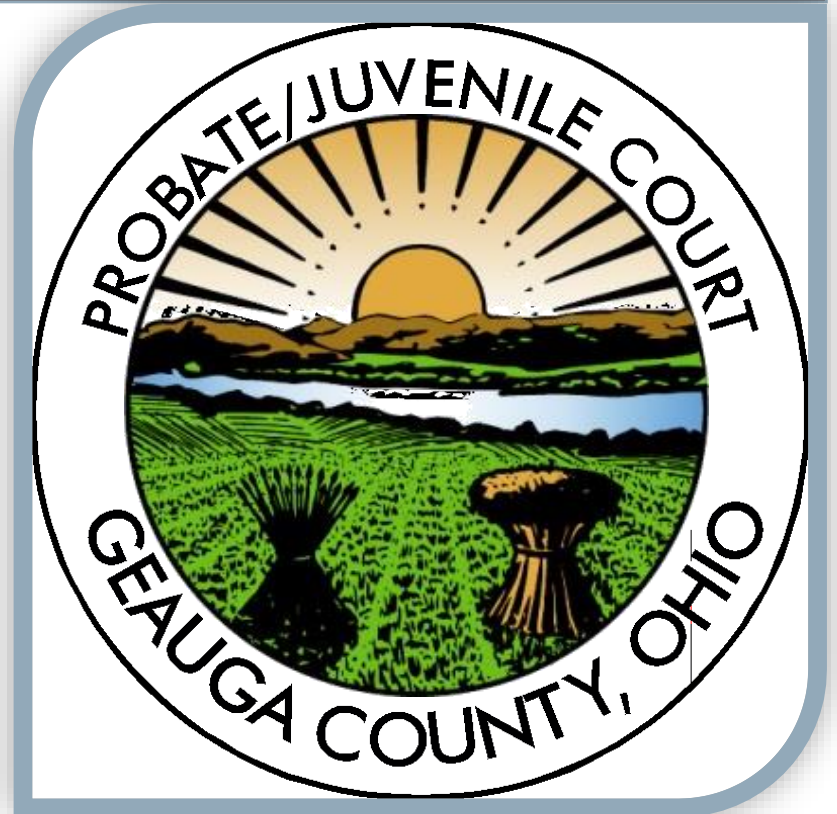


Geauga County Court of Common Pleas  
Probate and Juvenile Division  
2018 Annual Report



**Judge Timothy J. Grendell**

## LETTER FROM JUDGE TIM GRENDELL

Dear Geauga County Neighbor:

Eight years as Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge have passed quickly. Serving our community by helping to protect the county's most vulnerable children, families, and seniors is truly an honor.

The Probate and Juvenile Divisions of the Geauga County Court of Common Pleas continued to provide timely, effective, cost efficient and professional court services to the residents of Geauga County in 2018.



Through efficient and effective Court management and innovative programming, the cost of operating both Juvenile and Probate Courts was reduced by another 3% in 2018, compared to 2017. Even though this was its fourth consecutive budget reduction, the Court continues to increase access to more effective services for Geauga County residents. The Court Administrator, Kimberly Laurie, has been primarily responsible for the Court's successful budget reductions each year since 2015, resulting from significant increases in non-tax dollar grant revenues and efficient management of Court resources, while continuing to support innovative programming to ensure that the Court is on the cutting edge of justice and services for the county's residents.

In 2018, the Juvenile Court introduced a major change in the way it handles juvenile traffic cases. In the past, each traffic case was separately docketed and adjudicated. The old process included separate notices and hearings, and required Court staff to perform redundant work for each traffic case. The new juvenile traffic court is conducted first thing in the morning each Thursday. Similar to a typical adult traffic court, all juvenile traffic cases are adjudicated at the same hearing. This new process saves tax dollars as it is much more efficient for Court staff; juveniles and their parents spend less time at the Court and more time in school and work; all while maintaining public safety.

I am pleased to report that the overall volume of juvenile delinquency cases remains moderate. Drug related matters and domestic violence cases, however, continue to have a major presence on the Court's docket. The Court continues to seek innovative ways to address these problems.

The Juvenile Court's CASA Program, which provides guardians ad litem for children in family abuse/neglect/dependency cases, remains strong under the leadership of Program Director Mary Ruth Shumway. In 2018, the Juvenile Court assigned 64 CASA volunteers to advocate for 166 children. Due to the over 7,000 hours contributed by CASA volunteers instead of appointing paid guardians ad litem, the Court's CASA Program saved county taxpayers over \$350,000 in 2018.

The Probate Court, in concert with the Geauga County Recorder and local volunteer attorneys, has continued the Good Deeds Program for the benefit of county property owners. In 2018, nearly 500 Geauga County residents attended Good Deeds educational programs which provide a Probate law overview and volunteer deed review process. It is a county-wide effort to help Geauga residents (1) identify whether the form of their present deed will require transfer through the Probate Court upon death, and (2) to consider less expensive and less time consuming

alternatives to a probate transfer. The Good Deeds Programs has been recognized by the Geauga County Department on Aging for helping Geauga County residents save time and money. The success of the Good Deeds Program is largely attributed to the diligent efforts of the Court's Guardianship Coordinator, Cheryl Koncler.

Special recognition must once again be given to the court's dedicated staff. The employees of the court provide outstanding judicial juvenile and probate court services to Geauga County residents.

The administration of justice within the Juvenile Court process is predicated on three (3) concepts:

- (1) Geauga County Residents must be protected.
- (2) Juvenile offenders must be held accountable for their misconduct.
- (3) Juvenile offenders must be treated fairly and provided individualized discipline and treatment directed towards preventing juvenile misconduct in the future.

The Probate/Juvenile Court Magistrate Abbey King maintains an active docket of cases, including abuse, neglect dependency, unrulies, traffic, and delinquencies in Juvenile Court, as well as various case types in Probate Court, such as guardianships, estates, mental illness, etc. The addition of Magistrate King has further expedited the Court's case adjudication process.

I appreciate the cooperation extended to me and the court's staff by the County Commissioners, Sheriff's Department, Department of Jobs and Family Services, Public Defender's Office, police departments throughout the county, school officials, mental health personnel, and social services agencies. Each plays an important role in the administration of justice through this court. These public servants deserve special commendation for their efforts.

Enclosed please find attached the 2018 Annual Report for the Geauga County Juvenile Court in compliance with O.R.C. Section 2151.18. I hope that you will find this information enlightening and informative, as well as demonstrative of the collective effort of a quality court staff dedicated to addressing the disciplinary and rehabilitative needs of Geauga County's youth, while protecting the community.

Finally, I would like to extend special appreciation for everyone who supported and assisted the Court in 2018. The Court's continued success in 2018 was the result of the concerted efforts of many dedicated individuals. On a personal note, thank you to everyone who provided prayers, encouragement, and support to me this past year.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Grendell  
Judge

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT

*"Dear Judge Timothy Grendell, thank you for extending the knowledge of the Good Deeds and the establishment of the Help Center. My husband recently passed away and I have made use of this knowledge." – D.P., Chesterland, OH*

*"Please accept our heartfelt Thanks for your donation of goods to our food pantry, July 2018. Your support is greatly appreciated!" – Pilgrim Christian Church*

*"Award of Excellence in recognition of your leadership in protecting students and your community"  
– Sandy Hook Promise*

*"I appreciate your efforts to bring to the forefront the option of adoption in Geauga County as a part of National Adoption Month. It was a most special day for us and I believe everyone in the courtroom felt the love! I left the courtroom with hope that the children yet to be placed in Geauga County will soon find their forever families. It was an inspirational morning in so many ways, and I simply want to express my gratitude and thanks." – B.K., Mesa, AZ*

*"Thank you for helping make 'Senior Day at the Fair' such a success. We at the Department on Aging love hosting the senior hospitality area at the Great Geauga County Fair... We are grateful to your staff and volunteers who helped serve the seniors with a compassionate heart and a welcoming smile." – Sandy McLeod, Geauga County Department on Aging*

*"Thanks for your continued support of the Middlefield First United Methodist Church Food Pantry and the families we serve. Your generous donation of produce from the Community (Service) Garden was used to provide nutritious meals to area families in need. We served 1,320 families (3,516 people) in 2018. Of those, 1,004 were children under 18 years old and 572 were senior citizens. Thanks again for your donation. We remain committed to fight against hunger in our communities, and we are thankful for compassionate partners like you." – Ann Szasz, First United Methodist Church*

*"Dear Judge Timothy Grendell... Your commitment to the protection of adults in this community is appreciated." – Kristina Miller, APS Supervisor, Geauga County Job & Family Services*

*"In Geauga County, Law Enforcement has a long tradition of collaboration with our Geauga County Juvenile Court for the best interests of the children and families of Russell Township and Geauga County. The Russell Police Department supports the Geauga County Juvenile Court in its desire to create a Community Resource/Assessment Center where work can begin immediately with the children and families when a crisis is occurring, instead of having the children and families wait for formal Court involvement to occur. A Community Resource/Assessment Center where a comprehensive assessment can be done immediately to help the placement of children in a crisis situation, would be an asset to the community and create an efficient system for Law Enforcement and the Court." – Chief Timothy Carroll, Russell Police Department*

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# GEAUGA COUNTY PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT

## MISSION STATEMENT

Through prompt, impartial, and just resolution of legal issues, the Probate and Juvenile Divisions of the Geauga County Common Pleas Court uphold the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of Ohio, and ensure equal protection for all Geauga County citizens in a manner that inspires trust and confidence. The Juvenile Division seeks to promote public safety by guiding behavioral reform of juveniles through consequences that create a balance between discouraging recidivism and encouraging rehabilitation, with the ultimate goal of reunifying families and helping children become productive members of society. The Probate Division settles estates, appoints qualified members to various boards, and provides help for those who cannot or will not help themselves.

## PURPOSE

The Purpose of the Geauga County Juvenile Court is outlined in Ohio Revised Code Sections 2151.01 and 2152.01, and the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure.

### **The purpose of the court in abuse, neglect, dependency, and unruly cases is as follows:**

- To provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children;
- To achieve the above-stated purposes, whenever possible, in a family environment, separating the child from his or her parents only when necessary for the child's welfare or in the interests of public safety;
- To provide judicial procedures through which the laws are executed and enforced, and in which the parties are assured of a fair hearing, and their constitutional and other legal rights are recognized and enforced.

### **The purpose of the court in delinquency and traffic cases is as follows:**

- To provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children;
- To protect the public's interest and safety;
- To hold the offender accountable for the offender's actions;
- To restore the victim;
- To rehabilitate the offender.
- These purposes must be achieved by a system of graduated sanctions and services.

## STAFF

Probate/Juvenile Court Judge: The Hon. Timothy J. Grendell

As of December 31, 2018, the Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court had 27 permanent staff members. The Magistrate, Court Administrator, Constable, Bookkeeper/HR Officer, Staff Attorney and Bailiffs served both Probate and Juvenile Divisions.

The Juvenile Division was also served by three Juvenile Court Deputy Clerks, the Case Management Director and Deputy Case Management Director, the Director of Probation and two Probation Officers, the CASA Program Director, CASA Program Administrator, and two CASA Volunteer Supervisors.

The Probate Division was also served by the Guardianship Coordinator and three Probate Court Deputy Clerks.

## JUVENILE DIVISION - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

In 2018, the Juvenile Court processed 640 new cases, which was a decrease of 5.6% from 2017. Of the total cases the court processed in 2018, 39 cases (or 6%) were diverted; a process in which rehabilitative informal sanctions are imposed or no formal action is taken.

In 2018, 601 new cases were formally filed in the court, a decrease of 7.1% from the prior year.

**DELINQUENCY CASES:** Any child under age 18 who violates any state or federal law or any local ordinance or regulation, which would be a crime if committed by an adult, or who violates any lawful court order is a delinquent child.

In 2018, the Court had 140 delinquency complaints filed, a decrease of 35.5% from 2017.

**UNRULY CHILD CASES:** Any child who violates a law applicable only to a child; who is habitually truant from school and who previously has not been adjudicated an unruly child for being a habitual truant; who does not subject the child's self to the reasonable control of the child's parents, teachers, guardian or custodian by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient; or engages in other conduct defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.022 is an unruly child.

In 2018, the Court had 21 unruly complaints filed, an increase of 75.0% from 2017. Of the unruly complaints, 6 were for a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.87, the underage smoking law, or a similar village and city ordinance, which the court counts as an unruly case for Supreme Court of Ohio reporting purposes.

**JUVENILE TRAFFIC CASES:** Any child who violates any traffic law, traffic ordinance or traffic regulation of the state, United States or local political subdivision is a juvenile traffic offender. In 2018, 251 juvenile traffic cases were filed in the Court, which is a decrease of 3% from 2017.

**DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT AND ABUSE CASES:** In 2018, 60 abuse, neglect, and dependency cases were filed in the court, an increase of 87.5% from 2017.

**ADULT CASES:** Any person, who aids, abets, induces, causes, encourages, or contributes to a child becoming an unruly child or a delinquent child, or who acts in a way tending to cause a child to become an unruly child or a delinquent child, is guilty of contributing to the unruliness or delinquency of a child. In 2018, 3 adult contributing charges were filed in the court.

**CUSTODY/VISITATION CASES:** The court has jurisdiction to hear custody/visitation cases involving children who are not under another Ohio court’s jurisdiction. In 2018, 44 custody/visitation cases were filed in the court, an increase of 2.0% from 2017.

**PATERNITY CASES:** Paternity cases determine the parentage of children born out of wedlock. The court hears paternity matters that are either not determined administratively by the Child Support Enforcement Agency or when one of the parties disputes the administrative determination of paternity. In 2018, 11 paternity cases were filed in the court.

**SUPPORT CASES:** The court has jurisdiction to hear and determine an application for an order of support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another court of this state. In 2018, 48 support cases were filed in the court, a decrease of 5.8% from 2017.

**UIFSA CASES:** UIFSA cases involve the enforcement of child support orders when one of the parents resides outside of the State of Ohio. In 2018, 6 UIFSA actions were filed in the court.

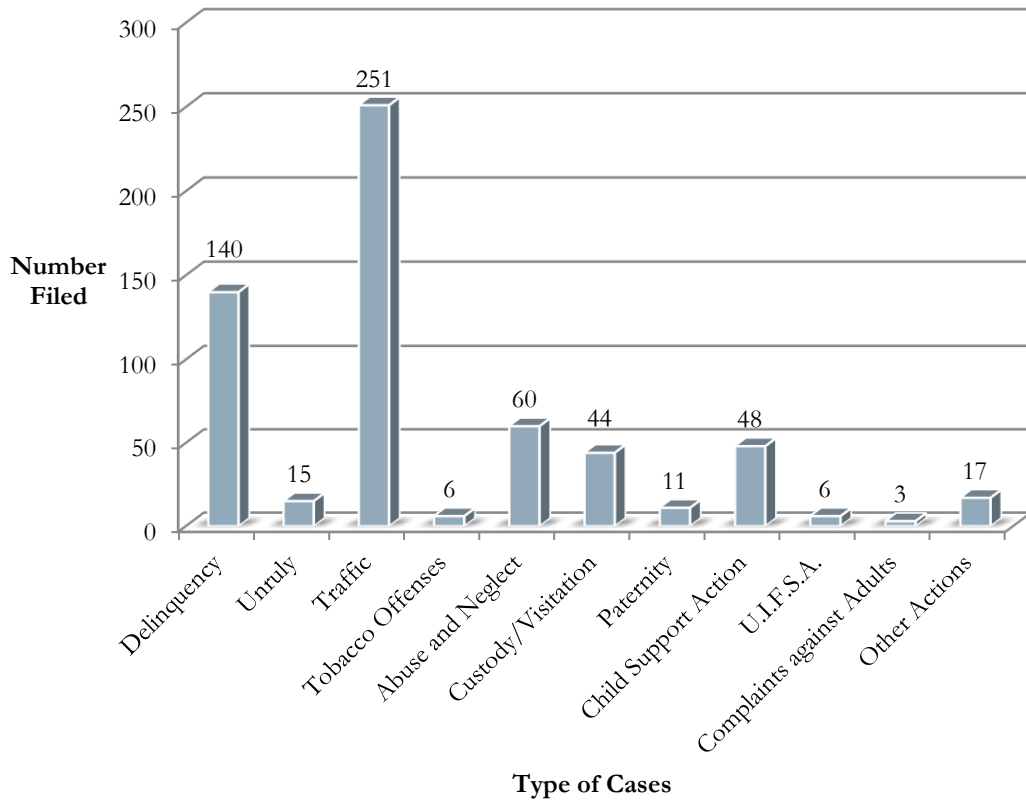
**OTHER CASES:** Other cases filed in the court may include actions such as juvenile protection orders, writs of habeas corpus, applications for consent to marry, and complaints to obtain an abortion without notifying parent or guardian. In 2018, 17 other cases were filed in the court.

**SUMMARY OF CASES - JUVENILE COURT ACTIONS FILED**

TYPE OF CASE	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
DELINQUENCY	102	38	140
UNRULY	10	5	15
TRAFFIC	160	91	251
TOBACCO OFFENSES	5	1	6
ABUSE/NEGLECT/DEPENDENCY	N/A	N/A	60
CUSTODY/VISITATION	N/A	N/A	44
PATERNITY	N/A	N/A	11
CHILD SUPPORT	N/A	N/A	48
U.I.F.S.A.	N/A	N/A	6
COMPLAINTS AGAINST ADULTS	N/A	N/A	3
OTHER	N/A	N/A	17
TOTAL	277	135	601



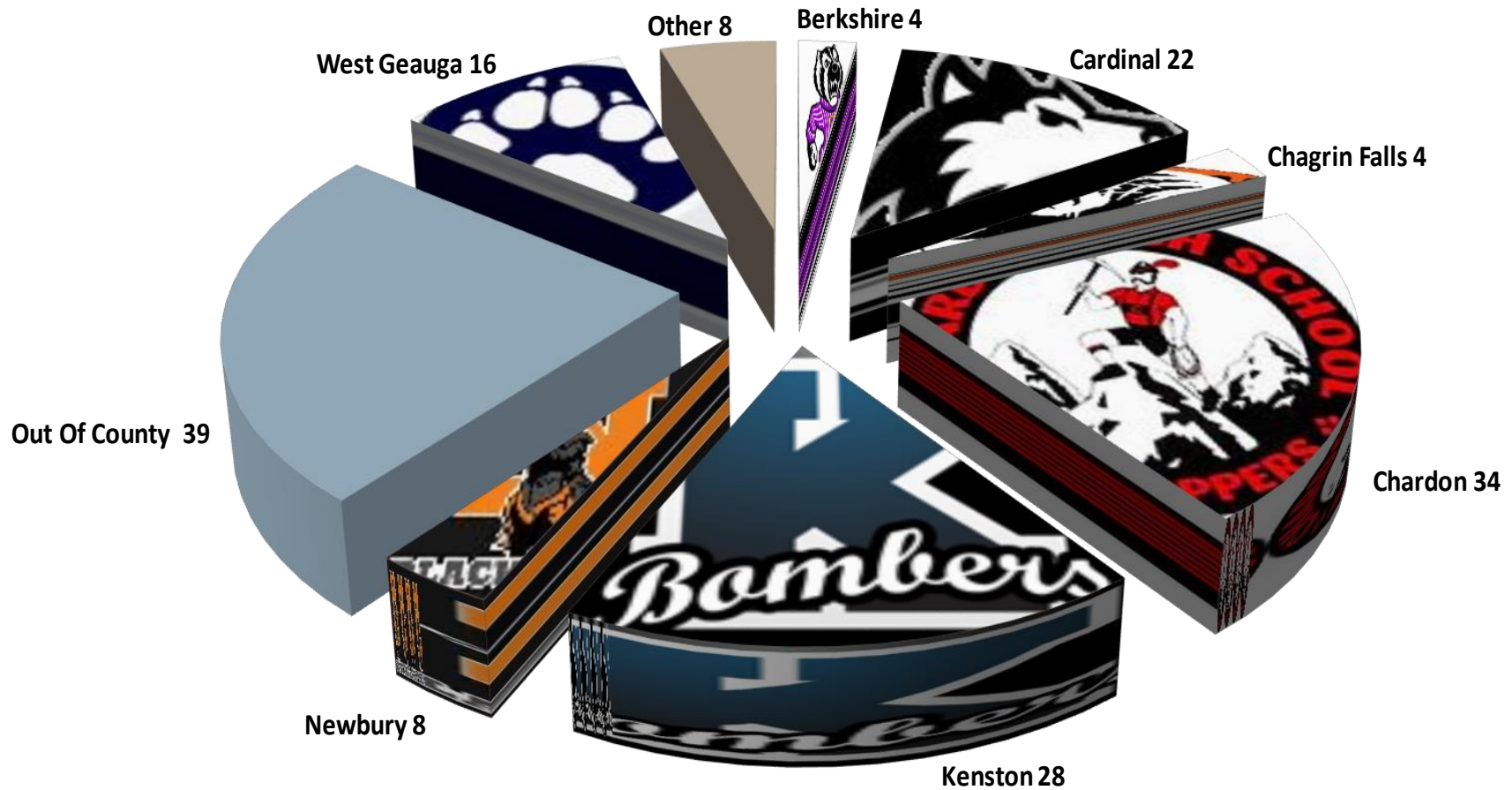
## Geauga County Juvenile Court Cases Filed 2018



## DELIQUENCY AND UNRULY COMPLAINTS – SOURCE OF COMPLAINT

COMPLAINT BY	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	WHITE	MINORITY	WHITE	MINORITY	WHITE	MINORITY	COMBINED
SHERIFF'S DEPT.	17	3	10	0	27	3	30
BAINBRIDGE P.D.	14	3	5	8	19	11	30
CHARDON P.D.	6	2	3	0	9	2	11
CHESTER P.D.	6	1	5	1	11	2	13
JUVENILE COURT	6	0	2	0	8	0	8
MIDDLEFIELD P.D.	10	0	5	0	15	0	15
OHIO STATE PATROL	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
RUSSELL P.D.	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
S. RUSSELL P.D.	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
INTAKE	3	0	0	1	3	1	4
PROBATION DEPT.	11	1	1	0	12	1	13
TRANSFERRED IN	10	0	2	0	12	0	12
EDUCATIONAL SVC CTR	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
OTHER	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
TOTAL	93	10	34	11	127	21	148

# Delinquent & Unruly Cases by School District 2018



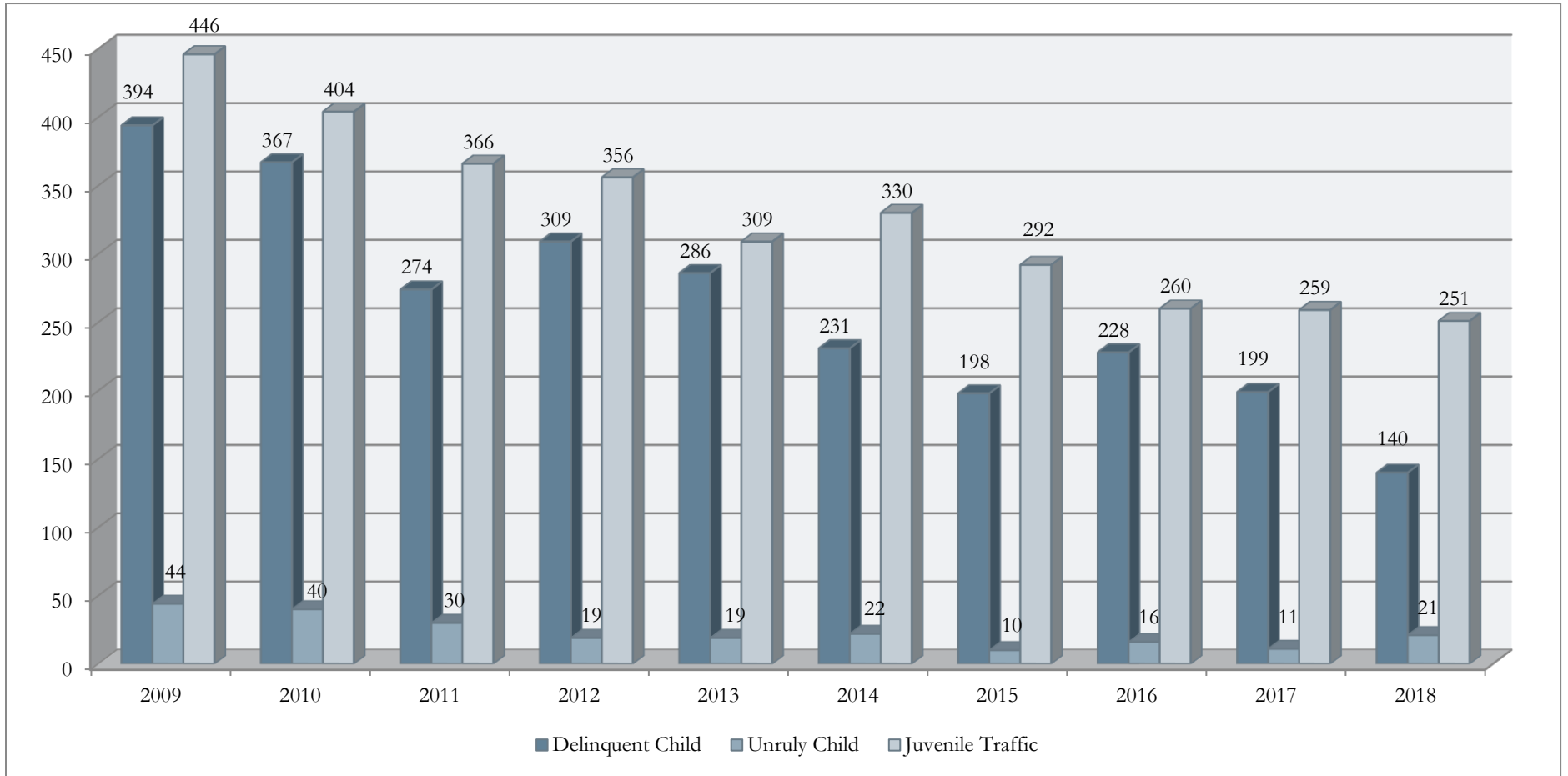
## AGE AT TIME OF OFFENSE

AGE	DELINQUENT			UNRULY			COMBINED TOTAL
	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	
AGE 10 & UNDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGE 11	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
AGE 12	3	1	4	0	0	0	4
AGE 13	3	4	7	1	4	5	12
AGE 14	9	4	13	1	3	4	17
AGE 15	16	4	20	2	0	2	22
AGE 16	25	8	33	0	1	1	34
AGE 17	41	15	56	1	1	2	58
TOTAL	98	36	134	5	9	14	148

## NEW CASES FILED

TYPE OF CASE	2016	2017	2018
DELINQUENCY	228	199	140
UNRULY & TOBACCO CASES	19	11	21
TRAFFIC	260	259	251
DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT & ABUSE	34	32	60
CONTRIBUTING	12	3	3
CUSTODY	39	43	44
SUPPORT	78	51	48
PATERNITY	10	12	11
U.I.F.S.A.	10	5	6
OTHER	14	13	17
TOTAL CASES FILED	704	628	601

# 10 YEAR HISTORY OF DELINQUENT, UNRULY, AND JUVENILE TRAFFIC ACTIONS FILED



## DELINQUENCY AND UNRULY CASES

### DELINQUENCY CHARGES

In 2018, 207 delinquency charges were filed compared to 323 charges in 2017, a decrease of 36%. The number of delinquency charges filed is greater than the number of delinquency cases filed because there can be multiple charges filed on a complaint. Of the total number of delinquency charges filed in 2018, 175 charges were for acts of delinquency, 26 charges were for violations of probation, and 6 charges were for violations of court orders. The number of delinquency charges for acts other than violations of probation, parole, or court orders filed in 2018 decreased by 39.9% compared to 2017.

With total delinquency charges decreasing by 26% in 2018, the more serious felony charges decreased by 16.7%. 10, or 5.7%, of the total delinquency charges filed in the court, excluding violations of probation, parole, or court orders, were for acts that would be classified as a felony if committed by an adult.

### FELONY DELINQUENT CHARGE BY GENDER

	Male	Female	Total
FORGERY	3	0	3
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION	1	0	1
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	2	0	2
THEFT	0	1	1
TRESPASS IN A HABITATION WHEN A PERSON IS PRESENT OR LIKELY TO BE PRESENT	1	0	1
UNDERAGE PURCHASE OF A FIREARM OR HANDGUN	1	0	1
VEHICULAR ASSAULT	1	0	1
TOTAL FELONY CHARGES	9	1	10

## MISDEMEANOR DELINQUENT CHARGES BY GENDER

	Male	Female	Total
AGGRAVATED MENACING	1	1	2
ASSAULT	10	1	11
ATTEMPTED RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	1	1
ATTEMPTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRAUD	0	1	1
CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OR UNRULINESS OF A CHILD	1	0	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGING	4	1	5
CRIMINAL DAMAGING OR ENDANGERING	2	1	3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	11	2	13
CRIMINAL TRESSPASSING	6	2	8
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	17	6	23
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	6	4	10
FALSIFICATION	1	1	2
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA DRUG PARAPHENALIA	10	3	13
INDUCING PANIC	0	1	1
MISUSE OF CREDIT CARD	0	1	1
NEGLIGENT ASSAULT	1	0	1
PETTY THEFT	14	10	24
POSSESSING CRIMINAL TOOLS	0	2	2
POSSESSING FICTITIOUS DRIVER'S LICENSE IDENTIFICATION	1	0	1
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	8	6	14
PROHIBITIONS	13	3	16
PUBLIC INDECENCY	1	0	1
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	4	0	4
RESISTING ARREST	0	1	1
TELECOMMUNICATIONS HARASSMENT	1	1	2
THEFT	1	1	2
VIOLATING A PROTECTION ORDER	0	2	2
VIOLATING A COURT ORDER (VOCO)	5	1	6
VIOLATION OF PROBATION (VOP)	24	2	26
TOTALS	142	55	197

## TOP 10 OFFENSES COMMITTED BY DELINQUENT CHILDREN

	Total
VIOLATION OF PROBATION (VOP)	26
PETTY THEFT	24
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	23
PROHIBITIONS	16
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	14
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	13
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA DRUG PARAPHENALIA	13
ASSAULT	11
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	10
CRIMINAL TRESSPASSING	8

## FELONY ADJUDICATIONS

In 2018, the Court adjudicated 10 counts of felony-level offenses, a decrease of 16.7% from 2017. No youth were committed to ODYS, and no youth were committed to an ODYS community corrections facility.

## FELONY OFFENSES

LEVEL OF OFFENSE	ADJUDICATIONS
F5	4
F4	5
F3	1

RACE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
White	9	0	9
Minority	0	1	1
Total	9	1	10

## UNRULY CHILD OFFENSES

In 2018, 15 unruly child charges were filed in the Court, a decrease of 42.0% from 2017.

TYPE OF OFFENSE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO REASONABLE CONTROL	4	10	14
HABITUAL TRUANCY	1	0	1



## DISPOSITIONS FOR DELINQUENCY & UNRULY CASES

The Court's distribution of cases addresses both the needs of individual youth and their families and ensures public safety. The court utilizes a number of dispositional alternatives that combine aspects of supervision and monitoring of behavior that hold each juvenile accountable for his or her actions, while providing treatment services as needed. This may mean relatively simple dispositions: a fine, admonishment, and/or an order to write an essay. It may also include a set of alternatives such as probation, restitution, and community service work. Youths who are found delinquent and who may pose a threat to the community can be placed in secure facilities, such as the Portage-Geauga County Juvenile Detention Center.

A youth who is adjudicated to be a delinquent child for committing an act that would be classified as a felony if committed by an adult may be committed to the legal custody of the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) for institutionalization. Commitments to ODYS are for a minimum of 6 months but may not extend past the child's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Minimum periods of institutionalization vary depending on the offense committed.

### DELINQUENCY & UNRULY CASE DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITION	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
<b>JUDICIAL SANCTIONS</b>			
CASE DISMISSED	26	15	41
ADMONISHED	82	32	114
FINE	20	10	30
COSTS	89	37	126
COSTS WAIVED	29	11	40
LICENSE SUSPENSION	11	3	14
RIGHT TO APPLY FOR O.L. DENIED	4	5	9
FINGERPRINTING	13	2	15
<b>COMMUNITY SANCTIONS</b>			
PROBATION	17	5	22
CONTINUED PROBATION	21	5	26
RESTITUTION	9	3	12
COMMUNITY SERVICE	40	15	55
COUNSELING	7	1	8
ELECTRONIC MONITORING	4	2	6
MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS	4	3	7
D & A ASSESSMENT	9	2	11
DRUG TESTING	3	0	3
DNA TESTING	5	0	5
OTHER ASSESSMENTS	3	0	3
EDUCATION/TREATMENT PROGRAMS	14	5	19
<b>PLACEMENTS</b>			
TO D.Y.S.	3	0	3
TO P.G.D.C.	72	26	98
OTHER PLACEMENTS	7	1	8
SUSPENDED PLACEMENTS	37	19	56
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
BIND OVERS	0	0	0
TO OTHER JUVENILE COURTS	10	5	15
TO OTHER AGENCIES	0	0	0
<b>GENERAL DISPOSITIONS</b>			
ESSAY	15	8	23
APOLOGY LETTERS	5	2	7
OTHER	47	23	70

## TOBACCO-UNDERAGE SMOKER CASES FILED

ORC 2151.87 prohibits persons under age 18 from:

1. Using, consuming, or possessing cigarettes;
2. Purchasing or attempting to purchase cigarettes, other tobacco products, or papers used to roll cigarettes;
3. Order, pay for, or share the cost of the same; and
4. Except in limited circumstances, accept or receive cigarettes, other tobacco products, or papers used to roll cigarettes; unless accompanied by a parent, spouse who is at least 18 years of age, or legal guardian.

This provision is in addition to existing village or city ordinances with similar prohibitions.

In 2018, 6 tobacco cases were filed in the Court.

CASES FILED			
AGE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
14	0	0	0
15	4	1	5
16	1	0	1
17	0	0	0
18	0	0	0

ISSUING POLICE DEPARTMENTS	
BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP	BURTON VILLAGE
CHAGRIN FALLS	CHARDON CITY 6
CHESTER TOWNSHIP	GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF
GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT	MIDDLEFIELD VILLAGE
NEWBURY TOWNSHIP	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PUNDERSON STATE PARK	RUSSELL TOWNSHIP
SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE	THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

## JUVENILE TRAFFIC CASES

The Court has exclusive original jurisdiction over all juvenile traffic cases. In 2018, the Court processed 279 juvenile traffic cases. 28 cases were pending at the beginning of the year, and 251 cases were filed during the year. The number of juvenile traffic cases filed in 2018 decreased by 3.0% from 2017. The Court disposed of 274 juvenile traffic cases during 2018, and 5 cases were pending going into 2019.

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY			
<b>CASES FILED</b>	<b>251</b>		
<b>CASES DISPOSED</b>	<b>274</b>		
<b>SEX:</b>			
MALE	177		
FEMALE	97		
<b>AGE:</b>			
15 & UNDER	7		
16	107		
17	160		
<b>DISPOSITIONS:</b>			
FINE	257	CASE DISMISSED	11
COURT COSTS	265	COUNTS DISMISSED	5
LICENSE SUSPENSION	210	TWO COUNTS ON ONE TICKET	14
DENIED RIGHT TO APPLY	3	THREE COUNTS ON ONE TICKET	2
TRAFFIC SCHOOL	29	FOUR COUNTS ON ONE TICKET	1
JUVENILE DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	24	FIVE COUNTS ON ONE TICKET	1
ESSAYS	3	PROBATION	5
RESTITUTION	32	PROBATION CONTINUED	1
COMMUNITY SERVICE	58	PGDC / SUSPENDED	4
SEATBELT CITATIONS	5	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM/ASSESSMENT	1
TICKET WAIVED	8	CLOSED DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY	1
OTHER ADMONISHED	43	TRANSFER TO ANOTHER JUVENILE COURT	2
TICKET AMENDED/ADJUSTED	7	TRANSFER IN FROM ANOTHER JUVENILE COURT	14
PLED NO CONTEST	18		

## TOP 10 TRAFFIC OFFENSES

TYPE OF OFFENSE	TOTAL COMMITTED
Speeding	106
Assured Clear Distance	53
Failure to Control	28
Failure to Yield	27
Driving Under Suspension	7
Improper lane usage/Lanes of travel	6
Seat Belt	5
No License	5
Driving While Intoxicated/Under Influence of Substar	4
No Plates/Improper Display	4

## JUVENILE TRAFFIC CASES FILED BY SOURCE OF COMPLAINT

COMPLAINT BY	TOTAL
BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP P.D.	32
BURTON VILLAGE P.D.	5
CHARDON CITY P.D.	20
CHESTER TOWNSHIP P.D.	24
GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF	28
GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT	1
MIDDLEFIELD VILLAGE P.D.	13
MOUNT GILEAD P.D.	1
OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL	113
RUSSELL TOWNSHIP P.D.	9
SHEFFIELD VILLAGE P.D.	1
SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE P.D.	4
TOTAL	251

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4510.31, a probationary license revocation for one year results if a juvenile commits three moving violations before the age of 18. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles may impose a ninety-day license suspension, in addition to other requirements, if a juvenile commits two moving violations before the age of 18. The following table shows the number of traffic moving violations the court adjudicated in 2018.

AGE	MOVING OFFENSES		TOTAL
	MALE	FEMALE	
1st Offense	123	90	213
2nd Offense	14	5	19
3rd Offense	10	2	12
4th or more Offense	2	1	3
Total	149	98	247

## PROBATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Court's services to youthful offenders and their families emphasizes a commitment to meeting the needs of adjudicated delinquent and unruly children and juvenile traffic offenders within the community. With the support of the Youth Services Subsidy Program, the court has been able to develop a variety of programs that enhance the continuum of services for juveniles and their families within Geauga County. The Probation staff utilizes the Ohio Youth Assessment Survey (OYAS) risk assessment process to assist in determining levels of service intervention and case planning/goal setting to effectively target criminogenic needs.

### JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES

The probation staff manages a caseload of youthful offenders and is responsible for ensuring compliance with court orders, assessing client needs, initiating referrals to appropriate resource agencies, and maintaining related documentation.

Each youth who is placed on probation is required to follow the conditions of probation. These conditions establish the parameters of acceptable behavior for the probationer. These conditions are enforced by the probation officer who, if necessary, files formal complaints for probation violations. Probation officers make regular contact with the youths, parents, schools, agencies, and others involved with the youths to assist them in making positive changes in their lives.

1. 34 youth continued on probation from the previous year
2. 38 youth were placed on probation, 27 males and 11 females
3. 33 youth were terminated from probation, 23 males and 10 females
4. 72 youth were supervised on probation in 2018

### PROBATION ASSIGNMENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Residence	Male	Female	Total
Berkshire	4	2	6
Cardinal	4	1	5
Chardon	7	3	10
Kenston	6	2	8
Newbury	1	1	2
West Geauga	3	2	5
Not enrolled in school	1	0	1
Outside County	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>

### DIVERSION SERVICES

The Diversion Program is designed for first-time non-violent misdemeanor offenders and first-time unruly offenders with the exception of runaway episodes that exceed 24 hours in length. When a case is diverted, it is handled outside of the formal courtroom setting. Discretion to divert cases is provided for in the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure. Diversion Services are aimed at intervening in matters of alleged delinquency and unruliness absent the stigma of establishing an official court record.

- Referrals Received: 40
  - a. 29 Delinquencies
  - b. 11 Unruly Cases
- No Action Taken: 0
- Filed Officially: 3
- Diverted: 37

## **H.B. 410 Habitual Truancy**

In 2018, 5 unruly child complaints based on the child being a habitual truant were filed in the court. Four children were placed in alternatives to adjudication. One child failed to complete diversion and was adjudicated unruly. One child was carried forward to 2019.

## **ADDITIONAL COURT SERVICES**

**Case Management:** The Juvenile Court Case Management Department was created in 2017 to assist Court's mission to protect Geauga County's most vulnerable children by overseeing the Victor Y. Matthews Family Life Improvement Program, and by managing the abuse, neglect and dependency cases that come before the Court. The Court quickly realized the positive impact Case Management was able to have on the families coming before the Court and expanded its responsibilities in 2018.

Case Management now manages private custody cases as well as abuse, neglect and dependency cases. It oversaw many community outreach initiatives for the Court including working with such organizations as Geauga Youth-Led Prevention, Geauga Educational Service Center, NAMI, and Next Step. Case Management also represented the Court for National Night Out, Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and The Great Geauga County Fair.

Case Managers worked with local providers to link clients to much needed services. In 2018, over 50 clients were linked to services for drug, alcohol and mental health needs. Case managers also managed therapeutic and supervised visitations, facilitating reunification by allowing families in crisis to spend more time together while working through the Court process. The Court partnered with Ohio Guidestone for therapeutic visitation, so parents could receive valuable parenting training from a licensed therapist while spending time with their children.

Case Management designed and implemented a supervised visitation program, which gave parents who otherwise would have little or no time with their children the opportunity to safely visit children for extended periods in a variety of public spaces or the parental home. They also worked with CASA on the creation of a private visitation room to allow therapeutic and supervised visits to take place in comfortable, private setting. Through these two visitation programs, Geauga County parents received over 800 hours of additional parenting time in 2018.

In 2018 the Court implemented free co-parenting classes, which are coordinated by Case Management.

### **Victor Y. Matthews Family Life Improvement Program (FLIP)**

The purpose of the Geauga County Family Life Improvement Program (FLIP) is to serve the best interests of the children by aiding in family reunification through Parent Mentoring and case management services designed to improve family dynamics, thus reducing the likelihood of unruly and/or delinquent juvenile behavior which can stem from dysfunctional family dynamics. 41 families received Ohio Guidestone services through the Family Life Improvement Program with over 95% of the families successfully completed the program.

**Drug Testing:** Completed by hair sample or mouth swab analysis

- 255 Drug Tests administered: 67 Juveniles, 188 Adults

**Community Service:** Juveniles are ordered to "replace the void" their offenses created in society by performing a specifically designated number of hours working at a non-profit or government agency,

either located by the juveniles or as part of the court's organized community service work crews. Juveniles ordered to perform community service engaged in various projects under the direction of Beth Williams, Director of Probation, along with help from the probation staff and Court Constable John Ralph. During the summer, the court once again established a garden project partnership with Tim Shaffer of Chelsea Flower Garden and David Johnson of Mapledale Landscaping to provide fresh produce to the families at Women Safe, local food pantries, churches, the Department of Aging, senior centers, and residents of the County. Juveniles also helped serve at various pancake breakfasts and fish fries throughout the County and provided holiday parade cleanup for local townships and the Geauga County Fair.

- 155 youths served, 117 new cases, 38 carry over cases
- New cases: 81 Males, 36 Females
- 2,872.75 hours of work provided to the community

**Restitution Services:** The restitution program is intended to hold juveniles accountable for their actions by ordering them to pay restitution to the victims of delinquent acts when damages were incurred. The court monitors court-ordered payments.

- 7 youths were ordered to pay restitution, 5 males and 2 females
- \$6,720.22 was collected and paid to victims

#### **Intensive Supervision Program**

- Provides an additional layer of supervision to clients identified as a high risk to recidivate
- Can be used as an alternative sanction to filing a formal Violation of Probation
- In 2018, 31 juveniles were served through 23 new cases, and 8 cases carried over from 2017

#### **Electronic Monitoring**

- Juveniles and adults ordered on electronically supervised house arrest wear an ankle bracelet that monitors their location via GPS around the clock
- Alternative to detention
- Can be used as an alternative sanction to filing a formal Violation of Probation
- Some juveniles and adults are ordered to participate in Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM)
- In 2018, 24 individuals were monitored via GPS, and 8 individuals were monitored via CAM

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

### **Circles**

Circles is a group of children in any grade from fifth through eighth who learn various leadership skills to help them navigate towards adulthood. These children are selected by the school and based upon their participation will be asked to represent their school at various community events. This group meets at a minimum of twice a month in the school. Court employees facilitate the groups of children. In 2018, 6 children participated in the program.

### **Start With Hello**

The Juvenile Court initiated the Sandy Hook Foundation Start With Hello program in Geauga County in 2015. Start With Hello encourages students to take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help their peers who are showing signs of social isolation. Social isolation is the overwhelming feeling of being left out, lonely or treated like you are invisible. Young people who feel this way may pull away from society, struggle with learning and social development, or choose to hurt themselves or others. Start With Hello educates students to recognize when a fellow student may be

experiencing social isolation, what they can do to help, and how they play a role in the community to include everyone. Sandy Hook Foundation hopes to eliminate all violence in the schools through education. In 2018, the Juvenile Court awarded seven West Geauga High School students for their participation in the Start With Hello program in their school.

### **Launchpad**

Launchpad was implemented by Judge Timothy J. Grendell in December 2015 and is run by the Court's CASA program. Launchpad directly addresses careers and life plans for children aging out of foster care in Geauga County. At the age of 14, children in foster care are identified as Launchpad candidates. This allows for review of the child's academic performance to make adjustments where needed to serve the best interest of the child. At fifteen and a half, a questionnaire is completed to give the FLIP coordinator an idea of the wants and needs of the particular child. At 17, a Federal Financial Aid Form must be completed and all testing completed with scores given to the court for college or vocational entrance. If a child elects to consider the military, a non-recruiter will present them options. If the child wants to go directly to work, various opportunities are presented to the child to give the child a broader exposure to possibilities. The child at the age of sixteen and one half is asked if they would like a sponsor family for a home to come to for the holidays or maybe just someone to call in times of need after the child ages out of foster care. The Court's CASA Program Director has families waiting to embrace these young adults as if they are their own college kids. Background checks are provided on all sponsor families and a basket is available for any child aging out of foster care. In 2018, 20 children participated in the program.

## **PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES**

Probate and Juvenile Court staff continue a tradition of reinvesting in Geauga County by participating in community outreach activities directly benefitting Geauga County residents under the direction of the Philanthropic Committee, chaired by Beth Williams, Heather Mountsier, and Justine Stowe. Court staff facilitated and participated in the following charitable activities during 2018: A Food Drive where non-perishable food items were collected and distributed to Geauga County food pantries; Geauga JFS Help Me Learn school supply collection in August; Thanksgiving dinners assembled and distributed to 2 Geauga County families in November; and pairing with Geauga County JFS sponsor a family program in December. The generous Court Staff provided Christmas presents, and Judge Grendell provided food for a Christmas dinner, to a family of four with two boys ages 2 and 4.

## **PORTAGE-GEAUGA COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

Gauga County shares the use of a juvenile detention facility, which is located at 8000 Infirmary Road, Ravenna, Ohio, with Portage County. The Detention Center is operated and maintained by the Joint Board of County Commissioners from each county and the Board of Trustees. The Detention Center has a maximum capacity of 46 residents and is accredited by the American Correctional Association.

In 2018, the total Detention Center population was 307 residents. Gauga County placed 90 residents in the Detention Center, 64 males and 26 females. 8 residents were carried over from 2017. Gauga County's average daily population was 3.25 residents. The average daily length of stay was 12.11 days. Gauga County residents used 1,186.85 bed days or 18.09% of the total bed days used at the Detention Center. Of the 90 residents Gauga County detained, 77 committed misdemeanors, 5 committed felonies and 8 committed unruly offenses. Due to the reduction in Gauga County's usage, its share of the Detention Center expenses was reduced by nearly \$200,000.





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## **2018 Year End Report**

A program of the Geauga County Juvenile Court, CASA for KIDS of Geauga County provides the Guardian ad Litem services to advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected, dependent, and other children referred by the Juvenile Court. Our goal is to provide a CASA volunteer for each child requested by Judge Timothy J. Grendell or Magistrate Abbey King. We screen, train and support quality volunteer representation for children, to advocate for each individual child's unique needs and a safe, permanent, nurturing home.

January **2018**, CASA for KIDS marked the **twenty-first** year of providing Guardian ad litem services in the Geauga County Juvenile Court. The program has continued to represent all children involved with the court due to abuse, neglect, dependency, and other cases referred by Judge Timothy J. Grendell or Magistrate Abbey King. A Guardian ad litem is appointed by the Court to represent the "best interest" of a child/sibling group and is the "voice of the child" in the court. Reports with factual information, concerns and recommendations are submitted to the court as outlined by Rule 48 of Superintendence by the Supreme Court of Ohio, or as the case situation necessitates. The CASA program has trained **(330)** volunteers who have represented **(2281)** children since the program began in **1997**.

An average volunteer contributes approximately **(100)** hours per year to the program. In **2018**, the program had **three** volunteers contributing between **(350-650)** total hours and **eleven** volunteers contributing between **(150-350)** total hours to their cases over twelve consecutive months. **Seventeen** new volunteers joined the program through application, reference, interview and **(35)** hours of pre-service training. In total, the volunteers contributed **(7042)** of in-kind service hours working their cases, an **increase of over (300) hours** compared to 2017. CASA volunteers are required to complete a total of 12 hours of ongoing training yearly (6 of these must be in the classroom, and 2 hours must be Trauma-related). CASA for KIDS volunteers completed **(1482)** hours of training in **2018**.

CASA Volunteers act in the role of the court-appointed Guardian ad litem, but receive no financial compensation. The Geauga County Commissioners', rate-of-pay for a court-appointed attorney's time is \$50 per hour. Therefore, the CASA volunteers' in-kind contribution was, at least, **\$352,100 in 2018**. These volunteers put in more hours than (3) full-time employees.

The program welcomes volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethnic and educational backgrounds. **(47%)** of CASA Volunteers are employed either full or part-time, **(77%)** are women, and **(23%)** are male. The program maintains an impressive retention rate with more than **(69%)** of its volunteers serving beyond the 2 year requirement.

In an effort to increase collaboration, public awareness and education about the CASA for KIDS program, the staff and volunteers participated or assisted with the following committees and events: Geauga SART (Sexual Assault Response Team); Geauga County LOSS (Local Outreach Supporting Survivors) Team;

Domestic Violence Task Force; Launchpad, identifying foster children 14 and up needs to become independent; NAMI Walk-a-Thon; Geauga Learn Day at the Great Geauga County Fair; Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court booth at the Great Geauga County Fair; and, the Geauga County Job and Family Services Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff. In addition, CASA printed informational Post Cards, and sent them to target areas throughout the county for public awareness of the CASA for KIDS program and recruitment efforts.

Two CASA Supervisors and the Program Director supervised **(64)** active CASA Volunteers who were appointed to **(162)** children, **(75)** whom were new children involved with the court. All the cases were adjudicated abuse, neglect, and or dependency, with the exception of **(9)** delinquent children and **(18)** children in custody cases referred by the court. We served ALL children requested by the courts.

The following is a breakdown of the gender, age, educational level, race/ethnicity, employment status and the years of service to the agency of the volunteer advocates who served the program in **2018**:

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age Range</u>	<u>Educational Level</u>	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Years of service</u>
(Male): <b>15</b>	(25-29): <b>0</b>	High School: <b>3</b>	African-American: <b>0</b>	Full time: <b>9</b>	(1yr or less): <b>20</b>
(Female): <b>49</b>	(30-39): <b>1</b>	Some college: <b>11</b>	Asian: <b>1</b>	Part time: <b>18</b>	(2 years): <b>9</b>
	(40-49): <b>6</b>	College Grad: <b>24</b>	Caucasian: <b>62</b>	Retired: <b>22</b>	(3 years): <b>7</b>
	(50-59): <b>20</b>	Post Grad: <b>26</b>	Hispanic/Latino: <b>1</b>	Not Emp: <b>9</b>	(4 years): <b>5</b>
	(60+ ): <b>37</b>		Multi-Racial/Ethnic: <b>0</b>		(5+ years): <b>23</b>

The program is staffed by three (3) full-time positions and one (1) part-time position. The program Director oversees and manages the CASA for Kids program. The principal duties of the position include managing the program staff; oversee recruitment and training of the CASA volunteers, as well as provide training opportunities for existing volunteers; establish relationships with community partners and ensure compliance with program standards; create data questionnaires to provide needed statistics; build relationships within the community to support the children's needs. The Program Administrator/Volunteer Liaison supports the administrative needs of the CASA volunteers, staff and program; provide program data, grant compliance and serve as a communication intermediary for the CASA volunteers. The two CASA Supervisors support all assigned CASA volunteers to their cases. The Supervisor is a mentor to the CASA volunteer to establish service goals and provide guidance regarding case processing; file court reports; collaborate with other agencies; attend court hearings and meetings with assigned volunteer and continuously monitor and evaluate each volunteer's investigative and advocacy work to ensure each child in the program receives the highest quality outcome, as well as maintaining boundaries as outlined in the program.

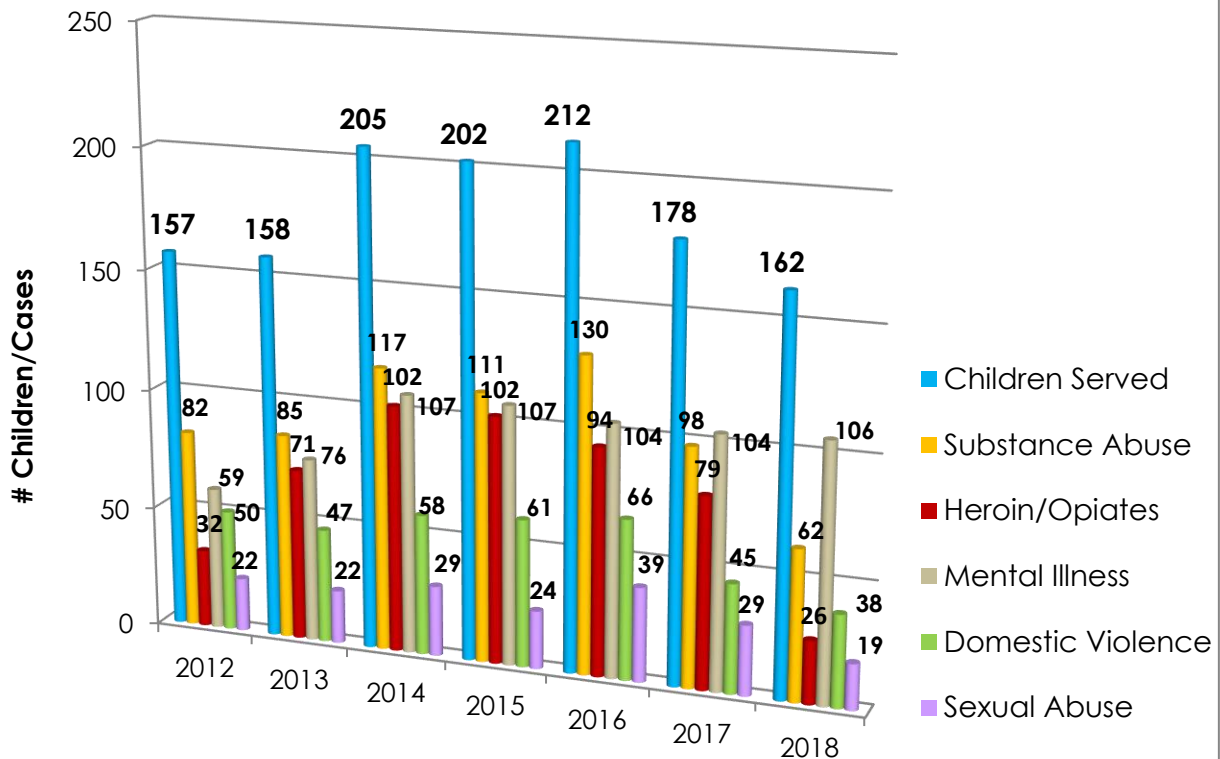
The Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court funds its CASA program through a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant and State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) grant through the Ohio Attorney General's Office. The funding supports personnel costs, legal consultant, background screening, travel and training for program staff, recruitment and training for volunteers, supply costs and other costs related to the program. In 2018, the Juvenile Court sponsored (23) volunteers to attend the Ohio CASA Conference. Additional funds

are received from Ohio CASA through a grant from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services when the program completes volunteer pre-service training and in-service training for the volunteers. The funding received from Ohio CASA supports CASA volunteer pre-service training and continuing education for the volunteers. The program also hosted the following independent training presentations and/or CASA sponsored “CASA Café” training workshops: Grid Training; Rule48 & Policy Changes; JFS Services; NAMI Services; WomenSafe Services; Metzenbaum Offerings; Ravenwood Services; WACO Documentary w/ discussion; Family Pride Services; Case Management Overview; Custody Cases; Ubuntu Wellness; Report Writing; Windsor Laurelwood Services; Ethics & Professionalism; Legal Resources room; “Bridges” program; ACES Study; “Resilience” DVD w/ discussion; Trauma; Book Club – “The Other Wes Moore” & Orphan Train” w/ discussion; “Bridges & Launchpad”; Suicide Prevention; Responsibilities of a GAL; Interview Skills; Effects of Mental Illness & Trauma on Parenting.

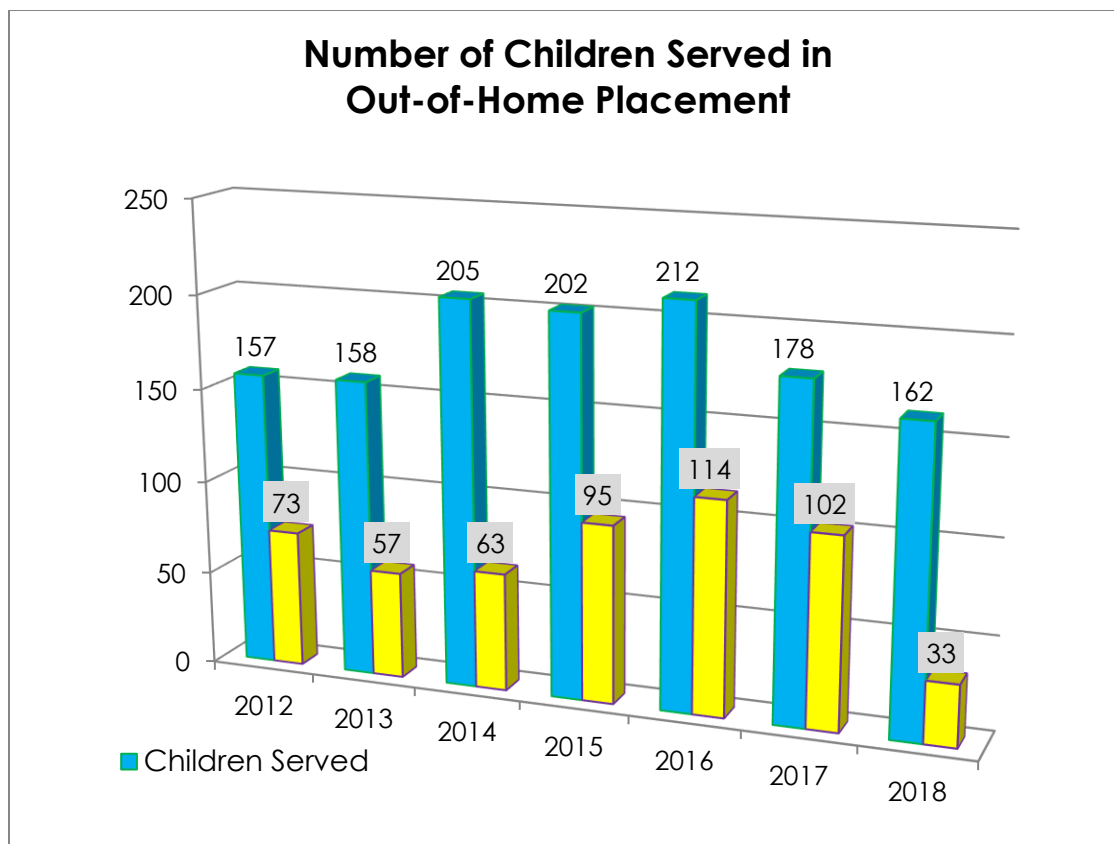
The following is a breakdown of the gender, age, race/ethnicity of the children served by the program in **2018**:

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Male: <b>86</b>	0 – 12: <b>86</b>	African-American: <b>4</b>	Not Hispanic/Latino: <b>126</b>
Female: <b>76</b>	13 – 17: <b>66</b>	Asian: <b>0</b>	Hispanic/Latino: <b>8</b>
	18+: <b>10</b>	Caucasian: <b>107</b>	
		Native Am/Alaskan: <b>12</b>	
		Multi-Racial: <b>11</b>	

## 2012-2018 Children served by CASA whose cases involved these issues



- In **2018**, the program served (**162**) children.
- Last year, the program experienced a (**37%**) decrease in the number of children’s cases involving **substance abuse** listed in the initial complaint compared to 2017.
- **Heroin and opiate use** continue to account for almost half of the substance abuse cases at (**42%**). Currently, we are seeing an increase in meth & cocaine on parents’ drug tests.
- Of children’s cases in **2018**, (**65%**) of them involved **mental illness**, this is an increase of (**2%**) since 2017.
- Children’s cases involving **domestic violence** reported in the initial complaint decreased by (**16%**) since 2017. However, often this trauma is not initially reported.
- CASA cases involving **sexual abuse** decreased (**34%**) since 2017.



- Of the **(162)** children the CASA program served in **2018**, **(33)** children were placed in out-of-home placements at the adjudication hearing, with a **(64%)** reunification rate overall on all case closings.

#### **Program Goals for 2019:**

1. Update electronic media (website, Facebook) presence regarding CASA for KIDS to make aware the program's need in the community, as well as its positive impact on the children and families referred by Judge Timothy J. Grendell and Magistrate Abbey King.
2. Increase recruiting and training of qualified community members as CASA volunteers.
3. Revise the Pre-Service training program for new volunteers, offering a combination of online and in-class presentations. This will reduce the onsite office time and allow for more flexibility to the initial training process.
4. Continue "CASA Café Tuesday" training workshops in a relaxed environment which has encouraged attendance by volunteers. Select training topics chosen by volunteers on the recent (Dec 2018) Survey, offering to enhance their knowledge of new and expanded community and court resources.
5. Present CASA staff with training to further their industry knowledge, and become aware of industry breakthroughs which will enhance their ability to manage and meet the needs of the CASA volunteers.
6. Make arrangements to send/offer to send, free of cost, "all" CASA Volunteers to the Annual Ohio CASA Conference.
7. Communicate to CASA Volunteers the appropriate interaction with the recently established 501(c)(3) organization, "Hearts & Hands of CASA."

## PROBATE DIVISION - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

The Probate Division has jurisdiction over matters such as issuance of marriage licenses; administration of estates and guardianships; adoption proceedings; determination of sanity or mental competence; certain eminent domain proceedings; and other civil matters.

The Probate Court's dedicated staff continues to strive to provide efficient quality in the processing of all cases. Geauga County Courts continually updates forms to comply with Ohio Supreme Court rule changes. The updated forms are available to the public through our website: [www.geaugacourts.org](http://www.geaugacourts.org).

A total of 973 pending probate cases were carried over into 2018. During the year 619 new cases were opened and 524 cases were closed. As of January 1, 2019, a total of 1068 cases were carried over from 2018.

## GOOD DEEDS PROGRAM

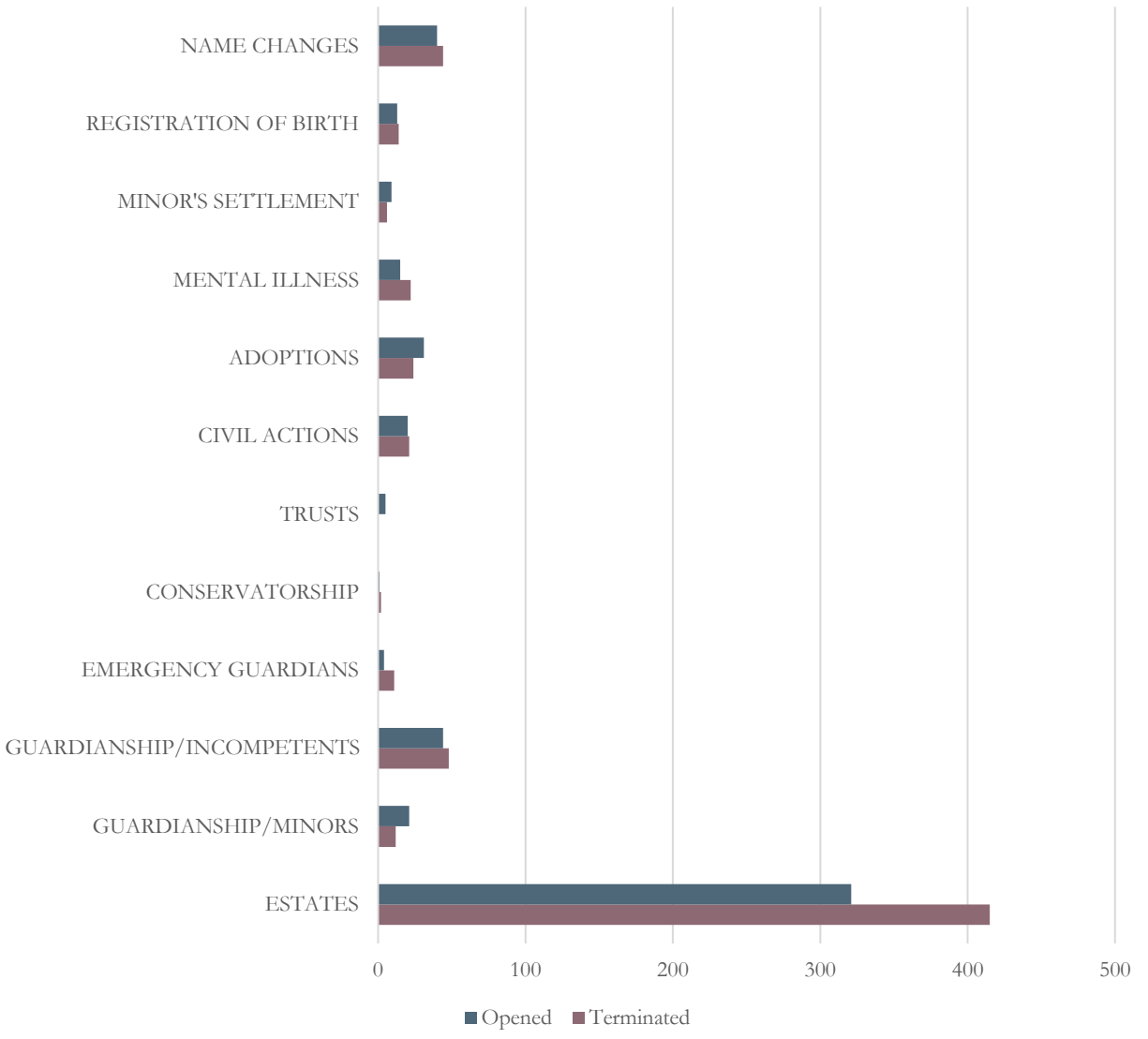
The Award Winning "Good Deeds Program" is a free program presented by Geauga County Probate Court Judge Timothy J. Grendell and the Geauga County Recorder, to help Geauga County residents better understand probate issues regarding property transfers. This program is a countywide effort to educate Geauga residents by: (1) identifying whether the form of their present deed will require transfer through the Probate Court upon death, and (2) to consider less expensive and less time-consuming alternatives to a probate transfer of all types of assets. During the program, local attorneys are available to discuss participants' estate matters for free, and a free asset checklist is provided during the presentation.

In 2018, the Geauga County Probate Court offered 7 Good Deeds presentations, and 476 Geauga County residents participated.

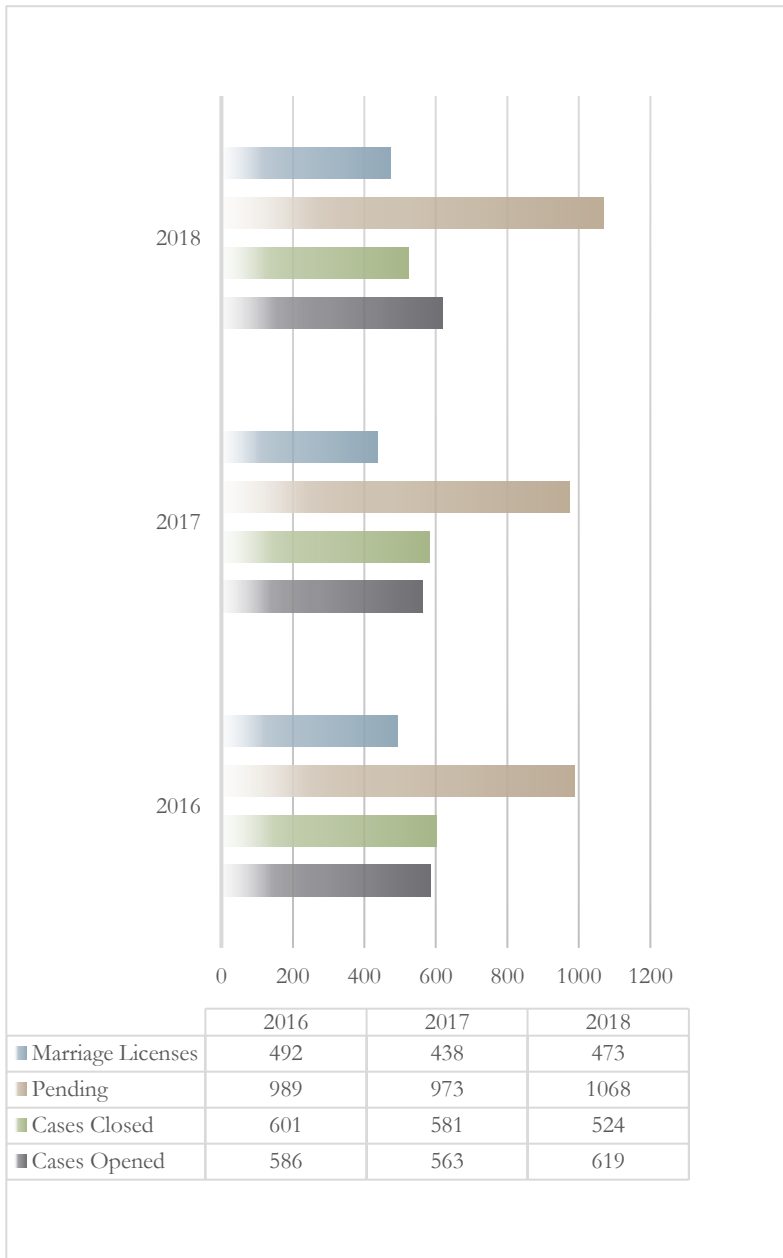
## SUMMARY OF CASES OPENED/CLOSED FOR THE YEAR 2018

	PENDING FROM 2017	OPENED	CLOSED	PENDING TO 2019
ESTATES	381	415	321	475
GUARDIANSHIP/MINORS	81	12	21	72
GUARDIANSHIP/INCOMPETENTS	392	48	44	396
GUARDIANSHIP/EMERGENCY	8	11	4	15
CONSERVATORSHIP	2	2	1	3
TRUSTS	50	0	5	45
CIVIL ACTIONS	23	21	20	24
ADOPTIONS	15	24	31	8
MENTAL ILLNESS	9	22	15	16
MINOR'S SETTLEMENT	5	6	9	2
REGISTRATION OF BIRTH	2	14	13	3
NAME CHANGES	5	44	40	9
TOTALS	973	619	524	1068
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE YEAR		473		

### Cases Opened/Closed by Type in 2018

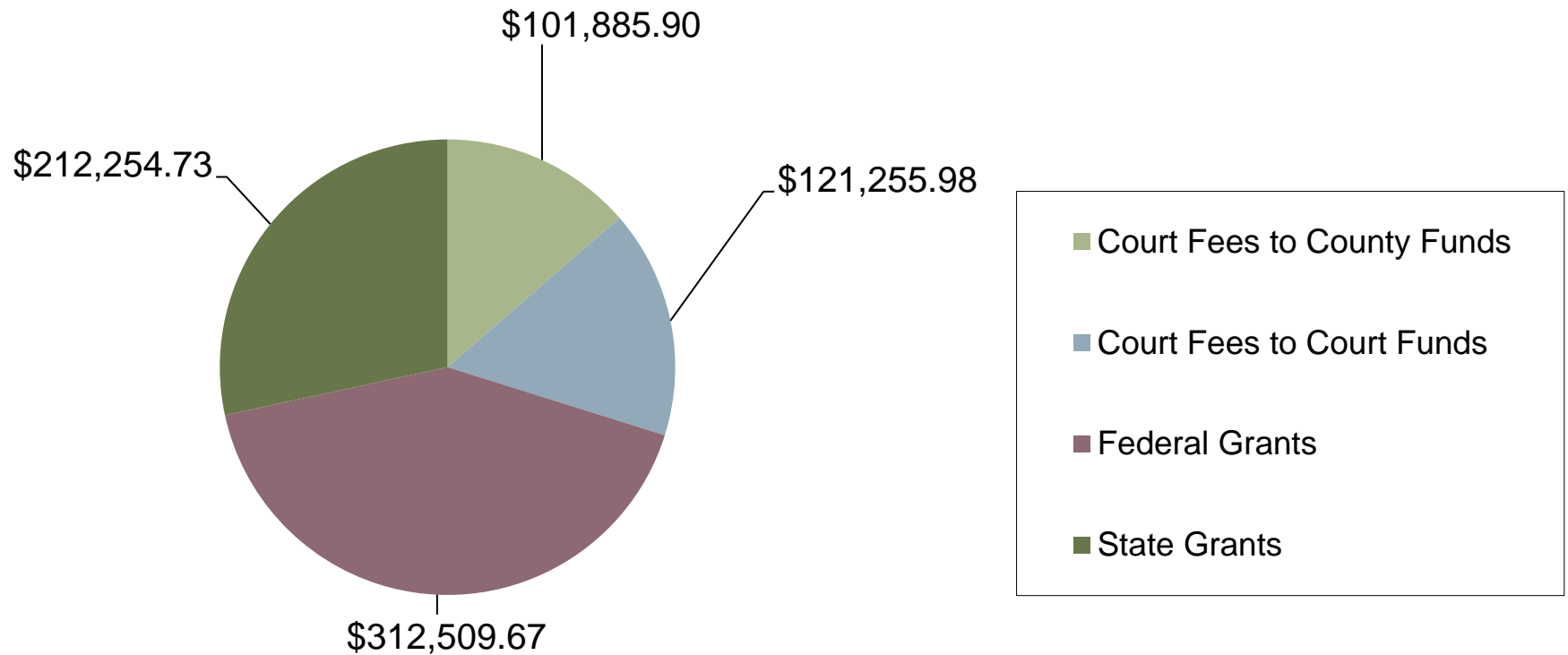


## PROBATE COURT SUMMARY OF CASES OPENED AND CLOSED 2016-2018





## Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court 2018 Revenues: \$ 747,906.28



## Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court 2018 Expenditures: \$2,685,969.67

