

## PROGRAM PURPOSE

Unfortunately, traditional parenting classes do not deal with runaways, gangs, drug use, violent kids and other criminal behaviors. Community resources are neither designed nor equipped to confront these behaviors, and most law enforcement agencies do not have concrete answers for these families when a parent facing these crises constantly say to officers “Just tell me what to do.”

In Medina County Juvenile Court, the Parent Project Program provides a prevention model and offers concrete, no-nonsense answers for even the most difficult parent questions and high-risk adolescent behaviors.

*“I’m worried about my child’s drug use. What can I do?”*

*“What should I do if my child hits me or other family members?”*

*“What should I be doing if my child refuses to go to school?”*



The Honorable Kevin W. Dunn is one of four Common Pleas Court Judges in Medina County. Judge Dunn was appointed in 2013.

The Medina County Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over all cases involving persons under age 18, including those categorized as unruly, delinquent, abused, neglected or dependent.

In addition to serving as our county’s Juvenile Judge, Judge Dunn is the Probate Judge.



**KEVIN W. DUNN**

**MEDINA COUNTY  
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE**



**THE  
PARENT PROJECT®**

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## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Once court-ordered into the 10-week program, parents meet with the program coordinator one night per week for two to three hours per night.

The Parent Project activity-based curriculum allows parents to learn and practice behavior management techniques at home.

During the program, parents complete workshop activities that teach:

- Step-by-step action plans to handle children who are acting out or refusing to follow the rules
- To identify destructive behaviors such as (but not limited to) truancy, alcohol consumption, drug use, violence and suicide attempts
- To prevent negative behaviors before they occur
- To intervene and stop undesirable behaviors from occurring again

The Parent Project has been proven through research to bring about positive adolescent behavioral changes when the strategies are used consistently.

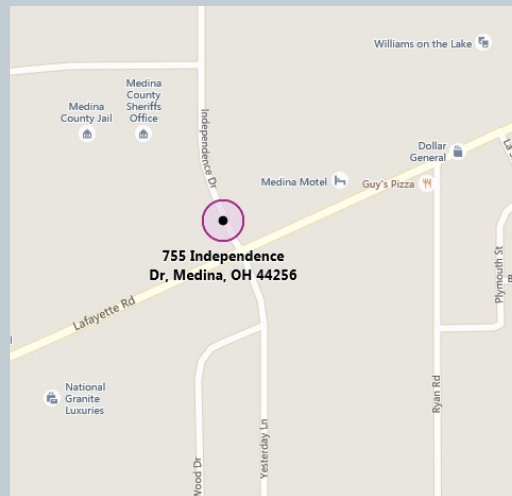
## PROGRAM LOCATION



### **Medina County Juvenile Court Annex Building**

755 Independence Drive  
Medina, Ohio 44256

The Medina County Juvenile Court Annex Building is located at the corner of Lafayette Road and Independence Drive next to the Juvenile Detention Center.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who is it for?**

Any parent or guardian may be ordered to participate in Parent Project. It is at the discretion of the Judge and Magistrate during the dispositional hearing.

### **What do we talk about during the program?**

During the 10-week session, parents and the Parent Project Coordinator will discuss arguing and family conflict, school performance, media influences, early teen sexuality, teen violence and bullying, and risky behavior related to drug and alcohol use, gang involvement and runaways.

### **What if my schedule doesn't allow me attend the weekly sessions?**

A Judge or Magistrate's Order for Parent Project is an order for parental compliance in the best interest of the child. Failure to attend the Parent Project or unsuccessful completion of the program is considered a violation of Court order. A parent may be subject to the penalties of Contempt of Court for refusal or failure to comply with the order. There are instructions for the appeal process on the bottom of the Magistrate's Order.

### **My child is 18 years old. Do I still have to attend Parent Project classes?**

An Order for Parent Project is still effective even if the Juvenile has attained the age of 18 years.

### **How much does the program it cost?**

Parent Project is provided at a cost of \$22.00 and will be assessed by the clerk after the program is ordered by the Magistrate or Judge.