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Karen Sliwinski and Kristyn Cooke, Probate and Juvenile Court Implementation Team and Stacy Frison and Tracy Sherman, Tyler Technologies Implementation Team

Tyler Technologies was chosen as the vendor due to the option of moving to a mostly electronic court record system that provides better service to litigants and creates strong efficiencies in the court system. The community can also access public court records through the online portal, allowing them to access the most up to date information on a case.

As a cloud-based service, Odyssey negates future costs for items such as server maintenance and data backup. It was decided a cloud-based system would also be beneficial to all divisions in developing or amending existing COOP (Continuity of Operations Plans).

JUVENILE COURT COLLECTIONS

Court costs assessed are distributed to state, county and local governments. The COPPER (Costs of Probation and Programming Expense Reimbursement) program was created to recoup part of the cost of court services.

COPPER Program	\$29,968.75
Court Costs (Including COPPER)	\$117,060.83
Fines	\$10,892.39

Medina County Juvenile and Probate Court

2023 Annual Report



GREETINGS FROM JUDGE KEVIN W. DUNN

I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report of the Medina County Probate/Juvenile Court. 2023 proved to be the year of change for the court.

Juvenile and Probate courts are entrusted with the care of citizens that must have access to the court at all times. These citizens include abused or neglected children, children or adults who are developmentally disabled and in need of protection, persons in need of emergency hospitalizations, and more.

As you can see from this report, the Juvenile and Probate Courts remained extremely busy throughout 2023, yet were able to still provide services amidst all the changes.

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. Judge Dunn's second elected six-year term began February, 2021. The Medina County Probate and Juvenile Courts, wherein Judge Dunn presides, has 2 distinct jurisdictions. Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over all cases involving persons under age 18. These cases are categorized as delinquent; traffic; unruly; and abused, neglected and dependent children. Probate matters, include but are not limited to estates, guardianships, and trusts.

New Case Management System Goes Live



Tyler Odyssey Navigator Case Management System Go Live Kick-off February 25, 2023. (L to R) Judge Kevin W. Dunn, Karen Sliwinski, Callie Tucker and Tracy Sherman.

The Medina County Court of Common Pleas successfully launched a new case management system on Monday, February 27, 2023. The Odyssey Case Management System from Tyler Technologies was selected from several vendors as the unified case management system for Clerk of Courts, General Divisions, Probate/Juvenile Divisions and Domestic Relations Division.

The implementation was a more than three-year effort for the court system. Staff from all divisions worked to integrate current and new business processes within the Odyssey architecture, customizing the system to meet the county's needs. Historical information such as existing cases and party information was converted from previous databases.

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Juvenile Court Programming

Drug Court Program

Medina County Juvenile Drug Court provides an alternative for juveniles and their families whose criminal justice involvement stems from alcohol or drugs. Using community resources, the program provides monitoring by specialized docket probation officers, intervention, treatment and structure to juveniles. The program also reduces recidivism, protects the community, and teaches juveniles how to lead a healthy lifestyle. There were 6 successful graduates from the program in 2023.

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. In 2023, 78 youth were placed on probation.

Risk Screening — Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS)

Risk screening assists the Court in identifying the appropriate sanction, program, or referral for each youth. 151 OYAS screenings were completed in 2023.

Family Resource Court

Family Resource Court helps reduce the need for court intervention on unruly and truancy cases. Assessments identify individual and family barriers. Through intensive probation supervision, case management and a team approach, the Court improves community safety and helps build healthy families. In 2023, 5 families were referred to the program and 4 families successfully completed Family Resource Court. Fifty-three truancy complaints were filed in 2023, 26 were diverted to the truancy program and 14 juveniles successfully completed the program.

Parent Project

Parent Project is 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, running away and violence. In 2023, 20 families participated in and completed the Parent Project.

Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)

MST is a family, home-based treatment that tries to change how youth function in their natural settings. A clinician operates in the home to promote positive social behavior while decreasing antisocial behavior. Seven families participated in the program through court referrals in 2023 and an additional 4 court involved families participated in MST through Ohio Rise referrals.

Ti-180 Program

Teen Intervention – 180 Program (Ti-180) is an alternative to traditional disposition. The goal of the program is to educate youth and their parents or guardians on early warning signs for substance abuse, as well as provide skills to increase resiliency. 13 youth participated in the program in 2023.

Community Service

Numerous local agencies and charities benefitted from the 2,185 service hours performed by youth through the court system in 2023.

Juvenile and Probate Court Move Into New Home



During the third week of January, Probate and Juvenile Court staff transitioned from their previous locations in the 1841 and 1969 courthouses to the fourth floor of the new Medina County Courthouse. Several areas of the floor were still being finished during the move. Staff, however, was able to move without closing and maintained all operations and held all hearings that had been previously scheduled.

(Pictured: Clerk reception area, clerk work stations, probate courtroom under construction, probate courtroom completed)

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 Magistrates in calendar year 2023. These statistics are compiled and maintained pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence of the Supreme Court.

Probate Court	Estate	Guardianship—Minor	Guardianship—Incompetent	Conservatorships	Civil Actions	Adoptions	Minor Settlements	Wrongful Death	Change of Name	Marriage Applications
New Cases Filed	642	34	88	0	28	67	10	4	98	N/A
Cases Terminated	604	29	47	2	41	51	8	2	100	821

Juvenile 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	328	342	72	96	0	1	29	0	0	0	19
Cases Terminated	300	308	51	92	0	2	35	55	0	0	16

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