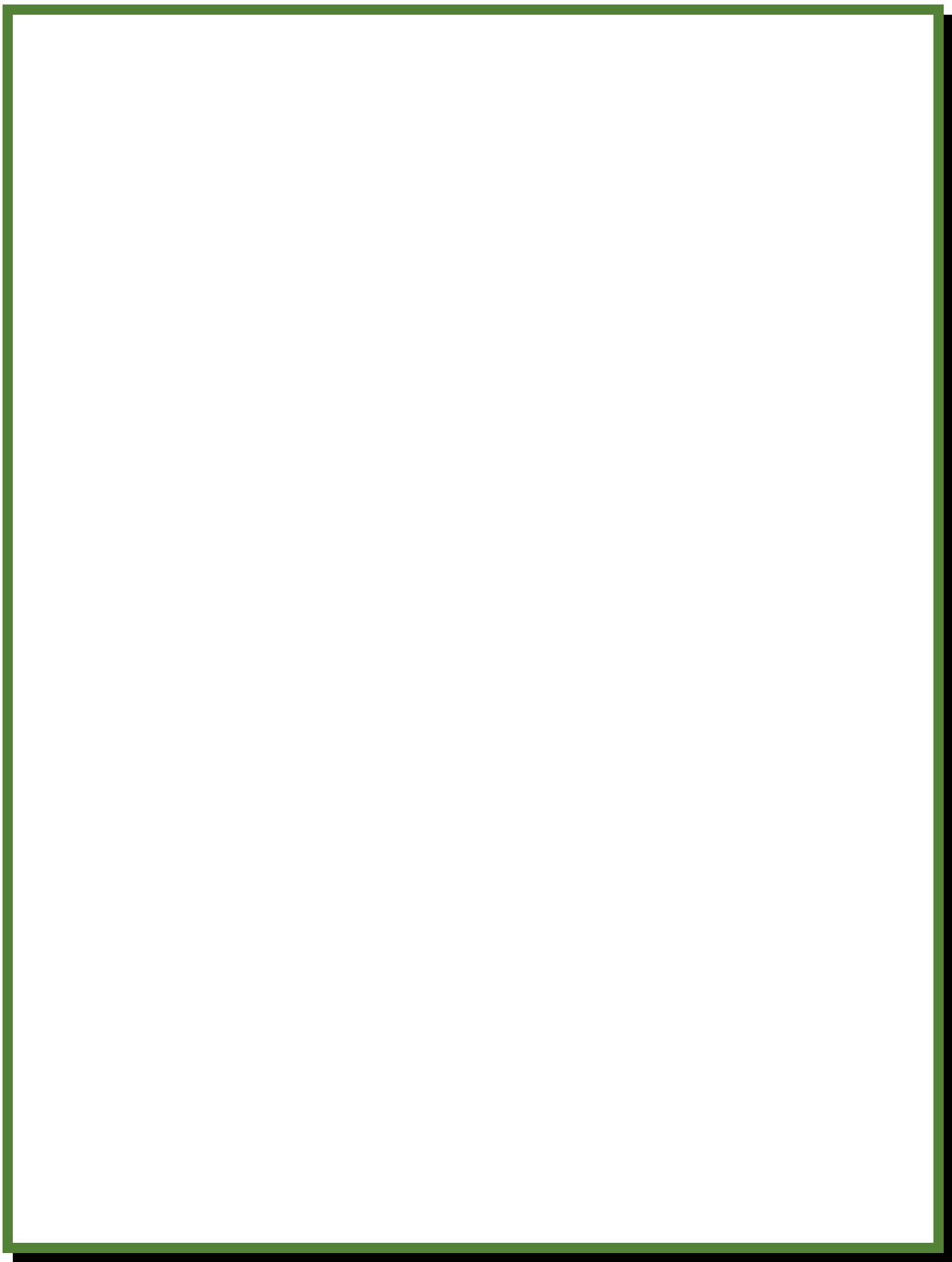


2017 Annual Report



FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE BRANCH
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Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch*

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Judge Kim A. Browne
Administrative Judge

Judge Elizabeth Gill
Lead Juvenile Judge

Judge Dana S. Preisse
Judge Terri B. Jamison
Judge James W. Brown

A Message from the Administrative Judge



Greetings!

We are pleased to announce the outline publication of Franklin County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court's 2017 Annual Report. This report provides a comprehensive overview of information regarding cases involving children who are alleged to be traffic offenders, delinquent, unruly (including tobacco related), neglected, dependent or abused and their families. It also provides information regarding civil complaints for termination of marriage, parentage, child custody and visitation, modification of support orders and objections to administrative child support orders.

This report highlights the many programs that our Court uses in working with youth in our juvenile justice system and describes the services and programs provided by the Court. The Juvenile Court continuously pursues collaborations with other youth-serving organizations and juvenile justice organizations in the community so that innovative programs and services can be implemented for Court-involved youth and families. Ongoing efforts, such as the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), expansion of services in Family Recovery Court, the Empowerment Court, and the Self-Represented Resource Center are prime examples of the efforts outlined in this report.

In an effort to implement environmentally-friendly practices and reduce costs, the Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Branch is reducing the amount of printed reports and is making the 2017 Report available electronically on the Court's Website. Please visit the following link to view our report: <https://drj.fccourts.org>.

We strive for excellence in the delivery of fair and timely justice for our youthful offender. While we hold them responsible for their actions we also provide them with crucial services and oversight to ensure their successful rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

Judge Kim A. Browne



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Judiciary

Mission Statement

The mission of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, is to provide fair and equitable resolution to matters and disputes arising under the law and to interpret and apply the law consistently, impartially and independently to protect the rights and liberties of families and children.

Vision Statement

The Court will provide the highest quality of justice and ensure the public has equal and efficient access to services. The Court will use appropriate dispute resolution and mediation services to manage and resolve cases in a timely manner. The Court will provide a safe environment for the public and will strive to implement innovative programs that use modern technology.

Judicial Services

The Court hears and rules on Juvenile and Domestic Relations cases, which include:

- Divorce
- Dissolution
- Annulments
- Legal Separation
- Parentage
- Civil Protection Orders
- Juvenile Protection Orders
- Delinquency Offenses
- Unruly
- Abuse, Neglect and Dependency
- Permanent Custody
- Adult Criminal Cases
- Judicial Bypass
- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Juvenile Traffic
- Uniform Interstate Family Support Act
- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act



Domestic Relations Judges



Seated from left to right: Administrative Judge Kim A. Browne; Judge James W. Brown;
Lead Juvenile Judge Beth Gill,

Standing from left to right: Judge Dana S. Preisse, Judge Terri B. Jamison



Judge Kim A. Browne was appointed, then elected Judge of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Juvenile Division in 2002. She was re-elected in 2004, 2010 and 2016, fulfilling consecutive six-year terms. Judge Browne currently serves as the Court's Administrative Judge.



Judge Dana S. Preisse was in private practice with an emphasis in litigation and family law prior to her election in 1996. Judge Preisse served as the Court's Lead Juvenile Judge from 2002-2009 and as the Administrative Judge from 2009-2014. She has served for over a decade on both the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Law and Procedure Committees of the Ohio Judicial Conference.



Judge Beth Gill had 18 years of litigation experience prior to taking the bench. Her practice focused exclusively on family law matters and she also served as a court appointed Guardian ad Litem. In 2012, Judge Gill was appointed to Lead Juvenile Judge for the Franklin County Common Pleas Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and continues to hold that position. Currently, Judge Gill chairs the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee for the Advisory Committee on Children and Families with the Supreme Court of Ohio and was appointed to the Juvenile Law Advisory Committee for the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges.



Judge Terri B. Jamison was elected in November 2012 after several years in private practice where she focused on the areas of Domestic, Juvenile, and Criminal law at the trial and appellate levels. She also has experience as a hearing officer for Unemployment Compensation Review Commission. Since becoming a judge, she partnered with the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency to implement the Compass Program Docket. The docket is designed to assist unemployed child support obligors with overcoming barriers to paying their child support obligations. Compass received a Human Services Award from the National Association of Counties and recognition from the Franklin County Commissioners in 2017.



Judge James W. Brown had been a sole practitioner for over 30 years prior to taking the bench in 2014. His experience has served him well on the bench. Since taking the bench, Judge Brown has also been appointed to several committees at the behest of the Ohio Supreme Court and is presently working with numerous stakeholders to develop a Domestic Violence Center in Franklin County to aid Domestic Violence survivors.



Domestic Relations

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations

2017 Clearance Rates

Case Type	Cases Filed*	Cases Terminated
Marriage Terminations w/ Children	1332	1338
Marriage Terminations without children	1769	1681
Marriage Dissolutions w/ Children	693	710
Marriage Dissolutions w/out Children	1091	1097
Change of Custody	929	934
Visitation Enforcement of Modification	274	282
Support Enforcement Modification	964	1049
Domestic Violence	1964	1963
U.R.E.S.A.	0	0
Parentage	0	0
All Others	1938	1963
Visiting Judge	1	1
Total	10955	11018
Clearance Rate		100.58%

* All Cases Filed, Transferred in, Reactivated or Re-designated

Child Support Enforcement Agency Liaison (CSEA)

The CSEA office operates under a IV-D contract between the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch and the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency. The CSEA Liaison office manages the paperwork flow and tracks cases throughout the hearing process; provides assistance and oversight to the Court's docket which handles objections to administrative support orders; provides child support and paternity information to Court staff, private attorneys and litigants; and provides complaint resolution for child support and agency related matters.

Objections to CSEA Orders

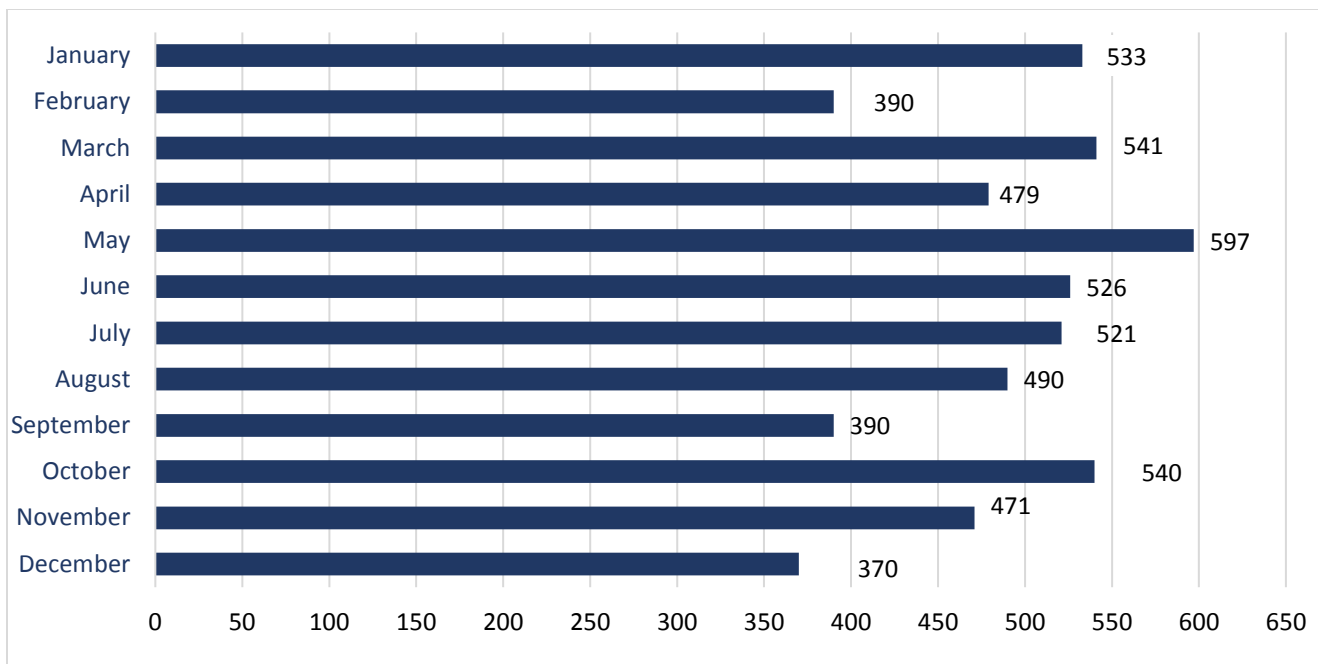
An "Objection to a CSEA Order" originates from a CSEA administrative process such as an Objection to an Administrative Order, Objection to an Administrative Modification, or Objection to a Termination Investigation, or from requests for Mistake of Fact hearings. Parties are given designated objection periods and must file certain forms to formally object to the administrative process and set a hearing with the Court.

This chart shows the number of objections filed for four broad categories.



2017 Units of Service

The CSEA Liaison conducts services and approves billing for units of service (one court hearing is a unit) related to IV-D eligible cases initiated by the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency (FCCSEA). In 2017, **5,848** units of service (average of 487 units/month) were provided by the Franklin County Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Branch.



Mediation Services

Mediation Services offers parties an opportunity to use the mediation process to resolve disputes without a court trial. Most Mediations involve parents who use the process to develop or revise a shared parenting plan or an allocation of parental rights, and responsibilities for their children, but grandparents or other relatives may also use mediation. Cases are referred by Judges and Magistrates, and parties may also self-request mediation. Court mediators also mediate child protection cases and juvenile delinquency cases referred by a Judge, Magistrate or Prosecutor. Cases may be resolved in one mediation session or may require multiple sessions.

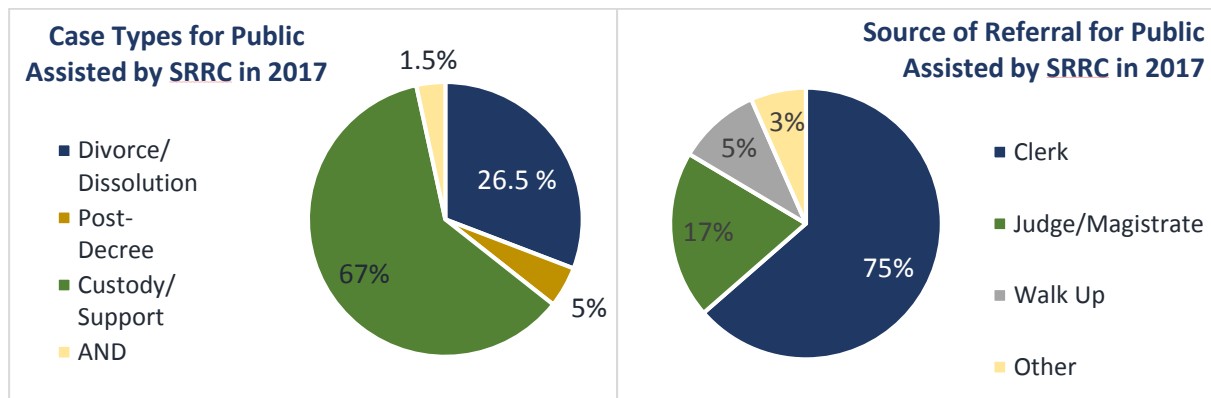
- In 2017, Mediation received **2,875** case referrals. Parties who have successfully mediated a shared parenting plan, custody agreement, visitation agreement, or other agreement related to the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities can petition the Court to approve their agreement and make it a court order.
- In 2017, Mediation assisted with the preparation of **1,396** sets of court documents for pro se parties.

Self-Represented Resource Center (SRRC)

The Court entered into a collaboration with Capital University Law School to create the Self-Represented Resource Center (SRRC). The Court funds three full-time attorneys and one part-time intern (employees of Capital University) and provides office space at the courthouse for them to aid the ever-growing number of self-represented citizens of Franklin County.

The SRRC assists pro se litigants who qualify financially with the preparation of the documents that they are filing with the Domestic Relations Division or Juvenile Branch. This includes complaints and motions for custody, complaints and answers for divorce, petitions for dissolution, motions to modify child support, and various other motions.

- In 2017, the SRRC assisted self-represented litigants on **5,304** occasions; an increase of **1,417 (36.5%)** from 2016, and an increase of **2,643 (99.3%)** from 2015.
- The first pie chart represents the breakdown by case type of those assisted and the second pie chart represents the breakdown by referral source.





Juvenile Branch

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division

2017 Clearance Rates

Case Type	Cases Filed*	Cases Terminated
Delinquency	7115	7473
Traffic	3111	3067
Dependency, Neglect or Abuse	3147	3073
Unruly	889	719
Adult Cases	24	19
Motion for Permanent Custody	923	1044
Custody, Change of Custody, Visitation	6088	5953
Support Enforcement or Modification	3880	3921
Parentage	844	901
U.I.F.S.A.	161	160
All Others	6255	6277
Visiting Judge	59	48
Total	32496	32655
Clearance Rate:		100.49%

* All Cases Filed, Transferred in, Reactivated or Re-designated

Required by House Bill 410 on Habitual Truancy:

Number of youth placed in alternatives to adjudication under division (G) of section 2151.27 of the Ohio Revised Code.	161
The number who successfully completed alternatives to adjudication in 2017.	4
The number who failed to complete alternatives to adjudication and were adjudicated unruly.	2

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)

The Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) is a collaborative partnership focusing on reducing the unnecessary and harmful use of secure detention while maintaining public safety. JDAI uses strategies that engage public, private, community and family partners.

The Mission

To establish a more effective and efficient juvenile justice system in Franklin County. This mission is accomplished through data-driven partnerships between the Court, juvenile justice agencies and other community stakeholders.

The Vision

JDAI supports the vision that all youth involved in the juvenile justice system should have opportunities to develop into healthy, productive adults. Franklin County is one of ten counties in Ohio participating in JDAI.

- ❖ In 2017, **999** juveniles were admitted to the Franklin County Juvenile Detention facility.
- ❖ In 2017, **994** juveniles were sent to the Reception Center to be assessed, linked with services, and to engage families before initial court dates.
- ❖ Using JDAI principles, the Court partnered with the City of Columbus Department of Public Safety and the Columbus Division of Police to conduct the **Teen and Police Service Academy** in four middle schools.

JDAI Deep End Initiative

Franklin County was selected for the JDAI Deep End effort to focus on post-dispositional policies, procedures, and programming in the juvenile justice system.

In 2017, the Court worked with an independent research agency to conduct an in-depth analysis of its consumer base using focus group research. In addition, the Court worked with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office to conduct a training on JDAI principles for juvenile prosecutors. The Court also partnered with the City of Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks Department to institute a Jobs program to build employment skills in juvenile-justice system involved youth, as well as to assist these youth in paying their restitution.



Specialized Programs/Dockets

Compass Program (Child Support Enforcement)

The Compass Program empowers parents by providing support to obtain and maintain employment, helping parents to meet their financial obligations. The program's goal, is to put the contempt process on hold and link these obligors with the resources they need.

Judge Terri Jamison created Compass to redirect participants from the cycle of incarceration to a more sustainable level of financial independence and self-sufficiency. She knew that when an obligor was sent to jail, not only was he or she not working, but the child was still not being supported.

In 2017, Compass served **119** individuals, of whom **61** began Compass as new participants. The total number of dismissals were **18** (compliance entry/successful graduates) and **26** (inactive due to receiving a Capias).

Certificate of Recognition and Human Services Award



Certificate of Recognition

For Child Support Awareness Month, Franklin County Board of Commissioners acknowledged the importance of fatherhood and child support to more than 80,000 children and their families by implementing the Compass Program.

Human Services Award

The Franklin County Compass Program received the Human Services Award at the 2017 Annual Convention of the National Association of Counties.



A Compass Success Story ...

Individuals in everyday life have challenges such as legal, child support and personal barriers. All Goodwill participants are assigned a Career Consultant who conducts case management, family strengthening and employment exploration/placement.

Mr. W completed a Career Assessment and attended Career Boot Camp leading to his "**Certificate of Completion.**" Boot Camp is a two week "Professional Career Development" course that enhances individual skills in:

Networking
Emotional Intelligence
Financial Literacy
Resume Writing

Interviewing
Dressing for Success
Community Collaborations

Mr. W, with the support of his Career Consultant, was able to apply what he had achieved in training to obtain a job working in food services and has sustained 16 months of employment. His dedication has led to an increase in pay and more working hours. He has been paying child support regularly, reconnected with his daughter and is no longer attending Compass Court.

Through hard work and determination, "congratulations" to Mr. W for all of his accomplishments!

Family Recovery Court

Established in 2002, the Franklin County Family Recovery Court provides access to treatment and intensive services for substance dependent parents who have lost or are at risk of losing custody of their children to the state due to drug addiction. The 4-phase program is voluntary and typically completed in 9 to 12 months, culminating in a graduation ceremony for the successful participants.

Parents are provided faster access to treatment, including mental health treatment, and can see their children more often than in the typical neglect case. In addition to agency visits, they are also offered therapeutic supervised visits. Participants attend frequent Recovery Court hearings with peers. Seasoned "parenting mentors" volunteer to help with housing, employment, transportation, utility service problems, and other challenges this population faces.

- Presently, **70%** of the participants struggle with opioid or heroin addiction.
- Thus, by having participants enrolled in Family Recovery Court, we are able to link them with treatment faster in hopes to engage participants in recovery in order to expedite the reunification process, keeping costs of foster care down.
- The intensive treatment required by the Recovery Court also reduces the likelihood of recidivism, future incarcerations, and hospitalizations.
- In 2017, **28** children were reunited with their families to Recovery Court participants, and 3 out of 3 babies born to our participants were drug free.

A Family Recovery Court Success Story:

Ms. M reached out to Family Recovery court after experiencing years of trauma and abuse leading up to her addiction as well as dealing with the justice system for various charges. She went through losing her children to foster care and going through multiple treatment agencies before finding her way in recovery. She has reunified with both her baby boys and graduated Recovery Court. She continues to keep in touch as she offers sober support through Ohio Guidestone Treatment Agency and is currently going through the process of becoming a Peer Recovery Coach. Through her determination, she has become a role model to all those who see her. We are so proud of you, Ms. M!

A Quote from a Participant:

"I came to Recovery Court because I was powerless over drugs. I was completely lost. I lost my dignity, my honesty, my pride, and most importantly my soul. I am today, 106 days clean and on the right path because I listened to what Recovery Court staff had to say. I learned to focus on my treatment. They (Recovery court staff) have your best interest at heart and would never steer you in the wrong direction." - Ms. E

Empowerment Program (Human Trafficking)

In response to the passage of the Safe Harbor Law, the Franklin County Empowerment Court Program was created to address the plight of children who are victims of human trafficking. "Empowerment" strives to equip a child with the tools necessary to recognize victimization, stay out of the court system, and work towards a positive future.

- Since its inception the Court has assisted over **50** participants and their families. The program lasts approximately 90 days with two additional 90-day extensions if warranted. The program provides:
 - ❖ Treatment and services to a very unique population that historically has been criminally charged for the very act in which they are being victimized.
 - ❖ An alternative to the traditional court route.
 - ❖ Collaboration among the Judge/Magistrate, Prosecutor and Defense Attorney, Guardians ad Litem, treatment providers, counselors, Probation Department, and Franklin County Children Services to help the child meet the goals of a Life Plan.
 - ❖ Expungement and sealing of the court record after the child successfully completes the program to minimize the chance of future stigma and victimization.

An Empowerment Program Success Story ...

Since the inception of the Empowerment Program, the Court has strived to reach out and help victims of human trafficking. We have been fortunate to have achieved great successes in assisting many young people. However, successes can only be achieved when the survivors of human trafficking are ready and willing to meet the challenges of the program.

Ms. N was 16 years old and had endured years of abuse when she was accepted into the Empowerment Program. She was charged with prostitution and struggled with a plethora of issues which were associated with her victimization. Despite Ms. N's struggles, she graduated high school, completed counseling and service through Gracehaven, and gained employment. After completion of the Empowerment Program, her case was dismissed, and her record expunged. She is one of our success stories and continues to excel. Today, she is seeking a career in law enforcement.

"Congratulations" on all her accomplishments!



Court Initiatives

Juvenile Justice Integrated System (JJIS)

The Juvenile Justice Integrated System is a new information system that combines data from more than **25** free-standing databases supporting subdivisions of the Juvenile Detention Facility, Diversion and Probation Departments. JJIS is providing efficiency, accessibility, flexibility and synergy to staff and revolutionizes data storage for Court-involved youth.

In 2017, the focus for JJIS was adding the necessary components to support the new Truancy Team in executing the provisions of Ohio House Bill 410. The Probation implementation also progressed, as existing data were converted to the new system.

Social Media

The Court's Facebook and Twitter accounts continued to grow in 2017.

The Court utilized the accounts to primarily disseminate the following: Court-related updates (holiday closures, new Local Rules and Local Rule amendments); pertinent Ohio and U.S. Supreme Court opinions; Court and employee achievements and projects; and programing information. In 2017, the Court specifically began to closely follow partner accounts (e.g., Commissioners, Job and Family Services, etc.), especially on Twitter, and share community-related information that those entities provide.

- ❖ The Twitter account has grown to **84** followers.
- ❖ The Facebook account currently has **498** followers and **493** likes.

Some litigants "check in" daily, and the account's private messaging activity increased significantly in 2017. Community members contact the Court with questions and requests for general information.



399 South Front Street

Youth Education & Intervention Services (YEIS)

The unit formerly known as Family Assessment was restructured to form a new department titled **Youth Education & Intervention Services**.

YEIS runs its programs to divert youth from formal processing of cases and by providing support at entry of system. The goal is to prevent youth from penetrating more deeply.

The creation of the department resulted in restructuring the **Family Investigation Unit** (now called **Court Investigators**) to work directly with the Lead Juvenile Custody Magistrate and the **Arraignment Unit** to work directly with the Lead Juvenile Magistrate. The Youth Education & Intervention Services department currently encompasses the following programs:

- Diversion Program
- Unruly/Incorrigible Program
- Teen Court Program
- Community Restorative Circles Program
- Truancy Diversion Program
- Truancy Intervention/Prevention Program

Other Agencies/Departments Housed at 399

- Columbus Police Department Liaison
- Family Recovery Court
- Arraignment
- Prosecutors
- Public Defenders
- Court Appointed Clerk
- Clerk of Courts
- Franklin County Children Services
- Forum
- The Village Network
- Child Support Enforcement Agency
- Traffic
- Assignment



2017 Accomplishments

ADMINISTRATION	❖ Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch was awarded 3rd Place in the City/County/Federal Government Division by the American Red Cross for most units donated. ❖ DRJ raised a total of \$2,097.90 during the Combined Charitable Campaign, 282% of our goal of \$600. Proceeds benefited United for Puerto Rico through UNICEF USA.
ASSIGNMENT	❖ In 2017, Assignment began streamlining the use of 81 codes to schedule hearing dates. For example, the codes used for scheduling the Child Support Enforcement Agency's docket have been narrowed from 14 to 6. A continued effort to reduce unnecessary hearing codes will also benefit scheduling. ❖ In 2017, a concentrated effort was launched that successfully improved the accuracy of Supreme Court reporting.
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA) LIAISON	❖ Provided judicial support to the FCCSEA for implementing and accepting child support with parenting time orders, funded by the State of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' Access and Visitation Grant. ❖ Provided representation and community outreach at the 2017 CSEA Family Empowerment Day event; Liaison created a workshop that focused on addressing special needs relating to the modification of child support orders. ❖ In 2017, there were more than 6,300 units of service provided.
CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS (CPO)	The CPO Desk processed 1,263 Petitions for Civil Protection Orders and 36 Petitions for Juvenile Protection Orders for a total of 1,299 cases.

COURT INVESTIGATORS	❖ In 2017, the Court ordered 424 home investigations to be handled by 4 Investigators. ❖ Investigators have worked to streamline and update their process by revising outdated forms, updating their report format and participating in additional training. ❖ Improved format of reports provided to the Judges and Magistrates allow them to make informed decisions regarding our children.
COURT REPORTERS	❖ All Court Reporters maintained their RPR Certifications through NCRA by attending software training, seminars and webinars. ❖ Productivity was increased and processes were streamlined by implementing updated technology. ❖ Court Reporter time was increased in Court by 23% in response to being short staffed.
CSEA MAGISTRATES	❖ In 2017, the 3 Child Support Enforcement Agency Magistrates collectively heard and disposed of 1,919 cases. Of those cases, 1,657 were heard and disposed of in court (via settlement or otherwise) or taken under advisement with the decision being written by the Magistrates. ❖ Magistrate Lyle continues to be a board member of the Ohio Association of Magistrates, serving as the First Vice President.
DOMESTIC MAGISTRATES	❖ 10,647 motions were heard by 7 Domestic Magistrates, including divorce and legal separation cases; post-decree returning cases; motions for custody, support, visitation, contempt and other post decree enforcement motions; procedural motions and motions for temporary orders. ❖ 1,520 Temporary Orders resolved either through settlements or heard and decided. ❖ Various Domestic Relations Magistrates have been speakers at CLE's, worked on various committees at the Court and the Ohio Supreme Court, and assisted in the promulgation of various Bench Cards with the Supreme Court.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	❖ Office 365 migration was completed. ❖ In 2017, 2,714 customer requests were completed. ❖ Recorded and post-produced, the 2017 Leadership Speaker Series guests: ❖ Dr. Michael V. Drake, M.D., President, The Ohio State University ❖ Gene Smith, Director of Athletics, The Ohio State University ❖ Kay Wilson, Executive Director, LeaderSpark ❖ Clarence E. Mingo III, Franklin County Auditor
JUVENILE CUSTODY	❖ Magistrates' completed 1,806 decisions and over 1,000 temporary orders. The Magistrates do not use stenos to write or process decisions and orders. ❖ Magistrates' disposed of approximately 15,000 complaints and motions. ❖ Updated several forms and processes to streamline the experience for the litigants and improve court processes. ❖ Represented the Court at various events as invited speakers, as well as the Domestic and Juvenile Round Tables at the Supreme Court of Ohio. ❖
JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVE (JDAI)	❖ JDAI implemented a new warrant policy: ❖ Includes a regular review of older warrants. ❖ Features a collaborative approach to reducing unnecessary warrants. ❖ JDAI relaunched the Teen and Policy Service Academy (TAPS) at four area middle schools. TAPS bring together law enforcement officers and at-risk middle school students to educate them in making better decisions. ❖ JDAI held a training for Prosecutors which highlighted what the importance of JDAI is to them, including public safety and racial and ethnic disparities.
JUVENILE MAGISTRATES	❖ Empowerment Program and Juvenile Drug Court submitted applications to the Specialized Docket Section of the Supreme Court of Ohio. The applications are pending. ❖ Submitted application to the Supreme Court of Ohio for a Juvenile Drug Court to service juveniles with substance abuse issues. ❖ Lead Juvenile Magistrate Lasheyl Stroud and Magistrate Larry Sanchez traveled to various Ohio county courts to provide training on human trafficking and participated in filming a human trafficking Public Service Announcement video for Ohio schools.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION	Continued Implementation of the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) ❖ The Performance Evaluation Team managed the replacement of standalone departmental data systems with a customized relational database. A Truancy Section was developed based upon new Ohio Legislation and Franklin County Requirements. Enhanced Quality of Programming to Court Involved Youth ❖ 2017 was a landmark year for programs in Franklin County. ❖ The County offered 50 services to more than 9,000 youth! Seven court staff achieved certification by the University of Cincinnati on the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC)! Evaluation and Analysis ❖ In 2017, several components of a Probation Evaluation were completed. The Evaluation Department also provided data, reports and/or presentations in response to 113 requests. 100% of data was submitted by the published deadline or earlier.
PROBATION	Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) work with youth presently receiving services from the Probation Department. The Committee accomplished its goal to provide three structured activities: Youth Advisory Council, Probation Orientation, and 3-on-3 Basketball/Family Fun Event. Youth Advisory Council ❖ Made up from referrals from Probation, Care Coordination and PSI Units. A four-part curriculum was used – Leadership, Career Innovation/Education, Policy Shaping and Pro-Social Activities. ❖ Professional Guest Speakers covered Street Drugs/Over-the-Counter Drugs and their Abuse; How to Conduct Yourself if Stopped by Law Enforcement/Understanding Your Rights. Annual 3-on-3 Basketball/Family Fun Event ❖ 70 probationers and their families participated. ❖ Motivational Speakers from Columbus State and other community leaders attended.

**YOUTH EDUCATION &
INTERVENTION
SERVICES**

- ❖ Family Assessment was renamed Youth Education & Intervention Services.
- ❖ In 2017, the **Forum Misdemeanor Program** was created using funding from the Ohio Department of Youth Services to assess second time misdemeanants and divert their cases from formal court processing. **81** youth and family were served.
- ❖ The **Truancy Intervention/Prevention Program** was created to identify youth struggling with truancy issues and assist families in dealing with obstacles that lead to truancy.
- ❖ The Restorative Justice Circle Coordinator and the Teen Court Coordinator attended the International Institute of Restorative Practices. Both Coordinators are now Licensed Trainers.



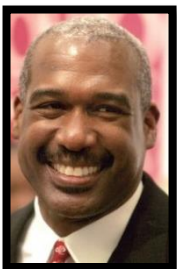
Leadership in Government and Public Service Speaker Series

"Developing this generation of public servants into innovative and inspirational leaders is the responsibility of elected officials and government executives. We cannot effectively serve the public tomorrow without developing our leaders today."

- Orvell Johns

The Leadership in Government and Public Service Speaker Series is an opportunity for leaders throughout the community to give encouraging words on leadership and public service, and to express the importance of collaboration. We were fortunate to have as our speakers in 2017:

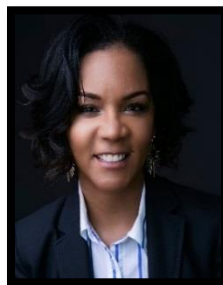
"People are the Heart and Soul of All that Matters"



Gene Smith is Director of Athletics at The Ohio State University. He oversees the nation's most comprehensive and one of its most successful collegiate athletic programs. Mr. Smith is known for outstanding fiscal

controls. Under his leadership, the Ohio State athletic department has thrived, winning myriad conference and national individual and team, athletic championships and awards. Currently he serves on the newly constituted NCAA Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and is past president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. He was also named by Forbes among the most influential minorities in American sports – collegiate & professional.

"Getting Out of Your Own Way To Lead"



Kay Wilson is Executive Director of LeaderSpark, a 28- year old non-profit that serves youth leadership and work-force development in Central Ohio. Prior to joining LeaderSpark, Kay worked in non-profit leadership at The King Arts Complex

and TechColumbus, now Rev1. In addition to her work in Ohio, Kay worked with the Ford Foundation as the Sub-Saharan Director for Arts in Culture covering eight countries on the Continent of Africa. She is a published author of two books: Holding on to SOMEWHERE and Eat to Love.

“How Effective Leaders Communicate In a Crisis”



Angie Tabor has more than 20 years' experience in communications and has spent the last 16 years of her career at the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which operates passenger-focused John Glen

International, cargo- focused Rickenbacker International and general aviation airport Bolton Field. In her role with the airport authority, Angie oversees internal and external communications, including media relations. Her communications team has tackled such crisis communication situations as fatal airline crashes, bomb threats, post-9/11 coverage, anthrax scares, media investigations and much more.

“Leadership and the Things that are Important”



Dr. Michael V. Drake is the 15th president of The Ohio State University. His vision for the university's future focuses on access, affordability and excellence – with an emphasis on groundbreaking research and modern

and effective teaching. He has been a leader in higher education for nearly four decades, serving as chancellor of the University of California, Irvine, for nine years. Dr. Drake is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. Among his many accomplishments, he serves in many leadership roles.

“What Good Leadership Looks Like”



Auditor Clarence Mingo's life and career have been about service to his country and his community. In 2007, the late Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, Thomas J. Moyer, appointed Clarence as a commissioner in the Ohio Court of Claims. Clarence

was appointed as Franklin County Auditor and has since won two consecutive elected terms. Governor John Kasich appointed Clarence to serve as a Commissioner for the Ohio Lottery, and he was featured on MSNBC as a “Rising Leader” in Ohio. Auditor Mingo ensures that Franklin County residents are offered the best public service in fiscal, real estate and consumer protection.

“Human Trafficking in Ohio”



Amy O'Grady served as a senior policy analyst for Columbus City Council President Zach Klein. She is coordinating efforts by the City of Columbus and Franklin County in response to the opioid epidemic. Before joining the City,

Amy was the director of a criminal justice initiative for the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Amy has also served as an appellate judge for the Tenth District Court of Appeals, a chief of the crime victim services section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, deputy director of professional standards for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and an assistant attorney general of the crime victims section that she later directed.



Message from Our Partners

For 27 years, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Franklin County has been privileged to serve the Franklin County Domestic Relations & Juvenile Division in its support of the abused and neglected children of our community. More than a judicial body, the Court is a trusted partner in helping to break the cycle of abuse and neglect in Franklin County. In 2017, CASA was honored when the Court provided us with the opportunity to provide volunteer Guardians ad Litem for its Empowerment Program, which addresses the plight of children who are victims of human trafficking. We are appreciative of the work being done by the Court on behalf of abused children and we value our ongoing and evolving relationship.

Kathy Kerr

Executive Director
CASA of Franklin County

Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc. (Abraxas) has partnered with Franklin County Juvenile Court to provide residential and outpatient treatment services to Franklin County youth and families for over 20 years. Abraxas provides residential treatment programs for youth with substance abuse and/or mental health treatment needs and residential treatment for Juvenile Sex Offenders. The Abraxas Counseling Center, located just outside of downtown Columbus on the COTA bus line, serves male and female youth, ages 12 – 18. The Center provides treatment and prevention services for delinquent and/or dependent youth with mental health, substance abuse, and behavioral disorders. Abraxas is accredited by The Joint Commission as a Behavioral Healthcare Organization and certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Abraxas has operated the residential center in Shelby since 1993 and the outpatient counseling center in Columbus since 2008.

Bruce Tessena
Director, Ohio
Abraxas



Celebrating Excellence

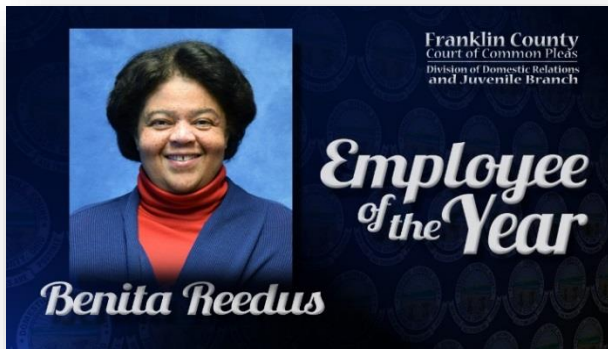
2017 Staff Appreciation Day



Orvell Johns
Court Director

The Staff Appreciation Day Ceremony recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding staff for their hard work and dedication. Staff Appreciation Awards are given as an important recognition of the contributions that individuals have made to enhance the quality and the advancement of the Court. Congratulations to our award recipients!







A Combined **50** Years of Service



30 Years of Service



25 Years of Service



20 Years of Service

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Willie Robinson
Michael Smith
Loria Messer
Suzanne Harmon
Larry Dannals

20 Years of Service

Michael Francis
Shari Stump
Karen Burke
Michelle Spohn
Woodrow Hudson
Larry Sanchez
Joseph Saffold
Shyra Allen
Dana Preisse
Susan House
Mark Lee
Barbara Reeves
Darlene Quiles
Mary Goodrich
Barbara Grove
Whitney Randolph

25 Years of Service

Julianne Poole
Amy Kelly
Dawn Owens
David Kreig
Alicia Smith
Robert Wyatt
Hayden Humphrey
Kevin Owens
Thomas Reece
Renee Hope
Cecil Howell
Eddie Stanley
Jerry Daily
Angela Evans
Jeffrey Barrick

15 Years of Service

Joseph Murchison
Nghia Pham
Marya Kolman
Christine McAlpine
Warren McCruter
Shelby Dean
Shelley Hughes-Penrod
April Boddorf

Mindy Brown-Goliday
Jill Matthews
Rebecca Watson
Thomas Ward
Elizabeth Bright
Amy Romine
Shannon Lopez
Jennifer Magaw
Laura Hopper
Martha McNabb
Kim Browne
Lois Thorpe
Leon Randle
Maya Kennard
Roberta Peyton
Nicole Bass-Smith
Barbara Dixon
Olga-Bosques Milliken

Julie Troth
Donna Winters
Brenda Jones
Paul Wallace
Bertrand Saffold
Elizabeth Landrigan
Kristi Wilson
Danyel Marcus
Laurie McPherson
Kim Dorsey
Brian Edwards
Melvina Woodson-Levey
Chad Roach
Nancy Novack
Angela Jenkins
Roger Carter
Vaunda Bullock
Wally Spence
Carroll Burke
Kimberly Johnson

10 Years of Service

Marcia Zand
Kathleen Knisely
Malcolm Tanksley
Jan Maloney
Sue Skendelas
Alfred Odom
Alisha Ross
Mary Ruffan
Kevin O'Neil
Monica Harris
James Siemer
Kari Haudenschilt
Beth Gill
Kanika Glover
Theresa Johnson
Lonnie Wright
Monarch Montgomery
Aeriol Scruggs

Teresa Clay
Melanie Martin
Kathleen Kearsh
Maureen Hamby
Jessica Cleavenger
Elisa Batchelor
Greg Lowe
Julia Grudei

Lindsay Lawson
Lorei Davidson
Andrea Holmes
Harretta Martin
Krista Piscura
Ebony Powell
Barbara Underwood
Heidi Ratliff
James Lyle
Jason Spaulding
Myra Brown
Ruchelle Pride
Justin Eaton
Beverly Seffrin
Jessica Jessberger
Lenora Lumpkin
Ronald Peeples



Kandice Hosko
Melissa Boyd
Floyd Tatum
C. Suzanne Martello
Marci Webber
John Matney
Amy Gerstmeyer
Kristin Cly
Devin Lowe
David McKinney
Kenneth Kirk
David Black
Mia Berry
Richard Blascak
Velinda Edmonson-Rogers
Wayne Jordan
Lavonda Newson
Bradley Smith
Jonathan Daniels
Kelly Terry
Meghan Carroll
India Carson
Kip Chatman
Michael McKinsey
Lindsey Pennell
Sean Price
Ronald Steele
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Megan Byerly
Joseph Robbins
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Tabitha Osborne
Xavier Myers
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5 Years of Service

