered two (2) times during 2014 serving youth who appeared before the court on alcohol related offenses. A parent is required to attend this program with their child. Chief P.O. Blake is the facilitator. Representatives from Genesis were introduced as community supports. Program goals include, understanding consequences or outcomes of this behavior, constructive ways to deal with situations involving alcohol, and awareness of community support systems.

The Movie, "16", filmed by a local cast, deals with the problem of a parent-hosted teen alcohol party. This film delivers consequences for this behavior in a vivid, eye opening manner.

Counselors from Six County Mental Health Services in forty-five (45) minute group settings facilitate counseling addressing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy met on Tuesdays. This group is also provided to males and females on Intensive Probation while in detention and again while out of detention. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy is also offered for males and females in detention who may or may not be on probation.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy groups consist of males and females of various ages. No more than fifteen (15) are permitted in each group and youth attended five (5) sessions. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy non-detention youth totaled twenty-two (22) during 2014. There were seventeen (17) males and five (5) females with nineteen (19) successful completions, one (1) court terminated, and two (2) carried over to 2015.

Intensive probation youth seen in this therapy totaled eight (8) for 2014. Intensive probation families were also required to attend Family Intervention and the parents of Intensive probationers were required to attend the Parent Support Group. Nine (9) families participated in the parent support group and family intervention program.

Youth in detention were offered Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, forty-eight (48) girls received this service during 2014.

Educational groups continued on assigned evenings from 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Topics include Victim Empathy and Theft Awareness. Mary Cassady, a court employee, facilitates the Victim Empathy while Specialist-In Charge, Heath Girton, facilitates the Theft Awareness.

Seventy (70) youths were served these two (2) programs were for the year. Twenty-nine (29) youths completed Victim Empathy and forty-one (41) completed the Theft Program.

Sherry Hampton of the Leila Peyton Counseling Center provided home based counseling to many probation families. Three (3) youths and families were served in Home-Based counseling. Mrs. Hampton also provided outpatient counseling to seven (7) youths during 2014.

The Muskingum County Detention Center offers a Three Day Juvenile Theft Offender Program. This program was conceived to address a growing problem in our communities. With the high number of juvenile theft related offenses, it was determined that there is a true need for specific juvenile theft offender programming. The program is designed to re-educate theft offenders on three levels. Those levels involve the offender understanding the impact of their offenses on themselves, their victims, and the community. The three (3) day detention based program uses a cognitive approach based on the THEFTtalk© system. Muskingum County youths accounted for all thirteen (13) of the youths who attended and completed all three days. Four (4) weekend programs were offered during 2014. One (1) female and twelve (12) males completed the program.

A Risk Assessment is a tool used to gather facts and assess interests and assets of the child, the family, the community, the victim, and any special interest group or treatment concern. It is intended to be an objective appraisal of the dispositional alternatives and resources and is prepared and presented as a recommendation to the Court. Using the balanced approach, (Community Protection, Accountability, and Competency issues) Risk Assessment looks at what is best for the community as well as the individual involved with the juvenile justice

system. This program allows the Court a real opportunity for positive service in a non-duplicated, cost effective manner.

In 2014, Probation Officers completed eighty-two (82) risk assessments. Felony cases may require additional assessment and dispositional material. These are called Dispositional Investigative Report. Both reports are prepared prior to the youth appearing before the court for disposition.

Probation Officers continued their effort to enforce compliance to court ordered curfews with phone and in person home surveillance. Probation Officers were compensated with time and a half for home surveillance and flex time for phone surveillance. Probation officers also performed additional checks in which they were paid.

During the year, seven hundred twenty-nine (729) phone surveillance calls were attempted by Probation Officers along with one thousand two hundred twenty-six (1226) home surveillance visits. Probation Officers were also at the county fair walking the grounds. Our hope is that surveillance will help hold youth accountable to their court assigned curfews, while reducing violations occurring after curfew.

The Probation Department routinely tests for drug usage by probationers. The purpose of this testing is to identify youth who are using drugs or have substance abuse problems. The goal of this program is to deter or control a juvenile probationer's use of drugs.

The Court currently purchases testing equipment through 1-Step Detect Associates and Integrated Corporate Solutions, Inc. These tests allow the Probation Department to complete drug screens and obtain positive or negative results in five minutes.

We continue to test for: Cocaine, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Ecstasy, Benzodiazepines, Marijuana, Opiates, Alcohol, Oxycodone and Methamphetamines. Drug testing supplies costs totaled \$612.00 for 2014.

House Bill 525 mandates all felons and certain misdemeanor offenders submit DNA. DNA samples are sent to BCI where they are held on file for criminal investigations. Samples collected and sent to BCI during 2014 totaled twenty-two (22).

Our Electronic House Arrest program is designed to increase surveillance of youth released from the Juvenile Detention Facility by the Judge or Magistrate prior to an arraignment hearing, dispositional hearing, or as part of a disposition. The electronic monitoring equipment is installed into an offender's home and is designed to track when the offender leaves the home and returns home. The Court currently borrows house arrest units from Muskingum County Common Pleas Court felony division. In 2014, there were twenty (20) youth placed on electronic house arrest for a total of eight hundred sixty (860) monitored days.

There were also four (4) adults placed on reporting probation through the Juvenile Court in 2014. Two (2) of those cases were closed successfully while the other two (2) remain on reporting conditions. There were also eleven (11) adults placed on five (5) years non reporting probation. One case has been closed. There are ten (10) adults on non-reporting probation as of the start the year of 2015. All of the adult cases being supervised involve Contributing to Truancy. The role of the probation officer in these cases is to make sure the parents have their kids attending school as required by law.

The staff of the Muskingum County Juvenile Court Probation Department continues to utilize county vehicles for on the job purposes. We currently operate ten (10) vehicles including one detention transport vehicle and a Community Service Van. Vehicles are used primarily for surveillance, home, school and placement contacts, serving summons, and transportation of youth.

Internal Revenue Service deems Probation Officer use of a county vehicle as a taxable income. For this reason, Probation Officers pay for IRS deemed personal use. Probation Officers are not permitted to drive county owned vehicles for personal use other than to their homes.

Probation Officers begin work at an assigned school. Driving a county vehicle home from the court is deemed personal. Therefore, officers are responsible for \$1.50 per day when reporting from their homes to their assigned school. On days they are unable to begin at their assigned school and report to the court, they pay \$3.00. Usage forms are kept by the officers and the monthly cost is submitted to payroll for deduction.

Probation Officers, Community Service Coordinator, and the Detention Transportation Officer placed a combined total of 67,356 miles on assigned County owned vehicles for the year. During 2014, fuel and maintenance cost totaled \$14,639.96.

Submitted by,

Mike Blake,
Chief Probation Officer

COURT PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMMING

The Ohio Department of Youth Services awarded Muskingum County Juvenile Court the Subsidy Grant and a Supplemental Award in 2014. The Subsidy Grant is allocated to juvenile courts in Ohio to assist in programming in the areas of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation for adjudicated unruly and delinquent children, or children at risk of becoming unruly and delinquent. In 2014, the Subsidy Grant supplemented with past RECLAIM dollars funded the following program areas: Probation, Aftercare Reentry Initiative, Family Preservation/Home Based, Mental Health/Counseling Services, Diversion, Youth Intervention and Clinical Assessments. The Supplemental Award provided the Court with the opportunity to contract with the University of Cincinnati to assist in training curriculum to Court staff and community based counselors in the Thinking for a Change curriculum.

AFTERCARE RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE

A core team of community stakeholders have maintained the foundation of the initiative and is comprised of the following agency representatives: Joyce Mitchell, Ohio Department of Youth Services; Lori Moore, Muskingum County Children Services; Solomon Curtis, Avondale Residential Center; Sheri Hampton of the Lelia L. Payton Counseling Center; Dan Carpenetti, Thompkins Center Inc.; along with Robert Smith, Steve Desrosiers, Mary Cassady, and Angela Carder representing the Muskingum County Juvenile Court.

The Re-entry Initiative focused on providing the Court with a comprehensive, individualized plan to transition each youth within the juvenile justice system back into the community. It was recognized that a successful reentry plan is created through the collaboration of not only the community stakeholders but also the youth and family, and that the re-entry plan must begin the day the youth is committed to the ODYS. With the collaborative efforts of all involved, a holistic approach has been designed and implemented to develop a transitional plan which incorporates community protection as well as the juvenile's competency and

accountability through counseling services, routine surveillance checks, employment preparation and education monitoring.

The Muskingum County Juvenile Court continued to utilize the grant funds to assign Probation Officer Steve Desrosiers to specifically provide intensive supervision and programming to youth being released from Community Correctional Facilities and the Department of Youth Services' institutions. In addition, the grants funds afforded the Court with the opportunity to fund a Program Assistant position filled by Mary Cassady. The duties of this position include job readiness skills, data collection and the facilitation of team meetings.

In effort to assist the Reentry youth, the Court utilized grant funding to contract with the Lelia L. Payton Counseling Center to administer services to the youth and family during the incarceration period and upon transition back to the community. The Center provided the Second Chance Program for the youth and the Step Teen Program for the parents, as well as outpatient mental health counseling and home based counseling.

Twelve (12) youth participated in the Muskingum County Juvenile Reentry Initiative during the calendar year of 2014 with three (3) youth successfully completed the initiative, one youth was terminated unsuccessfully and one youth terminated as no further benefit.

FAMILY PRESERVATION/HOME BASED COUNSELING

Muskingum County Juvenile Court contracted with the Lelia L. Payton Counseling Center to provide home based counseling services to the youth and families. The Family Preservation /Home Based Counseling Program addressed the family's issues and concerns, crisis intervention and stabilization. The goal of program is to empower the family to address difficulties directly and effectively. The Lelia L. Payton Counseling Center provided home based counseling services to three (3) families during the 2014.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

In addition to the home based counseling, the Court contracted with the Lelia L. Payton Counseling Center to provide individual counseling services to adjudicated youth. Individual counseling sessions were tailored

to address the specific needs of the youth. The individualized care included a psychological assessment and clinical evaluation. A structured treatment plan was developed including social, psychological, and behavioral goals. Models of treatment utilized were Cognitive Behavioral, Cognitive Problem Skills, Conflict Resolution, Interpersonal Skills and Solution Focused. The Lelia L. Payton Counseling Center provided services to seven (7) families.

DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Juvenile Diversion Program established a program of early intervention to divert youth from involvement with the Juvenile Justice System. This program is supported by Juvenile Rule 9(A) that “in all appropriate cases formal court action should be avoided and other community resources utilized to ameliorate situations brought to the attention of the court.”

Julie Russell, Diversion Coordinator, maintained the Diversion Program in 2014. The Diversion Program provided an opportunity for low risk unruly and delinquent offenders to be diverted from formal adjudication with the attempt to hold the youth accountable for his or her actions and to minimize penetration into the juvenile justice system. In 2014, the Diversion Program continued to accept youth charged with “Sexting” offenses. Sexting is the act of sending sexually explicit photos, images or messages electronically, primarily by mobile phone or the internet, that are taken with or without consent. The Sexting Diversion Program provides the youth with opportunity to address the charge through the Diversion Program and participate in four (4) group therapeutic sessions facilitated by the Thompkins Center Incorporated. In addition, the youth and parent attend an educational class.

During 2014, the two hundred sixty-eight (268) cases were approved for programming and services through the Diversion Program.

CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

The Clinical Assessment Program provided the Court with the opportunity to contract with a psychologist to complete psychological evaluations on youth to assist the Court in appropriate dispositional options. Upon conclusion of the evaluation, the psychologist will provide

the court with a written report or verbal testimony at a court hearing. The Court contracted with Dr. Howard Beazel to conduct psychological evaluations and competency evaluation on court ordered youth. In 2014, twelve (12) youth were court ordered to submit to a psychological evaluation, as well as six (6) youth were order to complete a competency evaluation.

COURT FUNDED PROGRAMS

WORK DETAIL PROGRAM

The Work Detail Program addressed the areas of accountability and responsibility for the assigned youth. The youth are assigned to the program by the Court, Probation Department or the Diversion Department to complete assigned hours as a consequence for their unruly or delinquent behavior. Fifty-eight (58) non-profit work sites are committed to assisting the Juvenile Court with this program in an arrangement mutually beneficial for all parties. Many of the youth in this program have not had the opportunity to work in a positive setting with responsible adult supervision.

The Work Detail Program was maintained by a Work Detail Coordinator from the period of January through May 2014 and the later part of the year was staffed by the Program Assistant, Mary Cassady. The Work Detail Program is maintained by a Work Detail Coordinator, who meets with each youth and their parent(s) to review program rules, discuss the site alternatives, and to complete necessary paperwork. A number of issues are taken in account when determining the most filled appropriate work site for the youth; such as, the location of the site, youth's age, ability and severity of the offense.

The majority of youth were accompanied by the Work Detail Coordinator to their work site to meet with the site coordinator and to insure their promptness. Youth are more inclined to complete their hours if they are comfortable at their site and with their coworkers. The work sites are monitored periodically by the Coordinator. Upon completion of the program, the Work Detail Coordinator documents the assigned hours in the computer.

In 2014, three hundred thirty-four (334) youth completed their assignment through the Work Detail Program for a total of six thousand four hundred fifty-four (6,454) hours.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

The Residential Treatment Program funded out of home placements for eight (8) males during the calendar year 2014. The Program offered out-of-home placement alternatives for adjudicated youth whose criminal behavior required intensive supervision and/or specialized treatment. Placements utilized were Avondale Residential Center in Muskingum County, Thompkins Center Inc. in Guernsey County and The Village Network/New Horizons Youth Center in Belmont County.

Placement investigations were conducted by the Court in determining the most appropriate placement for the youth. The out-of-home placement providers conducted pre-placement interviews and assessments with the youth and families to determine youth's eligibility for their program.

Youth served through the out of home placement program are under probation supervision. Probation Officers maintained contact with the youth through office visits, school visits, telephone calls and by attending meetings with the placement staff and parents to discuss youth's behavior and progress in the treatment plan.

All placement cases are expected to be on temporary basis and with the anticipation that the youth being reunified with his or her parent or guardian. Parental involvement throughout the placement is vital to this goal. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in counseling sessions and visitations with their children while in placement.

TITLE IV-E

On June 5, 2013, the Muskingum County Juvenile Court entered into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to receive funds under the Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. This agreement provided the Court with the ability to access claims for the cost of foster care placements. In order to be eligible for the foster care placement cost, the youth would be mandated to follow the same requirements as our local children services are required by the Ohio

Department of Job and Family Services. Additionally, the Court could be eligible to receive reimbursement for administrative and training costs.

Three (3) youth ordered into the Temporary Custody of the Court for placement outside the home were found to be eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement. In 2014, the Court received reimbursement for administrative and training cost in the amount of \$57,336.40 and a maintenance reimbursement in the amount of \$20,551.86.

Prepared by:

Angela Carder
Program Administrator

**MUSKINGUM COUNTY
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER
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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

In looking back at 2014, the biggest change came from the retirements of Magistrate Steve Buck, Judge Joseph Gormley and court director Dan Kieffer. All three had a lot of experience in the field and will be missed. We are excited as a facility to have Judge Eric Martin, Magistrate Erin Welsh and Court Director, Bob Smith to replace them. We look forward to working with the new administration.

In 2014, we had a lot of staff turnover. In total we hired 10 new employees during 2014 up from just 4 in 2013. Having this much turnover has resulted in a lot more staff training and a less experienced staff as a whole.

We saw a slight increase in our number of intakes in 2014 from 2013, in 2013 we had 848 intakes in 2014 we had 859 intakes. However, we saw a decrease in total bed days going from 9,870 days in 2013 to 9,574 days in 2014. Our average daily population decreased as a result going from 27.04 in 2013 to 26.23 in 2014.

Zanesville City Schools continues to operate our education program. I am very pleased with how the program has worked out and see it as a benefit to the residents we serve. I look forward to continuing and enhancing our relationship with ZCS.

The facility also operated the MCJDC Transition Program to provide coordination of educational services in an effort to minimize educational loss while students are in our facility. The program looks to assist MCJDC students transitioning back to their home school to improve the likelihood of graduating and to reduce recidivism through academic success. In order to accomplish these goals, Zanesville City Schools has allocated \$70,000 of federal Title I monies annually to collaborate with Six County Inc. and Foreverdads providing support services for MCJDC youth and their families. Program services include group counseling focusing on problem solving and building positive relationships, individual support, counseling with case managers and family wellness at Foreverdads through a Survival Skills for healthy families program. As a result any youth detained more than 72 hours receives some form of services through the Transitions program.

In 2014, we continued to operate our 3-day theft offender program (Theft Talk). We ran the program 4 times in 2014 serving 13 youth. We are continuing to survey courts to determine the effectiveness of the program.

In early December of 2014, 6 staff members, including myself, attended training from the University of Virginia to develop a competency attainment program. We were able to get the program up and running and got our first client in late December. We look forward to expanding this program in the coming year.

Staff members received numerous hours of training during the course of the year.

We continue to receive federal funding from the School Food Lunch Program.

The Center continues to focus on our primary goals of providing a safe and secure environment for our residents, visitors, and our communities. The JCO's do an excellent job of conducting watch tours. On an average day, over 2,000 room checks are completed within the appropriate time frames. Beyond our primary goals, the Center's staff does a remarkable job of offering care for the residents and tending to their personal, educational, nutritional, and medical needs. Because of the dedication of the maintenance crew and kitchen staff to cleanliness, the facility gets positive remarks from inspectors and visitors alike.

Submitted by:

Allen Bennett
Detention Superintendent

MUSKINGUM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

DETENTION CENTER OPERATION REPORT

2014

STATISTICAL REPORT

Total Number of Youth Detained	2013	2014
COSHOCTON	75	79
KNOX	236	232
MUSKINGUM	460	491
GUERNSEY	59	39
OTHER COUNTY YOUTH	18	18
TOTALS	848	859

Total Number of Care Days Given	2013	2014
COSHOCTON	1,508	1,668
KNOX	2,123	2,019
MUSKINGUM	5,516	5,309
GUERNSEY	470	420
OTHER COUNTY YOUTH	253	158
TOTALS	9,870	9,574

Average Number of Care Days Per Child	2013	2014
COSHOCTON	20.11	21.11
KNOX	9.00	8.70
MUSKINGUM	11.99	10.81
GUERNSEY	9.97	10.77
OTHER COUNTY YOUTH	14.06	8.78
TOTALS	11.64	11.15

Average Daily Population	2013	2014
COSHOCTON	4.13	4.57
KNOX	5.82	5.53
MUSKINGUM	15.11	14.55
GUERNSEY	1.29	1.15
OTHER COUNTY YOUTH	.69	.43
TOTALS	27.04	26.23

Gender Breakdown	2013	2014
Male	611	602
Female	237	257

2013

AGE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
#	1	7	33	84	133	196	171	195	28

**** Average age of all youth detained – 15.25**

2014

AGE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
#	10	10	49	70	167	153	192	181	27

**** Average age of all youth detained – 15.10**