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Medina County Juvenile Court 2010 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 Court Judge.



Judge John J. Lohn

Greetings From Judge Lohn

I am pleased to present the 2010 Annual Report of the Medina County Juvenile Court. The Court, its staff and our service providers are committed to protecting 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 2010. The Court is grateful to the many members of the law enforcement community, schools, social service agencies and others who have assisted the Court in its important mission.

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Court News and Highlights

Drug Court Case Manager

The role of the Drug Court Case Manager is to work with families of court involved youth. The Case Manager helps solve problems within the home, and establishes goals and plans for future success. In 2010, 33 families were served by the Drug Court Case Manager.

Parent Project

Parent Project is a program for parents with difficult or out-of-control adolescents. Parents learn and practice specific strategies for dealing with destructive behaviors such as truancy, alcohol and drug use, gangs and other criminal behavior, running away, violence and suicide. In 2010, 30 families participated in the Parent Project

Community Service

Approximately 6,646 service hours were performed by 235 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 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. 244 of the 748 Juvenile traffic cases were handled through Night Court in 2010.

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP)

Horses are utilized as therapy partners to improve the emotional, behavioral and mental lives of families. In 2010, 20 youth participated in the EAP program.

Marriage Ceremonies

In addition to annual Valentines' Day ceremonies, Judge Lohn began performing weddings on one Friday each month. Judge Lohn performed a total of 41 marriage ceremonies in 2010.



Juvenile Court Programming

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 23 graduates from the program in 2010.

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 2010, 15 youth participated in Teen Court.



Teen Court Participants

Family Resource Court

In 2010 the framework for the Family Court model was constructed. Family Resource Court reduces barriers to services thereby reducing 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. 24 families participated in the Family Resource Court in 2010.

COPPER Program

Judge Lohn instituted the COPPER (Costs of Probation and Programming Reimbursement) program to recoup part of the cost of court services. In 2010, this program collected over \$68,500.

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 PAL and 211 Call for Help Initiative. The Court has a Drug Court Advisory Board and a Programming Citizens Advisory Board.

Risk Screening

Risk screening assists the Court in identifying the appropriate sanction, program, or referral for each youth. 635 risk screenings were completed in 2010.

Juvenile Detention Center



Ronald V. Stollar
Superintendent

A total of 543 youth were admitted to the Juvenile Detention Center in 2010. During their detainment, youth are provided with programming and voluntary participation in pro-social activities. Speakers from various county, and other agencies, provide education and information to our juveniles. Programming and services include; mental health, drug & alcohol, anger management, recreation, social, and religious services.

The detention center's licensed independent social worker began conducting weekly group sessions last year with our detained youth. She meets weekly with our boys and girls, separately. In 2010, our social worker conducted a total of 305 hours of assessments, counseling, and crisis intervention.

Through a grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the detention center was able to purchase a new commercial washing machine, and a new restraint chair to assist in dealing with combative youth.

We will be adding to our religious services in 2011 through a new partnership with The Oaks Family Care Center. Volunteers from The Oaks will be conducting weekly religious services for detained youth. We look forward to having them as a partner in helping our youth.

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. In 2010, 1 girl and 9 boys were placed at DYS.

95 felony cases were handled in 2010, F-1 being the most serious level of felony. Felony offenses are displayed to the right.

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. 56 youth completed the program in 2010.

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. 77 juveniles completed this program in 2010.



Juvenile Probation Staff

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. 130 youth were placed on probation in 2010.

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 2010. 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	813	748	41	150	4	2	25	1	0	0	1
Cases Terminated	875	750	36	155	5	3	34	22	0	0	1

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.

	Judge Lohn's COPPER Program	Court Costs (Including COPPER)	Fines
Total	\$68,534.22	\$239,954.48	\$31,322.96

Probate Court Update

Volunteer Guardianship Program (VGP)

The Volunteer Guardianship Program continues to help those incompetent, indigent adults in Medina County. We currently have 39 trained volunteer guardians and 23 wards are actively being served. There have been a total of 48 indigent wards served by volunteer guardians since the inception of the program in 2004.

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 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 2010, the Probate Court collected over \$216,000.



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

Level	Number	Percent
F-1	2	2%
F-2	9	9%
F-3	16	17%
F-4	20	21%
F-5	48	51%

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Sharon M. Danko
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