

JUVENILE REFERRALS BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

ACTIVITY/DIVISION	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg '94-'98
AUTHORIZED CHILD PROTECTION PETITIONS						
Neglect, Care, Support and Maintenance	146	200	159	133	201	
Child Abuse	44	40	53	41	42	
Abandonment	22	23	18	36	19	
Home Environment	14	3	3	3	8	
Failure to Provide Education	12	3	4	9	7	
Dependency	3	6	2	3	1	
Medical Care	7	1	2	1	2	
Others	1	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	249	276	241	226	281	+12.8%
AUTHORIZED DELINQUENCY/ CONSENT PETITIONS						
Retail Fraud	237	352	364	432	355	
Assaults	444	393	340	391	354	
Alcohol Related	18	23	46	104	186	
Larceny	226	234	260	225	185	
Breaking and Entering	229	212	231	233	176	
Controlled Substance Violation	88	151	145	182	137	
Vandalism	167	182	190	142	134	
Auto Theft	108	139	155	89	93	
Receiving and Concealing (Stolen Property)	91	129	133	141	89	
Traffic/Driving Offenses**				82	82	
All Other Adult Offenses	103	97	114	82	69	
Criminal Sexual Conduct	71	50	55	72	47	
Weapons	89	79	53	37	37	
Home Incurrigibility	11	38	24	29	33	
School Truancy	34	42	38	33	32	
Runaway (Home and Institutions)	58	44	32	29	25	
Embezzlement	8	13	22	27	23	
Robbery	52	40	23	24	22	
Arson	23	29	25	20	20	
School Incurrigibility	3	7	7	8	13	
Curfew	12	2	7	5	10	
Forgery	7	11	14	15	6	
Disorderly Conduct	20	5	7	3	4	
Homicide	2	2	2	2	3	
TOTAL	2,191	2,274	2,292	2,407	2,135	-2.7%
UNAUTHORIZED COMPLAINTS*						
Delinquency/Consent	3,784	3,642	3,887	3,567	3,607	
Neglect	85	50	39	31	41	
TOTAL	3,869	3,692	3,920	3,598	3,648	-5.7%
SUPPLEMENTAL PETITIONS						
Delinquency/Consent	257	255	319	291	291	
Neglect	52	24	40	48	21	
TOTAL	309	279	359	339	312	+9%
TOTAL REFERRALS	6,618	6,521	6,812	6,570	6,376	-3.6%

*The figures above do not include YA referrals from outside sources

**Separated from All Other Adult Offenses in 1997

COURT SERVICE STATISTICS

YOUTH ASSISTANCE AND CASEWORK SERVICES

CASEWORK OFFICIAL CASES HANDLED	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg*
New Official Cases (referrals)	1,894	1,968	1,923	1,988	1,800	
Cases Returned to Court	257	255	319	291	291	
Cases Carried over from Previous Year	1,067	1,072	1,091	1,095	1,101	
TOTAL CASES HANDLED	3,218	3,295	3,333	3,384	3,192	-0.8%

YOUTH ASSISTANCE CASES HANDLED	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg*
New Cases (referrals)	3,033	2,969	3,404	3,332	3,760	
Information and Referral (Consultive)	1,765	1,788	1,505	1,303	1,231	
Cases Carried over from Previous Year	772	1,532	1,601	1,876	1,529	
TOTAL CASES HANDLED	5,570	6,289	6,510	6,511	6,570	+17.9%

CASEWORK YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg*
Completed Youth Community Service Placements	358	372	509	389	301	
Total Hours of Work Completed	22,029	23,275	23,152	21,295	16,299	-26.0%

YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY SERVICE	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg*
Completed Youth Community Service Placements	201	251	279	312	417	
Total Hours of Work Completed	5,031	5,986	6,898	7,876	10,776	+114.2%

CLINICAL SERVICES

CLINIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg*
Evaluation Referrals Received	1,191	1,354	1,203	1,177	1,505	+26.4%
Clinical Evaluations Completed	1,050	1,141	1,090	933	1,190	+13.3%
Interested Party Consultations	446	562	502	483	645	+44.6%
Casework Consultations	1,632	1,639	1,558	1,460	1,428	-12.5%
Group Therapy Clients Receiving Treatment	66	47	68	93	116	+75.7%
Parent Guidance Clients Receiving Treatment	111	112	162	153	216	+94.6%

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION STATISTICS

PROGRAMS	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg*
Mentor Plus	204	176	153	150	173	
Family Education	8,715	9,347	11,181	7,227	6,330	
Camp	1,134	1,659	1,177	1,223	1,295	
Youth Involvement/Shoplifting Prevention	2,296	6,220	2,205	4,188	8,015	
Youth Recognition	2,956	2,741	2,495	2,835	2,454	
Recreation (Summer Programs, Teen Centers, etc.)	8,979	5,356	7,068	10,638	6,056	
Special/Other Programs	5,258	2,335	8,766	8,238	810	
TOTAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS	29,542	27,834	33,045	34,499	25,133	-14.9%

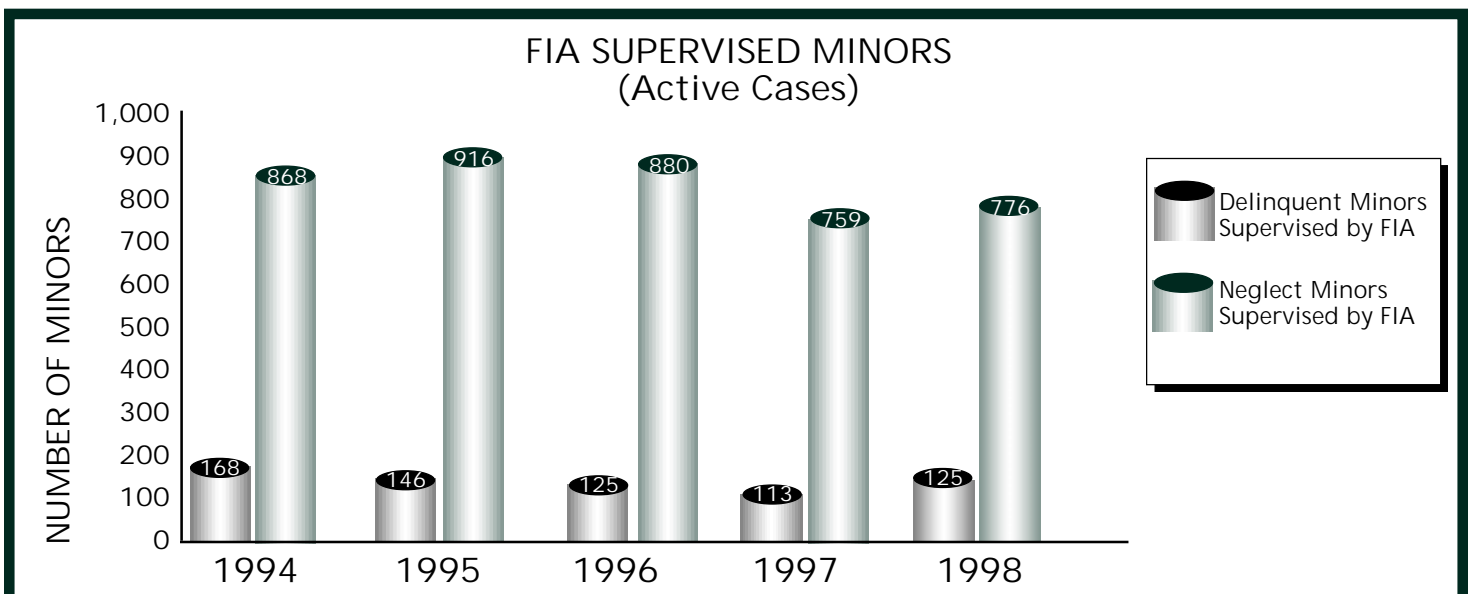
*Percentage change is from 1994-1998.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY STATISTICS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Change '94 to '98	% Change '97 to '98
STATE WARDSHIP							
New Commitments (P.A. 150)	52	46	33	36	44	-15.4%	+22.2%
Permanent Wardship Adjudications (primarily P.A. 220)	69	65	97	92	116	+68.1%	+26.1%
Delinquent Minors Supervised by FIA	168	146	125	113	125	-25.6%	+7.1%
Neglect Minors Supervised by FIA	868	916	880	759	776	-10.6%	+2.2%
Total State Placement Costs	\$4,032,079	\$3,405,427	\$3,622,890	\$3,220,282	\$3,325,564	-17.5%	+3.3%

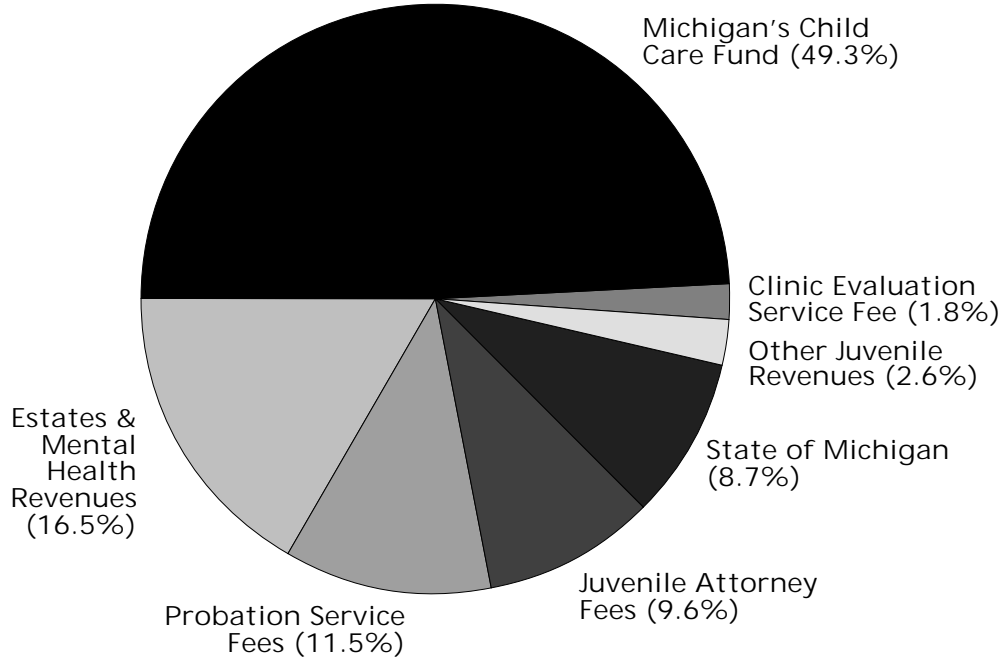
Factors Influencing Cost:

- 1) New commitment rate.
- 2) Average length of stay (is approximately 22 months).
- 3) Per diems have increased 51% since January 1, 1991 (\$148.40 - \$224.22). First rate decrease in 1998.
- 4) Automatic waiver offenses to Circuit Court, in 1998 (22). Approximately 60-70% of those juveniles sentenced are to the Family Independence Agency, rather than the Department of Corrections.



PROBATE COURT BUDGET

1998 REVENUES \$1,913,899



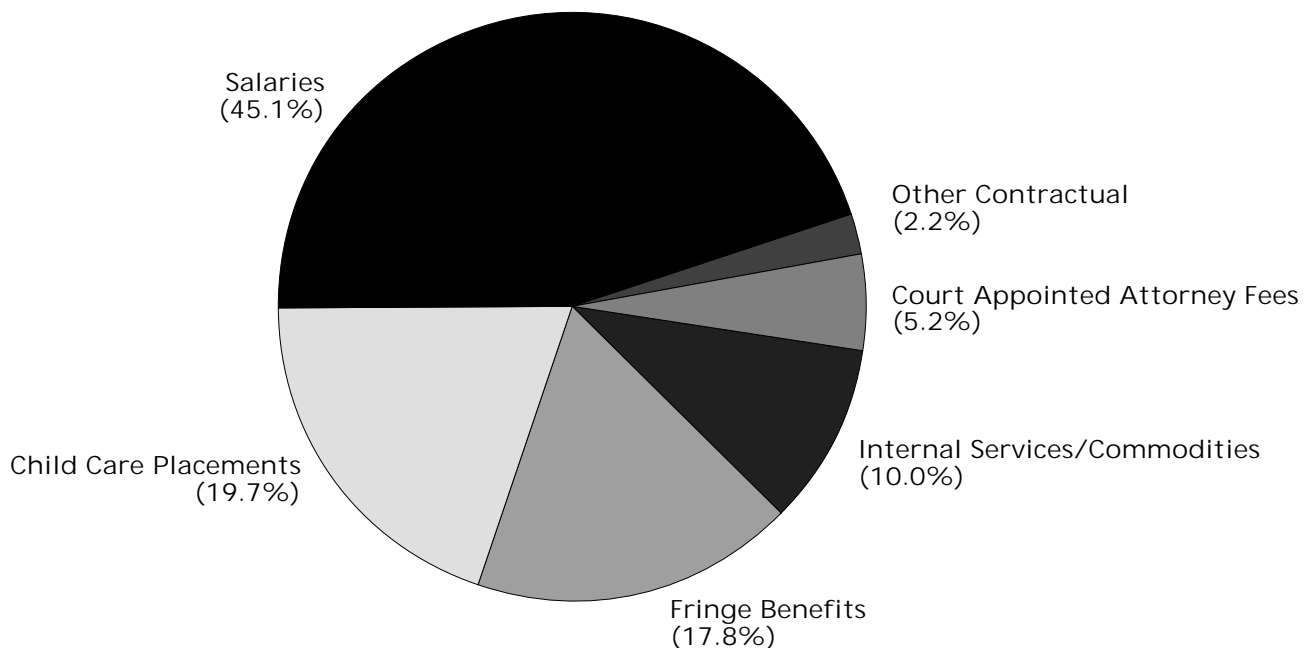
Michigan's Child Care Fund Revenues include: Reimbursement from responsible party for board and care and government benefits.

Estates and Mental Health Revenues include fees for: Gross Estate, Certified Copies, Will Deposits, Secret Marriages, Mental Health attorney fee reimbursement, etc.

Probation, Juvenile and Traffic Revenues include fees paid by parents of youth offenders as reimbursement for court appointed attorney costs and costs of providing probation and traffic services.

State of Michigan Revenues are reimbursed costs for County Juvenile Officers and other programs.

1998 EXPENDITURES \$20,972,352



FINANCIAL REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS

1998 ALTERNATE SOURCES OF FUNDS GENERATED TO SUPPORT COURT SERVICES

EVENT/DONOR	AMOUNT	EVENT/DONOR	AMOUNT
<u>Volunteer Recognition Event</u>		<u>Educational Video Project</u>	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$1,000	Anonymous	\$5,000
Private Individuals	2,100	Alvin Wasserman	5,000
Ford Motor Co.	2,500	Hess Trust Fund	7,500
Subtotal:	\$5,600	DeRoy Testamentary Foundation	2,500
		OCBA Adams Pratt Foundation	5,000
<u>National Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference</u>		State Bar of Michigan	15,000
Private Individuals	\$725	NBD-Lula C. Wilson Trust Fund	7,500
Subtotal:	\$725	Subtotal:	\$47,500
<u>YA Parenting Project</u>		Total:	\$59,825
De Roy Testamentary Foundation	5,000		
Meijers	1,000		
Subtotal:	\$6,000		

Note: The two organizational bodies soliciting these funds as supporters of the Oakland County Probate Court are: Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council and the Citizen's Alliance for the Oakland County Probate Court.

EXPENDITURES	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Change 1997-98	% Change 1994-98
Salaries	\$7,447,780	\$8,025,879	\$8,629,591	\$8,915,249	\$9,427,584	5.7%	26.6%
State Institutions	\$4,032,079	\$3,405,427	\$3,622,890	\$3,220,282	\$3,325,564	3.3%	-17.5%
Fringe Benefits	\$3,479,057	\$3,629,571	\$3,637,158	\$3,663,069	\$3,733,367	1.9%	7.3%
Internal Services	\$1,292,977	\$1,479,167	\$1,581,386	\$1,649,719	\$1,938,088	17.5%	49.9%
Attorney Fees	\$1,259,361	\$1,213,698	\$1,169,761	\$1,031,164	\$1,096,196	6.3%	-12.9%
Private Institutions	\$510,806	\$518,807	\$465,161	\$489,443	\$804,961	64.5%	57.6%
Professional Services	\$194,807	\$181,224	\$194,225	\$191,842	\$185,704	-3.2%	-4.7%
Other Services	\$149,211	\$158,234	\$140,077	\$153,921	\$151,544	-1.5%	1.6%
Personal Mileage	\$95,941	\$99,880	\$109,060	\$101,569	\$103,172	1.6%	7.5%
Commodities	\$81,923	\$83,302	\$137,602	\$126,127	\$157,469	24.8%	92.2%
Court Transcripts	\$42,169	\$29,417	\$18,917	\$22,725	\$28,210	24.1%	-33.1%
Overtime	\$29,614	\$37,043	\$16,649	\$19,588	\$20,491	4.6%	-30.8%
GRAND TOTAL	\$18,615,725	\$18,861,649	\$19,722,477	\$19,584,698	\$20,972,352	7.1%	12.6%

NOTE: In 1997, Oakland County changed their financial reporting format from calendar year to fiscal year.

PROBATE COURT STAFF RECOGNITION

PROBATE COURT SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS 1998 AWARDS

30 Years

Paul McFarland
Mary Phelps

25 Years

David Ajamy
Jon Clapp
Linda Freeland
Gary Gasowski
Ruth Jordan
John Luke

20 Years

Deborah Beer
Julie Berz
Mary Jo Best
Andrew Cain
Larry Clarfelt
Cynthia Duggan
Alice Hagerman
Len Kleparek
David Leslie
J.C. Smith
Jane True
Yvonne Zerba

10 Years

John Cooperrider
Jill Daly
Jerri Decker
Annette Himmelspach-Collins
Robert Martin
Corene Munro
Fern Ogans
Sandra Quello
Janice Rowe
Sandra G. Silver
Kevin Threatt
Amy Woodruff

1998 Employee of the Year Cynthia Harper

Each year the Probate Court recognizes one individual as outstanding in the areas of creativity, dedication and teamwork. The individual demonstrating these qualities is honored with the Probate Court Employee of the Year Award. The selection is done by a committee made up of peers and community representatives or volunteers.

Cynthia A. Harper was the recipient for 1998. Quoting some of the comments made about Cindy you can see why this was a well deserved honor. It was said of Cindy that she is "recognized throughout the Court and County as knowledgeable, supportive and helpful in many areas of the Court operation." All benefit from Cindy's skill as the nomination form for this award read, "Cindy is one resource who is tapped daily because people within the Court system respect her expertise..." However, Cindy's dedication extends beyond the routine Court work. Cindy "arranges and organizes staff involvement in sponsoring families with the Lighthouse..." and other individuals in need.

In attendance to see Cindy receive her plaque and gold clock were her mother and many friends and colleagues of the Court who have had the pleasure of working with her or learning from her during the past 21 years.



Accountant Cynthia Harper (middle) was honored as Oakland County Probate Court's Employee of the Year during a ceremony at the court's general staff meeting on September 4. Pictured here with Harper are, left to right, John Cooperrider, Deputy Court Administrator for Administrative Support; Robin Zapinski, Technical Assistant for Court Services and last year's award winner; Lisa Symula, Probate Court Register; and Robert L. Bingham, Family Division Administrator.

1998 RETIREES

Eugene Willis 3/13/98

Past Employee of the Year Recipients

1997 Robin Zapinski	1993 Jill Daly	1989 Ruth Szabo
1996 Lorie Willing	1992 Paul Scobie	1988 Jack Haynes
1995 Bill Bartlam	1991 Joan Connelly	1987 Helen Andrews
1994 Mary Jo Best	1990 Allen Kaczowski	1986 Ray Sharp
		1985 Thomas (Ed) Gorney

NOMINEES FOR 1998 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Each year, Oakland County Probate Court holds a ceremony to honor outstanding employees. This year, more than two dozen workers were nominated for awards by their colleagues and those nominees were recognized during the September 4th program. Nominees are, pictures left to right in back row, Karen MacKenzie, Dr. Bernard Gaulier, Linda Russell, Debby Anthony, Kevin Threatt, Doug Quinn, and Traci Donnelly; in middle row, Margo Clarfelt, Gail Innis, John Cooperrider, Mary Schusterbauer, Anna Wendt, Alice Hagerman, and Julie Fabrizio; and in front row, Mary Batchelor, Karen Allen, Linda Freeland, Karen Wiater, Dr. Pamela Howitt, Lisa Symula, and Terry Castiglione; not pictured, Patrick Breen, Donna Riley, Julie Ritter, and Palmer Sesti.

In addition to the Employee of the Year Award, the Court recognizes one individual in each of the categories making up the Employee of the Year Award.

Outstanding in the area of "Dedication" for 1998 was Sue Friedl, Child Welfare Worker for the Casework Services Unit. Sue has been noted to help youths "even after they leave her caseload." Providing assistance in obtaining "employment and living arrangements." Fred Morden of the Youth Assistance unit was honored with the "Creativity Award" for 1998. Fred was involved in the development of the "first retail fraud video" in the Waterford area which served as "a foundation for a County-wide effort in this area of prevention." The final quality of teamwork was recognized in Child Welfare Worker, Robert Proudfoot. Bob "willingly provides and shares his expertise with co-workers" in the Casework Services Unit. Bob is there to "fill in during emergencies and take on extra work during staff shortages."

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees for 1998.



STAFF RECOGNITION

The Judges of the Oakland County Probate Court wish to acknowledge and commend our employees for their dedication to PROVIDE the highest quality of services to the community. Our employees provide legal, clerical, and casework services to affect the lives of many citizens living in and doing business in Oakland County. Our staff is committed TO BE the best functioning Probate Court we can be.

Annette Aisner, Legal Analyst, (PTNE)
 David Ajamy, Caseworker, 10/9/73
 Timothy Albertson, Caseworker, 12/29/75
 Karen Allen, Clerk III, 2/19/85
 Scott Allen, Senior Psychologist, 11/17/97
 Martin Alvin, Senior Referee, 6/2/90
 Michael Amshay, Caseworker, 1/22/77
 Deborah Anthony, Deputy Register, 6/8/72
 Barbara Aubin, Clerk III, 2/28/94
 Ronald Auten, Chief, 11/23/70
 William Bartlam, Deputy Ct. Admin., 12/5/77
 Jennifer Bartley, Production Typist, 5/23/98
 Jim Batchelor, Service Officer, 11/9/87
 Mary Batchelor, Deputy Register, 12/13/76
 Shirley Bauman, Stenographer, 9/15/69
 Deborah Beer, Secretary, 7/10/78
 Nicole Bennett, General Clerical, 9/14/98
 Julie Berz, Caseworker, 12/4/78
 Mary Jo Best, Office Supervisor, 4/9/84
 Deborah Bevan, Caseworker, 8/1/77
 Donna Bevington, Deputy Register, 3/31/72
 Alexis Bierlein, Student
 Robert Bingham, Family Div. Admin., 9/12/94
 Sue Blachura, Production Typist, 2/21/79
 Julie Blackett-Garza, Caseworker, 1/29/96
 Cheryl Boyle, Clerk III, 7/23/74
 Patrick Breen, Caseworker, 3/17/75
 Jack Brown, Caseworker, 7/29/72
 Robin Brown-Green, Caseworker, 1/16/93
 Andrew Cain, Caseworker, 1/27/79
 Beth Calder, Caseworker, 10/9/75
 Alisa Canniff, Clerk I, 12/23/96
 Ginger Canniff, General Clerical, PTNE
 Maria Cantu, Student
 Teresa Castiglione, Office Supervisor, 11/21/77
 John Chatley, Caseworker, 2/28/72
 Debra Chmiel, Clerk I, 10/11/97
 Jon Clapp, Caseworker, 1/31/73
 Larry Clarfelt, Caseworker, 4/3/78
 Margo Clarfelt, Caseworker, 4/7/80
 Maryanne Clark, Deputy Register, 3/27/89
 Kathleen Cojanu, Caseworker, 4/19/76
 Dallas Coleman, Casework Supervisor, 9/7/76
 Helen Collias, Caseworker, PTNE
 Joan Connelly, Case Coordinator, 10/31/77
 Gary Contesti, Caseworker, 2/16/71
 Christopher Cook, Typist, 10/1/97
 Andrea Cooley, Caseworker, 2/18/86
 John Cooperrider, Deputy Ct. Admin., 9/12/88

Gerald Coury, Caseworker, 4/11/77
 Elizabeth Csizmadia, Caseworker, 5/22/95
 Sharon Cullen, Deputy Register, 12/17/90
 Jill Daly, Legal Analyst, 6/6/88
 Carol Dault, Deputy Register, 8/21/79
 Philip DeBarr, General Clerical, 10/26/98
 Jerri Decker, Deputy Register, 7/25/88
 Joy Delauter, Caseworker, 5/12/75
 Jennifer DeLisle, Production Typist, 1/6/97
 Rexine DeMott, Student
 Jean Dohanyos, Court Referee, 5/27/97
 Iileen Donnell, Court Clerk, 2/17/98
 Tracey Donnelly, Clerk III, 5/2/94
 Cynthia Duggan, Deputy Register, 5/8/78
 Roberta Dunn, Clerk III, 5/30/95
 Nancy Elfes, Caseworker, 11/28/75
 Kalvin Engelberg, Chief-YA, 7/28/69
 Donald Epperson, Caseworker, 11/15/77
 Carol Esher, Deputy Register, 11/23/87
 Julie Fabrizio, Office Supervisor, 6/15/77
 Robert Fachnie, DSS Liaison, 5/27/75
 Colleen Fallscheer, Cashier, 2/24/97
 Ivy Ferguson, Court Clerk, 9/9/96
 Pam Ferguson, Employee Rec. Spec., 2/10/82
 Joseph Fisher, Service Officer, 1/15/92
 Erin Forney, General Clerical, (PTNE)
 Nikki Fox, Caseworker, (PTNE)

Thomas Fraser, Judicial Staff Atty. 2/27/96
 Linda Freeland, Secretary, 10/1/68
 Sue Friedl, Caseworker, 11/18/89
 Brenda Gagnon, Clerk III, 12/5/94
 Kay Galetto, Clerk, 1/3/94
 Deborah Garwell, Student
 Gary Gasowski, Caseworker, 10/22/73
 Bernard Gaulier, Chief-Clinic, 7/27/92
 Lawrence Ghannom, Judicial Staff Atty., 3/3/97
 Mary Gohl, Operations Analyst, 9/8/70
 Judith Goldner, Psychologist, PTNE
 Claudia Gooden, Acct. Clerk, 9/29/86
 Susan Gorney, Caseworker, 10/3/67
 Cassandra Goulding, Caseworker, 7/21/97
 John Greenhill, Casework Supervisor, 2/19/69
 Kevin Gross, Caseworker, 7/7/97
 Sandra Grubbs, Clerk III, 5/25/96
 Carrie Guerrero, Production Typist, 11/7/98
 Kim Guerrieri, Deputy Register, 7/12/94
 Alice Hagerman, Caseworker, 9/25/78
 Bonnie Hagewood, Deputy Register, 8/25/86
 Linda Halicek, Deputy Register, 12/10/90
 William Hamilton, Caseworker, 6/30/82
 Michael Hand, Court Referee, 7/31/89
 Cindy Harper, Accountant, 7/5/77
 Cathryn Harrison, Deputy Register, 4/27/70
 Denise Hatter, Clerk III, 2/17/96
 Lorna Hawkins, Typist, 5/2/94
 Larissa Hayden, Caseworker, PTNE
 Pat Hays, Secretary, 2/1/85
 Annette Himmelspach, Caseworker, 03/12/94
 Julie Hirsch, Judicial Staff Atty., 5/12/97
 Peggy Hoffmeyer, Clerk III, 4/18/94
 Pamela Howitt, Deputy Ct. Admin., 3/13/89
 Karlann Hudson, Caseworker, 7/2/87
 Linda Hudson, Court Reporter, 11/15/71
 Deborah Hyde, Caseworker, 8/30/75
 Gail Innis, Caseworker, 10/3/92
 Elizabeth Jamieson, Caseworker, 03/12/94
 Carmen Janik, Clerk, 6/9/98
 Paula Jefferson, Caseworker, 1/12/98

Juvenile Court Referees and other administrative staff were recognized for absorbing nearly 4,000 personal protection orders into their workload. Among those honored, left to right, Marty Alvin, Mike Hard, Karla Mallett, Jean Dohanyos, Rita Morgan, Bill Bartlam, Annette Aisner, Bob Martin, Joe Racey, and John Ward. Not pictured are Jill Daly and Twila Leigh.



(Staff Listed by Name,
Job Classification, Date of Hire)

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Karen Johnson, Caseworker, PTNE
Ruth Jordan, Caseworker, 1/22/73
Robert Jueckstock, Caseworker Supv., 4/4/81
Allen Kaczkowski, Casework Supv., 11/26/71
Brenda Kelly, Deputy Register, 1/13/89
Leonard Kleparek, Caseworker, 2/1/78
Hillary Kokenos, Secretary, 2/9/81
James Lafnear, Service Officer, PTNE
Maggie LaFond, Typist, 6/9/98
Sam Lambert, Assistant Chief, 12/6/65
Naomi Leach, Court Reporter, 1/14/85
Twila Leigh, Court Referee, 3/26/94
Veronica Leonard, Jud. Staff Atty., 1/12/98
David Leslie, Caseworker, 6/14/78
Miranda Liles, Student
Deborah Lindsey, Caseworker, 1/3/89
Debra Line, Deputy Register, 12/8/87
Dyanne Littlejohn, Court Reporter, 12/7/79
Armethus Lucius, Casework Supervisor, 12/22/86
Charles Ludwig, Chief, 8/18/69
John Luke, Caseworker, 10/22/73
Wayne MacIntosh, Clinician, 3/31/98
Karen Mackenzie, Caseworker, 4/28/86
Karla Mallett, Court Referee, 6/2/97
Terrie Marks, Caseworker, 7/10/95
Courtney Marshall, Court Clerk, 9/22/97
Judy Martin, Clerk III, 4/22/91
Robert Martin, Court Referee, 6/4/88
Gabriel Martinez, Psychologist, 11/3/75
Angela Martini, Court Reporter, 4/13/87
Deborah McAleer, Caseworker, 4/16/94
Marilyn McAllister, Caseworker, 9/9/63
Bryan McCaffrey, Caseworker, 1/29/96
Paula McDonald, Typist, 11/4/96
Paul McFarland, Caseworker, 9/3/68
Christine McGowan, Student
Kari Melkonian, Court Clerk, 10/1/98
Sherry Miller, Secretary, 2/4/80
Fred Morden, Caseworker, 12/18/80
Susan Morse, Deputy Register, PTNE
Corene Munro, Caseworker, 10/31/88
Jill Needham, Student
Shelley Nelson, Office Supervisor, 7/25/85
Travis Nester, Student
Jason Newbill, Student
Laura Nick, Deputy Register, 9/21/94
Fern Ogans, Secretary, 6/13/88
Delia Orozco, General Clerical, PTNE
Maria Ortez, Production Typist, 2/10/86
Gabrielle Osooli, Caseworker, 7/21/97
Julie Panasuk, Clerk III, 2/19/96
Joanna Papiez, Clerk III, 4/7/86
Catherine Parle, Deputy Register, 9/6/83
Patricia Payson, Caseworker, 2/5/96
Clyde Payton, Service Officer Supv., 4/11/75
Patricia Payton, Assignment Clerk, 9/8/72
Patricia Peck, Office Supervisor, 5/17/82
Carole Perry-Burrell, Court Reporter, 6/2/81
Ted Petrill, Student
Mary Phelps, Office Supervisor, 9/3/68
Gregory Prokopp, Caseworker, 8/5/74
Robert Proudfoot, Caseworker, 7/7/76
Gary "Doc" Prudhomme, Caseworker, 11/12/94

Gary Pullins, Caseworker, 1/28/74
Sandra Quello, Deputy Register, 8/9/88
Doug Quinn, Caseworker, 4/21/80
Joseph Racey, Court Referee, 11/8/79
Angelina Ramirez, Typist, 12/23/96
John Range, Court Reporter, 4/2/84
Bridgett Ray, Deputy Register, 5/6/91
Donna Riley, Deputy Register, 3/16/81
Carol Ripley, Casework Supervisor, 3/12/79
Julie Ritter, Court Clerk, 2/1/97
Rachel Rogers, Clerk, 9/9/97
Cindy Romeos, Court Reporter, 3/13/89
Janice Rowe, Caseworker, 10/12/88
Linda Russell, Secretary, 6/27/94
Shonna Rymar, Court Reporter, 1/5/87
Dawn Salswedal, Secretary, PTNE
Karen Sauro, Deputy Register, 6/10/85
Mary Schatz, Typist, 8/21/95
Mary Schusterbauer, Caseworker, 2/3/86
Paul Scobie, Caseworker, 2/3/86
Palmer Sesti, Caseworker Supervisor, 2/11/75
Linda Sherman, Caseworker, PTNE
Kathy Shoemaker, Caseworker, 7/7/97
Amy Skewes, Jud. Secretary, 1/12/98
James C. Smith, Caseworker, 2/24/79
James R. Smith, Casework Supervisor, 11/28/69
Kathy Spatafora, Clinician, (PTNE)
Vicky Spicer, Deputy Register, 4/2/90
Nikisha Spence, General Clerical, (PTNE)
Richard Stasys, Caseworker Supervisor, 5/10/72
Terrell Stevens, Student
Alisha Stites, Clerk, 8/31/98
Pamela Stoddard, Caseworker, 7/21/97
Thomas Swieboda, Caseworker, 7/21/97
Lisa Symula, Probate Register, 4/24/95
Henry Szlenkier, Caseworker, 2/28/94
Christine Taylor, Clerk III, 7/28/97
Cynthia Thebo, Court Clerk, 9/2/95
Dick Thibodeau, Resource Specialist, 5/8/72
Deborah Thompson, Deputy Register, 3/24/86
Kevin Threatt, Caseworker, 4/25/88
Julie Tillotson, Caseworker, 4/6/87
Vicki Timms, Clinician, 6/7/93
Jane True, Caseworker, 12/18/78
Christine Vizzini, Student
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TO THE READER

Here, at Oakland County Probate Court, we feel it is very important that our Annual Report address the informational needs of readers. Therefore, any feedback, comments and input would be greatly appreciated and appropriately reflected in future Annual Report editions. Please direct your comments to:
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Your help is needed, welcomed and valued.

As you've seen in this report, the judges and staff of the Oakland County Probate Court/Circuit Court - Family Division are responsible for a wide array of programs and services for county residents. Their goal is to fulfill those responsibilities as efficiently and effectively as possible, and to do that, they welcome the invaluable assistance of many trusted volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer your time, whether in large amounts or small, read on to learn about some of the interesting possibilities!

Like making things better for kids? Call Youth Assistance today!

Oakland County Youth Assistance has been around since 1953, helping young people and their families in a variety of ways. One big volunteer opportunity is in its youth mentoring program, begun in 1973.

As a Mentors Plus volunteer, you'll become a friend and more, as an adult role model for a youngster aged 5 to 16 in your community — and you'll have a great time in the process! Just a few hours per month of your time can make a lasting difference in a child's life.



Or, depending on your preference, you can provide equally valuable help in other ways, such as serving on a local committee, lending a hand with mailings, or pitching in at a youth-related function.

You'll provide a valuable service as a guardianship volunteer.

The Court has a critical need for volunteers to review adult and minor guardianship placements. You'll be thoroughly trained, and then will conduct interviews during home visits. You'll share your findings via report forms, which you'll drop in the mail when completed. Your assistance will provide valuable insights in these important matters, and you'll get staff support whenever you need it.

Confy with computers? First in filing skills? Estates needs you

If you or any of your friends can help out with essential record keeping activities, filing, computer work and/or microfilm, the court needs you in the Estates division. Even small amounts of time are much appreciated, both by members of the court and by your fellow citizens of Oakland County. Call now!

To learn more about these or other volunteer opportunities, call 248/858-0041 today. Your spare time can make a difference!

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Honorable Linda S. Hallmark
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Dedicated to the Memory of
Carol Anne Ripley
1952-1999

**A Mentor, a Teacher, a Scholar, a Colleague,
and a Friend.**

**A Child Advocate, a Volunteer,
a Supervisor, and a Computer Guru.**

**A lover of flowers and family...
who left us too soon.**



Years of Service – Children's Village: 10/4/76 - 3/11/79
Years of Service – Probate Court: 3/12/79 - 1/12/99