

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

2024 Annual Report



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JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS



Dispositions made in 2024 in Delinquent, Unruly & Traffic Cases.

Youth may receive more than one disposition per case .

DISPOSITION	DELINQUENT	UNRULY	TRAFFIC	TOTALS
Adjudicated / Terminated	11	2	0	13
Attend GDL Classes	0	0	23	23
Bindover	3	0	0	3
Carteen	0	0	121	121
Community Control	6	18	0	24
Community Service / Volunteer Hours	5	0	0	5
Court Costs	83	23	1	107
Detention	71	0	0	71
Dismissed	27	7	7	41
DYS / Community Correctional Facility	1	0	0	1
Fine and Court Costs	26	9	173	208
Not Obtain an OL	1	0	4	5
OL Restricted	2	0	44	46
OL Suspended	0	0	5	5
Other Dispositional Orders *	172	20	0	192
Parent Guardian Restriction	0	0	26	26
Postponed Adjudication / Dismissed	1	1	9	11
Probation	88	12	0	100
Restitution	11	0	0	11
Suspended Commitment	2	0	0	2
Suspended Detention Time	0	0	0	0
Transferred	17	3	38	58
Community Correctional Facility	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	527	95	451	1073

* 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 2024 Dependent, Neglect & Abused Cases

Disposition tables reflect those dispositions made in 2024. Some of these cases may have been filed in previous year(s).

Temporary Custody of Relative	38
Temporary Custody of Non-Relative	5
Temporary Custody of DJFS	9
Temporary Custody of Parents	19
Transfer Jurisdiction	0
Dismissed	2
Legal Custody	6
Permanent Custody of Department of Job & Family Services	10
TOTAL	89

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Cases Filed in Probate Court

CASE TYPE	Total 2023	Total 2024
Adoption	20	30
Adult Protective Services	1	0
Change of Name	30	39
Civil Complaint	1	1
Concealment of Assets	0	1
Conservatorship	0	0
Construction of Will	0	0
Correction of Birth Record	5	1
Declaratory Judgment	1	2
Determination of Heirship	0	0
Emergency Guardianship	9	12
Estates	241	241
Guardianship of Incompetent	20	31
Guardianship of Minor	9	4
Land Sale	1	1
Marriage License	347	356
Mental Illness	10	17
Minor Settlement	4	4
Miscellaneous	4	3
Registration of Birth Record	0	1
Testamentary Trust	0	1
Trust Agreement	5	3
Will Deposit	3	5
TOTALS	708	719

School Truancy Informals

	2023	2024
Cases filed Informally	77	34
# successful completion	28	24
# unsuccessful completion	24	6
# neutral completion	7	0
# pending	13	0
# transferred / dismissed	3	2
# denied—sent formally	2	0

Cases Filed in Juvenile Court

CASE TYPE	Total 2023	Total 2024
Delinquency	173	167
Unruliness	81	43
Violate Probation	30	32
Traffic	229	240
Dependent/Neglect/Abuse	126	88
Civil	156	129
Adults Charged	27	51
Search Warrants	24	62
Informal	20	13
School Truancy Informal	77	34
Protection Order	1	0
TOTALS	944	859

Family Dependency Treatment

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

	2023	2024
Participants Entered	13	3
Participants Graduated	2	6
Participants Terminated	2	2

Other Informals

	2023	2024
Cases Filed Informally	20	13
# successful completion	16	11
# unsuccessful completion	2	1
# denied — sent formally	0	1
# dismissed	1	1



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.

5 CASA Guardian Ad Litem volunteers volunteered 745 hours to their cases in 2024.

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 2024, 40 cases went to mediation. 3 cases reached an agreement and 17 cases reached a partial agreement.



Reach Our Youth (ROY)

Is a non-profit volunteer organization. ROY is partially funded by the Norwalk Area United Fund and the Mental Health & Addiction Board.

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 2024 we had 75 mentor matchups, ROY mentors volunteered 2,323 hours. Unfortunately, we had an average of 84 youth waiting for a mentor

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 2024, 12 youth participated and completed 329 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.