

Huron County Common Pleas Court
Juvenile & Probate Division
Judge Timothy L. Cardwell

2025 Annual Report



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JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS

Dispositions made in 2025 in Delinquent, Unruly & Traffic Cases.

Youth may receive more than one disposition per case .



DISPOSITION	DELINQUENT	UNRULY	TRAFFIC	TOTALS
Adjudicated / Terminated	8	6	0	14
Attend GDL Classes	0	0	44	44
Carteens	0	0	128	128
Community Control	11	16	2	29
Community Correctional Facility	3	0	0	3
Community Service / Volunteer Hours	16	2	1	19
Court Costs	58	10	3	71
Deferred	4	0	0	4
Detention	47	0	0	47
Dismissed	32	8	3	43
Fine and Court Costs	26	16	195	237
Not Obtain an OL	0	0	2	2
OL Restricted	4	0	55	59
OL Suspended	1	0	9	10
Other Dispositional Orders *	150	38	2	190
Parent Guardian Restriction	0	0	32	32
Postponed Adjudication / Dismissed	0	0	7	7
Probation	72	11	0	83
Restitution	6	0	0	6
Suspended DYS	5	0	0	5
Suspended Detention Time	1	0	0	1
Transferred	15	2	58	75
TOTALS	459	109	541	1109

* 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.

Dispositions made in 2025 Dependent, Neglect & Abused

Temporary Custody of Relative	32
Temporary Custody of Non-Relative	5
Temporary Custody of Department of Job & Family Services	10
Temporary Custody of Parents	17
Transfer Jurisdiction	0
Dismissed	2
Legal Custody	5
Permanent Custody of Department of Job & Family Services	0
TOTAL	71

Disposition tables reflect those dispositions made in 2025. Some of these cases may have been filed in previous year(s).

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Cases Filed in Probate Court

CASE TYPE	Total 2024	Total 2025
Adoption	30	12
Adult Protective Services	0	1
Change of Name	39	47
Civil Complaint	1	1
Concealment of Assets	1	0
Conservatorship	0	1
Construction of Will	0	0
Correction of Birth Record	1	5
Declaratory Judgment	2	1
Determination of Heirship	0	0
Emergency Guardianship	12	11
Estates	241	239
Guardianship of Incompetent	31	36
Guardianship of Minor	4	8
Land Sale	1	3
Marriage License	356	349
Mental Illness	17	12
Minor Settlement	4	6
Miscellaneous	3	3
Registration of Birth Record	1	3
Testamentary Trust	1	3
Trust Agreement	3	2
Will Deposit	5	9
TOTALS	753	752

School Truancy Informals

	2024	2025
Cases filed Informally	34	24
# successfully	24	18
# unsuccessful	6	4
# neutral completion	0	2
# pending	0	0
# transferred / dismissed	2	0
# denied – sent formally	0	0

Cases Filed in Juvenile Court

CASE TYPE	Total 2024	Total 2025
Delinquency	167	123
Unruliness	43	59
Violate Probation	32	20
Traffic	240	266
Dependent/Neglect/Abuse	88	70
Civil	129	110
Adults Charged	51	48
Search Warrants	62	139
Informal	13	39
School Truancy Informal	34	24
Protection Order	0	1
TOTALS	859	899

Family Dependency Treatment Court

Family Dependency Treatment Court began in 2018 to serve the best interests of children by providing collaborative evaluation and treatment services for substance abusing parents who have lost or are at risk of losing custody of their children to abuse, neglect or dependency.

These intensive services will improve the mental health, dependency, and substance abuse issues of parents and the well-being of their children through intervention and treatment in a holistic, strength-based, community-supported justice system.

	2024	2025
Participants at Beginning	8	3
Participants Entered	3	3
Participants Graduated	6	3
Participants Terminated	2	3
Participant at End	3	0



Huron County Juvenile Court Programs

CASA of Huron County

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) 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.

4 CASA Guardian Ad Litem volunteered 713 hours to their cases in 2025.

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 2025, 31 cases went to mediation. 6 cases reached an agreement and 7 cases reached a partial agreement.



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 2025 we had 58 mentor match-ups. ROY mentors volunteered 2312 hours. Unfortunately, we had an average of 81 youth waiting for a mentor volunteer.

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 2025, 20 youth were ordered to do 648 hours of community service. Youth completed 378 hours of community service.

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.