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# Mahoning County Juvenile Court receives grants for low recidivism

This year, the county is getting \$2.3 million from RECLAIM funding

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (WKBN) – The Mahoning County Juvenile Court is setting records.

In 2001, the court started to get grants from the RECLAIM Ohio grant, which allows counties to compete for federal funding. Mahoning County started with about \$70,000, and this year, it is getting \$2.3 million from RECLAIM funding.

RECLAIM Ohio is a funding initiative which encourages juvenile courts to develop or purchase a range of community-based options to meet the needs of each juvenile offender or youth at risk of offending. By diverting children from institutions, courts have the opportunity to increase the funds available locally through RECLAIM.

The money not only employs more than 20 workers, it also helps fund mental health and drug programming and helps reduce delinquency and recidivism.

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“We were at 205 felony adjudications in 2005. Those are your felonious assault, rape, murder, things like that. We are now down to 92,” said Mahoning County Juvenile Court Magistrate Anthony D’Apolito.

Those numbers are at an all-time low in Mahoning County.

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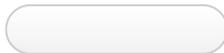


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