



ASHTABULA COUNTY JUVENILE/PROBATE COURT



Beginning a Twelfth Year of Dedication to the Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court

For more than a decade, it has been my privilege to serve the families, children and seniors of this county as Judge of the Juvenile/Probate Division. Together, our court has built a model that reshaped how a court can truly protect and restore a community.

Through innovation and accountability, our juvenile programs have reduced youth recidivism, reunified families, and saved taxpayers millions of dollars.

The creation of the *Family Resource Center* and the *Family Drug Court* demonstrate when courts, families, and service partners work together, we can interrupt the cycle of crime and addiction before it reaches the next generation.

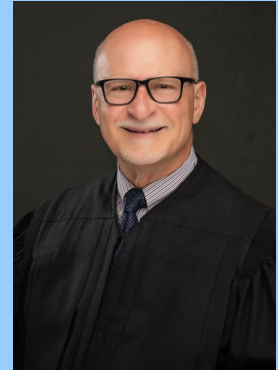
Similarly, our Probate

Court's guardianship efforts continue to protect our seniors and mental health populations from harm and financial exploitation

I am deeply proud of the staff, partners, and families who made those results possible

As anyone familiar with our operations knows, our successes came despite ongoing structural and resource challenges. Our facilities have long been inadequate for the volume and complexity of the work we do. Yet our team continued to meet those challenges with creativity and endurance — proving that outcomes, not obstacles, define a court's value to its community.

I am profoundly grateful to my staff, county law enforcement agencies, service pro-



viders, and our community partners who have stood beside us in this work. Together we proved that justice *done right* can transform lives and communities.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, and for the privilege of working with you to make this county safer, stronger, and more compassionate.

Sincerely,
Judge Albert S. Camplese

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Get the medical care you need at our **FREE MEDICAL CLINIC** coming to **ASHTABULA, OH**

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Cleanings, Fillings, Extractions, Dental X-rays

VISION
Comprehensive Eye Exams, Eye Health Evaluations, Prescription Glasses Made on Site

MEDICAL
Physical Exams, RX Consultations, Women's Health, General Exams, and More!

2 DAYS ONLY: APRIL 11-12, 2026
Lakeside Junior High School
6620 Sanborn Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004
Parking Lot Opens: Saturday at 12 A.M.
Clinic Opens: Sat. & Sun. at 9 A.M.

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FREE, FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED UNTIL CAPACITY IS REACHED. NO ID REQUIRED!

Remote Area Medical (RAM) Returning to Ashtabula!

Remote Area Medical (RAM) is returning to Ashtabula, Ohio the weekend of April 11-12, 2026. This year, for two days only, RAM will be located at Lakeside Junior High (6620 Sanborn Road, Ashtabula, Ohio). RAM provides free, quality healthcare to those in need. Services available include: Dental (cleanings, fillings, extractions and x-rays), Vision Care (eye exams, eye health evaluations and prescription glasses are made on site), and Medical Care (Physical

Exams, RX Consultations, Woman's Health, General Exams and more). This free event is first come, first serve. No ID is required. RAM is also seeking volunteers. If you are interested in joining their mission, reach out to RAM directly. Please visit their website (RAMUSA.org) or contact them at (865) 579-1530.

Legal Aid Clinics Coming to Ashtabula County



The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will be offering a series of free brief legal advice clinics in Ashtabula County, giving residents the opportunity to meet with volun-

teer attorneys for guidance on a variety of civil legal matters, including housing, family law, consumer issues, benefits, employment, and more. Clinics will be held at the Ashtabula Public Library (4335 Park Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio) on Wednesday, March 18th, as well as at the Henderson Memorial Library (54 E. Jefferson Street, Jefferson, Ohio) on Monday, March 2nd. These walk-in and appointment based clinics are designed to help individuals better understand their legal rights and options, and are part of the Legal Aid's mission to expand access to justice for the communities it serves.

Important Community Dates

Get involved in the community by marking your calendar with these important dates of upcoming events, meetings, and/or classes!

Club AGAPE: Clothing, Food & Toiletries Giveaway

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026
 Time: Noon to 4:30pm
 Location: Club AGAPE (4118 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio)
 Details: Event for people in-need of clothing, food, and toiletries. Warm coffee and good community interaction as provided.

Winter on the Water

Date: Saturday February 28, 2026
 Time: 2pm to 8pm
 Location: Historic Ashtabula Harbor
 Details: Bring your family and friends for winter fun. Hot Cocoa Trail. Firepits. Smores Kits. Shopping. Live Music and more fun!

Brunch with the Easter Bunny

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026
 Time: 11am to 1pm
 Location: Norman D. Banquet Center (2720 Carpenter Road, Ashtabula, Ohio)
 Details: Family Event. Brunch by Becker's Restaurant. Pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Plant & Seed Swap & Sale

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026
 Time: 10am to 2pm
 Location: Dorset Community Center (2681 St. Rt. 193, Dorest, Ohio)
 Details: 4th Annual Event. Bring plants or seeds to swap or sell. Vendors, Crafts, Basket Raffle and more!

2026 Youth LEADERShip Recognition & Project Fair

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026
 Time: 8:30am to 10am
 Location: Ashtabula Arts Center (2928 W. 13th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio)
 Details: No cost to attend. RSVPs encouraged by May 2, 2026 to beth@leadershipac.org

Adult Prom

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
 Time: 6pm to 10pm
 Location: Norman D. Banquet Center (2720 Carpenter Road, Ashtabula, Ohio)
 Details: Dress up and have a blast with great music, fun vibes and awesome company. Tickets start @ \$70

Strengthening Families Through Collaboration



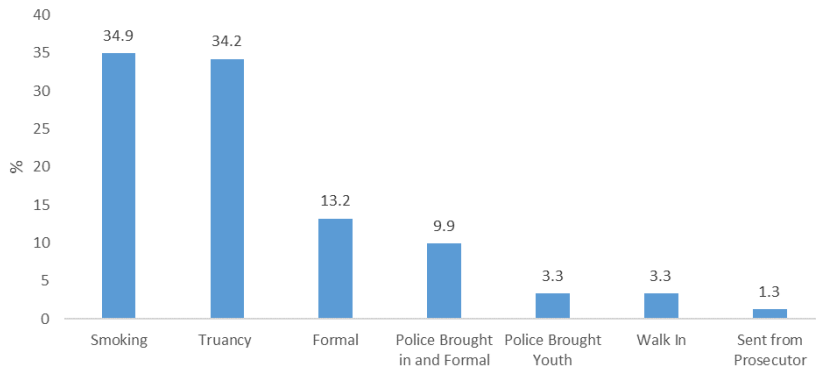
The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Drug Court, established in 2017, continues to make a meaningful impact through its collaboration with START Ohio (Sobriety, Treatment, and Reducing Trauma). This partnership brings together the court, child welfare, and community-based treatment providers to offer a coordi-

nated, compassionate approach focused on accountability, recovery, and long-term family stability. The Family Drug Court recently began collaborating with START Ohio in October 2025, and we are excited and hopeful for continued success as we work together to further strengthen families and improve outcomes for children. Since inception, the Family Drug Court program has celebrated 39 successful completions and the reunification of 60+ children with their parents, resulting in

successful case closures with the Ashtabula County Children Services Board. In addition, seven babies have been born into the program with no Children Services involvement, highlighting the program's commitment to early intervention and family-centered support. Together with START Ohio, the Family Drug Court remains dedicated to strengthening families, promoting recovery, and creating brighter futures for children and parents across our community.

Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center Evaluation

Reason for Referral: Oct 25 - Dec 25



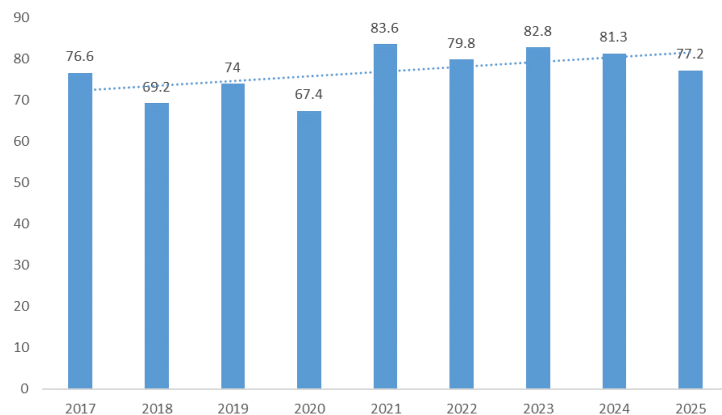
Since 2017, the Family Resource Center has served 4,111 youths.

The most recent quarter, between October 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, 152 youth were referred to the Family Resource Center, which is a 88% increase in referrals compared to the previous quarter (85 youth referred between July 1, 2025 and October 31, 2025). The majority of youth served were male (53.9%, n = 82) and White (75.7%, n = 115) or Black (14.5%, n = 22). The average age at referral was 15.2 years. Of the 34 youth with OYAS data, 47.1% (n = 16) scored Moderate and 52.9% (n = 18) scored Low. In the quarter, 13.2% (n = 20) of the youth served by the Family Resource Center were referred for a misdemeanor while 85.5% (n = 130) were identified as "at-risk". Two youth (1.3%) in the quarter were referred for a felony. Referrals to the Family Resource Center this quarter have been broken down by

offense description. Over 84% of the referrals (84.2%, n = 128) were for 'other' offenses, while 10.5% (n = 13) were for person offenses. The above graphic displays the reason for the referral to the Family Resource Center. The most common reasons for a referral were smoking (34.9%, n = 53) followed by Truancy (34.2%, n = 52).

The first referral to the Family Resource Center was made in April of 2017. Since its inception, 77.2% (n = 3,006) of the youth served through the Family Resource Center have completed successfully. Since 2017, there has been an increase in the trend of successful completion rates by year (see the figure below).

Successful Completion Rate by Year



Employee Anniversaries



Throughout the year, we will recognize, focus upon and thank our employees on their work anniversaries. For the month of February, we celebrate **two** employee anniversaries.

This month we celebrate the beginning of Judge Albert S. Camplesse's 12th year on the bench. Judge's tenure to date has brought significant change to all aspects of the Court's operation. Existing and new funding

sources were secured to address decades-old staffing, resource and physical plant issues. Case backlogs have been reduced, and long-standing barriers to court access have been removed. Our court opened one of Ohio's (and the country's) first Juvenile Resource Centers and Judge Camplesse was awarded the Ohio Juvenile Judge's Association's "Distinguished Service Award." He has received numerous other commendations.

We would also like to celebrate Jeff Waterman's 9th anniversary with the Court. Jeff

has worn many hats over his years of service—previous, he was a Youth Detention Officer, Diversion Specialist, and currently, he is employed as a Bailiff/Security Officer. Thank you, Jeff for commitment the safety and welfare needs of our court and community.

We welcome our new Deputy Clerk, Roselind Wright. We're thrilled to have you on board! Be sure to follow us for further updates around the Juvenile/Probate Court, and keep an eye out for posted career opportunities.