

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

**2023 Annual Report**



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# JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS



Dispositions made in 2023 in Delinquent, Unruly & Traffic Cases.

*Youth may receive more than one disposition per case .*

DISPOSITION	DELINQUENT	UNRULY	TRAFFIC	TOTALS
Adjudicated / Terminated	20	3	0	23
Attend GDL Classes	0	0	27	27
Bindover	5	0	0	5
Carteen	0	0	129	129
Community Control	10	24	1	35
Community Service / Volunteer Hours	11	1	0	12
Court Costs	79	46	5	130
Detention	70	0	0	70
Dismissed	35	10	1	46
DYS	1	0	0	1
Fine and Court Costs	15	0	179	194
Not Obtain an OL	1	0	1	2
OL Restricted	0	1	47	48
OL Suspended	0	0	8	8
Other Dispositional Orders *	163	51	0	214
Parent Guardian Restriction	0	0	26	26
Postponed Adjudication / Dismissed	1	2	9	12
Probation	84	22	0	106
Restitution	8	0	0	8
Suspended Commitment	1	0	0	1
Suspended Detention Time	1	0	0	1
Transferred	17	11	34	62
Community Correctional Facility	2	0	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>1162</b>

\* 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 2023 Dependent, Neglect & Abused Cases

*Disposition tables reflect those dispositions made in 2023. Some of these cases may have been filed in previous year(s).*

Temporary Custody of Relative	71
Temporary Custody of Non-Relative	9
Temporary Custody of DJFS	12
Temporary Custody of Parents	30
Transfer Jurisdiction	0
Dismissed	6
Legal Custody	3
Permanent Custody of Department of Job & Family Services	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131</b>

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## Cases Filed in Probate Court

CASE TYPE	Total 2022	Total 2023
Adoption	22	20
Adult Protective Services	1	1
Change of Name	45	30
Civil Complaint	2	1
Concealment of Assets	0	0
Conservatorship	0	0
Construction of Will	0	0
Correction of Birth Record	7	5
Declaratory Judgment	0	1
Determination of Heirship	0	0
Emergency Guardianship	7	9
Estates	286	241
Guardianship of Incompetent	18	20
Guardianship of Minor	6	9
Land Sale	7	1
Marriage License	339	347
Mental Illness	4	10
Mental Retardation	0	0
Minor Settlement	0	4
Miscellaneous	1	4
Registration of Birth Record	0	0
Testamentary Trust	0	0
Trust Agreement	1	2
Will Deposit	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>708</b>

## School Truancy Informals

	2022	2023
Cases filed Informally	58	77
# successful completion	36	28
# unsuccessful completion	24	24
# neutral completion	0	7
# pending	8	13
# transferred / dismissed	3	3
# denied—sent formally	4	2

## Cases Filed in Juvenile Court

CASE TYPE	Total 2022	Total 2023
Delinquency	248	173
Unruliness	64	81
Violate Probation	37	28
Traffic	250	229
Dependent/Neglect/Abuse	147	126
Civil	130	156
Adults Charged	29	27
Search Warrants	17	24
Informal	64	20
School Truancy Informal	57	77
Protection Order	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>942</b>

## 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 system.

	2022	2023
Participants Entered	9	13
Participants Graduated	3	2
Participants Terminated	6	2



# 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 volunteered 495 hours to their cases in 2023.**

## 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 2023, 48 cases went to mediation. 12 cases reached an agreement and 17 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 2023 we had 77 mentor match-ups, ROY mentors volunteered 1,394.50 hours. Unfortunately, we had an average of 95 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 2023, 12 youth were ordered to do 891 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.