

# **MAHONING COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

## **JUVENILE COURT DIVISION DMC DECISION POINTS**

### **Assessment Report and Logic Model**



#### **JJC Vision Statement**

**To support youth and families in building caring, safe  
communities**

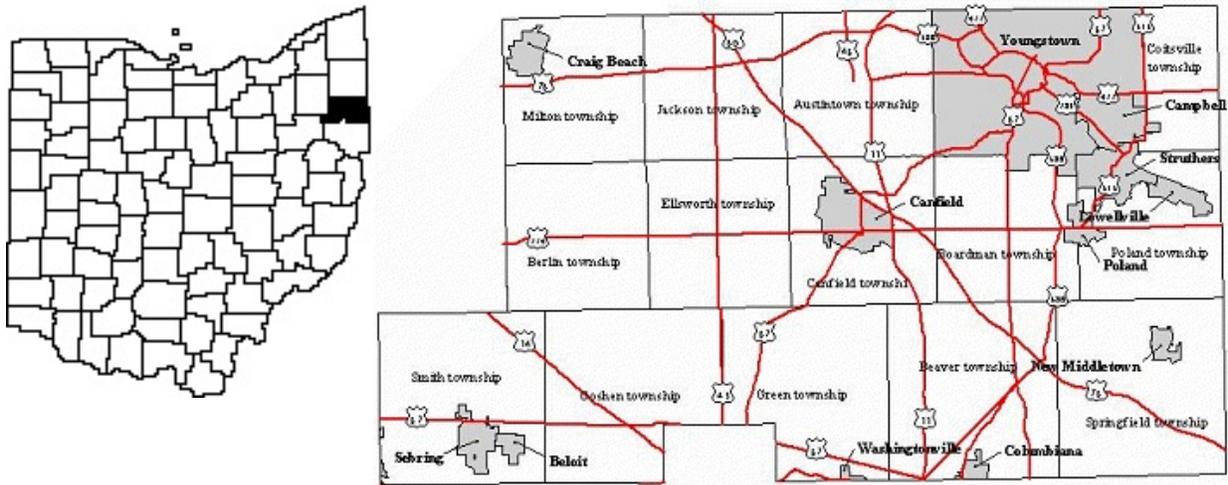
# Disproportionate Minority Contacts Nine Decision Points: Assessment Report

Martin P. Joyce Juvenile Justice Center  
Mahoning County  
Youngstown, Ohio

## INTRODUCTION

The following is the assessment report concerning Disproportionate Minority Contacts (DMC) in Mahoning County, focusing on the juvenile justice system. The report was completed by John M. Hazy, Ph.D. and Tammy A. King, Ph.D., from Youngstown State University located in Ohio. Data files requested were supplied by Lucinda Corll, MIS Coordinator for the Mahoning County Juvenile Court. Data were evaluated for the years 2005, 2006, and 2007 using information recorded on CourtView computer software. Selected data from those years were examined in this report.

Mahoning County is located in the northeastern part of Ohio.



(Source for Pictures, <http://www.scanohio.com/mahoning/index.html>)

The estimated population for the county in 2006 was 251,026. This represents 2.19% of the state of Ohio's population (n = 11,478,006). Of the county's total population, it is estimated that 21.7% are under the age of 18 years old (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, Mahoning County Census Data, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>). In the county, 14.3% of all persons live below the poverty level. According to a report submitted to Comprehensive Strategies, in 1999, almost 20% of the county's children were living in poverty (<http://cc.ysu.edu/compstrat>). Males made up 47.8% (n = 122,993) and females made up 52.2% (n = 134,562) of the county's population. The following is a table showing the race and ethnicity of the county in 2000.

**Mahoning County**  
**Race and Ethnicity in 2000**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
White	208,727	75.1%
Black/African-American	40,884	12.3%
Native American/Alaska Native	445	0.9%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	62	0.1%
Some other Race	2,656	5.5%
Two or More Races	3,561	2.4%
Hispanic* or Latino	7,640	12.5%

\*Hispanic ethnicity is a separate data category from race. This number should not be added to race totals (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, Mahoning County Census Data, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>)

In an effort to determine if, and the amount of minority contact disproportion in Mahoning County, the racial / ethnic composition of youths in the county was reviewed and presented below. The proportion of Black juveniles in the population of Mahoning County is much higher than expected based on the overall proportion. Blacks make up 12.3% of the County's population; whereas, Black children ages 10-17 make up 23.10%.

**Mahoning County**  
**Race and Ethnicity For Children Ages 10-17 in 2005**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
White	19,422	71.47%
Black/African-American	6,278	23.10%
Native American/Alaska Native	58	0.21%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	163	0.60%
Hispanic	1,255	4.62%
Total	27,176	100%

Source: Ohio Department of Youth Services

### **Assessment Method**

To further evaluate the issue of disproportionate minority contacts, fourteen (14) data set were used to assess the clientele of the Martin P. Joyce Juvenile Justice Center in Mahoning County (MC-JCC), Ohio. In addition to the data collected from CourtView, the court's information management system, data were requested by all law enforcement agencies in the county. They were asked to provide information for the year 2006. The following information was sought:

- ▶ How many youth (ages 10-17) did your Department pick up for a delinquent offense and hold until parents arrived or transported home?
- ▶ How many youth did your Department pick up for a delinquent offense and **immediately** transport to the Detention Center?
- ▶ How many youth did your Department pick up for a delinquent offense and hold at your Department and then later transport to the Detention Center?
- ▶ How many youth did you cite to the Juvenile Court for a delinquent offense?
- ▶ They were also asked to indicate the race of the youth arrested in their city for any offense in that year.

Twenty-three (23) departments were asked to provide information. Seven of the departments provided the requested information (n = 7, 30.43%). These data were used to help assess the first DMC Decision Point: Arrest.

### **ARREST: DMC Decision Point One**

When examining the data provided by the seven police departments, it becomes apparent very quickly that Black/African-American (will be referred to as Black) juveniles were over-represented in the arrest data. Black youths accounted for 57% of all juveniles arrested. If the arrests were proportionate to the number of Black juveniles in the county, then Black juveniles should only account for approximately 23.10% of juvenile arrests. White youths accounted for 43% of the arrests made by the seven reporting police departments; White juveniles account for approximately 71.47% of the county's overall juvenile population. On the next page is a table summarizing data provided by seven police departments in Mahoning County.

**Summary Information from 2006  
County Police Departments' Information**

<b>Question</b>	Boardman	Canfield	Beaver	Campbell	Poland T.	Jackson Twp.	Youngstown	Total
Picked-up and held for parents	unk.	27 41%	45 58%	20 51%	10 56%	7 41%	unk.	
Immediately transported to JJC	unk.	0 0%	1 1%	13 33%	1 6%	1 6%	unk.	
Held and then transported to JJC	unk.	2 3%	0 0%	0 0%	1 6%	0 0%	unk.	
Youth cited for delinquent offense	unk.	37 56%	31 40%	6 15%	6 33%	9 53%	unk.	
<b>Total Number of Youths with Police Contact</b>	unk.	66	77	39	18	17	unk.	217
Number of White youths arrested	196 58%	43 96%	43 93%	14 36%	16 100%	9 100%	243 29%	564 43%
Number of Black youths arrested	143 42%	0 0%	1 2%	19 49%	0 0%	0 0%	587 71%	750 57%
Number of Hispanic youths arrested	0 0%	2 4%	2 4%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4 0%
Number of Asian youths arrested	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Number of Pacific Islanders arrested	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Number of Native American	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 0%	1 0%
Mixed/Unknown youths arrest	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	6 15%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	6 1%
<b>Total number of juveniles arrested</b>	339	45	46	39	16	9	831	1,325

(unk. represents not reported or unknown)

**INTRODUCTION: Data for Assessing Other Eight DMC Decision Points**

Although the data provided by the seven county law enforcement agencies helped establish some background data for assessing DMC Decision Point One: Arrest, other data were used to evaluate the other eight DMC decision points. Data from the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center (MC-JJC) were collected. This included data from the Intake Department, all departments at the facility, and the

Detention Center through their data management software, CourtView. Due to the complexity of the data retrieval process and time restraints, attention was focused predominantly on all intake cases that occurred in 2007.

In calendar year 2007, there were 2,117 intake cases processed through MC-JJC. The average age of the youth seen was 16 years old. Approximately one-third (n = 642, 30.3%) were female; 63.7% were male (n = 1,349). There were data missing for 126 (6.0%) juveniles. The following is a breakdown on the number and percentages of youths based on race and gender.

**Intake 2007**  
**Race and Gender of Youths**  
**Black and White Youths**

Gender	Race			Total
	Black	White	Other	
<b>Female</b>	320 (34.44%)	245 (28.55%)	77 (37.75%)	642 (30.3%)
<b>Male</b>	609 (65.56%)	613 (71.45%)	127 (62.25%)	1,349 (63.7%)
<b>Column Totals</b>	929 (100%)	858 (100%)	204 (100%)	1991 (94%)*

\* There were data missing for 126 (6.0%) juveniles.

There were over 50 possible offenses/complaints for which a juvenile could be brought before the Intake Department. The most frequent reasons are highlighted in the table on the next page.

**Intake 2007**  
**Primary Reasons for Intake Meeting**

<b>Reason for Intake</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Theft	237	11.2%
Assault	227	10.7%
Unruly	227	10.7%
Curfew Violation	203	9.6%
Domestic Violence	150	7.1%
Disorderly Conduct	125	5.9%
Order of Apprehension	108	5.1%
Criminal Damaging / Endangering	92	4.3%
Drug Abuse / Possession of Drugs	77	3.6%
Consumption / Possession of Alcoholic Beverages	57	2.7%

When the offenses are examined based on race, significant differences are present between Black juveniles and White juveniles. Black juveniles were more likely to be referred to the Intake Department in 2007 for the following reasons: assault (n = 110, 58% of all assault charges); disorderly conduct (n = 102, 87% of all disorderly conduct charges); and order of apprehension (n = 73, 68% of all orders of apprehension).

White juveniles were more likely to be referred to the Intake Department for the following reasons in 2007: theft (n = 126, 60% of all theft charges); unruly (n = 111, 57% of all unruly charges); drug abuse / possession of drugs (n = 44, 61%); and consumption / possession of alcoholic beverages (n = 44, 92%). A breakdown of the primary reasons juveniles are referred to the Intake Department based on the race of the youths is presented in the table on the next page.

**Delinquency Cases Filled 2007**  
**Reasons for Intake Meeting Offenses by Race (N=1,347)**

Reason	Race			Reason Total	Race			Reason, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Theft	76 12%	126 20%	8 12%	<b>210</b>	36%	60%	4%	<b>16%</b>
Assault	110 17%	65 10%	14 21%	<b>189</b>	58%	34%	7%	<b>14%</b>
Unruly	71 11%	111 18%	14 21%	<b>196</b>	36%	57%	7%	<b>15%</b>
Curfew violation	91 14%	93 15%	9 13%	<b>193</b>	47%	48%	5%	<b>14%</b>
Domestic violence	67 10%	67 11%	7 10%	<b>141</b>	48%	48%	5%	<b>10%</b>
Disorderly conduct	102 16%	13 2%	2 3%	<b>117</b>	87%	11%	2%	<b>9%</b>
Order of apprehension	73 11%	28 5%	6 9%	<b>107</b>	68%	26%	6%	<b>8%</b>
Criminal damaging / endangering	39 6%	31 5%	4 6%	<b>74</b>	53%	42%	5%	<b>5%</b>
Drug abuse / possession of drugs	26 4%	44 7%	2 3%	<b>72</b>	36%	61%	3%	<b>5%</b>
Consumption / possession of alcoholic beverages	3 0%	44 7%	1 1%	<b>48</b>	6%	92%	2%	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1347</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5%</b>	

**REFERRAL: DMC Decision Point Two**

Blacks represented 50% (n = 884) of the youths seen by the Intake Department in 2007. Whites represented 46% (n = 806) and other races accounted for 4% (n = 76). The racial composition is displayed in the following table. It should be noted that data were not available for all the youths concerning race. Of the 2,117 youths processed by the Intake Department, racial composition/ethnicity was only available for 1,766 (83.42%), leaving 16.58% (n = 351) of the youths' race/ethnicity not recorded.

**Intake Cases 2007**

**Race of Intake Clients**

**Percent of Juvenile in the County Representing Their Race/Ethnicity**

Race	Number of Intake Clients	Percent of Intake Clients	% of Juveniles in County by Race
Asian	1	0.0%	0.61%
Native American	2	0.1%	3.44%
Black	884	50.0%	14.08%
Bi-racial	35	1.7%	unknown
Hispanic	42	2.0%	3.35%
White	858	46.0%	4.42%
Other	3	0.1%	unknown

As was found with the arrest data, the data from the Intake Department reaffirms that there is disproportionate minority contact occurring in Mahoning County. Black juveniles are once again over-represented in the number of youths referred both formally and informally to the MC-JJC.

Efforts were made to determine who or what agency referred the juveniles to the Intake Department. The goal of obtaining this data was to determine if DMC was more prevalent in any specific areas. Unfortunately, it was almost impossible to determine what agencies were referring the youths. Unless a person was familiar with the names of all agencies, parents, school teachers, and social workers, it was not possible to obtain this goal. If a particular agency is consciously or unconsciously encouraging DMC, it is not possible to determine that from the way the data are entered into CourtView.

### **DIVERSION: DMC Decision Point Three**

There were several disposition options available for intake officers at the MC-JJC. Only the ten (10) most prevalent dispositions were examined. Six of the dispositions resulted in the youths having no formal charges filed against them:

- Anger Management
- Closed; Subject to Reopen
- Community Service
- Drug and Alcohol Diversion
- Mediation
- No Further Action

The following is a summary of the dispositions given to youths for the most prevalent reasons for referrals to the Intake Department. **It should be noted that the dispositions were not evaluated based on the number of prior encounters with the Intake Department nor if the youth was referred for multiple complaints or charges.**

When juveniles were given a disposition of diversion, significant differences were found between the various reasons for referrals and the race of the youths. If diversion was offered for the following offenses: theft, assault, drug abuse/possession, or consumption/possession of alcoholic beverage, then the race of the youth was more likely to be White. If diversion was offered for unruly behavior, then the race of the youth was more likely to be Black. See the table on the next page for a detailed breakdown of race, diversion, and reason for referral.

In an effort to determine why different diversion programs were utilized for juveniles referred for similar behavior, data were analyzed and informal interviews were conducted with probation officers and other court personnel. The data indicated that Black juveniles had on an average one or more prior referrals to the Intake Department than White juveniles. It was reported by probation officers and court personnel that many of the diversion programs require cooperation with the victims, cooperation of the parents, payment for services, availability of community service projects, and/or cooperation of the juveniles. These variables may have had more of an impact on the disposition of referral than race. Future research will need to be conducted concerning this issue.

**Intake Dispositions for The Most Prevalent Reasons for Referrals, 2007**  
**Diversion or No Action Based on Race**

	<b>Anger Management</b>	<b>Closed; Subject to Reopen</b>	<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Drug and Alcohol Diversion</b>	<b>Mediation</b>	<b>No Further Action</b>
Theft	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 9% Whites- 4%	Blacks- 16% Whites- 26%	Blacks- 1% Whites- 3%	Blacks- 7% Whites- 5%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 7%
Assault	Blacks- 1% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 2%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 3%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 30% Whites- 40%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 2%
Unruly	Blacks- 23% Whites- 9%	Blacks- 8% Whites- 10%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 1%	Blacks- 2% Whites- 10%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 6% Whites- 10%
Curfew	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 1%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 1%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 1%
Domestic Violence	Blacks- 13% Whites- 9%	Blacks- 8% Whites- 4%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 2%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 2%	Blacks- 11% Whites- 14%
Disorderly Conduct	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 7%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 7% Whites- 7%	Blacks- 1% Whites- 7%
Order of Apprehension	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 3% Whites- 0%
Criminal Damaging/ Endangering	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 6% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 3% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 50% Whites- 61%	Blacks- 6% Whites- 3%
Drug Abuse/ Possession	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 19% Whites- 61%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%
Consume / Possess Alcohol	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 33% Whites- 64%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%	Blacks- 0% Whites- 0%

Note: See Appendix A for a detailed presentation of this information.

**DETENTION: DMC Decision Point Four**

In an effort to determine if there is a disparity between the races concerning who is held in the Detention Center pending court intervention, the Detention Center's data were examined. The following two tables provide population information for the Detention Center.

**Detention Center**  
**Average Daily Population by Month, 2007**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	22	5	27
February	27	5	32
March	30	3	33
April	29	4	33
May	29	4	33
June	34	5	39
July	36	4	40
August	31	5	36
September	31	4	35
October	35	3	38
November	29	4	33
December	24	4	28
Yearly Average	357 (87.71%)	50 (12.28%)	407

**Detention Center**  
**Average Length of Stay (Days), 2007**

Month	Males	Females	Total
January	10.6	5.8	9.3
February	9.5	6.1	8.7
March	10.9	4.6	10.0
April	10.0	3.8	8.7
May	4.5	6.1	4.8
June	8.6	3.0	7.4
July	5.2	3.9	4.8
August	6.3	5.7	6.1
September	8.6	5.2	7.5
October	5.8	3.8	5.5
November	5.3	3.8	4.8
December	8.0	7.3	7.8
Yearly Average Length of Stay	7.78 days	4.92 days	7.12 days

When the racial composition of the residents in the Detention Center in 2007 was examined, it was discovered that the percentage of the youths in Detention, based on race, was close to the percent of youths that were found to be delinquent in court proceedings. Of the juveniles who appeared in court for a delinquent act, 56.5% of those found delinquent were Black juveniles; 35.8% were White juveniles. (More information, about court findings of delinquent, is discussed under DMC Decision Point Six.) When examining the Detention Center's population, the percentage of Black juveniles being detained (59.35%) is similar to the percentage of Black juveniles found delinquent (56.5%) in court. There is a similar finding for White juveniles. The percentage of juveniles in the Detention Center who are White is 37.54%. This percent is reflective of the percentage of juveniles who were White and were found delinquent in court.

The table on the next page summarizes the racial composition of youths residing in the Detention Center in 2007.

**Detention Center**  
**Racial Composition of Residents, 2007**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Black	340	120	460	59.35%
White	220	71	291	37.54%
Hispanic	15	4	19	2.45%
Other	4	1	5	0.65%
Yearly Totals	579 74.71%	196 9.29%	775	100%

**CHARGES FILED: DMC Decision Point Five**

Fifty-five percent (55%) of all referrals made to the Intake Department ended in the case being referred for official filing. Of those cases, Black juveniles represented 56% (n = 545) and White juveniles represented 39% (n = 382) of the cases. The table on the next page lists the present number of cases that were referred for official filing for the most prevalent reasons for intake by the race of the juveniles.

**Intake Dispositions for Most Prevalent Reasons for Referrals, 2007**  
**Referred for Official Filing by Race**

<b>Complaint Charge</b>	<b>Blacks</b>	<b>Whites</b>
Theft	17%	25%
Assault	64%	54%
Unruly	19%	20%
Curfew	100%	96%
Domestic Violence	50%	40%
Disorderly Conduct	85%	71%
Order of Apprehension	1%	4%
Criminal Damaging/ Endangering	25%	29%
Drug Abuse/ Possession	58%	27%
Consume / Possess Alcohol	67%	25%

There is a significant difference between the reasons for which a juvenile is referred to the Intake Department categorized by his/her race. When examining the table on the previous page, Black juveniles were more likely to have their case referred for official filing for the following reasons: Assault, Domestic Violence, Disorderly Conduct, Drug Abuse/Possession, and Consumption/Possession of Alcohol than were White Juveniles. White juveniles were more likely to have their cases referred for official filing for Theft than were Black juveniles. As was stated earlier, the number of prior referrals or multiple charges at time of intake meeting was not evaluated. For a more detailed presentation of this data see Appendix A.

#### **DELINQUENCY FINDING: DMC Decision Point Six**

In 2007, almost one thousand (n = 972) cases were referred by the Intake Department for official filing; this includes 190 filings for curfew violations. Black juveniles accounted for 62% of this group and White juveniles accounted for 47% of the group.

Of the 972 cases referred for official filling, a finding of delinquent was handed down for 285 juveniles, accounting for 29.32% of all cases officially filed. Of those juveniles, 56.5% were Black (n = 161) and 35.8% were White (n = 102). One of the reasons that Black juveniles were more likely to be given a finding of delinquent is due to their number of prior referrals. The Black juveniles had approximately 4.43 prior referrals to the intake department. Whites juveniles has approximately 3.57 prior referrals. The overall average number of prior referrals to the Intake Department was 4.02, with the number of prior referrals ranging from 0 - 25. The median number of referrals was 4.0. See Appendix C for a list of the reasons that juveniles were originally referred to the Intake Department.

#### **PROBATION: DMC Decision Point Seven**

Of the cases that were referred to the Intake Department in 2007, six percent (6%) of the juveniles were placed on probation. Forty-eight percent (48%) of the juveniles were Black (n = 48) and 52% were White (n = 51). The table on the following page summarizes the information based on the reason for the referral categorized by race. Black juveniles were more likely to receive probation for theft and drug abuse / possession than White juveniles. White juveniles were more likely to receive probation for unruly than Black juveniles. See Appendix A for a detailed presentation of this information.

**Intake Dispositions for Ten Most Common Reasons for Referrals, 2007**  
**Referred for Probation**

<b>Complaint Charge</b>	<b>Blacks</b>	<b>Whites</b>
Theft	13%	3%
Assault	5%	0%
Unruly	4%	11%
Curfew	0%	1%
Domestic Violence	5%	16%
Disorderly Conduct	2%	7%
Order of Apprehension	28%	36%
Criminal Damaging/ Endangering	3%	3%
Drug Abuse/ Possession	12%	5%
Consume / Possess Alcohol	0%	3%

**SECURE CONFINEMENT: DMC Decision Point Eight**

In order to assure that proper dispositions were given to juveniles found delinquent, pre-disposition reports were completed by members of the Probation Department. These reports took into consideration the following factors:

- Current Offense
- Arrest History
- Conviction History
- Victim Information
- Family Support
- Youth's School History
- Other Demographic Information
- Recommendation of Probation Officer

Based on the offense committed, aggravating circumstances, prior referrals to intake, and arrest history, there appears to be no disparity between the races concerning dispositions for findings of delinquency.

### **TRANSFER TO ADULT COURT: DMC Decision Point Nine**

In Mahoning County the number of youths transferred to the adult court system was extremely low. It was not possible to compare the number of White and Black juveniles transferred to the adult system.

### **MAJOR FINDINGS**

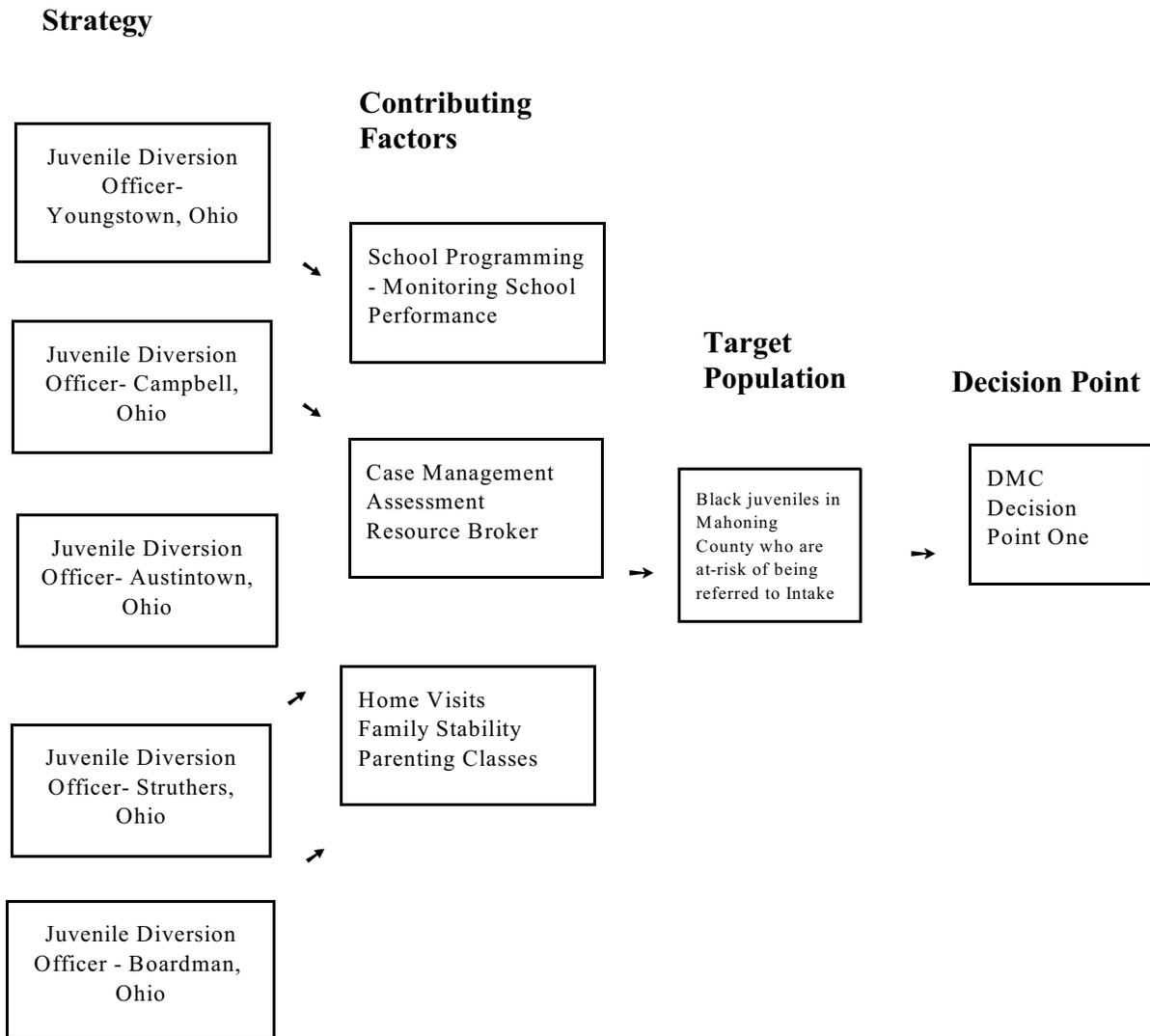
In Mahoning County there is a disproportionate number of minority youths entering the juvenile justice system. The problem appears to begin with DMC Decision Point One: Arrest, or prior involvement by law enforcement. Once juveniles are referred to MC-JJC, the court personnel are limited in their ability to lower the proportion of minorities. They are obligated to service the youth referred to the Intake Department or the Detention Center. If the referrals are disproportional based on race, then MC-JJC's statistics will also be disproportionate based on race.

When dealing with the referred juveniles, MC-JJC takes measures to assure that all juveniles are treated equitably. When decisions are made concerning diversion (DMC Decision Point Three) many variables are taken into consideration: number of prior offenses, cooperation of parents, and willingness to participate. In many instances, parents will refuse to pay for diversion services such as drug rehabilitation, even if they have the funds to do so. Provisions are made for indigent youths to participate at a lesser or no cost.

If changes are going to be made in the DMC in Mahoning County, then efforts must be made to assist youths and their families prior to any formal contact with the juvenile justice system.

# Disproportionate Minority Contacts Mahoning County's DMC Logic Model

## Logic Model DMC Decision Point One - Arrest and Pre-Arrest



### **EXPLANATION: Logic Model**

There is unfortunately a significant problem in Mahoning County concerning the number of minority, specifically Black youths, that are involved in the juvenile justice system. In an effort to lessen the disparity between Black and White youths, and to see an overall reduction in the total number of juveniles becoming involved in the juvenile justice system, it is recommended that DMC Decision Point One: Arrest, be the primary focus of future interventions. In the spring of 2007, personnel of the MC-JJC began developing a template for police department to use while developing juvenile a diversion program (see Appendix B). It is recommended that local law enforcement agencies, working in conjunction with MC-JJC, develop juvenile diversion programs. Five cities, that have the largest number of youth detained in the Detention Center should institutionalize a juvenile diversion program.

Law enforcement officers are often overwhelmed with job tasks. The special needs of juveniles are often overlooked, not due to a lack of concern, but due to a lack of specialized training and/or a lack of personnel. When reviewing records dealing with juveniles who were found to be delinquent in 2007, it is discovered that over half of the juveniles were first referred to MC-JJC when they committed a delinquent act. It is illogical to conclude that these juveniles did not engage in previous anti-social or disruptive behaviors. In Appendix C, there is a detailed list of the reasons juveniles, who were found delinquent, were first screened by the Intake Department. Just as a reminder, the juveniles found delinquent in 2007 had approximately four prior referrals to the Intake Department.

### **MEASURABLE OUTCOMES: Overview of Diversion Programs in the County**

The intent of developing five juvenile diversion programs in Mahoning County is to reduce the number of minority youths who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. The target population would be youths who engage in status and misdemeanor offenses and / or those who are believed to be at-risk of engaging in socially unacceptable behaviors by school officials, law enforcement, family members, or a concerned citizen. Special attention will be focused on minority youths. The youths will be between the ages of 10 and 16 years old (5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders).

Due to financial restraints, it is not possible to target all of Mahoning County; therefore, the geographical focus area will be on five of the largest metropolitan areas: Youngstown (county seat), Boardman, Campbell, Struthers, and Austintown. In the table on the next page, a breakdown of the geographical area where youths reside who served time in the Detention Center is presented.

**Detention Center**  
**Where the Youth Reside at Time of Arrest, 2007**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
North - Youngstown	61	7.90%
South - Youngstown	312	40.41%
East - Youngstown	55	7.12%
West - Youngstown	66	8.55%
<b>Total for Youngstown</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>63.98%</b>
Alliance	3	0.39%
Austintown	42	5.44%
Beaver Township	1	0.13%
Boardman	44	5.70%
Campbell/Coitsville	38	4.92%
Canfield	8	1.04%
Lake Milton/North Jackson/Berlin	19	2.46%
Lowellville	17	2.20%
New Middletown	6	0.78%
N.Springfield Petersburgh	1	0.13%
Poland / Poland Twp.	16	2.07%
Salem / Washington	6	0.78%
Sebring/Beloit/Goshen	19	2.46%
Struthers	35	4.53%
Outside of County	23	2.98%
<b>Yearly Totals</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>100%</b>

It is estimated that each juvenile diversion officer would service approximately 60 juveniles a year (20 youths every four months), for a total of 300 juveniles in the county. The following data should be collected for each juvenile:

- Social Security Number or some ID number for Tracking Purposes
- Race / Ethnicity
- Age
- Family Composition
- Street and Zip Code of Residence
- Current Grade in School
- School Attending
- Reason for Referral
- Services Provided
- Completion Rate of Programing
- School Infractions
- Number of Prior Referrals
- Number of Prior Arrests
- Drug or Alcohol Usage (self-report and official data)
- Learning Disorders
- Mental Health Issues
- Future Referrals
- Future Arrests

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the juvenile diversion programs, the data collected above will be evaluated. First, the programs will be evaluated on the number of youths who complete the program, especially minority youths. Second, the main criterion for determining the success of the program is the lowering of youths, especially minority youths, referred to the MC-JJC's Intake Department. It is expected that there will be a decrease in the number of cases referred to the Intake Department at MC-JJC by 14% overall. This represents a decrease in Black juveniles by approximately 10% and White juveniles by 4 %. Since the focus of the program is for youths ages 10 - 16 years of age, it may take two to three years before the expected decrease will occur.

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In order to assist MC-JCC with future evaluations of DMC, the following procedural changes / suggestions will help researchers better assess the success of the Disproportionate Minority Contact programming:

- Assure that race / ethnicity is recorded for every youth arrested by law enforcement and processed through the juvenile court's Intake Department.

- Have all county law enforcement agencies collect and readily distribute their data concerning their processing of youths arrested / taken into custody by their departments
- The agency or relationship to the youth (not name of officer or relative) making the referral should be carefully entered into the data in CourtView. Without knowing the individual names of police officers, teachers, social workers, parents, grandparents, etc...it is impossible to determine which agencies are referring or arresting youths proceeded by the Intake Department.
- When a juvenile is referred to the Intake Department, somewhere in Courtview, it should be noted how many prior referrals were made concerning this juvenile.
- Once needed funding is secured, additional Juvenile Diversion Officers need to be assigned to Youngstown, placing two officers on the south side and one officer on the east side, one on the west, and one officer on the north side.

APPENDIX A

Ten Most Common Reasons for Intake Meetings, 2007  
Disposition by Race

**Consume/Possess Alcohol as Reason for Intake Mtg, 2007  
Disposition by Race (N=48)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Community service	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	1 33%	28 64%	0 0%	<b>29</b>	3%	97%	0%	<b>60%</b>
Mediation	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
No future action	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Not disposed	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Referred by official filing	2 67%	11 25%	1 100%	<b>14</b>	14%	79%	7%	<b>29%</b>
Referred to probation officer	0 0%	3 7%	0 0%	<b>3</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>6%</b>
Referred to referee	0 0%	2 5%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>2%</b>	

**Drug Abuse / Possession as Reason for Intake Mtg, 2007**  
**Disposition by Race (N=72)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Community service	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	5 19%	27 61%	2 100%	<b>34</b>	15%	79%	6%	<b>47%</b>
Mediation	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
No future action	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Not disposed	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Referred by official filing	15 58%	12 27%	0 0%	<b>27</b>	56%	44%	0%	<b>38%</b>
Referred to probation officer	3 12%	2 5%	0 0%	<b>5</b>	60%	40%	0%	<b>7%</b>
Referred to referee	3 12%	3 7%	0 0%	<b>6</b>	50%	50%	0%	<b>8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>3%</b>	

**Criminal Damaging/Endangering as Reason for Intake Mtg, 2007  
Disposition by Race (N=67)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Community service	2 6%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	100%	0%	0%	<b>3%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	1 3%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	100%	0%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Mediation	16 50%	19 61%	0 0%	<b>35</b>	46%	54%	0%	<b>52%</b>
No future action	2 6%	1 3%	1 25%	<b>4</b>	50%	25%	25%	<b>6%</b>
Not disposed	1 3%	1 3%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>3%</b>
Referred by official filing	8 25%	9 29%	3 75%	<b>20</b>	40%	45%	15%	<b>30%</b>
Referred to probation officer	1 3%	1 3%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	50%	50%	0%	<b>3%</b>
Referred to referee	1 3%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	100%	0%	0%	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>6%</b>	

**Order of Apprehension as Reason for Intake Meeting, 2007  
Disposition by Race (N=106)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Community service	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Mediation	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
No future action	2 3%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	100%	0%	0%	<b>2%</b>
Not disposed	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Referred by official filing	1 1%	1 4%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	50%	50%	0%	<b>2%</b>
Referred to probation officer	20 28%	10 36%	0 0%	<b>30</b>	67%	33%	0%	<b>28%</b>
Referred to referee	49 68%	17 61%	6 100%	<b>72</b>	68%	24%	8%	<b>68%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>6%</b>	

**Disorderly Conduct as Reason for Intake Meeting, 2007  
Disposition by Race (N=116)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	0 0%	1 7%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Community service	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Mediation	7 7%	1 7%	0 0%	<b>8</b>	88%	13%	0%	<b>7%</b>
No future action	1 1%	1 7%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	50%	50%	0%	<b>2%</b>
Not disposed	3 3%	0 0%	1 50%	<b>4</b>	75%	0%	25%	<b>3%</b>
Referred by official filing	85 85%	10 71%	1 50%	<b>96</b>	89%	10%	1%	<b>83%</b>
Referred to probation officer	2 2%	1 7%	0 0%	<b>3</b>	67%	33%	0%	<b>3%</b>
Referred to referee	2 2%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	100%	0%	0%	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>2%</b>	

**Domestic Violence as Reason for Intake Meeting, 2007  
Disposition by Race (N=127)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	8 13%	5 9%	1 17%	<b>14</b>	57%	36%	7%	<b>11%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	5 8%	2 4%	0 0%	<b>7</b>	71%	29%	0%	<b>6%</b>
Community service	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	0 0%	1 2%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Mediation	0 0%	1 2%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
No future action	7 11%	8 14%	0 0%	<b>15</b>	47%	53%	0%	<b>12%</b>
Not disposed	7 11%	6 11%	1 17%	<b>14</b>	50%	43%	7%	<b>11%</b>
Referred by official filing	32 50%	23 40%	4 67%	<b>59</b>	54%	39%	7%	<b>46%</b>
Referred to probation officer	3 5%	9 16%	0 0%	<b>12</b>	25%	75%	0%	<b>9%</b>
Referred to referee	2 3%	2 4%	0 0%	<b>4</b>	50%	50%	0%	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>5%</b>	

**Curfew Violation as Reason for Intake Meeting, 2007  
Disposition by Race (N=193)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Community service	0 0%	1 1%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	0 0%	1 1%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Mediation	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
No future action	0 0%	1 1%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Not disposed	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Referred by official filing	91 100%	89 96%	9 100%	<b>189</b>	48%	47%	5%	<b>98%</b>
Referred to probation officer	0 0%	1 1%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Referred to referee	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>5%</b>	

**Assault as Reason for Intake Meeting, 2007  
Disposition by Race (N=185)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	1 1%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	100%	0%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	0 0%	1 2%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Community service	0 0%	2 3%	0 0%	<b>2</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Mediation	32 30%	26 40%	4 29%	<b>62</b>	52%	42%	6%	<b>34%</b>
No future action	0 0%	1 2%	0 0%	<b>1</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>1%</b>
Not disposed	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Referred by official filing	68 64%	35 54%	10 71%	<b>113</b>	60%	31%	9%	<b>61%</b>
Referred to probation officer	5 5%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>5</b>	100%	0%	0%	<b>3%</b>
Referred to referee	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>8%</b>	

**Unruly as Reason for Intake Meeting, 2007  
Disposition by Race (N=140)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	12 23%	7 9%	1 13%	<b>20</b>	60%	35%	5%	<b>14%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	4 8%	8 10%	0 0%	<b>12</b>	33%	67%	0%	<b>9%</b>
Community service	0 0%	1 1%	1 13%	<b>2</b>	0%	50%	50%	<b>1%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	1 2%	8 10%	0 0%	<b>9</b>	11%	89%	0%	<b>6%</b>
Mediation	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
No future action	3 6%	8 10%	2 25%	<b>13</b>	23%	62%	15%	<b>9%</b>
Not disposed	17 32%	15 19%	3 38%	<b>35</b>	49%	43%	9%	<b>25%</b>
Referred by official filing	10 19%	16 20%	0 0%	<b>26</b>	38%	62%	0%	<b>19%</b>
Referred to probation officer	2 4%	9 11%	0 0%	<b>11</b>	18%	82%	0%	<b>8%</b>
Referred to referee	4 8%	7 9%	1 13%	<b>12</b>	33%	58%	8%	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>6%</b>	

**Theft as Reason for Intake Meeting, 2007**  
**Disposition by Race (N=196)**

Disposition	Race			Disposition Total	Race			Disposition, Percent of Total
	Black	White	Other		Black	White	Other	
Anger management	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	<b>0</b>	NA	NA	NA	<b>0%</b>
Closed; subject to reopen	6 9%	5 4%	0 0%	<b>11</b>	55%	45%	0%	<b>6%</b>
Community service	11 16%	31 26%	1 13%	<b>43</b>	26%	72%	2%	<b>22%</b>
Drug and alcohol diversion	1 1%	4 3%	0 0%	<b>5</b>	20%	80%	0%	<b>3%</b>
Mediation	5 7%	6 5%	4 50%	<b>15</b>	33%	40%	27%	<b>8%</b>
No future action	0 0%	8 7%	0 0%	<b>8</b>	0%	100%	0%	<b>4%</b>
Not disposed	20 29%	24 20%	1 13%	<b>45</b>	44%	53%	2%	<b>23%</b>
Referred by official filing	12 17%	30 25%	2 25%	<b>44</b>	27%	68%	5%	<b>22%</b>
Referred to probation officer	9 13%	4 3%	0 0%	<b>13</b>	69%	31%	0%	<b>7%</b>
Referred to referee	6 9%	6 5%	0 0%	<b>12</b>	50%	50%	0%	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>4%</b>	

APPENDIX B

Overview of Proposed  
Juvenile Diversion Programs

***MAHONING COUNTY DIVERSION COLLABORATIVE  
JUDGE THERESA DELLICK***

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The main objective of Mahoning County Diversion Collaborative is to divert youthful offenders from formal adjudication at the Mahoning County Juvenile Court. In an attempt to eliminate destructive behaviors, empower parent(s)/guardian(s) and maintain juveniles in their local community while still holding the youth accountable is the goal. This will be accomplished through collaboration w/ the Juvenile Court, local law enforcement agencies, local schools, and social service agencies.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Juveniles ages seven through seventeen, who commit misdemeanor offenses or exhibit unruly behaviors, may be placed in the program to avoid formal charges being filed at the Juvenile Court.
2. Juvenile cannot have any formal charges at the Juvenile Court level.
3. The juvenile's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted to confirm they want the juvenile in the program and are willing to fully cooperate.

**You must have the full cooperation and consent of  
parent(s)/guardian(s) to enter youth into the program.**

**PROCESS**

1. A police report **must** be filed.
2. A release **must** be signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s).
3. The agency that made the referral will provide record of previous involvement with the youth (if applicable).
4. Diversion specialist, in collaboration with Juvenile Court, will review referrals and police reports, determining acceptance into the program.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Formulate *case plan* utilizing:

1. Police report
2. Intake form with youth information, school information, family background and medical background
3. Juvenile and parent(s)/guardian(s) interview
4. Adolescent self-evaluation questionnaire
5. Risk/Needs assessment
6. School disciplinary and attendance records.

***Standard requirements*** for case plan include:

Curfew

Driving privileges and/or restrictions

Work privileges

Extra-curricular activities

School attendance

Subject self to reasonable control of parent(s)/guardian(s)

Abstain from drugs/alcohol/tobacco products

***Case plan*** to indicate what specific programming will be utilized,

*Including, but not limited to:*

Anger Management

CHOICES

Counseling

Enlightenment

Mental Health Assessment

Reality Checkpoint

Sports Program

Bullying

Community Service

Drug/Alcohol Assessment

Mediation/Restitution

Parent Project

SAVE

**\*Juvenile, parent(s)/guardian(s), Diversion Specialist and Juvenile Court to sign on case plan.**

## **MONITORING CASE PLAN COMPLIANCE**

1. Accountability meetings with juvenile, parent(s)/guardian(s) and Diversion Specialist.
2. Home visits.
3. School visits to review attendance and disciplinary reports.
4. Review recommendations and cooperation of previously ordered referrals to applicable agencies.

***\*Level of contacts to be determined based upon juvenile and family case plan.***

## **OUTCOMES**

***\*Successful*** completion indicates that juvenile and parent(s)/guardian(s) have met all requirements indicated in the case plan. No formal charges to be filed at this time.

***\*Unsuccessful*** completion indicates that juvenile and parent(s)/guardian(s) have **not** met all requirements of case plan.

**Formal charges to be filed at Mahoning County Juvenile Court.**

APPENDIX C

Reason for First Referral to Intake Department for  
Juveniles Found Delinquent in 2007

Reason for First Referral to Intake Department for  
Juveniles Found Delinquent in 2007

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Aggravated Arson	2	0.7%
Aggravated Burglary	2	0.7%
Aggravated Menacing	2	0.7%
Aggravated Murder	1	0.4%
Arson	2	0.7%
Assault	29	10.2%
Breaking & Entering	6	2.1%
Burglary	14	4.9%
Carrying Concealed Weapon	2	0.7%
Cigarette Smoking	2	0.7%
Criminal Damaging	11	3.9%
Criminal Trespassing	1	0.4%
Curfew Violation	4	1.4%
Dependent Youth	8	2.8%
Disorderly Conduct	3	1.1%
Drug Abuse	2	0.7%
Drug paraphernalia	1	0.4%
Drug Trafficking	4	1.4%
Domestic Violence	13	4.6%
Falsification	1	0.4%
Felonious Assault	8	2.8%
Gross Sexual Imposition	2	0.7%
Possession of Drugs	10	3.5%
Inducing Panic	1	0.4%
Menacing	1	0.4%
Possession of Crim.Tools	1	0.4%
Using Profanity	1	0.4%
Rape	7	2.5%
Robbery	1	0.4%
Receiving Stolen Property	5	1.8%
Truancy	21	7.4%
Tampering w/Evidence	1	0.4%
Theft	7	2.5%
Underage Consumption	1	0.4%
Unruly	15	5.3%
Vandalism	3	1.1%
Walking on Highway	2	0.7%
Unofficial Meeting	82	28.8%

# Juvenile Court Judge

Theresa Dellick



## JJC Mission Statement

**The mission of the Martin P. Joyce Juvenile Justice Center is to:**

- ▶ **provide for the care, protection and development of the youth who come before the Court;**
- ▶ **hold youth accountable;**
- ▶ **protect our community;**
- ▶ **restore victims to the extent possible.**