

Medina County Juvenile Court

2011 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 2011 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 2011. 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

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.

Continuation of Operations Plan

In 2011 the court completed the process of devising a continuation of operations plan. All employees of the Probate and Juvenile courts have been trained in the implementation of the plan in the event of an emergency.

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. 256 of the 653 Juvenile traffic cases were handled through Night Court in 2011.

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 2011, 39 families participated in the Parent Project.

Special Project & Dispute Resolution Funds

In 2011 the Probate Court created special project and dispute resolution funds. These funds will be used for the efficient operation of the court and for resolution services in cases involving mediation.

Marriage Ceremonies

In addition to annual Valentines' Day ceremonies, Judge Lohn performs weddings on one Friday each month. Judge Lohn performed a total of 54 marriage ceremonies in 2011.



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 46 graduates from the program in 2011.

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 2011, 14 youth participated in Teen Court.



Teen Court Participants

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. 20 families participated in the Family Resource Court in 2011.

COPPER Program

Judge Lohn instituted the COPPER (Costs of Probation and Programming Reimbursement) program to recoup part of the cost of court services. In 2011, this program collected over \$44,200.

Risk Screening—Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS)

Risk screening assists the Court in identifying the appropriate sanction, program, or referral for each youth. 319 OYAS risk screenings were completed in 2011.

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 2011.

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. 133 youth were placed on probation in 2011.



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. 53 youth completed the program in 2011.

Community Service

Over 7,500 service hours were performed by 257 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

A total of 535 youth were admitted to the juvenile detention center in 2011. 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. Our average daily population was 27, which was a slight increase over 2010.

In addition to her weekly group counseling session with our kids, our social worker conducted a total of 415 hours of assessments, 115 hours of counseling, 48 hours of crisis intervention, and 27 hours of case management in 2011.

The detention center began utilizing Oleoresin Capsicum Pepper Spray last year as a tool to assist in dealing with resistant, disorderly, and combative youth. Pepper spray is used only after all other means of gaining compliance has been exhausted and/or there is high likelihood that a youth is about to engage in physical violence. The purpose of pepper spray is to reduce the potential of injury to youth and staff.

The Oaks Family Care Center began conducting weekly religious services in 2011. This is in addition to our regular Thursday and Sunday evening Bible study, and church services.

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 2011, 1 girl and 5 boys were placed at DYS.

77 felony cases were handled in 2011, F-1 being the most serious level of felony. Felony offenses are displayed to the right.

Level	Number	Percent
F-1	3	4%
F-2	12	16%
F-3	8	10%
F-4	28	36%
F-5	26	34%

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 2011. 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	784	653	38	153	7	2	28	0	0	0	1
Cases Terminated	844	668	40	152	7	2	28	17	2	0	2

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	\$44,235.18	\$259,769.14	\$29,437.14

Probate Court Update

Volunteer Guardianship Program (VGP)

This Program continues to help incompetent, indigent adults in Medina County. Currently there are 39 trained volunteer guardians and 25 wards actively being served. A total of 50 indigent wards have been served by volunteer guardians since the inception of the program in 2004.



Volunteer appreciation picnic 2011

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 2011, the Probate Court collected over \$221,000.

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