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## What to look for in 2009

### LISW-S

The Juvenile Detention Center has an LISW-S (Licensed Independent Social Worker-Supervisor) who works closely with the Juvenile Court and detained youth. Mental health screenings, counseling sessions, crisis intervention and case management services are provided daily. This individual is the essential link in obtaining appropriate service providers for a youth and their family upon release from detention. In 2008, 174 assessments were completed.

### Family Resource Court

In 2008 the framework for the Family Court model was constructed. This program will begin to serve families in 2009.



### Probate Court Accepts Visa & MasterCard

The Probate Court will begin accepting these for payment of court costs and marriage licenses. Previously, only cash was accepted for marriage licenses and checks were accepted for court costs.

### Imaging Project

In 2008 the Juvenile Court proceeded with its digital imaging integration. We anticipate that the Probate Court will begin this process in 2009-2010.

### Teen Court Program

During Judge Lohn's second term, the Court plans to implement a 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 judges, attorneys, jury members and bailiffs.

# Medina County Juvenile Court 2008 Annual Report

Judge John J. Lohn is one of four judges of the Medina County Common Pleas Court. Judge Lohn began his tenure on the bench in February 2003.

The Medina County Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over all cases involving persons under age 18, including those categorized as delinquent, traffic offenders, unruly, abused, neglected, or dependent. In addition to serving as our County's Juvenile Court Judge, Judge Lohn is also the Medina County Probate Judge.

### Greetings From Judge Lohn

I am pleased to present the 2008 Annual Report of the Medina County Juvenile Court. The Court, its staff and our service providers are committed to protecting helpless children, correcting delinquent juveniles and directing parents to their responsibilities.

This report documents the Court's efforts to enhance services and programs for the youth and families of Medina County in 2009. The Court is grateful to the many members of the law enforcement community, the schools, social service agencies and parents who have assisted the Court in its important mission.



Judge John J. Lohn

## Juvenile Court Programming

### Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP)

EAP is a rapidly growing field where horses are utilized as therapy partners to improve the emotional, behavioral and mental lives of families. In 2008, 22 youth participated in the EAP program.

### 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. There were 1,057 Juvenile traffic cases handled in 2008.

### Drug Court

The mission of the Drug Court is to stop children from using alcohol and drugs. Drug Court is a coordination of efforts between alcohol and drug counseling and court services. For addicted children, Drug Court is the last and best hope for sobriety and a productive life. Drug Court includes 2 Probation Officers, home-based therapy and Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (see EAP). 43 youngsters graduated from the program in 2008.

### Drug Court Case Manager

This position was implemented to improve home-based services. In 2008, 45 families were served by the Drug Court Case Manager.

### COPPER Program

Judge Lohn instituted the COPPER (Costs of Probation and Programming Reimbursement) program to recoup part of the cost of court services. In 2008, this program collected nearly \$77,000.00.

### Community Service

Approximately 6,824 hours were donated by 279 youth to benefit numerous local agencies and charities. The Build-A-Bear project, for example, benefited children in foster care and children attending the Achievement Center.

## 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 a permanent improvement in a child's behavior. 166 youth were placed on probation in 2008.

## Risk Screening

A risk screening is conducted on every youth charged with a delinquent or unruly offense. This risk screening assists the Court in identifying the appropriate sanction, program, or referral for each youth. 974 risk screenings were completed in 2008.

## Community Relations

The Juvenile Court has been recognized by the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission and 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 City Schools Technology School, Medina PAL and 2-1-1 Call for Help Initiative. The Court has a Drug Court Advisory Board and a Programming Citizens Advisory Board.

## 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. 86 youth completed the program in 2008.

## 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. 78 juveniles completed this program in 2008.

## Juvenile Detention Center



**Ronald V. Stollar**  
Superintendent

The Medina County Juvenile Detention Center is a maximum-security, 30 bed facility. The 26,000 square foot facility is comprised of 30 individual detention cells, two holding cells, three classrooms, dining hall, medical office with attached examination room, gymnasium, library, a multi-purpose room and a secured outdoor recreation area. Residents are required to attend school daily, year round.

Detention is used as a last resort for youth who have committed serious offenses and/or are a risk to themselves or the community. While at the JDC, youth are provided with programming and voluntary participation in pro-social activities. Speakers from various county agencies provide education and information to the residents. Programming and services include: Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Social Services and Recreation. 508 youth were admitted to the Juvenile Detention Center in 2008.

In 2008, the JDC received recognition for the high standards of operations it maintains. The American Correctional Association's Commission on Accreditation Standards conducted an intensive inspection and audit of all aspects of the JDC. The inspection included a review of records, safety and security practices, interviews with employees and detained youth, and a physical assessment of the condition of the facility to name just a few aspects of it. The detention center received a 98.6% rating out of a possible 100%.

## Ohio Department of Youth Service...

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) is the state agency responsible for youth incarcerated by local juvenile courts. Juvenile courts receive annual allocations from DYS for the local treatment of youthful felony offenders. 10 boys and 2 girls were placed at DYS.

125 felony cases were handled in 2008. Felony offenses are displayed to the right. F-1 is the most serious level of felony.

Level	Number	Percent
F-1	4	3%
F-2	11	8%
F-3	27	22%
F-4	32	26%
F-5	51	41%

## 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 2008. These statistics are compiled and maintained pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence of the Supreme Court.

	Delinquency	Traffic	Depend- ency, Neglect, or Abuse	Unruly	Adult Cases	Motion For Permanent Custody	Custody or Visitation	Support	Parentage	U.I.F.S.A	All Others
<b>New Cases Filed</b>	971	1057	33	130	4	3	8	-	-	-	2
<b>Cases Terminated</b>	1040	1093	28	162	3	3	26	59	15	0	6

## Court Collections

The Juvenile Court assesses and collects the same costs as the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas does 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.

	Judge Lohn's COPPER Program	Court Costs (Including COPPER)	Fines
<b>Total</b>	\$76,960.49	\$223,413.92	\$46,909.17

## Probate Court Update

### Volunteer Guardianship Program (VGP)

In 2005, Judge Lohn initiated the VGP to address the increasing need for court-appointed guardians for our elderly. Since the inception of the program 29 trained volunteer guardians have served a total of 29 indigent wards.

### Probate Court Collections

The Probate Court assesses and collects court costs in a manner similar to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. Court costs are assessed against all Probate cases, which include estates, guardianships, adoptions and trusts. Costs collected by the Court are distributed to state, county, and local governments. In 2008, the Probate Court collected nearly \$185,000.



**VGP Board**

Top left to bottom right: Kathe Shook, Karen Bennet, Laura Toth, Judge John Lohn, Sharon Danko, Michelle Hearn, Joyce Giles  
Not pictured: Gail Carmon, Lori Betz

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