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Medina County Juvenile Court 2013 Annual Report

Judge Kevin W. Dunn is one of the four judges of the Common Pleas Court. He began his tenure on the Bench on August 5, 2013.

The Medina County Probate and Juvenile Courts, wherein Judge Dunn presides has jurisdiction over all cases involving persons under age 18, often categorized as delinquent, traffic offenders, unruly and abused, neglected and dependent children.

In addition to being the Juvenile Judge, Judge Dunn presides over all Probate matters, including but not limited to Decedents Estates, Guardianships, and Trusts.

Greetings from Judge Kevin W. Dunn

I am pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report of the Medina County Probate/Juvenile Court. The Court staff and service providers are zealously committed to protecting children, correcting delinquent juveniles, reducing recidivism, and directing parents to their responsibilities. Further, the protection of those who cannot protect themselves in the Probate Court is of paramount importance. In a continuing effort to provide services to the community, the Court is actively engaged in improving its juvenile programs.

The Court is grateful to a multitude of collaborative partners in the community including the members of law enforcement, schools, social services agencies, mental health agencies, healthcare and others who have assisted the court in its important mission.



Judge Kevin W. Dunn

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Court News and Highlights

Community Relations

The Juvenile Court is involved in various boards/groups in Medina County including the Medina County Police Chief's Association, Family First Council, Intersystems Community Assessment Teams (ICAT), Share Cluster, Collaborative Family Treatment Program, Medina County Coalition for Suicide Prevention, Medina County Historical Society, MCDAC, and Medina PAL. The Court has a Drug Court Advisory Board and a Programming Citizens Advisory Board.

Judge Dunn Uses Skype With Soldier Overseas for Adoption

Judge Dunn used Skype for an adoption hearing when the father was serving the Ohio National Guard in Afghanistan. Visit www.medinaprobate.org to read the November 2013 newsletter.

Juvenile Traffic Night Court

By hearing cases in the evening it becomes more convenient for both parents and teens to attend court. Students avoid absence from classes and extra-curricular activities by coming to Juvenile Traffic Night Court. 128 of the 551 Juvenile traffic cases were handled through Night Court in 2013.

Parent Project

A program for parents with difficult or out-of-control adolescents. Parents learn and practice strategies for dealing with destructive behaviors such as truancy, alcohol and drug use, gangs and other criminal behavior, running away, violence and suicide. In 2013, 44 families participated in Parent Project.

Marriage Ceremonies

In addition to annual Valentines' Day ceremonies, Judge Dunn performs weddings once a month. A total of 41 marriage ceremonies were performed in the Probate Court in 2013.



Drug Court

The mission of Drug Court is to stop children from using alcohol and drugs. Drug Court is a coordinated effort between counseling and court services. Drug Court includes 2 Probation Officers, home-based therapy and Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. There were 35 graduates from the program in 2013.



Teen Court Participants

Teen Court Program

Teen Court is an intervention program that offers first-time misdemeanor-offending youth the opportunity to be heard by a jury of their peers. Under the supervision of the Court, local teens serve as attorneys, jury members and bailiffs. In 2013, 14 youth participated in Teen Court.

Family Resource Court

Family Resource Court helps to reduce the need for court intervention. Unruly and truancy cases are targeted for Family Court. Assessments identify individual and family barriers. Through intensive probation supervision, case management and a team approach, the Court improves community safety and helps to build healthy families. 22 families participated in Family Resource Court in 2013.

COPPER Program

The COPPER (Costs of Probation and Programming Expense Reimbursement) program was created to recoup part of the cost of court services. In 2013, this program collected over \$29,500.

Risk Screening—Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS)

Risk screening assists the Court in identifying the appropriate sanction, program, or referral for each youth. 206 OYAS risk screenings were completed in 2013.

ID-21

This 21-hour intensive detention program held at the Juvenile Detention Center targets parental education, drug and alcohol education, and improves family relationships. 57 juveniles completed this program in 2013.

Probation Department

Probation officers investigate all aspects of the Juvenile's case and make recommendations to the Court to protect public safety and to achieve permanent improvement in a child's behavior. 104 youth were placed on probation in 2013.



Camp Integrity

Combating the idleness and lack of supervision for court-involved youth during the critical hours of 3pm to 9pm, Camp Integrity consists of academic study, physical activity, group discussions, life skills and social responsibility training. 24 youth completed the program in 2013.

Community Service

Over 4,800 service hours were performed by youth to benefit numerous local agencies and charities. The Build-A-Bear project, for example, benefited children either in foster care or attending the Achievement Center.

Juvenile Detention Center



Ronald V. Stollar
Superintendent

The Medina County Juvenile Detention Center undergoes several different inspections and audits annually. These include the Ohio Department of Youth Services, Medina County Health Department, and the National School Lunch Program among others. The detention center, as in all previous years, was in 100% compliance in each of these inspections.

Four hundred and fifteen hours of mental health assessments were completed along with 129 counseling hours, 38 crisis intervention hours, and 28 case management hours.

A total of 486 youth were admitted to the detention center in 2013. Approximately 65% required some type of mental health and/or substance abuse treatment, and more than 40% required some type of medical treatment (not including daily medications).

Medina Light Ministries, and The Oaks Family Care Center provided approximately 250 hours of Bible study, religious services, and spiritual counseling to our youth in 2013. Special services for Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas were held. (All religious services are voluntary.)

The facility was able to replace almost half of its security cameras, and upgraded one of its two security DVRs. 2013 also saw the much needed repaving of our asphalt parking lot.

Ohio Department of Youth Services

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) is the state agency responsible for delinquents incarcerated by local juvenile courts. Juvenile courts receive annual allocations from DYS for the local treatment of youthful felony offenders.

59 felony cases were handled in 2013, F-1 being the most serious level of felony. Felony offenses are displayed to the right.

Level	Number	Percent
F-1	1	1%
F-2	4	7%
F-3	10	17%
F-4	17	29%
F-5	27	46%

Supreme Court Statistics

This statistical summary meets all of the requirements of accounting for the number, type and disposition of cases that came before the Judge and/or Magistrate in calendar year 2013. These statistics are compiled and maintained pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence of the Supreme Court.

	Delinquency	Traffic	Dependency, Neglect, or Abuse	Unruly	Adult Cases	Motion For Permanent Custody	Custody or Visitation	Support	Parentage	U.I.F.S.A	All Others
New Cases Filed	675	551	30	115	6	0	27	1	0	0	15
Cases Terminated	761	542	22	119	6	0	34	9	0	0	18

Court Collections

The Juvenile Court assesses and collects the same costs as the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for similar services. Court costs are assessed against juveniles found to be delinquent, truant, traffic offenders, or unruly. The fines and costs collected by the Court are distributed to state, county and local governments.

	COPPER Program	Court Costs (Including COPPER)	Fines
Total	\$29,765.93	\$212,057.86	\$19,377.90

Probate Court Update

Volunteer Guardianship Program (VGP)

This Program continues to help incompetent, indigent adults in Medina County. Currently there are 38 trained volunteer guardians and 26 wards actively being served



Volunteer Guardianship Appreciation Picnic 2013

Probate Court Collections

Probate Court assesses and collects court costs in a manner similar to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. Court costs are assessed in all probate cases, which include estates, guardianships, adoptions and trusts. Costs collected by the Court are distributed to state, county, and local governments. In 2013, the Probate Court collected over \$266,000.

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