

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

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Board Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.18, I am hereby submitting the 2016 Annual Report for the Wood County Juvenile Court.

Descriptions of court activity, staffing and programs offered during 2016 are outlined in the areas of Court Clerical Services, the Probation Department, the Detention Center, and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Department.

Sincerely yours,

Judge David E. Woessner
Wood County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division

xc: Paul Dobson, Wood County Prosecutor
Clerk, Ohio Supreme Court

Enclosure

Wood County Juvenile Court 2016 Annual Report

Introduction

The year 2016 saw an increase in the number of cases filed in the Wood County Juvenile Court. Court records reveal 2,781 cases were filed in 2016 – an increase of 341 cases from 2015. Increases occurred in a number of areas – including an increase in the number of abuse, neglect and dependency cases filed with the Court. The Wood County Juvenile Detention Center also saw an increase in the number of youth detained from Wood and surrounding counties in 2016.

The Juvenile Court's Probation Department overall caseload increased in 2016 – rising to 347 youth and adults under supervision during 2016 – an increase from 295 in 2015. Youth performed 3,731 hours of community service work in 2016 and over \$8,200 in restitution was paid to victims of crime from juvenile offenders. The Juvenile Court continued to provide a wide variety of services and support for youth and families throughout Wood County and continued its long standing collaborative working relationship with service providers and schools throughout Wood County.

The Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem (CASA/GAL) program continued to provide invaluable services for youth in need. Forty-five volunteers advocated for 134 allegedly abused or neglected children and provided over 3,400 hours of service for youth and families. As of December 31, 2016, CASA/GAL volunteers continued to advocate for 78 children in pending matters. CASA was able to serve 94% of the abuse, neglect and dependency cases for which CASA volunteers were requested during the year.

For the seventeenth consecutive year, the Juvenile Court demonstrated a fiscally conservative use of taxpayer dollars by returning portions of its 2016 appropriations to the county's general fund. The Juvenile Court actively utilizes and researches federal and state grants and alternate funding sources.

The Wood County Juvenile Court continues to actively collaborate with service providers and families to serve the citizens of Wood County.

Wood County Juvenile Court

PURPOSE OF THE COURT

Under Section 2151.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Juvenile Court's purpose is:

- (A) To provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children subject to Chapter 2151 of the Revised Code, whenever possible, in a family environment, separating the child from the child's parents only when necessary for the child's welfare or in the interests of public safety;
- (B) To provide judicial procedures through which Chapters 2151 and 2152 of the Revised Code are executed and enforced, and in which the parties are assured of a fair hearing, and their constitutional and other legal rights are recognized and enforced

WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE COURT STAFF

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Probation Officer

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Detention Officer

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Detention Officer

JUDGE DAVID E. WOESSNER

Judge David Woessner has been Judge of the Wood County Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, since December 29, 1998. While Judge, Judge Woessner has also served as the Wood County Common Pleas Court Security Judge; has been the Presiding Judge of the Wood County Common Pleas Court; and was a District One Trustee for the Ohio Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Since 2006, Judge Woessner has continuously been appointed to serve on the Ohio Juvenile Law and Procedure Committee. Judge Woessner has also been an instructor for continuing legal education courses for attorneys, Magistrates and Judges.



In addition to his regular duties, Judge Woessner oversees the 48 bed Wood County Juvenile Detention Center, which houses youth from Wood and surrounding counties. Judge Woessner also serves as the Administrative Judge for the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio. This facility accommodates up to 42 adjudicated felony level offenders and provides services for juveniles from Wood, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Williams Counties.

Prior to serving as Judge, Judge Woessner had been a Magistrate for the Wood County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division. Judge Woessner also served as a Magistrate in the Wood County Juvenile Court. From 1990 until taking office in 1998, Judge Woessner was employed by and was a partner with the law firm of Middleton, Roebke, and Woessner.

Prior to joining Middleton, Roebke, and Woessner, Judge Woessner was the Chief Assistant Prosecutor for the Wood County Prosecutor's Office. As an Assistant Prosecutor, Judge Woessner handled cases ranging from capital murder to felony theft. During his tenure with the Wood County Prosecutor's Office, Judge Woessner was also the Juvenile Prosecutor as well as an Assistant Prosecutor in the civil division, assisting in the representation of school districts, townships, and providing legal opinions to a variety of county offices. Judge Woessner also had previous experience as a Referee at the Bowling Green Municipal Court and worked as a legislative intern in Washington, D.C. for then Representative Stewart McKinney.

Judge Woessner has been actively involved in a variety of professional and community boards, agencies, and activities. He is a past President of both the Wood County Bar Association and the Wood County Law Library Association. Judge Woessner was also appointed by then Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Grant Advisory Board; was a member of the Board of Trustees of Behavioral Connections of Wood County; and served for over six years as a member of the Wood County Ethics, Grievance, and Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. Judge Woessner has also been involved in a wide variety of other groups and activities, including a variety of athletic and recreational programs relating to youth.

COURT CLERICAL DEPARTMENT

COURT CLERICAL STAFF

The Clerical Department is staffed with six full-time Deputy Clerks under the supervision of the Director of Clerical Services.

Various work assignments handled by the Clerical Department include:

- Serving as bailiff for the Judge and Magistrate
- Scheduling the Court Docket
- Processing Judgment Entries and Magistrate's Decisions and Orders
- Processing all legal filings, motions and pleadings
- Processing and sending Court summonses and notices
- Handling fines and Court costs
- Setting up/processing all new complaints
- Maintaining all Court files and "prior" Court histories
- Preparing monthly and quarterly reports
- Entering data into the computer system
- Handling traffic citations
- Serving as a liaison between outside agencies, attorneys, and the Court
- Processing Court Appointed Attorney Fee schedules
- Setting up Temporary Custody motions

Numerous other miscellaneous duties are handled by the Court's clerical staff, in addition to the assignments listed above.

COURT STATISTICS

The Wood County Juvenile Court is located in Bowling Green, Ohio, on South Dunbridge Road. The facility includes the Judge's Chambers and Courtroom, a Magistrate's Courtroom, the Clerical Services Department, Probation Department, Detention Center, and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Department.

Total Court fees and fines collected in 2016 amounted to \$96,421.37

In 2016, the Court had 2,781 cases filed, and disposed of 2,625 cases. A complete breakdown of these cases follows in the chart below.

TYPES OF CASES FILED AND DISPOSED IN 2016

CASES FILED

	Delinquent	Traffic	Dep/Neg/Ab	Unruly	Adult	Perm Cust	Chg Cust	Support	Parent age	URES A	All Others	Totals
January	78	44	30	12	4	0	20	47	1	0	0	236
February	57	45	15	10	1	0	29	51	3	0	0	211
March	74	61	27	15	6	0	27	53	0	0	1	264
April	119	50	33	6	6	1	24	26	0	0	0	265
May	46	56	33	9	11	0	27	57	1	0	0	240
June	51	59	25	1	2	1	35	41	0	0	0	215
July	64	49	23	4	0	1	25	37	2	0	0	205
August	93	45	26	8	2	1	22	55	1	0	1	254
September	47	58	36	1	2	3	31	70	2	0	2	252
October	57	59	20	4	0	0	27	44	2	0	0	213
November	61	37	30	4	1	2	23	59	1	0	0	218
December	66	42	41	8	1	1	21	27	1	0	0	208
Totals	813	605	339	82	36	10	311	567	14	0	4	2781

CASES DISPOSED

	Delinquent	Traffic	Dep/Neg/Ab	Unruly	Adult	Perm Cust	Chg Cust	Support	Parent age	URES A	All Others	Totals
January	41	38	29	5	2	0	27	57	1	0	0	200
February	74	41	24	6	1	0	13	18	3	0	0	180
March	62	53	17	14	3	0	28	51	0	0	1	229
April	46	52	26	8	0	0	17	42	2	0	0	193
May	146	57	24	12	3	3	22	60	1	0	0	328
June	48	60	25	8	6	0	23	58	1	0	0	229
July	53	44	24	5	8	0	33	48	2	0	0	217
August	63	45	38	6	3	1	26	44	1	0	0	227
September	63	61	31	4	4	2	28	53	0	0	1	247
October	67	49	25	4	3	0	24	43	1	0	2	218
November	47	58	26	5	3	2	30	28	1	0	0	200
December	54	37	29	3	1	3	17	13	0	0	0	157
Totals	764	595	318	80	37	11	288	515	13	0	4	2625

Alternatives to Adjudication and Habitual Truants

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code sections 2151.18 and 2152.27, 3 youth were charged as habitual truants in 2016; 2 of those were adjudicated in 2016, with 1 pending adjudication in 2017; and none were placed in an alternative to adjudication in 2016.

WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

During 2016, the Juvenile Court Probation Department continued to provide services to the children and families of Wood County. Significant achievements by the department included:

- Over 3,700 hours of community service work were completed by juveniles at over 100 sites. Work included landscaping area churches; preparing area high school and city/township baseball, softball and soccer fields for the season; and assisting with set-up and clean-up at area festivals. Work was also performed for the Wood County Fairgrounds and the Village of Grand Rapids. Crews cleaned up high school football stadiums after games, sorted clothes at a deacon shop and cleaned at the Wood County Humane Society on a regular basis. Additionally, crews collected litter along over 150 additional miles of Wood County roadways.
- Returned over \$8,000 in restitution to victims of crimes committed by juvenile offenders in Wood County.
- Twenty two youth completed the Juvenile Court's Theft Offenders Program. The Theft Offenders Program has served over 2,086 youth since its inception in 1989.
- Used the statewide Ohio Youth Assessment System to determine the risk and needs of court involved youth.
- Planted a community garden outside the Juvenile Court Center. Produce was donated to local food pantries.
- Successfully secured grant funding and federal reimbursement for multiple projects implemented in 2016.
- Received Title IV-E funds which assist with sustaining the Court's placement budget.
- Received a Supreme Court Grant to begin implementation of "Thinking for a Change" for select probation youth.

The Probation Department performs a variety of responsibilities within the Juvenile Court. Nine full-time staff accomplish this by assessing the individual needs of the child and their family, and developing a treatment plan that is in the child's best interest. The least restrictive setting is considered, and the use of community agencies and services is an important element of the family's treatment plan.

The primary responsibility of the Probation Department is to supervise youth and adults who have been ordered to complete a period of probation, also known as community control. The majority of probationers are under the age of 18. However, adults charged with misdemeanor offenses involving child victims can be prosecuted through the Juvenile Court and serviced through the Juvenile Probation Department.

During 2016, 347 juveniles and adults were supervised through the Juvenile Probation Department.

The Probation Department prepares Pre-Dispositional Intake Reports to help determine what consequences youth appearing before the Court should receive. Probation Officers interview the youth, parents, schoolteachers, counselors, and others with pertinent information about the youth. Victims have an opportunity to submit a statement to the Court regarding the impact the offense had upon them. A report is then prepared for the Court by the Probation Officer, including recommendations concerning what is in the child's best interest. Probation Officers use the Ohio Youth Assessment System as a key component of our intake process. This is an objective assessment tool which measures risk and needs of the youth and is used throughout the State of Ohio. In 2016, the Probation Department completed 74 Intake Reports. An additional 8 reports were completed on young adults requesting their records be sealed or expunged.

In order for the Probation Department to receive Title IV-E funds, which assist with sustaining the Court's placement budget, it is necessary to complete case plans for all youth on supervised probation within 30 days of the date of disposition/placement on probation. Case plan reviews must then occur within 180 days of disposition. Case plans and case plan reviews are used to determine candidacy. If a child is determined to be a candidate for foster placement, the probation officer is obligated to make sure they are providing services to reduce the risk of removal from the home.

Title IV-E participation further requires the Probation Department to complete 'random moment samples.' Random moment samples are exactly what they say they are: A sampling of what activities the officer is

doing at a random moment in time. The random moment sample provides data to determine what percentage of time is spent providing services to help prevent youth from being removed from their home.

The Probation Department staff is frequently invited to speak at functions to present information about the Court. Parent support groups and civic organizations invited Probation Officers to address their meetings in order to learn about the juvenile justice system. The Probation Department staff spoke to area high school classes and also to an introductory criminal justice class and an introductory social work class at Bowling Green State University. The Probation Department actively participated on numerous boards and committees in 2016, including the Wood County Service Coordination Team, Family and Children's First Council, the Wood County Prevention Coalition, the Supreme Court and Title IV-E Roundtables, the Wood/Lucas County Juvenile Court Conference Planning Committee and the County News Letter Committee.

Juvenile Court Probation Officers are required to complete ongoing training. The Juvenile Court encourages the completion of both the required training as well as additional training hours by the Probation Department staff. Eleven staff members completed 449.5 hours of training during 2016.

THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SUPERVISES THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

THINKING FOR A CHANGE

The Wood County Juvenile Court is motivated to ensure there are no additional victims of juvenile offenders in Wood County. In 2016, the probation department wrote and received a Supreme Court Grant to begin implementation of "Thinking for a Change" for select probation youth. This grant allowed us to train nine staff members in the "Thinking for a Change" curriculum. The curriculum consists of three components, which include teaching youth social skills, the cognitive self-change process, and problem solving skills. Probation youth determined to be appropriate for this group are offered transportation to and from group and are provided incentives such as a snacks, meals and the option to earn twenty hours of community service work for the successful completion of the program. The program runs for thirteen weeks and includes twenty-five different lessons. Eight youth successfully completed the program in 2016.

DIVERSIONS

In an attempt to prevent a youth from formally entering the Juvenile Court system, a diversion may be performed with the youth and parents. Diversion referrals may be made by parents or at the request of a school official.

A parent-referred diversion is completed at the Court Center. The youth and parents are interviewed by a Probation Officer or Court personnel who assess the presenting problems. Youth are informed of their rights and advised what could occur should unruly or delinquent behavior continue. Positive alternatives to Court action are discussed, such as a referral to community based resources and counseling agencies.

A school-referred diversion occurs when a school administrator begins to see a pattern of truancy or other unruly behavior. A staff member of the Court will go to the school and discuss the negative behavior or lack of attendance with the student and attempt to resolve problems without formal Court involvement. Students are advised of the legal consequences should their truant or unruly behavior continue.

During 2016, the Probation Department, with the assistance of the Magistrate, performed six diversions with youth and their parents at the Court Center.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK / RESTITUTION PROGRAMS

Community service and restitution to victims of juvenile crime continue to be priorities of the Court. It is important that youth fully understand how their actions have made someone a "victim" of their crime. This, in part, is accomplished by having youth complete community service hours as part of their period of probation. Also, if a victim has incurred monetary damages, restitution may be made by the youth, either by paying the restitution himself or "working off" the amount owed through community service. Youth who are unable to pay fines and Court costs are eligible to work community service in lieu of making payments. The Probation Department operates a community service project on Saturdays during the school year and on weekdays through the summer months.

From September through May, funding for the crew supervisors is secured through an Ohio Department of Youth Services grant. Youth perform a variety of duties for non-profit organizations, including: litter collection,

yard work, painting, light maintenance, and car washing. In addition to the Probation Department's Program, youth are able to perform community service at various locations throughout Wood County. During 2016, 158 youth performed 3,731 hours at over 100 different sites and organizations in Wood County.

Once again this year the Juvenile Court planted a community garden as a service learning project. Staff received donations of tomatoes, peppers, onions, squash, broccoli, and eggplant from Thomas Mack and Plants For All Things. Kokosing, which was doing work on Interstate 75 near the court, delivered several dump trucks full of clean dirt. Penta Career Center donated raised planter beds. Hope Equine Therapy allowed our youth to gather horse manure and the Wood County Solid Waste Management District and the Wood County Landfill donated mulch. Youth from the summer crew were able to sow, weed, water and pick produce from the garden. This was a new experience for a number of youth who didn't have a background in gardening. This year over 7,000 tomatoes, 3,000 banana peppers, 1,250 mini bell peppers, 60 zucchini and 35 squash were donated to a local food bank and area churches.

Other noteworthy community service work projects completed during 2016 included: preparing city and township baseball and soccer fields for the sports season; assisting with set up and cleanup of area festivals; assisting in cleaning up of school athletic facilities after games; working at the Wood County Humane Society; participating in games and crafts with the residents of Woodhaven; and completing yard work at the Juvenile Court Center.

Restitution is an integral part of the treatment philosophy held by the Juvenile Court. Whenever a citizen incurs monetary damages, the youth may be held accountable for reparation to the victim. When youth are unable to pay the victim, the youth can "work off" the damages by performing community service. The Court, through a Department of Youth Services grant, will then pay restitution to the victim once the youth has completed the required number of hours.

During 2016, \$8,267.32 in restitution was returned to victims of juvenile crime. This included \$6,696.66 paid directly by the youth, and an additional \$1,570.66 "worked off" by youth.

Under an agreement with the Juvenile Residential Center (JRC) of Northwest Ohio, probation youth who are committed there can begin completing required community service and restitution hours while at JRC. This is a major help in expediting the completion of Court orders, and more importantly, reimbursing the victims for their losses.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING

Unfortunately, many youth involved with the Juvenile Court may be abusing legal or illegal drugs or alcohol. Often, youth are under the influence of alcohol or drugs when they commit a crime. Based on this, probationers are routinely required to submit to random drug testing. The probation department utilizes one step test strips to detect the presence of drugs of abuse in urine. The following drugs of abuse can be tested for: marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamines, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, oxycodone, morphine, buprenorphine/suboxone, methadone, PCP/phenylcyclidine, ecstasy/MDMA, opiates and K-2/Spice. Prior to being discharged successfully from supervised probation, a youth must produce a urine sample clear from the presence of drugs of abuse.

In the year 2016, 895 drug tests were administered to youth on probation in Wood County. Of this total, 120 of the samples (13.4%) tested positive for drugs of abuse. Other drug tests were administered at the request of Wood County Children's Services, the Wood County Alternative School, Putnam County Juvenile Court (youth detained in the Detention Center), parents of non-probation youth, and by this Court ordering adults (custody, abuse, neglect, and dependency cases) to submit to testing. A total of 204 drug tests were taken from youth and adults not on probation. Of this total, 59 of the samples (28.92%) tested positive for drugs of abuse. Drug tests on persons not on probation generated revenue of \$1,207.36.

THEFT OFFENDER PROGRAM

Since 1989, the Juvenile Court has offered a Theft Offender Program for youth who have committed property related offenses. These offenses include shoplifting, vandalism, criminal damaging, auto theft, grand theft, and other theft related offenses.

The youth and a parent attend a four-hour class covering a variety of theft related issues. Topics discussed are peer pressure, victim awareness, victim empathy, and decision-making. The class is a positive approach to teaching the youth to make better choices in the future.

In 2016, 22 youth completed the Theft Offender Program. Since 1989, 2,086 youth have been served by this program.

At the conclusion of each program, the youth and their parents are asked to fill out an evaluation form and comment on the program. The following are some of the comments received from this year's participants:

Parents:

- Great way to open the youth's eyes.
- There are no BAD children, just children who make poor choices.
- Great Job! It is not easy to reach young minds.

Youth:

- The decision you make as a kid effect your future.
- I really enjoyed this class and learned a lot from it.
- Small things can lead to bigger things and spiral out of control.

TEEN COURT

C.Y.C.L.E. is a Division of the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and is an acronym that stands for Cooperating with Youth, Community, and Law Enforcement. Teen Court (in cooperation with Judge Woessner and the Wood County Juvenile Court) is a diversion program within the C.Y.C.L.E. Division designed as an alternative to juvenile court for first-time, non-violent offenders. Selected and trained teen volunteers serve as jury members. The premise of Teen Court is that young people will respond positively to the influences of their peers. In 2016 there were a total of 26 Teen Court members from 9 different school districts who served on the court. In total, the Teen Court heard 13 cases in 2016.

GUN SAFETY and AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Juvenile Probation Department provides a Gun Safety and Awareness course for juvenile offenders. A parent is required to attend with their child. This one-day class is designed for juveniles charged with minor weapon-related offenses, such as misuse of a paintball gun or a BB gun.

Topics covered are the primary safety rules, eye and ear protection, proper handling of firearms, consequences and dangers of misuse, and laws governing the use and possession of firearms. A test is given at the end of the session, and certificates are awarded to youth who successfully complete the program. This program is not intended to take the place of a hunter safety course, and no firearms are discharged as part of the course.

This year, two youth and their parents attended this one time class.

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

The Juvenile Court uses a portion of its Department of Youth Services (DYS) grant allocation to pay for youth under electronic surveillance. DYS funds assisted in paying for the salary of the probation officer who facilitates this program and paid for the actual monitoring services themselves. The Juvenile Court sometimes uses electronic surveillance in lieu of incarceration in the Detention Center. A transmitter is placed on the youth's ankle and a field monitoring device is installed in the home and connected to the telephone line. When a youth leaves or returns home, tampers with the equipment, etc., that data is immediately sent through the telephone line to a monitoring center and in turn sent via text message to the electronic monitoring officer.

Electronic surveillance allows the youth to attend school, counseling services, and other pre-approved activities while being monitored. Electronic surveillance is less costly than incarceration and allows the youth to remain in a less restrictive environment with his or her family. A total of 4 youth were monitored for a total of 143 days during the year.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES:

401 Reclaim/510 Subsidies

401 Reclaim

Effective January 1, 1995, the Ohio Department of Youth Services implemented a program for all Juvenile Courts in the state. RECLAIM OHIO provides substantial funding to each Juvenile Court based on the previous year felony adjudications and commitments to the Department's institutions.

The mission of RECLAIM OHIO is to give Juvenile Courts the financial resources to provide for the individual needs of youthful offenders by purchasing, enhancing, and developing community based programs and services. All youth involved with the Court are eligible for services.

During 2016, RECLAIM OHIO funds were used to pay for the purchase of services and for salaries and benefits of Probation Department staff who monitor the RECLAIM OHIO grant and programs. Under a statewide formula, the Court is debited RECLAIM funds for any youth committed to an Ohio Department of Youth Services facility or to the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio.

510 Subsidy

The Ohio Department of Youth Services provides to every Juvenile Court a 510 subsidy to fund staff and the purchase of services. Separate and different from RECLAIM OHIO, the 510 subsidy is based on the county's population.

In 2016, the Juvenile Court 510 subsidy was used for staff salaries and benefits, supplies, purchasing community based services, and other related expenses.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES: Commitments/Alternatives

Prior to committing a youth to the Ohio Department of Youth Services, every attempt is made to provide services to the youth while residing at home, by utilizing community based resources. On occasion, youth who do not respond to these efforts or otherwise present a serious risk to the community are committed to the Department of Youth Services.

Alternatives used by the Probation Department to avoid a youth being sent to the Department of Youth Services include: Electronic surveillance, detention time, placement at the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio; or placement at other community based residential or outpatient treatment facilities.

One youth was committed to Ohio Department of Youth Services in 2016. Three youth remained in placement from last year.

JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER OF NORTHWEST OHIO/ YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER

In July of 1994, the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio opened. Located adjacent to the Juvenile Court Center, this multi-county facility provides secure treatment for male felony level offenders. This alternative to commitment to the Department of Youth Services allows the Courts to serve the youth locally, with a strong family component.

In 2016, five Wood County male youth were committed to the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio. In 2016, one additional youth continued to be served by the Juvenile Residential Center from a prior year's placement.

TITLE IV-E

In June of 2008, the Court signed a sub-grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and became a Title IV-E eligible Court. The federal Title IV-E program provides funds for needy, delinquent children who require specialized residential placement. Monies are provided on a reimbursement basis to assist Courts in recovering some of the costs incurred maintaining a child in residential treatment or treatment foster care homes. Title IV-E also reimburses courts for a portion of the administrative costs expended to keep youth in their own homes and avoiding placement. In 2016, two youth were served in an out-of-home placement through the Title IV-E program.

For youth to be eligible for this program, the Court will look at the least restrictive environment that will best serve the youth and family's needs, while allowing the youth to remain in the custody of his/her parents or legal guardian. Reunification with parents or guardians following successful treatment is the goal.

2016 Annual Report for the Court Appointed Special Advocate/ Guardian ad litem (CASA®/GAL) Program

The Wood County CASA/GAL Program recruits, trains and supervises community volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children whose cases are being heard in the Wood County Juvenile Court. CASA/GAL volunteers serve as guardians ad litem for the child. They gather information about all aspects of the child's life. Based on the facts gathered, they submit written reports to the Court; which includes family strengths and concerns, the child's wishes, and CASA/GAL recommendations about the child's best interest. CASA/GAL volunteers stay involved with the case until the child is in a safe, permanent home and the case is closed by the court.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Statute 2151.281(G), the Juvenile Court appoints a guardian ad litem (GAL) for each child alleged or adjudicated as abused or neglected as soon as possible after the complaint is filed. Further, 2151.281(J) (1) indicates that the court shall appoint a qualified volunteer whenever one is available and the appointment is appropriate. The CASA/GAL Program has successfully provided this needed service to Wood County children since 1988. The CASA/GAL Program complies with Rules 48 of Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Ohio which guides GAL practice.

Volunteer Supports

The CASA/GAL Program is staffed by a full time Director, two full time Volunteer Coordinators and a part time Office Assistant. The Director supervises the program staff, whose positions are funded primarily through the Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) Grant. The Director's position is paid through Wood County funding.

Responsibilities of the Volunteer Coordinators include recruiting, training, screening and supervising the CASA/GAL volunteers' advocacy efforts. They facilitate training meetings, review all reports to the Court, provide support to volunteers throughout their work on cases and maintain case records and statistics. They serve as a "sounding board" for each CASA/GAL for ideas on resources that can assist the children and families; creative ideas to work with resistive families and children; ensure receipt of Court documentation and supports with the Court process. They also are responsible for coordinating the Citizen Review Board (CRB) meetings and volunteer recruitment and screening of the CRB.

Responsibilities of the Office Assistance are to ensure that the data management software is properly maintained with all new volunteer and case information is updated, set up all new case files, and assist with volunteer recruitment tasks including accepting and monitoring the application process. Tasks also include volunteer retention and appreciation activities.

Wood Co. CASA/GAL program is a member in good standing of both the National CASA Association and the Ohio CASA/GAL Association. The Program Director ensures that State and National CASA Standards are met and that staff and volunteers understand and follow the program expectations and policies, making any needed revisions as necessary. Program policies include but are not limited to best practices for program organization and management, program governance, volunteer supports, fiscal management, human resource management, risk management, public relations and record keeping.

The Program Director also serves as the liaison between the program and the non-profit advisory board, Friends of Wood County CASA, and participates in Ohio CASA/GAL Association Program Director trainings and activities.

In addition, the Program Director serves as the GAL Coordinator for the Court under Rule 48 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. The primary duties of the GAL Coordinator are to ensure compliance with each section of the Rule, including GAL qualification verification, maintaining GAL records and accepting grievances concerning the services of GALs.

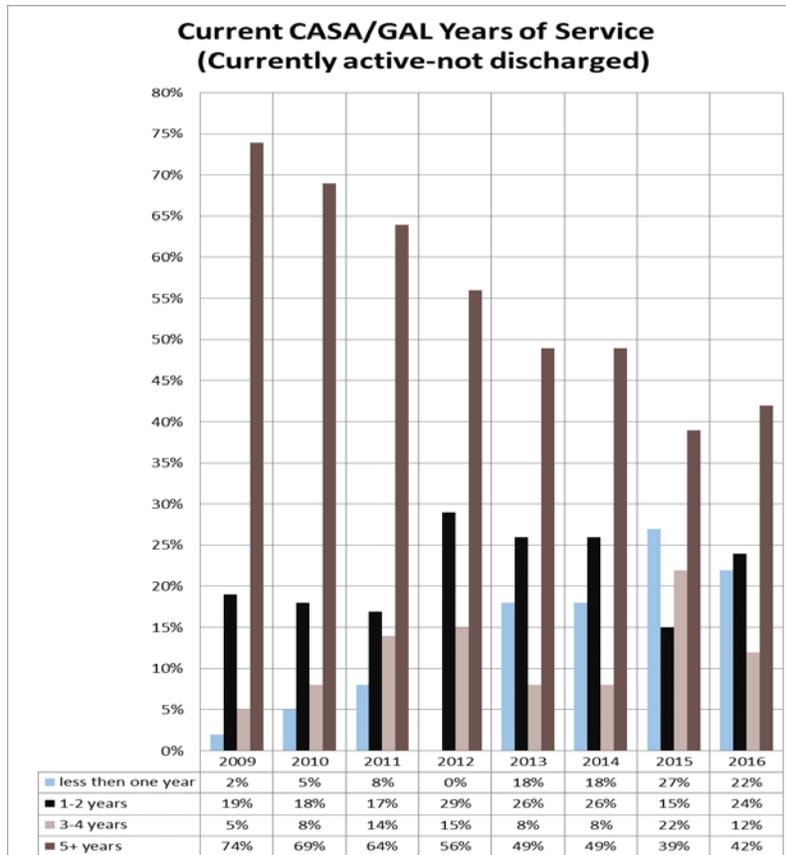
CASA/GAL Volunteers Serve as Advocates for Children

In 2016, a total of 42 individuals served as volunteers, advocating for at least one child alleged to have been abused, neglected or dependent. The volunteers provided over 3385 hours of service to the CASA/GAL Program, traveled over 33,500 miles to obtain information regarding their cases, and attended approximately 250 court hearings.

All individuals who became CASA/GAL volunteers in 2016 participated in a 40 hour pre-service training facilitated by the program staff, utilizing the National CASA Association Flex Learning curriculum which is a blend of online and classroom style learning. They also participated in an additional 5 hours of time spent observing the Court process. Three pre-service training sessions were held in 2016. Judge Woessner administered the oath of office to the thirteen individuals who completed pre-service training requirements. Federal Department of Human Service funds received through the Ohio CASA Association assisted with volunteer pre-service training costs.

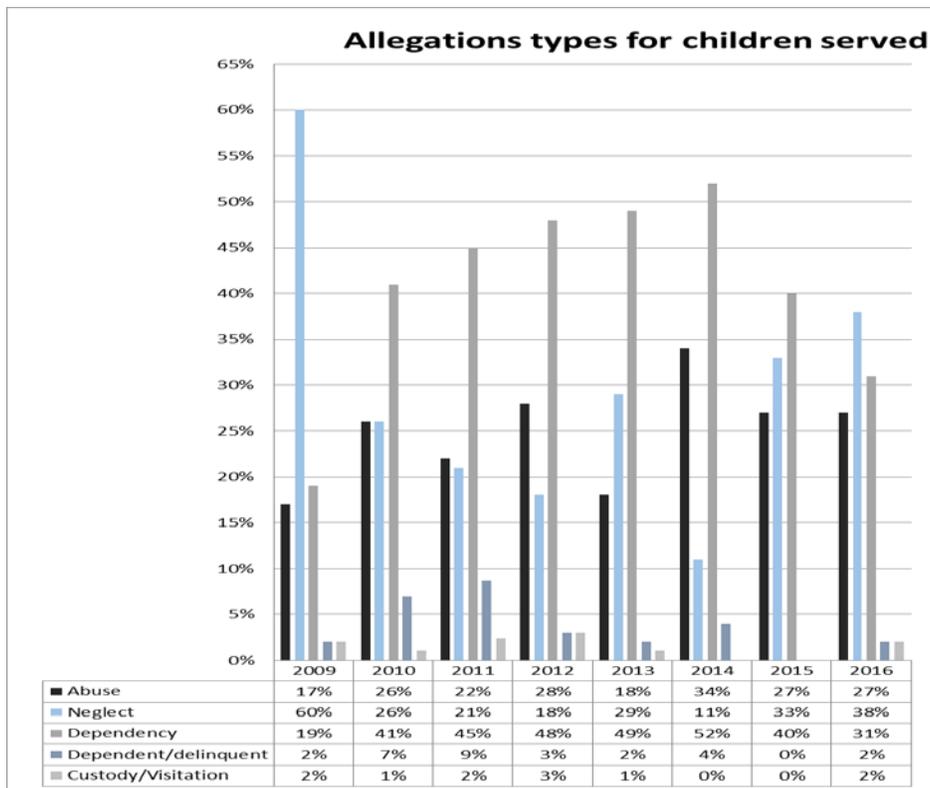
The CASA/GAL Program held its annual volunteer recognition banquet at a "picnic style event" on April 2016 at the Center Township Hall with food catered by Big C Smoked BarBQ. Volunteers with the Citizen Review Board, Friends of CASA and CASA/GAL were recognized at the event for their commitment and years of service. Judge Woessner, Magistrate Campbell and the County Commissioners attended the event, thanking volunteers for their commitment and service. Christine Pullen donated the center pieces for the tables and created the invitations.

In 2016, the average volunteer tenure with the program was three and a half years with seventeen volunteering over 5 years with the Program. As of December 31, 2016, there were 33 active volunteers (serving at least one case) and an additional 3 volunteers in "inactive status".



Children Who Received CASA/GAL Advocacy

In 2016, Judge Woessner appointed a CASA/GAL Volunteer to advocate for the best interest of 142 children from 68 families. (In 2015, 121 children from 61 families were served.) These included cases involving abuse, neglect, dependency, and some children who were found to be dependent through their delinquency cases. At the beginning of 2016, 63 children were receiving CASA/GAL services, and an additional 79 children began receiving services during the year. CASA/GAL Volunteers closed cases involving a total of 59 children in 2016. The CASA/GAL Program was able to appoint a CASA/GAL volunteer to advocate for 94% of the children (97% of the families) who were referred by the Wood County Juvenile Court. (In 2015- 93%, 2014-90%, 2013-96%, 2012-95%, 2011-98%, 2010-100%, 2009-97%, 2008-87%, 2007-85%, and 2006-88.6% of the children were appointed a CASA/GAL Volunteer.) As of December 31, 2016, 83 children from 43 families continued to receive the services of a CASA/GAL volunteer.



Improving Skills through Training

In 2016, the Program Director and Program Staff attended the annual Ohio CASA/GAL (OCASA/GAL) Association conference along with three CASA/GAL volunteers. The costs incurred for registration fees and lodging were paid for through the Toledo Community Foundation-James Halapleus Fund, applied for through Friends of CASA. (See more information below about this grant.) These funds provided the Program Director the opportunity to attend the National CASA Conference in Washington DC where she also participated in the CASA meets Congress event following the conference.

Staff also attended other community training events, including the Attorney General's Two Days in May conference, AFCC Regional Conference, Ethics, Inter-court Conference, and Impact of Trauma on Early Childhood development.

CASA/GAL volunteers are required to obtain twelve hours of in-service training annually, to include three hours of topics which comply with mandatory GAL training. To assist them in completing these requirements, the CASA/GAL Program provided training opportunities throughout the year with topics that included working with difficult people; personal safety; Solace; autism; CASA from an attorney's perspective and Rule 48; Mental Health needs of Youth and Toxic Stress. With the training opportunities offered to CASA/GAL volunteers by the program and those in the community that some volunteers chose to attend,

volunteers completed a total of approximately 900 hours of training collectively in 2016.

A regional training event was coordinated by Lucas Co CASA Program and Wood County CASA Program to learn more about the heroin epidemic. This event was held at the Way Library in Perrysburg. Presenters for this event were Lucas County Coroner Dr. Robert Forney, Belinda Brooks from Solace and Lucas County Sheriff Tharpe with Sargent Matt Rizzo.

In addition the Wood County CASA Program hosted the Victims of Crime Services regarding the services and needs of Crime Victims. This event was hosted on November 3, 2016 at the Way Library and was open to all area victim services organizations and law enforcement and prosecutor agencies from local and surrounding counties. Approximately 80 victim service providers were in attendance.

Juvenile Court Citizen Review Boards

The two Citizen Review Boards (CRB), are each comprised of five community volunteers appointed by the Juvenile Court Judge for up to three-year terms of service. The CRB meets monthly at the Juvenile Court. Two additional trained individuals are alternates and are able to serve on either board as needed. The responsibility of Citizen Review Board members is to review case plans of children under the protective supervision or in the temporary custody of the Wood County Department of Job and Family Services. In 2016, the CRB members met for approximately 50 hours, reviewing 168 case plans (169 case plans in 2015, 198 case plans in 2014, 173 in 2013, 184 case plans in 2012) and provided recommendations to the Court regarding the appropriateness of the case plans established to assist abused or neglected children and their families. Throughout 2016, four members received the Oath of Office for a renewal of their three year term of service and one new member joined as a CRB Volunteer.

Friends of Wood County CASA

The "Friends of Wood County CASA" is a non-profit organization which lends support to the Wood County CASA/GAL Program. Currently there are thirteen community volunteer members serving on the advisory board. The Board's primary responsibilities are raising public awareness of the Wood County CASA/GAL Program, fund raising, and developing recommendations for program enhancement.

The Friends of CASA\GAL approved four new member in 2016 to serve on the Board for a three year term. The board continues to maintain student positions on the board with a one year term of service that can be renewed for additional yearly terms.

The Friends of Wood County CASA members attended various events in the community providing information to those in attendance about the CASA\GAL Program and the need for volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children. Awareness activities included a Wine Tasting event and participation in the Perrysburg Harrison Rally Days.

In 2016, the traditionally held Karen Swartz Memorial Walk for CASA included a family 5K Run/Walk and was held in October at downtown Rossford, Ohio. Friends of CASA partnered with Dave's Running Shop to hold this event. Approximately 100 community members attended the event to assist in raising awareness about children in the community who have experienced abuse and neglect, and the CASA/GAL Program volunteer services. Family and friends of Karen Swartz were present and those who remember having been taught by Ms. Swartz at Rossford schools many years back. A similar awareness event is being planned for October 2017.

In addition to awareness, Friends of CASA provides support and encouragement to CASA/GAL Volunteers. They provided special appreciation gifts throughout the year to all volunteers for their time and travel, by giving each volunteer with an active case load a gas or gift card and recognize through the "Starfish award" those volunteers excel in their role of advocates and in their support of the CASA/GAL Program.

Friends of CASA received funding for volunteer recruitment and outreach and volunteer development and education, as a result of a two year grant through the James Halapleus Fund applied for through the Toledo Community Foundation. In 2016, funds received from this grant assisted 3 CASA/GAL volunteers with the costs of registration and lodging at the annual Ohio CASA Conference and assisted a CASA/GAL volunteer with the cost of attending a seminar on Trauma Responsive Care for Youth of all ages. This grant also funded publicity through a billboard posted twice for a month's period each on St Rt 25 in the summer of 2016.

Reaching out to the Community

In order to recruit volunteers, increase public awareness and receive support from community organizations, the Program Director, volunteers, and Friends of CASA Board members attended various community events to share information about the CASA Program and raise awareness about the needs of abused and neglected children. In addition to the event activities of Friends of CASA, the Program Director spoke with organizations in the community about the Program. These organizations included BG Exchange Club, BG Kiwanis, Bowling Green State University Community Organization Class and Introduction to Social Work Classes.

The Program ran advertisements and news articles in the local papers to aid in volunteer recruitment efforts and to increase awareness about the services provided by the CASA/GAL Program.

The program continues its efforts to increase volunteer recruitment from all parts of the county, including rural and suburban communities, in order to best meet the diverse needs of the children served.

The Program maintains a website, www.woodcountyCASA.org that lists volunteer opportunities, volunteer training events, Champion of Child information, Friends of CASA information and special program information and continues to utilize Facebook to reach out to the community. The program lists volunteer opportunities on Volunteer Match.

Additional Community Support through Donations

As a result of awareness activities, a number of individuals and organizations, not yet mentioned, have made donations to the program in order to assist the children served by the CASA/GAL Program. Various donations including monetary donations to assist the program, Friends of CASA or items to benefit families were received from the following: Representative Latta; Jeremy Cervenec, Jason Cervenec; Angelie-Nicole Coates; Michael Ramlow; Geoff Tracy; First Presbyterian Church Bowling Green; Margaret Whitacre; HCR Manor Care Gives Program; Mr. and Mrs. Rothweiler and Sharon Jording. Author Richard Rowdrey donated books he authored titled "The You We Adore" as a gift to adopting families. Holiday gifts and food baskets for some of the families served by the CASA program in 2016 received food and other needed items from The College of Education and Human Development-BGSU.

2016 CASA/GAL VOLUNTEERS

(status as of December 31, 2016)

Tasha Adamski*	Carol Fox**	Ken Pesa*
Jan Albright	Don Gerke	Bob Pesek
Patricia Bauer	Terri Gramling	Shekinah Robinson
Jim Bissland*	Sandy Grolle	McKenzie Rand*
Denise Brigode	Linda Hammersmith	Missy Rothweiler
Eric Buetikofer*	Steve Heckler	Taneisha Scott
John Calderonello	Mary Jacquot	Joan Sherwood**
Marlene Cervenech	Sharon Jording	Eldon Snyder
Angie Corogin	Retha Karnes*	Jeanne Titus
Eric Corns	Rosalinda Lee*	Mary Tudor
Morgan Corns	Jim Litwin*	Amanda Valantine
Becca Cragin	Jane McIntyre	Lee Welling
Nancy Davis	Pam Miller	Jodi Whitacre**
Gary DeLong	Kathy Munger	Tresa Witker
Kellee Downard**/*	Destiny Norris	Sonya Zielinski*
Chris Finkler	Joyce Osterud	
Jayme Finkler	Sharon Parsons-staff	

*- Indicates CASA/GAL Volunteers who resigned in 2016

** - Indicates staff serving as CASA/GAL

*** - Indicates volunteer but not currently on in-active status

Friends of Wood County CASA Advisory Board

(Current members and Officers as of December 31, 2016)

Officers

Elizabeth LeMaster, President
Tasha Adamski, Vice President
Karrie Failor, Secretary
David Gemmill, Treasurer

Committee Members (3 year terms)

Kathy Hicks
Tom Mackin
Shaun Fox
Shalini Singh-Coates, MD
LaDonna Knabbs
Kimberly Crowl
Michelle Raines

Students (1 year term)

Matt LeMaster

2016 Citizen Review Boards

(All active as of 12/31/2016)

Day CRB Committee

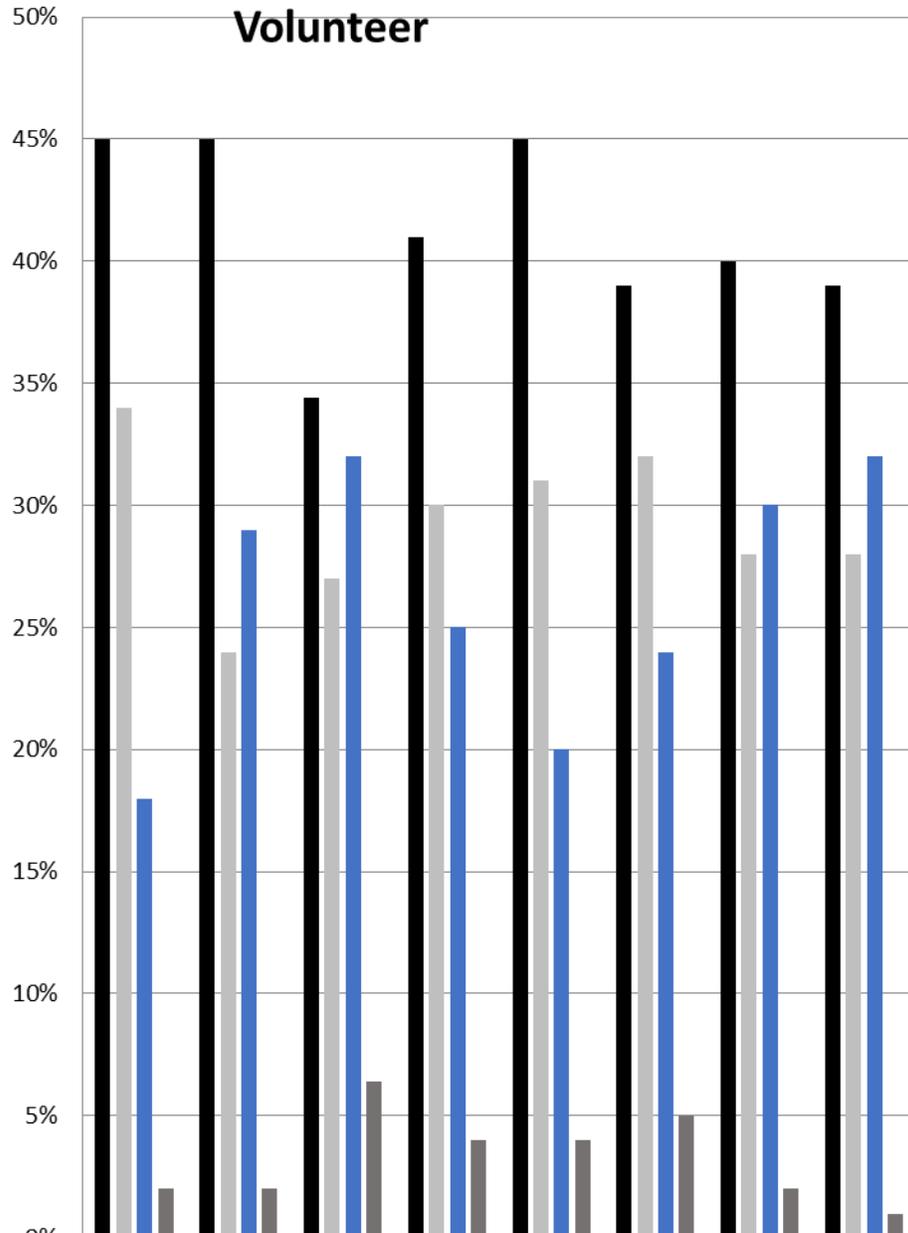
Ann Hannah
Mary Krueger (Chairperson)
Harriet Hall
Pam Krebs
Don Gerke

Night CRB Committee

Jane Eaton
Lee Welling (Chairperson)
Claudia Lance
Jan Lindemulder
Kathy Hicks

Substitutes: Jane Robb; Carol Goodridge, Jim Bissland

Age of Children Served by CASA/GAL



■ birth to 5	45%	45%	34%	41%	45%	39%	40%	39%
■ six to eleven	34%	24%	27%	30%	31%	32%	28%	28%
■ twelve to seventeen	18%	29%	32%	25%	20%	24%	30%	32%
■ over 18	2%	2%	6%	4%	4%	5%	2%	1%

WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

The Wood County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) is located in Bowling Green, Ohio, and is part of Wood County Juvenile Court. It is designed to house 48 juveniles in individual rooms. The facility has indoor and outdoor recreational areas, a meal service program with dining facility, activity area, library, and two classrooms. Although the Detention Center is owned and operated by Wood County, contractual arrangements have been made with surrounding counties in order to assist them with their juvenile detention requirements.

Necessary medical services are provided through a contractual agreement with Correct Care Solutions. Psychological services are obtained from the Children's Resource Center. The Children's Resource Center is granted access to detained youth on a twenty-four hour basis, as are other mental health professionals, to ensure that the complex and sensitive emotional problems some youth experience are properly addressed. Educational programming is provided by a contractual agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center, and includes an Educational Coordinator and two special education certified teachers.

The Wood County Juvenile Detention Center provides both pre-trial and short term commitments for incarceration. Care is provided equally to all, regardless of Court status (i.e., accused, adjudicated, delinquent or unruly).

The primary goals of the facility are to ensure the safety, security, health and welfare of all detained residents and staff, as well as to represent authority in a manner worthy of respect and emulation. We recognize that the solutions to many of the long term problems faced by the residents are best addressed by child care professionals within the many support services available to the Court (i.e., Probation Department, Counselors/Therapists, and Children's Services).

STAFFING/TRAINING

The Director of Detention is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating all functions of the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center, with a staff of 16 full-time employees, and a roster of part-time employees generally ranging between 5 and 10 employees. There are three shifts; first and second shift each are predominantly staffed with a Shift Supervisor and three or four Detention Officers, while third shift is primarily staffed with a Shift Supervisor and two Detention Officers.

During the calendar year 2016, the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center staff completed 1,515.5 hours of training, an average of 54.13 hours of training per Detention Center staff person. Detention officers receive training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Bloodborne Pathogen/Hepatitis B, Operational Policy and Procedures of Juvenile Detention, Juvenile Suicide Prevention, Crisis Prevention, Emergency Response, fire safety issues (proper use of fire extinguishers and use of breathing apparatus), defensive tactics and general responses to resistance and aggression, and other basic correctional officer training. This training regimen exceeds the mandatory standards set by the Ohio Department of Youth Services (40 hours per year after the first year of employment), with much in-house training offered by JDC Shift Supervisors who are certified Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response and defensive tactics instructors. Other training is often provided at either no cost, or for a minimal fee, by the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the Bowling Green Fire Department, and the American Heart Association. In addition to Detention personnel, staff from both the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio and the Wood County Juvenile Probation Department are invited to attend training sessions.

DETENTION STATISTICS

Wood County detained 283 juveniles for a total of 4,479 days in 2016. Together with the contracted counties in Northwest Ohio, a total of 502 (366 male and 136 female) juveniles were detained for 7,521 days. This activity generated \$269,410 in revenue for Wood County. The average length of stay for a detained youth in 2016 was 15.72 days per stay.

PROGRAMMING ELEMENTS OF DETENTION

The Detention residents have a wide variety of programming activities available to them.

RATIONAL BEHAVIOR TEACHING PROGRAM

In 2008, with the help of Dr. David Roush from the National Partnership for Juvenile Services Center for Research and Professional Development, the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University and Juvenile Justice Associates, LLC, Juvenile Detention staff underwent extensive training to learn the Rational Behavior Teaching/Training program (RBT). Wood County Juvenile Detention Center staff continue to employ this valuable program with all detained youth.

The underlying philosophical components of RBT are based on the fact that we must separate people from their behaviors. RBT focuses on eliminating the bad choices a detained youth makes by reinforcing good behaviors.

The old model of punishing poor behaviors by reducing recreation time (time out of regular programming while in a holding room) has been replaced with much shorter and situation appropriate responses. This keeps detained youth more involved in the facility's programming components. Secondly, a system was added to keep track of daily points each youth may earn in five behavioral areas, as well as by actualization of behavioral oriented goals set for each youth every week. This system allows youth to advance through a level system with increasing privileges. Tangible rewards are distributed through earned coupons and a commissary. For example, youth who earn coupons can cash them in for a number of personal hygiene specialty items, miscellaneous snack foods and puzzle books/sketch pads or journals.

The final component to the RBT program is the use of daily teaching groups facilitated by detention staff with residents of the facility. The groups focus on "core RBT concepts," such as a rational thought model, and specific tools for helping young people determine whether their thoughts are rational vs. irrational and "needs" specific vs. "wants" specific. Youth identify specific irrational thoughts and thought patterns and learn to take time to think, not just act or react. They also learn about "thinking errors" and how to correct those "thinking errors."

The implementation of the RBT program demonstrates Wood County's deep level of commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for the youths served by the Juvenile Court and Detention Center, as well as helping to provide a foundation for further rehabilitative services, such as continued probation supervision and counseling.

EDUCATION

The Wood County Educational Service Center provides classroom opportunities for detained youth. The educational program has been sanctioned by the State Department of Education.

The philosophy of the educational program is to emphasize an effective detention-based education that serves the needs of each student through a variety of teaching methods. Each detention resident requires individual attention, thus demanding the best educational services possible. The education program provides detention residents the opportunity to:

- A. Stay current with home school assignments.
- B. Acquire skills for meeting success with the Ohio Proficiency Test.
- C. Experience the challenge of expanding knowledge in academic areas including Language Arts, Math and the Social Sciences.

In addition to the educational curriculum provided by two certified special education teachers, the Wood County Educational Service Center also offers a

variety of programming by its Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) staff for detained youths during the summer months when school is not in session. Two separate sessions of a blended program containing curriculum from both the Life Skills program and a new program called Why Try were taught in 2016, one each in June and July. Another program offered by the ATOD specialists from the Educational Service Center was a psycho-educational drug and alcohol awareness workshop called *Insight*. *Insight* is a substance abuse program that focuses on detained youths suspected or reported to be using illegal substances, but who have never been in any type of treatment. This is a very effective initial introduction to substance abuse treatment for those who may need it, and an excellent educational experience for those who do not.

Each of the above mentioned programs also ran in cycles of time in 2016 during the months school was in session. The programs ran between two and three hours per day, two or three days per week, depending on the specific curriculum being taught and the number of residents attending each class.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

The Juvenile Detention Center contracted with the Children's Resource Center (CRC) in 2016 to provide substance abuse-related services. Through its co-occurring disorder licensure, CRC provided both mental health and substance abuse specific services to individual youths. The goal of this initiative was to discover what types of issues each youth was struggling with for the purpose of linking those youths with the appropriate aftercare services when they are released back into their communities.

The Juvenile Detention Center also contracted with the Wood County Educational Service Center to provide a substance abuse prevention program to all residents, taught via a combination of two evidence-based programs. Subject matter from both the Life Skills curriculum and a new program called Why Try were combined to enhance the substance abuse educational needs of detention center residents. The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) staff from the Educational Service Center provide 6 hours of this service per week to residents. Each session begins with a pre-test and ends with a post-test and survey. This allows the Educational Service Center to carefully and accurately track the progress and effects of this very important prevention program with our residents.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Juvenile Detention Center works closely with the Children's Resource Center to provide both crisis intervention services and ongoing mental health services for detained youth. Twenty four hour access is given to all mental health professionals to assist youth. As needed, youth are allowed to be transported to mental health appointments outside of the facility.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Every Sunday afternoon detention residents have an opportunity to attend a scheduled religious service conducted by the Wood County Chaplaincy Committee, which represents various faiths and churches in the community.

A weekly Monday night Bible study is also conducted.

LIBRARY

The detention facility is equipped with a small library with books and encyclopedias on hand for use by detention residents. All library materials are generously donated by local businesses, area schools, parents and the general public.

VISITATION

The detention facility encourages juveniles to maintain ties with their parents and/or legal guardians through regular visits. Flexible hours are available to accommodate visitors' working schedules. Each detention resident is afforded the opportunity for ninety minutes of visitation weekly, in thirty minute increments allotted at each of three scheduled visitation times.

RECREATION

The detention facility provides a recreational and leisure time program that includes organized large-muscle (cardiovascular) activity and structured leisure time. A large gymnasium and outside recreation yard are available.

