

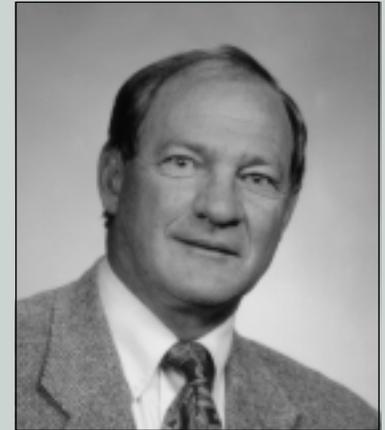
## CASEWORK SERVICES RESPONSIBILITIES

This unit is responsible for all delinquency cases authorized for court by Intake. We assist the case, when necessary, through the adjudication process. Once adjudicated, we are responsible for preparing a social history, including corroborative information that recommends to the court a disposition outlining both the client's needs for rehabilitation and the community's needs for protection. Post disposition, we assist in implementing the court orders, including the monitoring of probation and related conditions of restitution, community service, counseling, etc. We monitor compliance or noncompliance. We report to the court, making further recommendations as indicated.

Adoption Casework staff assist petitioners in adult, relative, and stepparent adoptions to conduct home studies and make recommendations to the court regarding the suitability of those petitioners. They respond in writing to requests for identifying and non-identifying information which includes a Central Registry Clearance to see what information can be released. A Confidential Intermediary provides searches and reunion service for petitioners who wish to locate birth parents, adult adoptee, and adult siblings. The Confidential Intermediary acts as a liaison to agency representatives who have been appointed by the Court to conduct these searches.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ Held youth accountable to the victims and community as primary goals of the Youth Community Service Program and Victim's Rights Program. In 1998 probationers repaid victims \$130,701 in cash restitution. Communities received 20,365 hours of community service work by individual probation youth.
- ❑ Monitored 101 youth through electronic tethering, providing assurance to the community that youth were closely supervised. Only two youth failed to comply with the requirements and were, therefore, placed in detention.
- ❑ Provided Intensive Probation services to over 174 youth. Intensive Probation continues as a primary rehabilitative service to successfully maintain youth in their community.
- ❑ Received 45 petitions for the appointment of a Confidential Intermediary to search for a member of an adoption triad. Received 30 requests for non-identifying information.
- ❑ Completed 208 adoptions (134 stepparent, 40 relative, and 34 adult adoption) within the Adoption Casework Unit. This is an 18% increase over 1997 figures.
- ❑ Monitored the use of illegal drugs of our probationers by requiring random urine testing. Of the 393 tests performed, 28% indicated continued use of illegal substances. The information gained allows us to impose additional sanctions if necessary, to hold youth accountable to our expectations of treatment.
- ❑ Continued to expand the utilization of computers by caseworkers. Training was provided for all caseworkers on the computer screens utilized by the Reimbursement Division. This training increased the efficiency of both units, by sharing information directly, thereby saving staff time in both units.
- ❑ Maintained our close working relationship with the Sanctuary in providing service to home truants. We provided 17 referrals for the runaway shelter and 20 referrals for counseling. The success of our joint effort to provide service to these families, and avoid costly long-term placement, warrants our continued support.



*Ronald E. Auten*  
*Chief of Casework Services*

**"COLLABORATING TO PROVIDE  
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PROTECT THE COMMUNITY"**

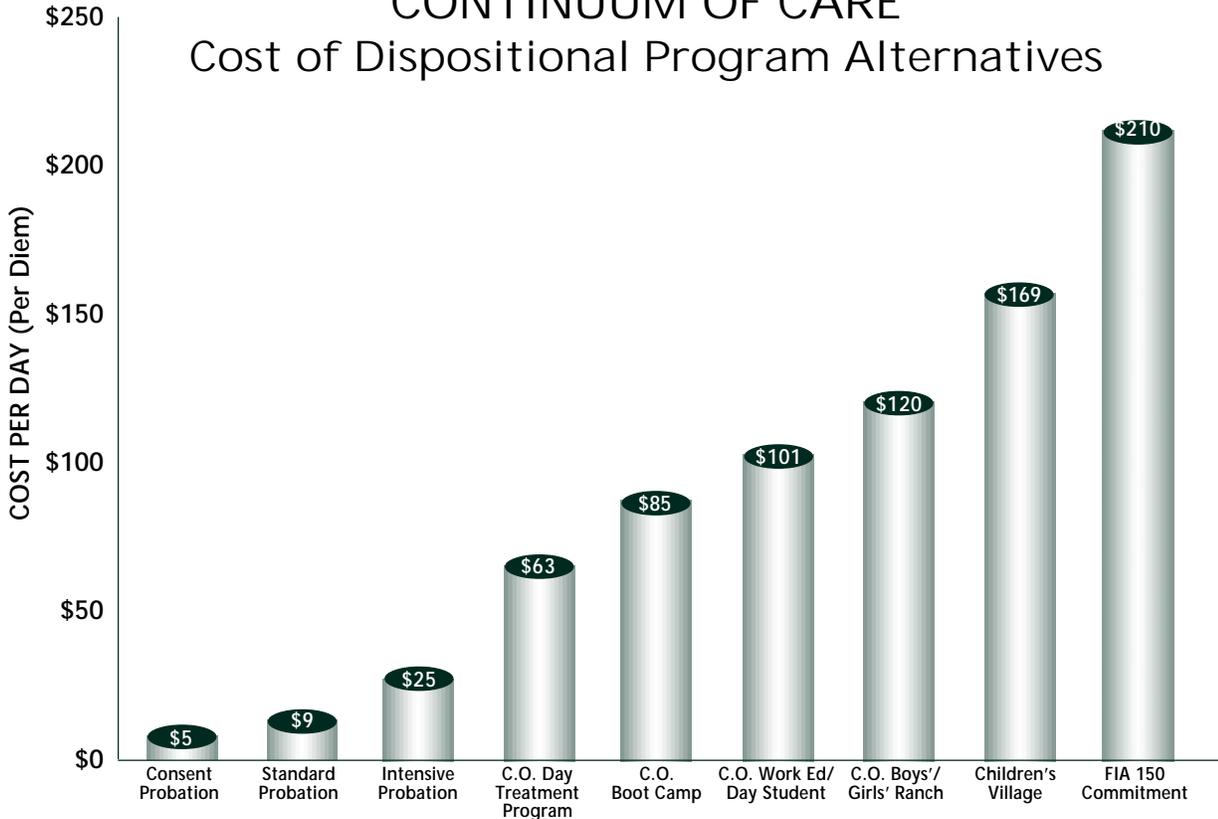
The Casework Unit provides services to over 3,000 cases a year. The majority of cases are successfully dealt with in their own homes through probation and engaging community-based agencies to provide service such as family therapy, substance abuse treatment, and other services that are not available through the Court's continuum of services. Probation services may be intensive in nature with electronic tethers and drug screens providing a high degree of monitoring of compliance.

Not all cases can be serviced by probation in the youth's home. As Chief, I chair the Out-of-Home Screening Committee which meets each Wednesday morning. The committee discusses cases that may be in need of out of home services. The committee is composed of staff from the Court's Psychological Clinic, Oakland County Children's Village, Camp Oakland Youth Programs, and Oakland County Community Mental Health. Other agencies, such as FIA, are included when appropriate. We are charged with the responsibility of developing the most appropriate disposition to provide for the treatment needs of the youth, keeping in mind the need for community protection and fiscal responsibility. In 1998 this committee reviewed and made dispositional recommendations on 496 cases. By having the service providers at the table, we assure that the youth will receive the appropriate rehabilitative services.

The Casework Unit also worked cooperatively with the Oakland County Sheriff in providing a tour of the jail for 248 adjudicated youth. The tour is designed to impact youth who are in Court for the first time.

# FAMILY DIVISION

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### DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVE

Alternative	Disp. Type	Youth	Cost/Day	Avg. Days	Total Cost
1	Boot Camp	10	\$85	135	\$114,750
2	FIA 150	10	\$105	660	\$693,000

NOTE: C.O. indicates Camp Oakland Program.

NOTE: Court pays 1/2 FIA 150 Commitment, State pays 1/2.



**1998 Youth Community Service Report** – Ordering community service hours is a significant component of the Court's treatment strategy to rehabilitate juvenile offenders and to require them to repay the community for their offenses. Because of this, Court-supervised Youth Community Service groups continued to show an impact in Oakland County during 1998. The number of supervised groups rose 22.4% from 76 in 1997 to 93 in 1998. Three-hundred and nine juvenile offenders in YCS groups worked 1,707 hours, an increase of 10% over the previous year.

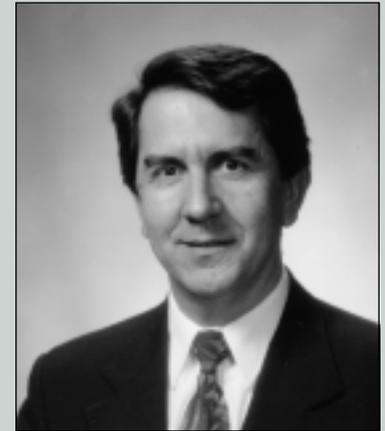
The Probate Court is very grateful for the cooperation our YCS Program has received from the following agencies, which gave us work sites in 1998: **Bald Mountain State Recreation Area, Habitat For Humanity, Library for The Blind & Physically Handicapped, Lyon Oaks County Park, New Horizons-Novi, Oakland County Food Bank, and Royal Oak Salvation Army.**

## CLINICAL SERVICES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Clinical Services Unit is responsible for aiding the court in making informed dispositional decisions by providing clinical forensic evaluations of children and families who are involved with the court. In addition, the unit provides specialized treatment services to clients. Staff are available for case consultations with hearing officers, caseworkers, attorneys, Family Independence Agency, school personnel, and others. The unit also conducts and coordinates training and research, including program evaluations and staff development programs for Probate Court employees and employees of the Family Division of Circuit Court.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ Developed new guidelines, procedures, and order forms in order to facilitate and to expedite the processing of domestic referrals. They were approved by the Family Division Bench and will be implemented in early 1999.
- ❑ Due to the anticipated increase in the number of referrals to the Clinic as a result of the implementation of the Family Division, a new Ph.D. Senior Psychologist position was requested and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- ❑ Experienced an increase in the number of referrals to our CHOICE (41%) and STAR (29%) programs over 1997 levels. CHOICE (Court Help On Increasing Control and Effectiveness) is the parent training program. Parents of adolescents on Intensive Probation are required to attend an eight-week training class in which they learn and practice effective discipline methods. STAR (Skills Training in Adolescent Relationships) is the adolescent group therapy program. Adolescents on probation are taught social skills which help them to succeed in probation, peer relationships, and life in general.
- ❑ Participated in interagency efforts to better serve youth and families who present with multiple and complex needs. Staff attended the Oakland County Community Team, as well as the Wraparound Gatekeeping Committee, to review referrals and review plans for families receiving a wraparound approach to services.
- ❑ Coordinated in-service training for staff. Among others, presentations were made on the impact of divorce on children, on grieving children, on the supervision of sex offenders, on the new staff safety manual, on Court testimony, and on how to obtain peak performance from students and volunteers.



**Bernard Gaulier, Ph.D.**  
Chief of Clinical Services

### "HANDLING REFERRALS FOR EVALUATIONS IN CONTESTED DOMESTIC CASES"

For over 40 years, the primary task of the Psychological Clinic has been to conduct evaluations in juvenile and neglect/abuse cases. With the implementation of the Family Division, the Clinic has also been called upon to conduct evaluations in contested domestic cases for families with complex, multi-system problems and with limited financial means. The Clinic has met the challenge of handling this influx of new cases in a variety of ways.

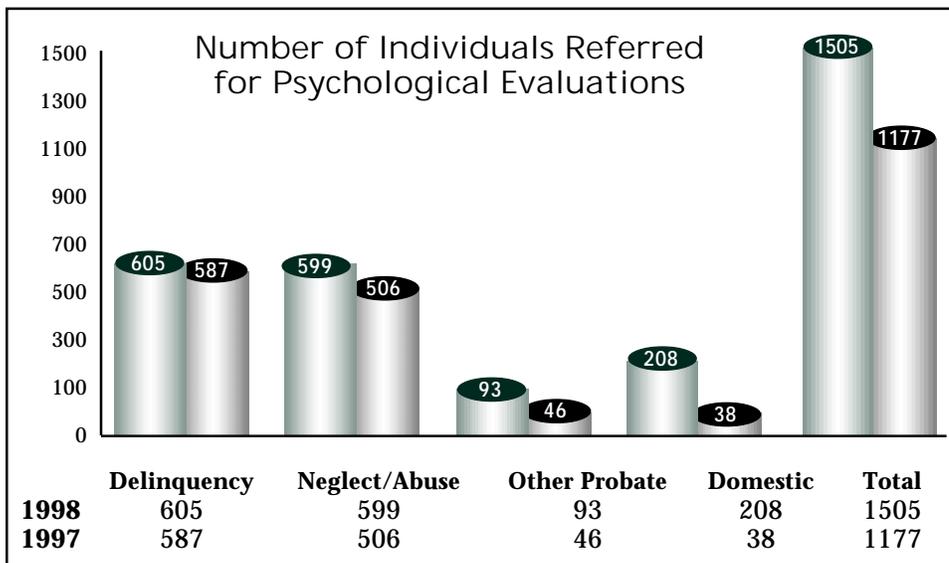
First, consultations began with Friend of the Court in 1997 in order to help determine the number of evaluations requested in domestic cases. It was estimated that the Clinic might receive referrals and conduct evaluations on approximately 140 individuals per year for domestic cases. In 1998, the Clinic actually received referrals for 208 individuals, which resulted in 132 individuals being evaluated. The difference between referrals received and evaluations conducted is the fact that some cases reach a settlement or are canceled before the evaluation occurs.

Second, staff received training by a local expert on conducting psychological evaluations for custody and parenting time.

Third, a new Ph.D level psychologist position was created. Additionally, the number of contractual consultants available to the Clinic was increased.

As the new type of referral began to arrive, it was often unclear who had initiated the referral, what the referral question was, and information was missing. The intake process was considerably slowed because of the need to search for information that was not easily available. Thus, new procedures were developed, as well as a new order form. It is anticipated that these changes will facilitate the processing of referrals to the Clinic.

With the measures described above in place, we are confident that the Clinic will be able to continue to provide quality and timely service to the Family Division bench and to the public.



# FAMILY DIVISION



**Kal Engelberg**  
*Chief of Youth Assistance*

## "MENTORING GAINS MOMENTUM"

For the past 25 years, Youth Assistance has matched caring adults with adjudicated and other youth, to serve as teacher, guide, and friend, to help face life's complex issues. Both National and local research has indicated that mentoring is a highly effective delinquency prevention strategy. We believe that mentoring should be part of any arsenal of options along with continuum of services available to our Court.

In 1998 we recommitted ourselves and sought to expand mentoring opportunities. Focus groups told us we needed a new name and new approaches to promote our message to potential volunteer mentors. With the help of dedicated and creative volunteers and staff, we created a new name, (Mentors Plus), a new logo, promotional materials, Welcome Packets for new matches, and a speakers bureau. We also re-established a mentoring connection with both Children's Village and Camp Oakland, and revised and expanded the quarterly Match newsletter.

Additional effort went into upgrading the infrastructure at the local Youth Assistance Board level to support an increase in matches. Two local Boards established a Mentors Plus Program in 1998 and three others will begin in 1999. A very successful picnic was held for mentors and their matches, and over 1,000 tickets for 16 sporting, musical, and other events, valued at over \$11,000, were provided to our matches.

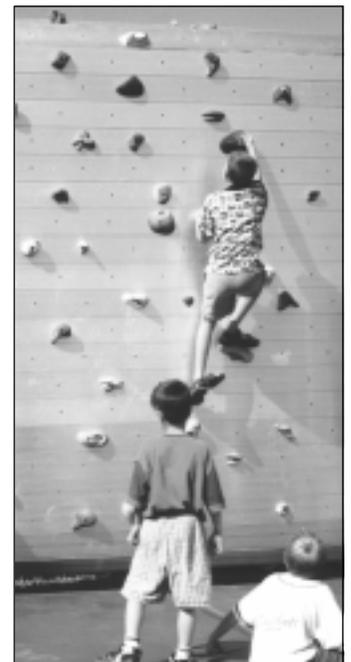
Thanks to the concerted efforts of our staff and volunteers, 173 youth and adults were involved in Mentors Plus in 1998, a 15% increase in matches compared to 1997.

## YOUTH ASSISTANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

As the prevention segment of the Court's continuum of services, our mission is to strengthen youth and families and prevent and reduce delinquency and neglect through volunteer involvement. Utilizing a decentralized approach, staff work in 26 locations with a cadre of volunteers to identify and address each community's needs. Major programs include parenting and family education, skill and self-esteem building, recreation, adult role modeling, youth involvement and recognition. Staff also provide direct casework services. Each local program is sponsored by the school district, the municipalities therein, Probate Court, and the Family Division of Circuit Court, with principal funding from the Board of Commissioners.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ Provided casework services to almost 7,000 families. This represents a 25% increase in families served over the past five years. Over 50% of our referrals come from local police departments, with the remainder received from schools and parents themselves. Significant increases in municipal ordinance and alcohol and other drug violations, home incorrigibility, trespassing, and malicious destruction of property were noted.
- ❑ Held youth accountable within the community service program. There were 417 youth who completed 10,776 hours of community service, representing an increase of over 106% compared to five years ago.
- ❑ Provided recreational programs to 6,287 youth and adult as we recognize the value of after-school and summer programming as a delinquency prevention strategy. Many of these programs are operated in cooperation with local school districts, and municipalities.
- ❑ Provided scholarships to 1,200 youth to attend overnight and day camps and another 541 youth for various skill-building programs (math or reading tutoring, music, dance, karate lessons, etc.).
- ❑ Offered retail fraud prevention education to 1,696 elementary and middle school students in an effort to address the single most common reason youth come in to contact with our Court. Our new, award winning, video and lesson plan are being well received.
- ❑ Received the Dennis M. Aaron "Spirit Award" from the Oakland County Democratic Commissioners.
- ❑ Received acclaim from the National Center for State Courts as Youth Assistance was featured as a national model in their publication, "Community-Focused Courts: A Developmental Initiative."
- ❑ Honored as a Semifinalist in the 1998 Innovations in American Government awards program presented by The Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government.



*There was sun, fun, and plenty of food on September 19 at the Oakland County Youth Assistance Mentors Plus program's annual picnic.*

# VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**CITIZENS ALLIANCE FOR THE PROBATE COURT VOLUNTEERS:** First established in 1991, the Citizens Alliance membership represents a cross-section of key community leaders and citizen representatives and continues to help the Probate Court carry out its mission. Outstanding accomplishments of the Citizens Alliance during 1998 included:

- ❑ Continued and expanded sponsorship of the popular “Removing the Mysteries of the Probate Court” seminars.
- ❑ Continued support for the new Directions Institute Alternative School program.
- ❑ Completed the Art in the Court project.
- ❑ Sponsored the development of an educational video for youth and families entering the court system.



*Citizen's Alliance for the Probate Court members: Pictured (front row) Hon. Linda Hallmark, Lillian Molitz, Suzanne Dreifus, Renee Mahler, Val Greenberg, Helen Andrews, Karen Schultz, Linda Freeland and Irving Rose, (middle row) Phil Roller, Ron Auten, Hugh Dean, Henry Knight, Earl Kuhlik, Carl Pardon and Dick Thibodeau, (back row) Hon. Eugene Arthur Moore, Boris Sellers, Bill Penner, Dr. James O'Neill, Dan Nover, Dave Wolf, Robert Bingham, and Roger Winkelman.*

**YOUTH ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS** Over 1,000 Youth Assistance volunteers contributed over 25,000 hours of their time in 1998. The 26 local boards provided camping opportunities for 1,295 youth, family education classes to 6,740 youth and adults and skill building scholarships to another 559 youth. Other programs offered included recreation and after school activities, opportunities for youth to get involved in community projects and more. In total, 25,000 county residents (18,000 youth and 7,000 adults) participated in YA-sponsored programs:

- ❑ 173 youth were matched with a caring adult through the YA Mentors Plus Program.
- ❑ 2,454 people were involved in honoring youth at local YA sponsored youth recognition events for their outstanding contributions to their respective communities.
- ❑ 1,696 youth received instruction in shoplifting prevention education.

**GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES VOLUNTEERS:** The Probate Court is mandated by law to periodically review guardianships of adults and of children under 6 years. Each review consists of visiting the residence of the ward, interviewing the ward and the guardian and submitting a written report to the Court, containing the findings of the evaluator and recommendation as to the need for continuing the guardianship. A dedicated group of over 50 volunteers were instrumental in helping the court realize its mandate. During 1998, these volunteers reviewed over 700 adults and minor guardianships. This creative use of volunteers represents a cost savings of over \$70,000. An increase of over 16%.

**CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE VOLUNTEERS):** These very special volunteers comprise the Legal Guardianship Committee of the local chapter – National Council of Jewish Women. These dedicated volunteers, working in pairs, review guardianship cases, both adult and minor, as required by law. Also, they conduct home studies in minor guardianship cases, do follow-up investigations and often appear in Court. Sixty CASA volunteers worked with the Probate Court during 1998. CASA has been assisting the Court since 1980.



*Youth Assistance caseworker Paul McFarland (left) shares fun with volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Recognition event. The 1998 event was held at the Southfield Civic Center Pavillion, with over 300 volunteers attending the event.*

# PROBATE COURT EMPLOYEES

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The Probate Court's 250 employees, all deserve recognition as they strive daily to fulfill the multiple and diverse mandates and service requirements of the Probate Court. The Court's talented and committed staff make every effort to provide services in a knowledgeable, efficient and caring manner. The outstanding reputation of the Oakland County Probate Court is a reflection of this philosophy and the Court's commitment to service. Throughout the year, unsolicited testimonials recognizing court employees for service excellence were received from citizens and users of the Court's services. What follows is a sampling of the recognitions received:

From a newspaper article regarding Probate Estates employees:

*"In an era of commonly perceived indifferent performance, or even unfriendly or surly attitudes on the part of government employees, it is a pleasure to be able to report contrary evidence. On each of several visits, I was treated not only promptly and courteously, but also with very helpful and compassionate assistance."*

From Lighthouse Emergency Service to Cindy Harper:

*"The Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff would like to extend sincere appreciation to you and the Oakland County Probate Court for your contribution to the Lighthouse Emergency Services 1998 Adopt-a-Family/Senior Holiday Program. Such wonderful work would not be possible without the partnership of people like you. Thank you again for your interest in Lighthouse, its programs, and those we service."*

From a client to Mr. Jon Clapp, Youth Assistance:

*"I think Mr. Clapp is to be commended for his great services. In my opinion, Mr. Clapp is a 'Model Employee' and represents all that any company should be looking for as a part of their team. Once again, my deepest gratitude goes out to Mr. Clapp."*

A note to Y.A. concerning Julie Berz:

*"Thank you for what you have done for my family all year through. My son could not have participated in the camp he did this past year without your help. It is so encouraging to know that with a little bit of help (or a lot!) from South Lyon Y.A. that my son can do things that other families can do without assistance."*

Letters were received from elementary school-aged children, thanking Y.A. for the Shoplifting Prevention Presentation video:

*"Thank you for coming to our class. I like how the guy in the cell looked. He looked scary and when it all turned silver it looked cool."*

*"I learned that when you shoplift, you can get caught and face bad consequences. You can make your parents mad."*

Letters were received thanking Y.A. and Hess Trust for Hess-Hathaway Farm Camp:

*"I would like to take a moment to let you know how grateful I am that you made it possible for my sons to attend Hess-Hathaway Farm Camp. They enjoyed feeding the animals, doing crafts, and visiting the water park. Again, thank you."*

From a client regarding Dave Ajamy, Casework Services:

*"I would like to take a moment to personally thank you for all of your guidance regarding my son. My son speaks very highly of you and is also very appreciative of the professional guidance that you have provided him."*

From Judge Young regarding Maria Ortez of Word Processing:

*"Thank you for your assistance in preparing a transcript from a Friend of the Court hearing. You have saved me many hours of rehearing all the testimony. I appreciate your willingness to step in and do what is not ordinarily on your job description."*

From a company in Maryland to Probate Estates:

*"We would like to take this opportunity during Secretaries Week to express our sincere thanks to your office for the outstanding cooperation that you provide to us throughout the year. Recognizing that it is your help and support which makes our jobs possible, we wanted to thank you for the first class effort that you always provide."*

Regarding Paula McDonald of Probate Estates:

***“ Never let it be said that all civil servants are indifferent and uncaring. A young lady, who I know as Paula McDonald has been both helpful and comforting in one of my darkest hours. ”***

A little note from Referee Martin to Word Processing:

*“Dictated this morning and got the typed copy this afternoon. Great job.”*

From Common Ground to Pat Peck in Probate Estates:

*“I want to thank you for your invaluable contribution to the Lunching and Learning Program on Working with Mentally Ill Clients. Your time and knowledge is an important element in the education of those who work with, treat, and interact with people diagnosed with or touched by mental illness. Again thank you for your time and expertise.”*

From the Lighthouse Emergency Services Center to Pam Ferguson, Business Office:

*“Our client could not believe all five boxes were for his family. He was so happy over the generosity of total strangers, he started to get a little weepy-eyed. He could not believe that you put together an Easter basket for his daughter and had new clothes for the baby. He was totally overwhelmed. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.”*

A note of thanks from a client regarding Joan Connelly, Probate Estates:

*“Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are very much appreciated.”*

A note of gratitude to Deborah McAleer, Y.A.:

***“ You continue to bless me and my children in many, many ways. Every time we think of you we all have agreed that you have a place in our hearts. We are forever grateful to you. ”***

A letter from the City of Oak Park Senior Outreach to Jill Koney Daly:

*“I want to thank you for speaking and being the program moderator for the “Removing the Mysteries of the Probate Court” program.*

*The program was interesting and provided vital information. Your sense of humor brought a light touch to what could have been a depressing topic for an aging population. It was obvious the program kept the interest of the audience by the number of questions that were generated. The seniors also appreciated the availability of the take home materials.”*

***Claudia Gooden, Business Office, received a thank you from the American Red Cross for help in collecting \$1,031.20 for the “Hurricane Mitch Relief.”***

The Michigan Probate and Juvenile Registers Association to Lisa Symula, Probate Estates:

*“I would like to thank you for presenting at the Probate session. You did an excellent job and fielded a lot of questions. Your knowledge and ability to be a presenter is a definite asset to our Association.”*

A letter sent to Ms. Connelly for Probate Staff and Judge Grant:

*“I would like to take this time to thank you and the Court for all your help in obtaining guardianship of my dad. Judge Grant was very sympathetic towards me knowing how very ill my father was. Would you please thank Judge Grant for me and my family.”*

Kathy Shoemaker, Casework Services, received a letter from The Common Ground Sanctuary:

*“Just a note to thank you for coming to our Community Based Service team meeting. The information you passed along to the counselors was both informative and useful to us and the families with whom we are working. Again Kathy, on behalf of the CBS team, thank you for sharing your expertise with us.”*

Judge Sosnick sent a memo regarding the Psychological Clinic:

***“ The Family Division Judges expressed unanimous satisfaction with the Psychological Clinic’s development of psychological reports. The Clinic’s reports are insightful, clear and concise. Congratulations and thank you very much. Keep up the excellent performance. ”***

# OAKLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT



*Court representatives meet with the police, prosecutors, Children's Village administrators, and Family Independence Agency supervision four times each year. At this March 5, 1999, meeting hosted by the Walled Lake Police Department, representatives from Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Holly, Oxford, Troy, and Walled Lake police departments and from the Oakland County Sheriff's department met with staff from the court, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, and from the Michigan Family Independence Agency. Mutual concerns were discussed and updates on changing laws, procedures, and practices were provided. These meetings provide for a lively exchange of information and an opportunity to understand issues from multiple points of view.*

*Rita Whiting, the court's PPO coordinator, helps one of 4,000 PPO petitioners seeking protection. This is the new location for the PPO office which was relocated and consolidated to the ground floor, east wing of the courthouse, with Juvenile Intake this past summer. The Women Survival Center volunteers are part of the PPO process and were also relocated to this area. An open house was held on August 27th to celebrate this positive operational change.*



*You are looking at Probate Court's new 1st floor lobby/waiting area. This area was completely remodeled and open for business January 1999. Aside from the new lighting, carpeting, and other new amenities, we increased our public seating almost three-fold, to 77 seats plus a mini-conference room.*



*Mental Health staff Sandy Quello, Kit Schatz, and Carol Esher, enjoy working in their new office digs. The new mental health office opened for operation January of 1999 and will provide nicer and more spacious working conditions for staff and the public. It will also provide more space for expansion of the Estates office.*

# A YEAR IN REVIEW



*John Greenhill and Dick Stasys pull rank (again) to get to the front of the Holiday Party food line.*

*“Smile, you’re on candid camera.” Court volunteers enjoy the festivities at the 1998 Annual Volunteer Recognition event held at the Southfield Civic Center.*



*Palackdharry Productions shoots a scene from the much anticipated Juvenile Court educational/ orientation video. This video is to be released in April of 1999 with a wide distribution to follow. It is intended to inform young citizens about the legal process and what happens to youth coming before the court.*



*Who can resist? Gabe Martinez and Lisa Symula can’t at the staff Holiday Party!*

# SUMMARY OF PROBATE COURT ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY/UNIT	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg '94-'98
<b>PETITIONS/FILES OPENED</b>						
Assignment Property-\$5,000	569	718	692	677	709	
Deceased-Supervised	578	505	497	447	401	
Deceased-Independent	1,454	1,430	1,424	1,440	1,541	
Adult Guardianships	783	788	812	814	802	
Minor Guardianships	694	701	633	547	610	
Adult Conservatorships	351	379	386	400	420	
Minor Conservatorships	296	290	253	291	247	
Other	341	225	245	274	251	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,066</b>	<b>5,036</b>	<b>4,942</b>	<b>4,890</b>	<b>4,981</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
Developmentally Disabled Person Mental Health Commitments	221 1,300	344 1,288	249 1,288	281 1,231	315 1,131	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>
<b>COURTROOM ACTIVITY</b>						
Estates Hearings Held	10,113	10,397	10,729	9,978	10,105	
Mental Health Hearings Held	1,345	1,284	1,080	993	1,015	
Estates Jury Trials	1	2	2	1	2	
Mental Health Jury Trials	3	8	8	9	5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,462</b>	<b>11,691</b>	<b>11,819</b>	<b>10,981</b>	<b>11,127</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIVITY</b>						
Estates-Persons Serviced at Counter	47,573	54,753	79,077	82,021	85,967	+80.7%
Mental Health-Persons Serviced at Counter	7,618	8,536	8,738	9,164	8,214	+7.8%
Mental Health Transport Orders	302	255	291	281	290	+4.0%
Adult Guardianship Reviews	1,298	819	807	1,287	989	-23.8%
Minor Guardianship Reviews	473	523	454	453	456	-3.6%

INVENTORY OF ACTIVE CASES	As of 12/31/98
Deceased - Supervised	1,552
Deceased - Independent	2,923
Adult Guardianships (LIP)	3,152
Adult Guardianships (DDP)	1,437
Minor Guardianships	2,617
Adult Conservatorships	1,587
Minor Conservatorships	1,824
Other	262
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,354</b>

# SUMMARY OF FAMILY DIVISION ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY/UNIT	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chg '94-'98
<b>FILING ACTIVITY</b>						
<b>Juvenile/Adoptions</b>						
Authorized Delinquency Petitions	2,191	2,224	2,292	2,407	2,135	
Authorized CPP Petitions	249	276	241	226	281	
Unofficially Closed Delinquency Complaints	3,784	3,642	3,887	3,567	3,607	
Unofficially Closed CPP Complaints	85	50	39	31	41	
Supplemental Delinquency Petitions	257	255	319	291	291	
Supplemental CPP Petitions	52	24	40	48	21	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>6,521</b>	<b>6,812</b>	<b>6,570</b>	<b>6,376</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
Adoption Petitions Files	437	361	396	487	451	
Traffic Tickets	1,302	1,081	930	800	648	
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE/ADOPTIONS</b>	<b>8,357</b>	<b>7,963</b>	<b>8,138</b>	<b>7,857</b>	<b>7,475</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>
<b>Domestic Relations</b>						
No Children	3,040	3,028	2,822	2,856	2,870	
With Children	3,206	3,029	3,011	2,821	2,898	
Paternity	1,295	1,211	1,178	911	905	
URESAs	301	259	234	165	430	
Support	685	556	695	632	654	
Other	516	1,349	700	384	177	
<b>TOTAL DOMESTIC RELATIONS</b>	<b>9,043</b>	<b>9,432</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>7,769</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>-12.3%</b>
<b>Personal Protection Orders</b>	N/A	N/A	2,034	3,000	3,987	+95.9
<b>COURTROOM ACTIVITY</b>						
Juvenile Hearings Held	8,415	8,475	8,542	7,868	8,012	-4.8%
Adoption Hearings Held	573	540	542	621	670	+16.9%
Traffic Hearings Held	740	560	629	553	539	-27.2%
<b>OTHER ACTIVITY</b>						
Youth Assistance Referrals Received	3,305	2,969	3,404	3,332	3,760	+13.8%

INVENTORY OF ACTIVE/PENDING CASES	As of 12/31/98
Juvenile Delinquency (Youth)	1,860
Juvenile Neglect and Abuse (Youth)	776
Adoptions (Petition)	213
Traffic (Tickets)	522
Domestic Relations (Case)	2,797
Personal Protection Orders (Case)	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,226</b>

# JUVENILE REFERRALS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT & COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT	NEG	DEL	YA	UNCL	DIV	1998 TOTAL	1997 TOTAL	% Chg '97-'98
Pontiac	113	280	723	199	277	1,592	1,472	+8.2%
Walled Lake	9	98	270	195	52	624	554	+12.6%
Waterford	17	107	289	143	59	615	597	+3.0%
Other (***)	40	335	0	170	12	557	595	-6.4%
Farmington	4	117	146	180	55	502	435	+15.4%
Huron Valley	6	111	187	104	20	428	378	+13.2%
Troy	3	87	179	106	39	414	297	+39.4%
Hazel Park	9	110	126	85	24	354	309	+14.6%
Clarkston	9	75	128	101	28	341	250	+36.4%
Holly	5	69	104	77	26	281	310	-9.4%
Royal Oak	5	46	135	65	29	280	258	+8.5%
Rochester	3	59	117	88	12	279	199	+40.2%
Ferndale	17	51	103	85	22	278	304	-8.5%
Novi	2	64	118	52	36	272	230	+18.3%
Southfield	12	78	95	55	18	258	444	-41.9%
South Lyon	1	52	122	48	30	253	226	+11.9%
Lake Orion	5	54	108	68	6	241	223	+8.1%
West Bloomfield	2	40	85	71	30	228	270	-15.5%
Oxford	1	28	128	38	30	225	192	+17.2%
Bloomfield Hills	3	25	91	56	37	212	228	-7.0%
Madison	2	52	82	29	41	206	192	+7.3%
Oak Park	7	59	65	36	9	176	237	-25.7%
Avondale	0	30	99	27	11	167	137	+21.9%
Birmingham	2	22	78	26	19	147	149	-1.3%
Berkley	1	26	47	51	10	135	153	-13.1%
Brandon	1	24	64	24	19	132	117	+12.8%
Clawson	1	11	71	31	16	130	110	+18.2%
Northville	1	5	0	10	11	27	17	+58.8%
Clarenceville	0	11	0	4	5	20	34	-41.2%
Lamphere	0	9	0	2	9	20	16	+25.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>9,394</b>	<b>9,125</b>	<b>+2.9%</b>

## KEY:

NEG - Authorized Neglect Petitions

DIV - Unauthorized Complaints Diverted to Other Agencies

UNCL - Unauthorized Complaints Handled Unofficially

YA - Total Referrals to Youth Assistance

DEL - Authorized Delinquency Petitions

\*\*\* - Petition or Complaint Transferred to Resident County