

Medina County Juvenile and Probate Court 2024 Annual Report



GREETINGS FROM JUDGE KEVIN W. DUNN

I am pleased to present the 2024 Annual Report of the Medina County Probate/Juvenile Court. 2024 saw another year of improvements for the efficiency of 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 2024, yet were able to still provide effectual services amidst all the changes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin W. Dunn".

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.

Medina County Career Center Students Leave Their Mark



Students from the Medina County Career Center (MCCC) left a lasting mark on the community through a unique and meaningful project: constructing a custom wood podium and updating Ohio State seals for display in the Medina County Courthouse.

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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 24 participants and 7 successful graduates from the program in 2024.

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 2024, 74 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. 127 OYAS screenings were completed in 2024.

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 2024, 6 families were referred to the program and 7 families successfully completed Family Resource Court. Fifty-nine truancy complaints were filed, which all 59 were diverted to the truancy program and 51 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 2024, 33 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. Eight families participated in the program through court referrals in 2024 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. 5 youth participated in the program in 2024.

Community Service

Numerous local agencies and charities benefitted from the 2,616 service hours performed by youth through the court system in 2024.

Grant Awarded for Fingerprint Machines



The Medina County Probate and Juvenile Court was awarded two grant-funded LiveScan devices in June through the Ohio Attorney General's Office. LiveScan devices allow fingerprints to be taken electronically immediately following a first appearance hearing or upon detainment instead of the traditional method with ink and a physical card. One device is located at the Juvenile Detention Center and another at the Juvenile Court. This allows for greater efficiency and ease of fingerprinting juveniles when required under the Ohio Revised Code.

Several Court and Detention Center staff were trained throughout July and August on how to use the machines, including electronically transmitting retainable offense fingerprints to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Since going live, approximately 70 juveniles have been fingerprinted with the LiveScan machines.

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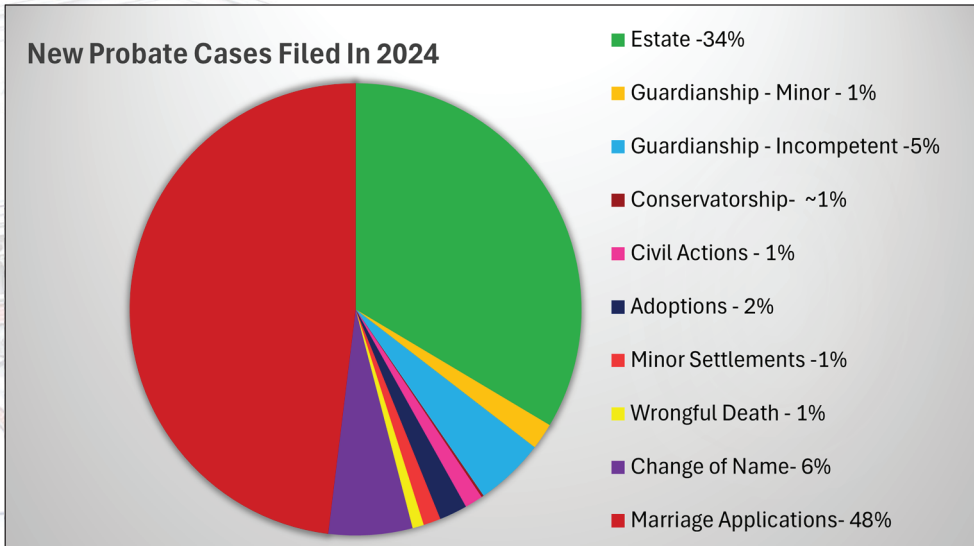
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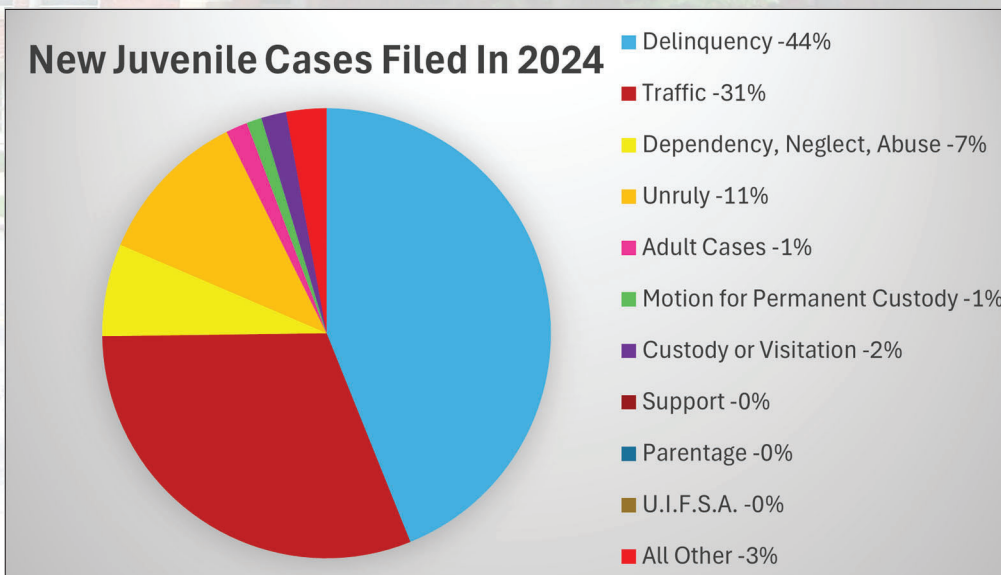
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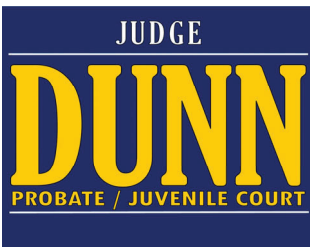
This statistical summary meets all of the requirements of accounting for the number, type and disposition of cases that came before the Judge and/or Magistrates in calendar year 2024. These statistics are compiled and maintained pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence of the Supreme Court.

Probate Court	Estate	Guardianship—Minor	Guardianship—Incompetent	Conservatorships	Civil Actions	Adoptions	Minor Settlements	Wrongful Death	Change of Name	Marriage Applications
New Cases Filed	620	35	92	3	24	37	23	15	111	888
Cases Terminated	954	34	60	0	21	59	7	11	120	888



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	364	256	55	93	13	9	15	0	0	0	24
Cases Terminated	363	269	69	123	12	28	31	50	0	0	19





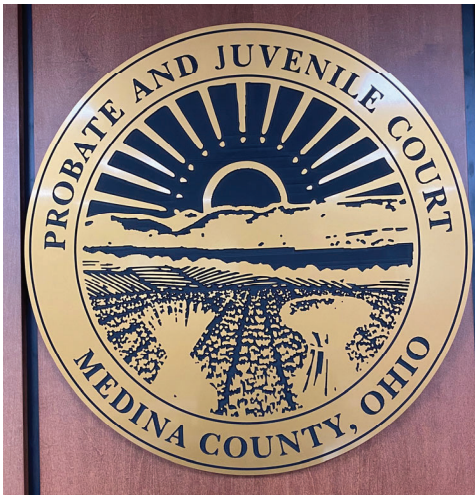
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MCCC Students Leave Mark *Continued from Front Page*



A chance conversation between Judge Dunn and MCCC Superintendent Steve Christman led to students in the construction trades class being asked to design, create, and produce a wooden podium for use in the Probate courtroom by Judge Dunn and the Ninth District Court of Appeals when they travel to Medina County for oral arguments. The project grew to include high-quality updated state seals to be hung above the bench in all courtrooms of the new county courthouse.

The project gave students hands-on experience in design, manufacturing, and civic engagement, showcasing the value of vocational education and the talents of Medina County youth. Their finished works are more than just pieces of furniture, they are legacy that students can be proud of for years to come.

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	\$32,301.64
Court Costs	\$87,963.44
Fines	\$12,550.92