

## **JUVENILE COURT ORGANIZATION**

The Juvenile Court division has two Judges and their bailiffs, court reporters, case coordinators, 13 magistrates, judicial technicians, the Court Administrator and court administration staff. Court administration includes Legal Services, which provides support services to the Court in maintaining case flow and the daily judicial processing of cases; the Clerk Office; Finance; Human Resources; Data Processing Operations; Caseflow Management; Grants Management; Psychological Services; Reclaiming Futures; Adult Probation; the Citizens Review Board, which monitors permanency planning efforts for children in out-of-home placements and under ordered protective supervision by the Court; and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program, which provides volunteer Guardians-ad-Litem for neglected, dependent and abused children; the Start Right Program and the Drug Court Program. Court Administration is also responsible for overseeing the operation of the 5 major departments (highlighted in bold).

The Start Right Program is under the direction of Judge Nick Kuntz. It is designed to facilitate and monitor all cases referred to the Court for parental failure to send and contributing to educational neglect for cases arising out of excessive absenteeism of children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade.

The Drug Court Program, under the direction of Judge Anthony Capizzi, provides intensive intervention and supervision of those adjudicated youth at risk of having alcohol and drug problems. This program closely monitors the Drug Court participants with a comprehensive approach to breaking the cycle of addiction.

The **Detention Services Department** operates a 66-bed detention facility and a 24-bed, short-term correctional treatment facility at the Dora Lee Tate Youth Center. 2,296 boys and girls were detained in 2004. 498 boys and girls were also placed at Dora Lee Tate Youth Center.

The **Intervention Center** is a single point of entry for court service for all unruly and delinquent youth, providing convenient access for local law enforcement. The Center conducts comprehensive assessments on youth brought into the Court's custody and provides electronic monitoring for youth released back to their home. The Center also houses the Care Coordination Team, which works closely with families of children 10 years of age and younger.

The **Nicholas Residential Treatment Center for Youth (NRTC)** provides a 24-bed, nonsecure residential treatment center for boys ages 11 to 17. 60 boys received needed treatment at NRTC during 2004.

The **Center for Adolescent Services (CAS)** is a secure community residential corrections facility, which provides residential treatment for up to 34 boys and 10 girls from ages 12 to 17 who have been adjudicated delinquent. The period of placement is

usually 6 to 9 months, depending upon the youth's attainment of behavioral and academic goals.

The **Probation Services Department** provides a well-established probation supervision program, community service and restitution through its Work Program; the Resource Planning Program, which assists existing probation staff in establishing treatment plans and supervises out-of-home placements; and the Community Based Services Program, which provides work therapy and monitoring for youth; and houses the Residential Alternatives Program (RAP), an early intervention home-based program. During 2004, 1,200 boys and girls were active under Probation Supervision. This Department also houses the Drug Court's Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) supervision component and the Fisher Chemical Abuse Program (F-CAP) urinalysis component.