

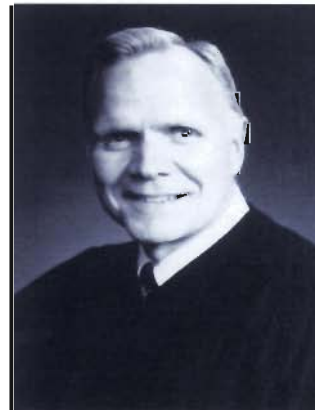
ST. JOSEPH PROBATE COURT 2009 ANNUAL REPORT CARD

2009 was another busy and exciting year for the Probate Court as the volume of court work maintained its heavy schedule. Madison Center which had occupied the rear of our building since it opened in 1997 closed the Madison Center JJC Residential section at the end of 2009. In addition, the St. Joseph County Department of Child Services completed its move out of the lower level area of the building in January, 2009. The Court is working diligently to fill this vacated space and hopefully this will happen in 2010.

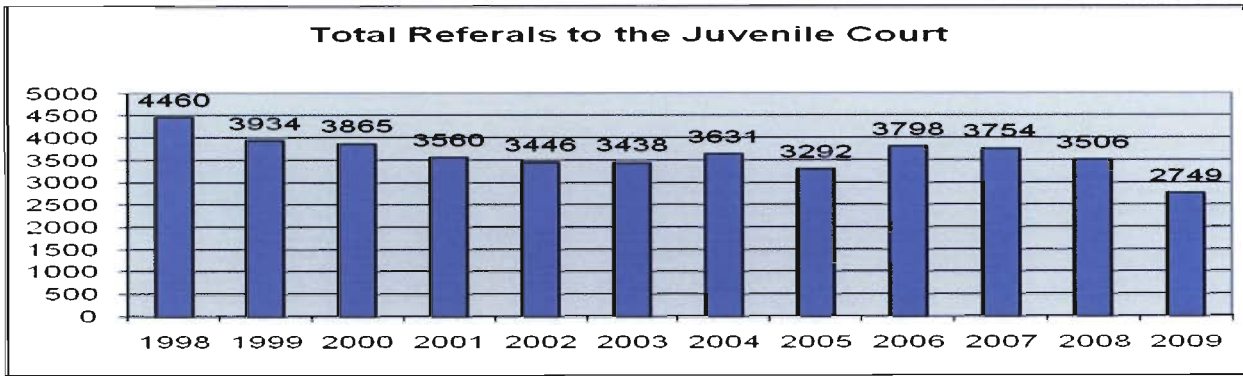
A significant note is that delinquency filings were down by over twenty percent (20%) in 2009. As a result commitments to the Indiana Department of Corrections as well as the census in the detention center were down by similar numbers.

The volume of court business remains high as the Indiana Supreme Court's most recent weighted caseload measure shows that this Court's four judicial officers are doing the work of almost 7 judicial officers.

Special thanks go to all those in the probation, detention, and court departments for the work they all are doing in an effort to assist the families and children of our community.



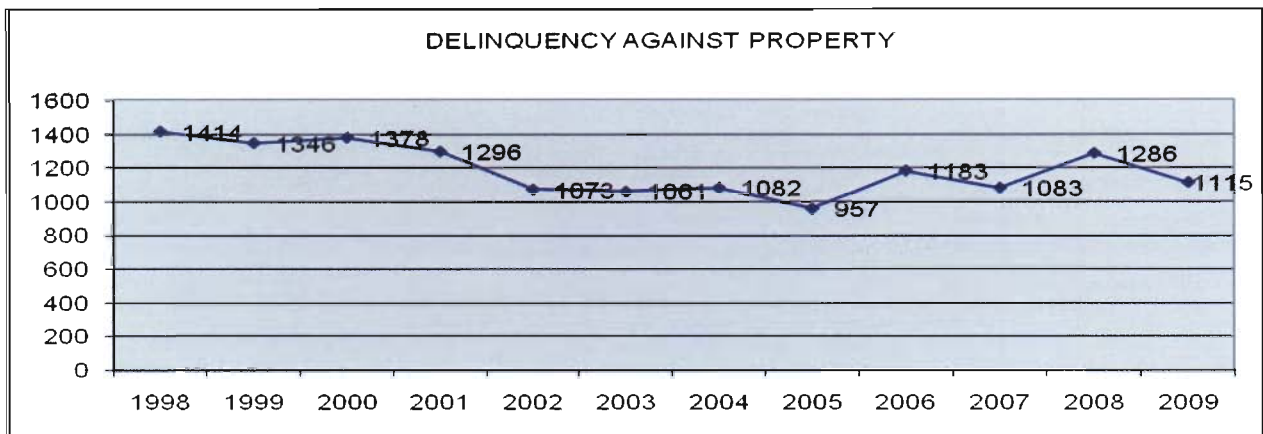
**Peter J. Nemeth, Judge
St. Joseph Probate Court**



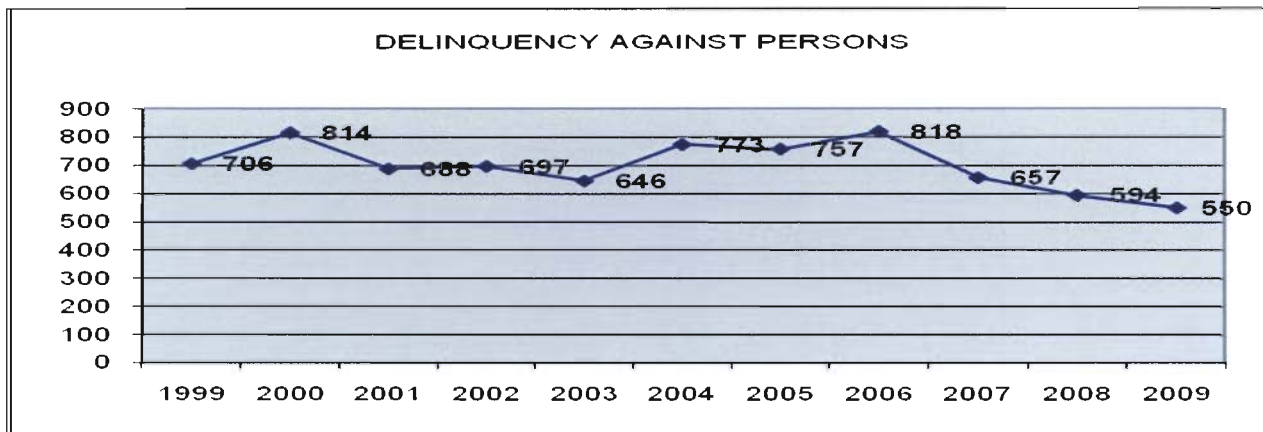
The total referrals to the probation department decreased 22% 3,506 in 2008 to 2,749 in 2009.

The number of first time offenders being referred decreased this year by 23% to 878. There was a 26% decrease in status referrals (Truancy, Runway, and Ungovernables) and a 44% decrease in the number of petitions filed for status offenses. Felony and Misdemeanor referrals (non-status) decreased by 19% for the year while filings by the Prosecutor for juvenile delinquency offenses decreased by 23%.

The total number of offenses reflected in those referrals also went down 8% from 3,647 in 2008 to 3,342 in 2009.



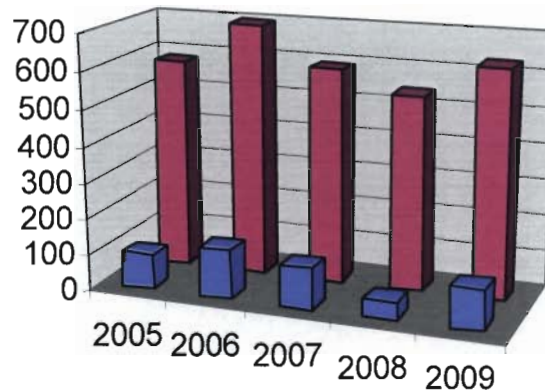
Property offenses in 2009 decreased 13% from the previous year.



Crimes against persons decreased by 7% in 2009 from 2008.

Sex Crimes decreased by 48%. Handgun and firearm offenses dropped from 17 in 2008 to 15 in 2009. Alcohol offenses remained nearly constant while drug related referrals increased 12%.

PROBATION SUPERVISIONS



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
■ FAILED	98	137	113	49	112
■ SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED	584	697	593	537	629

On average, there were 746 juveniles on probation in St. Joseph County at any given time during 2009. In 2009 there was an 82.2% success rate for the 629 juveniles that completed Probation Supervision.

The Mental Health/Social Services Department is part of the coordinated team effort dedicated to protecting the community and helping children detained at the Juvenile Justice Center. Staff accomplishes this by screening for mental health problems and providing mental health assistance to children who are in detention, advising the Court of relevant information, and working with detention staff, probation staff, outside agencies, and children's families.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2009

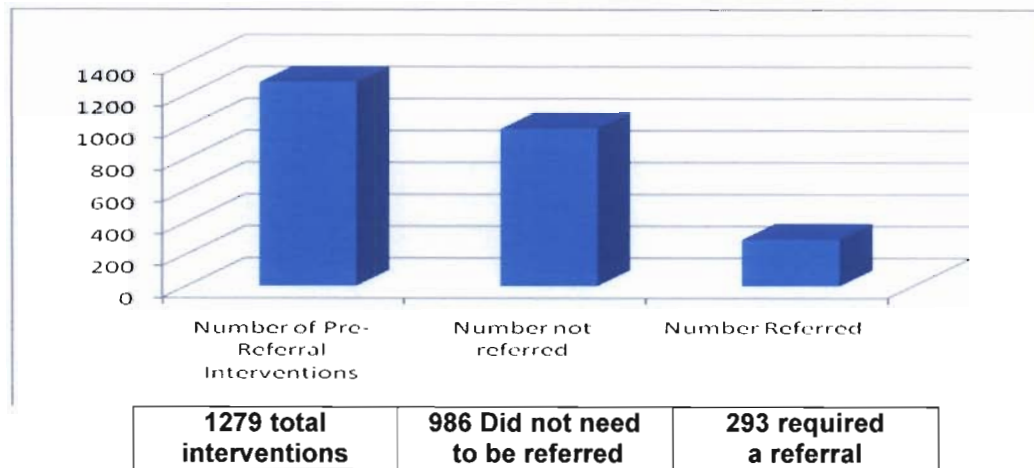
Intakes	Substance Abuse Evaluations	Psychological Testing	Individual Sessions	Group Sessions	Suicide Risk Assessments June through December 2009
608	258	68	1,324	1,316	149

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRONIC TRUANT REFERRALS

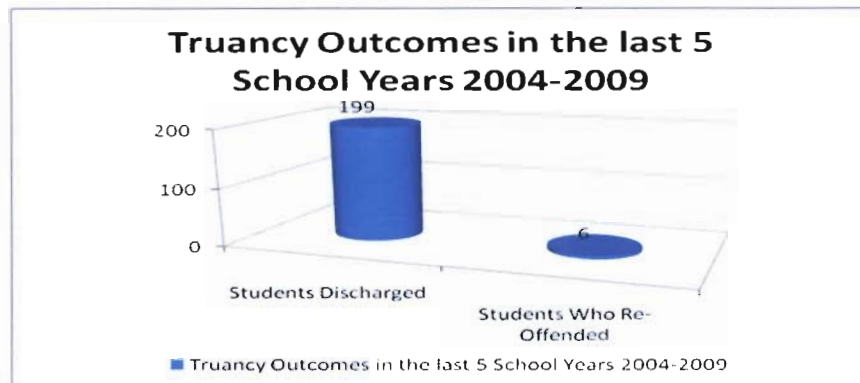
School Corporation	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
South Bend Community School Corp.	45	65	77	70	43
Mishawaka School Corp.	16	21	32	20	5
Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp.	4	6	1	8	9
Other(Urey, Casie Center)	2	7	4	5	6
Total	67	99	114	103	63

Over the past five years truancy referrals from Middle schools do not reflect the magnitude of the chronic truancy issues within St. Joseph County schools.

OUTCOMES OF PRE-REFERRED INTERVENTIONS



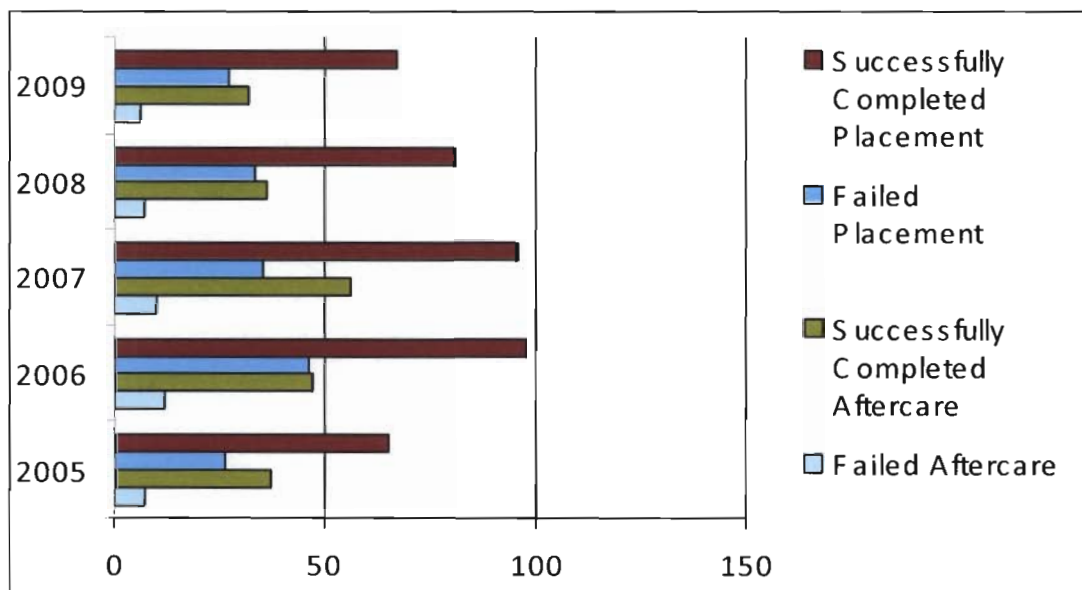
Over the past 5 years, of the 1,279 Pre-Referral Truancy Interventions completed, 986 or 77.2% corrected their truancy issues and did not have to be referred for Court action. Only 23% needed to be referred to the Truancy program. The Middle School Truancy Program has a positive impact on assisting juveniles with prior chronic truancy issues to stay in school, thus reducing further delinquent acts within the community.



Of the 199 students who have been discharged from the Middle School Truancy Program since August of 2004, 193 students (97%) were not adjudicated for a delinquent offense. Only 6 or 3% have re-offended to the level of being found delinquent again. Of those students tracked over the past 5 years who have successfully completed the Truancy Program, there has been no one adjudicated for another offense.

Out of the 335 juveniles in the Truancy Program over the past 5 years, 246 (73%) were not adjudicated for a delinquent offense while on probation for truancy. 225 (67%) did not have any violations resulting in detention time and 299 (89%) of the students did not have two or more violations during the program.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PLACEMENT COMPLETIONS



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Successfully Completed Placement	65	98	96	81	67
Failed Placement	26	46	35	33	27
Successfully Completed Aftercare	37	47	56	36	32
Failed Aftercare	7	12	10	8	6

Over the past 5 years the Court has ordered 629 juveniles to residential treatment placements. 64.7% or 407 juveniles completed placement successfully. Of the 407 juveniles who completed placement successfully, only 10.5% failed the Aftercare Treatment that is provided in the community. In the past 2 years that number has dropped to 9.4%. Note: The Aftercare Treatment provider pays for the Aftercare Treatment.

**COMPARISON OF COMMITMENTS TO THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTION AND RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS**

Year	MALES	FEMALES	I.D.O.C. TOTAL	RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT
2009	89	25	114	86
2008	143	12	155	115
2007	99	13	112	110
2006	116	24	140	140
2005	79	19	98	174
2004	108	22	130	119
2003	113	29	142	174
2002	141	55	196	193
2001	119	51	170	206
2000	127	52	179	204
1999	80	54	134	
1998	81	42	123	
1997	72	23	95	
1996	59	28	87	
1995	68	28	96	

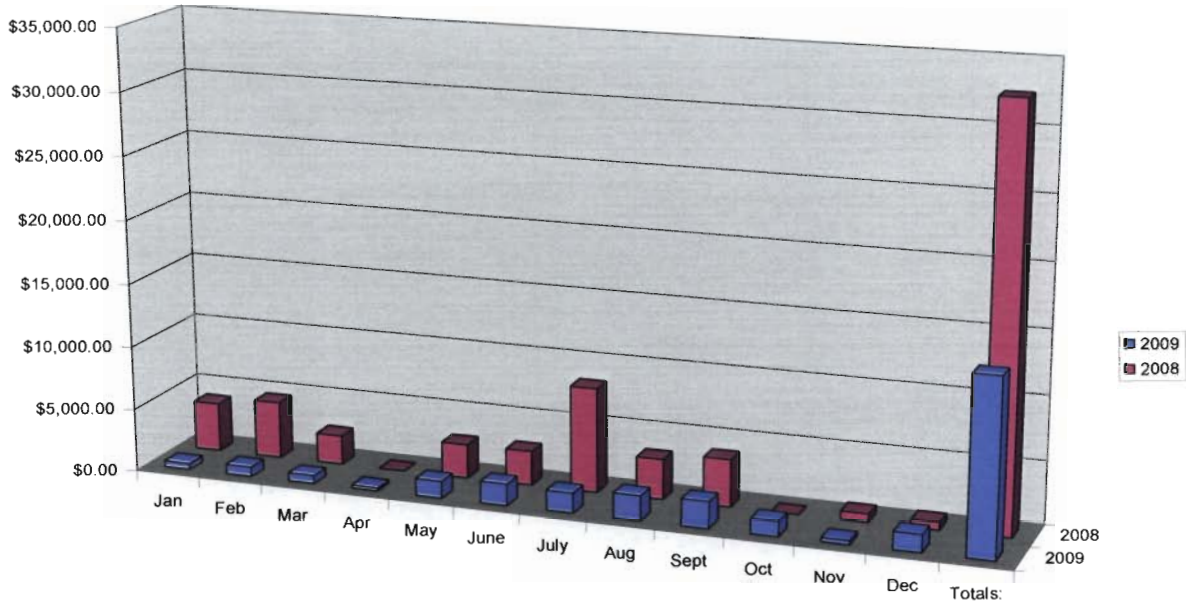
From 2008 to 2009, commitments to the Indiana Department of Correction decreased by 26.45%. Residential Placements also decreased by 25.21% for 2009 from 2008 commitments.

FISCAL COLLECTIONS

Miscellaneous revenue	2009	2008	2007
Institutional placement reimbursements	\$119,536.93	\$149,570.76	\$174,947.80
JJC detention reimbursements	8,197.81	10,323.70	13,962.54
DOC placement reimbursements	96,332.88	88,529.99	77,537.46
Restitution	37,781.52	28,097.44	44,576.94
Probation User Fees (Formal & Informal)	92,152.26	88,808.71	96,367.44
Day Reporting Fees & Elect. Mon. Fees	29,545.95	25,699.25	23,027.50
Out of County Holds & Madison Center	465,076.00	645,445.00	691,688.00
Monthly Substance Abuse Testing Service	37,966.10	49,084.13	75,469.39
Administrative Fee	40,121.76	41,241.83	46,241.38
Totals	\$926,711.21	\$1,126,800.81	\$1,243,818.45

The decrease in miscellaneous revenue for 2009 reflects the decrease in clients, in and out of county, the loss of Madison Center Residential and Department of Child Service drug screening, and the loss of rent paid by both agencies who left the Juvenile Justice Center. The Detention Nursing Department however was able to save \$18,785.00 in pharmaceutical expenses by changing pharmacies as the chart below demonstrates.

PHARMACEUTICAL EXPENDITURES



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals:
2009	\$486.09	\$767.71	\$647.90	\$231.10	\$1,345.5	\$1,716.5	\$1,585.8	\$1,973.1	\$2,114.7	\$1,173.2	\$309.11	\$1,398.3	\$13,749.
2008	\$3,870.1	\$4,490.7	\$2,323.7	\$0	\$2,707.5	\$2,707.5	\$8,240.2	\$3,207.2	\$3,745.3	\$0.00	\$641.22	\$600.84	\$32,534.

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

The **Central Academy GED Program** is a fully accredited, accelerated, alternative court school for juveniles Students working toward a GED. Most juveniles and their families in the Central Academy also receive services from the Day Reporting Program.

During the 200-2010 school year, Central Academy GED program served 22 GED students. Of the 22 GED students served, 9 became eligible by age and ability to take the GED test. 1 passed the test and obtained their GED and 6 are awaiting GED test results. 2 students failed the program. 11 are still attending Central Academy. 2 Students are in the Credit Recovery Program.

After eight years in existence, the Central Academy continues to be quite successful. Students demonstrate improved skills in both mathematics and reading. At a time when Indiana Department of Education data indicates high dropout rates for high school, Central Academy has been successful at keeping students in school and encouraging academic progress. There continue to be more successes and fewer failures than would be expected with this at risk population. Central Academy continues to do very well at retaining students and seeing them graduate from their respective programs. For further information, please contact: Ms. Lisa Dipert at ldipert@jjconline.org or 574-235-5424 (office).

During the 2009 calendar year funding for the **Community Transition Program (CTP)**, “Rebuilding the Walls,” was terminated. The program provided juveniles with a more structured and supportive release into the community from the Indiana Department of Correction. It was designed to assist parents to “rebuild the walls” of their family by increasing their abilities to establish a healthy family structure, provide for the appropriate supervision of their children, and show the needed emotional support to their children. Finally, this program recognized that without a “healthier” family to return a child to after placement the child will not reach their potential as a citizen, and may continue a downward spiral that will lead to further delinquency and criminality. The Community Transition Program served 189 juveniles and families from December 15, 2006 through February 15, 2009. During that time period there were a total 155 juveniles and families that successfully completed the program. For further information, please contact: Ms. Lisa Dipert at ldipert@jjconline.org or 574-235-5422 (office).

The **Day Reporting Program** provides services for medium to high-risk juveniles who are on probation. The juveniles report to the program after school and participate in anger management, problem solving, and life skills groups. Juveniles and families receive individual and family counseling, and participate in parenting groups through a program called, Parenting With Love and Limits. This counseling service is performed by community based service providers and supervised by its author, Dr. Scott Sells. The Day Reporting Program has served 87 juveniles from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. During this year there were a total of 29 juveniles that successfully completed the program and 28 that failed the program. One juvenile was deceased. The program serves juveniles who are medium to high risk to re-offend, often with low protective factors. It is utilized as an early intervention to hopefully prevent further delinquency and also, often viewed, as a last attempt to keep juveniles within their home and the community. Of the 28 unsuccessful juveniles, 17 were committed to The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC), while 6 juveniles were re-assessed and placed in a private residential facility. 3 cases were closed due to age with services rendered, and 2 juveniles became Wards of the Department of Child Services. Of the 57 juveniles that have either graduated or failed the program, only 2 juveniles have re-offended. This is a recidivism rate of 8.3% %. For further information, please contact: Ms. Lisa Dipert at ldipert@jjclonline.org or 574-235-5422 (office).

The **Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP)** is a form of house arrest where an electronic tether is used and a child's home becomes an extension of secure detention. 317 juveniles were served from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. During this year there were a total of 228 juveniles that successfully completed the program and 51 that failed the program. Since 2001, there have been 3,114 juveniles who have been given the opportunity to prove themselves at home on EMP, who would have otherwise had to possibly remain in detention longer. Global Positioning System (GPS) tethers were added this past fall as a tool to more closely monitor medium to high risk (to re-offend) juveniles who may otherwise not be considered for the Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP). For further information, please contact: Ms. Lisa Dipert at ldipert@jjclonline.org or 574-235-5422 (office).