



Huron County Common Pleas Court Juvenile & Probate Division

2016 Annual Report

Timothy L. Cardwell, Judge

Cases Filed in Juvenile Court in 2016 and a Comparison to 2015

CASE TYPE	Total 2015	Total 2016
Delinquency	257	305
Unruliness	92	73
Violate Probation	58	51
Traffic	373	341
Dependent/Neglect/Abuse	84	50
Civil	204	202
Adults Charged	41	29
Search Warrants	19	5
Informal	42	33
Abortion	0	0
Protection Order	0	1
TOTALS	1170	1090

Cases Filed in Probate Court in 2016 and a Comparison to 2015

CASE TYPE	Total 2015	Total 2016
Adoption	9	21
Change of Name	18	17
Civil Complaint	8	8
Conservatorship	0	0
Correction of Birth Record	0	1
Emergency Guardianship	5	6
Estates	235	224
Guardianship of Incompetent	20	22
Guardianship of Minor	2	10
Marriage License	348	352
Mental Illness	3	4
Mental Retardation	0	0
Minor Settlement	3	2
Miscellaneous	5	3
Registration of Birth Record	1	0
Testamentary Trust	1	1
Trust Agreement	5	0
Will Deposit	3	697
TOTALS	666	1368



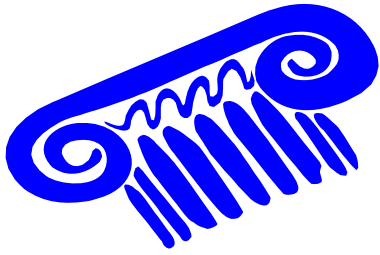


JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS

Dispositions made in 2016. Youth may receive more than one disposition per case .

DISPOSITION	DELINQUENT	UNRULY	TRAFFIC	TOTALS
Adjudicated / Terminated	35	8	0	43
Attend GDL Classes	0	0	44	44
Carteen	0	0	165	165
Community Control	54	25	0	79
Community Service / Volunteer Hours	85	4	1	90
Court Costs	47	49	6	102
Detention	71	0	0	71
Dismissed	70	9	11	90
DYS	8	0	0	8
Fine	4	0	0	4
Fine and Court Costs	124	0	279	403
Not Obtain an OL	18	1	9	28
OL Restricted	3	1	65	69
OL Suspended	2	1	17	20
Other Dispositional Orders *	626	147	50	823
Postponed Adjudication / Dismissed	2	2	3	7
Probation	142	27	3	172
Restitution	19	0	1	20
Suspended Commitment	9	0	0	9
Suspended Detention Time	24	0	0	24
Transferred	56	9	67	132
TOTALS	1399	283	721	2403

* Other Dispositional Orders include but are not limited to: house arrest, electronic monitoring, mental health / substance abuse treatment services, alternative school, apology letters, essays, out-of-home placements, educational services, no association orders, protective supervision and substance abuse monitoring.



Huron County Juvenile Court Programs

Community Service Program

The Community Service Program is designed to provide an opportunity for youth to gain positive experiences through contributions of time and energy to their community. In certain cases, juveniles are able to pay restitution to the victims of their acts through their community service.

In 2016, 69 youth were ordered to do 955 hours of community service.

Intervention Court

The Huron County Juvenile Court Intervention Court began in 2003. This program is designed to assist children that are suffering from substance abuse dependency and/or mental illness. The Huron County Juvenile Intervention Court, through a collaborative effort utilizing the efforts of Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services and other local agencies assist identified children to address their specific needs. The program has been certified as a specialized docket by the Ohio Supreme Court.

6 youth participated in the program in 2016.

Mediation

Mediation is designed to empower parents to resolve for themselves any differences surrounding the care and welfare of their children. In addition to the benefit families receive from mediation services, the court benefits by reduced number of contentious and lengthy trials.

In 2016, 35 cases went to mediation. 9 cases reached an agreement and 12 cases reached a partial agreement.

Internships

Whether your college major is a criminal justice or corrections related field, law, psychology, social work, education, liberal arts, or business, we may have an internship for you such as:

- ◇ Accompanying and/or assisting probation officers with their daily duties and on field contacts with delinquent youth.
- ◇ Performing telephone and computer inquiries to support probation officers in following up on existing juvenile court cases.
- ◇ Assisting with the preparation, maintenance, and safeguarding of Court records and in maintaining the confidentiality of all juvenile files.

Reach Our Youth (ROY) is a non-profit volunteer organization. ROY is a member agency of the United Fund of Willard, Inc. and the Norwalk Area United Fund.

The purpose of ROY is to recruit volunteers to serve as one-to-one mentors to youth in need of additional guidance and support. Our goal is to help these youth become happy, well adjusted and productive citizens.

During 2016 we had 49 mentor match-ups. Unfortunately, we had an average of 66 youth waiting for a mentor volunteer.

ROY mentors volunteered 2,977 hours during 2016



**50 Dependent, Neglect & Abused
Cases filed in 2016**

CASA of Huron County

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a volunteer program for the Huron County Juvenile Court. Volunteers called Guardian Ad Litem, advocate for abused and neglected children in Court. The Guardian Ad Litem has three main responsibilities:

- ◆ To serve as a fact finder for the Court by completely researching the background of the child abuse and neglect cases.
- ◆ To speak for the child in the courtroom, focusing exclusively on the child's best interests.
- ◆ To continue to monitor the child during the life of the case, helping to insure he or she will be raised in a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

DISPOSITION	
Temporary Custody of Relative	42
Temporary Custody of Non-Relative	0
Temporary Custody of DJFS	5
Temporary Custody of Parents	4
Transfer Jurisdiction	0
Dismissed	15
Legal Custody	2
Permanent Custody of Department of Job & Family Services	0
Cases Pending Disposition	10
TOTAL	78

**15 CASA Guardian Ad Litem
volunteered 1,215 hours to their
cases in 2016.**

Huron County Juvenile & Probate Court

2 East Main Street
Norwalk, OH 44857

Juvenile Court Phone: 419-668-1616
Juvenile Court E-mail: hcjpc@hcjpc.com

Probate Court Phone: 419-668-4383
Probate Court E-mail: hcprobate@hcjpc.com

Fax: 419-663-0944

www.hcjpc.com

50 copies printed at
a cost of \$0.36 each