

Andrew J. Misiak; Court Administrator; Ashtabula County Juvenile / Probate Court: Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Resource Center

Andrew is the Court Administrator at the Juvenile / Probate Court in Ashtabula County, Ohio. He graduated with Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Degree in 2009, and has a diverse background of work in the Criminal Justice field for over 10 years. He manages sixty plus employees daily and has developed and expanded evidence based programming through innovative approaches such as working with the Ohio Department of

Youth Services and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. He and his staff, closed the local detention center in favor of better outcomes and more opportunities. A 24/7 Resource Center was created and is flourishing. Andrew is a Training Facilitator for the School & Main Re-Imagining Juvenile Justice Professional development track. He is currently a Certified Court Manager through the National Center for State Courts and is currently in the Executive level program. He is expected to graduate as a Certified Court Executive in 2021. Andrew is a member of many professional organizations and sits on a few non-profit boards.

"Juvenile Assessment and Resource Centers alike are the future of Juvenile Justice in our communities. The focus is on assisting families by intervening earlier, developing partnerships with community stakeholders, utilizing validated screening and assessment tools, and promoting best practices, while focusing on the strengths and needs of the family, and getting better outcomes in our community. I have seen firsthand the success and positive impact that youth, families and communities have benefited from because of this work. There is still more work to be done, specifically addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system, and it is one of my goals through this association to work towards eliminating those disparities. I see myself as a change agent with innovative ideas to continue to help push juvenile justice reform in this positive direction, especially through the growth and further development of Juvenile Assessment Centers and Resource Centers across the country. Therefore, it is an honor and privilege to serve on the National Assessment Center Association board and I am looking forward to creating many of the same opportunities that I have seen be successful in my own community, as well as new opportunities that will redefine the face of juvenile justice in our country."