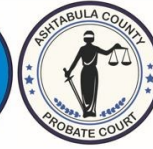




ASHTABULA COUNTY JUVENILE/PROBATE COURT



Holiday Court Closures for May 2025: Thurs. June 19, 2025

County Neighbor Program Sites

As summer kicks off in Northeast Ohio, the Country Neighbor Program announces the return of its Summer Food Service, offering free meals to all children and teens, 18 years of age and under—no registration and ID is required.

This essential community service ensures local youth continue to receive nutritious meals even when school is out. Meals are served at multiple convenient sites throughout Ashtabula County.

The Country Neighbor Program's mission is to empower individuals and strengthen communities by addressing basic needs and promoting self-sufficiency. Their comprehensive approach ensures that the residents have access to essential resources, fostering a supportive and resilient community environment. For more information about County Neighbor, visit their website www.countryneighbor.org or call (440)437-6311

Country Neighbor Program Sites Summer Food Service (SFSP)

FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

Country Neighbor Program, Inc. participates in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Here are our sites and times located within your area:

Andover Library 142 West Main Street Andover, Ohio 44003 6/2/2025 to 8/1/2025 Grab and Go 12:00 to 12:30	Grand Valley Library 1 North School Street Orwell, Ohio 44076 6/2/2025 to 8/15/2025 Grab and Go 11:30 to 12:00	Eagle Street Park 555 North Eagle St. Geneva, Ohio 44041 6/9/2025 to 8/1/2025 Grab and Go 11:30 to 12:00
A-Tech 1565 State Route 167 Jefferson, Ohio 44047 6/9/2025 to 8/1/2025 Grab and Go 12:15 to 12:45	The Hub 5917 West Ave. Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 6/2/2025 to 8/15/2025 Grab and Go 11:00 to 1:00	Rock Creek Library 2988 High Street Rock Creek, Ohio 44084 6/2/2025 to 8/15/2025 Grab and Go 12:00 to 12:30
Harbor Ridge Apartments 1517 Lambros Lane Ashtabula, OH 44004 6/9/2025 to 8/15/2025 Grab and Go 10:45 to 11:15	Bonniebrook Apartments 3010 Glover Drive Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 6/9/2025 to 8/15/2025 Grab and Go 11:30 to 12:00	Giddings Park 104 Market Street Jefferson, Ohio 44047 6/2/2025 to 8/15/2025 Grab and Go 11:00 to 11:30
Conneaut Summer Recess Program 755 Chestnut Street Conneaut, Ohio 44030 8/23/2025 to 7/25/2025 Grab and Go 11:30 to 12:00		

Nondiscrimination Statement

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Ohio Justice Bus

The Ohio Justice Bus is returning to Ashtabula County on June 9, 2025, and will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ashtabula County Law Library (date changed from June 10, 2025 to June 9, 2025). This free resource becomes available every few months for the Ashtabula County community.

What is the Justice Bus?

- Helps Ohioans access free legal services
- Provides technology to address legal needs in rural or underserved areas.
- Solves legal challenges to help improve financial, security, health and safety.
- Partners with community organizations across the state.

Legal Aid works in each of Ohio's 88 counties to protect survivors of domestic violence; to prevent the financial exploitation of Ohio's seniors; to ensure access to healthcare for low-income Ohioans; to preserve stable house; and to secure financial stability so that all Ohioans can lead safe, stable, and healthy lives. In 2023, Ohio's legal aids served 135,875 Ohioans, including 18,273 seniors, 4,894 survivors of domestic violence, and 58,981 children.

For additional information about Ashtabula County's Free Legal Clinic, please see the information on the flyer. Please note that Pre-Registration for this free service is required.

Free Legal Clinic

Join the Ohio Justice Bus for a brief advice clinic



The Ohio Justice Bus is a mobile legal office and technology hotspot that allows legal aid and pro bono attorneys to travel to and provide legal services to Ohioans at no cost to clients.

The Ohio Justice Bus is partnering with the Ashtabula County Law Library to offer free legal advice to low-income residents of Ashtabula County. You will have the opportunity to talk privately to an attorney about family law issues, including divorce, dissolution, custody, visitation, and more.

✓ Monday, June 9, 2025
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join Us!

✓ Ashtabula County Law Library
25 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047

✓ To schedule your appointment, please call the Ashtabula County Law Library at 440-576-3690 or email ashtabulacountylawlibrary@gmail.com.

help@ohiojusticebus.org

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Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County—Men Who Cook

In a heartwarming display of camaraderie, community spirit and culinary talent, Judge Albert S. Campese and Magistrate Richard Dana traded in their robes for aprons to compete in the annual “Men Who Cook” competition—all in support of Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County.

This year’s dynamic duo teamed up to prepare a special family recipe in Judge Campese’s family—they cooked up Quadretti. With their hearts set on giving back, the two spent several days leading up to the event perfecting their dish, carefully balancing flavors, techniques, and a healthy dose of friendly competition. This event brings together men from

across the community to showcase their culinary skills. The event benefits Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County’s critical outreach services, including emergency assistance, the voluntary guardianship program, and various family support programs. Cooking is a lot like a courtroom—there’s a lot of heat, some surprises, and in the end, you hope justice—or in this case, dinner—is served!

This pair may have entered the competition for fun, but they left an impression that went far beyond the plate. They shared an effort, rooted in tradition and generosity, that reminds everyone that even in the busiest roles, there’s always time to give back.



Important Community Dates

Get involved in the community by marking your calendar with these important dates of upcoming events, meetings, and/or classes!

Pickleball

Date: Every Tuesday & Wednesday
Time: 9:00am to Noon
Location: Community Park (185 North Maple Street, Orwell, Ohio)

Summer Reading Kickoff

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Location: Conneaut Public Library (304 Buffalo Street, Conneaut, Ohio)
Details: Family Outdoor Concert Featuring Mr. Jeff @ 5:30pm.

Resource & Technology Fair

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025
Time: 11:00am to 3:00pm/4:00pm to 5:30pm
Location: Ashtabula Towne Square Mall (3315 North Ridge Road E, Ashtabula, Ohio)
Details: Open to the community! Contact Andrea Klimko (440) 335-1565 with questions

2025 Community Resource Fair

Date: Friday, June 20, 2025
Time: 10:00am to Noon
Location: Guyreino’s Deli and Catering (2259 West Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio)
Details: Multiple Vendors, Informational Presentations and Free Refreshments

Fathers in Nature

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025
Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm
Location: Dr. James K. Bissell Nature Center (3973 Callender Road, Rock Creek, Ohio 44084)
Details: A day of education and fun—birdhouse building, fishing, lunch and presentation.

Summerfest 2025

Date: Saturday, July 26, 2025
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm
Location: Giddings Park (Jefferson, Ohio)
Details: Free Admission, Handmade crafts, Food Trucks, Cornhole Tournament and much more!

Violent Online Networks Target Vulnerable and Underage Populations

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is warning the public of a sharp increase in the activity of “764” and other violent online networks which operate within the United States and around the globe. These networks methodically target and exploit minors, and other vulnerable individuals. It is imperative the public is made aware of the risk, as well as the warning signs exhibited to victims. These networks use threats, blackmail, and manipulation to coerce or extort victims into producing, sharing, or live-

streaming acts of self-harm, animal cruelty, sexually explicit acts, and/or suicide. The footage is then circulated among members of the network to continue to extort victims and exert control over them.

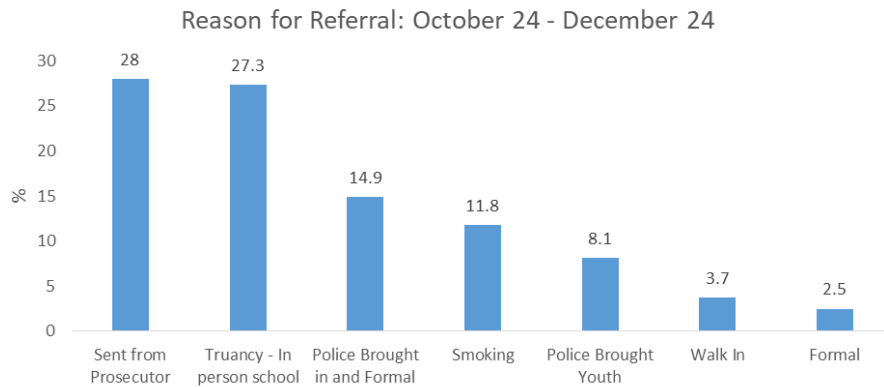
Violent Online Networks

Some of the violent actors in these online networks are motivated by a desire to cause fear and chaos through their criminal conduct. However, motivations are highly individualized. Some threat actors may be engaging in criminal activity for sexual gratification, social

status, a sense of belonging or for a mix of other reasons that may not be ideologically motivated.

These networks exist on publicly available online platforms, such as social media sites, gaming platforms, and mobile applications commonly used by young people. Many threat actors systematically target underage females, but anyone — juveniles, adults, males, and females — can be targeted. Victims are typically between the ages of 10 and 17 years old, but the FBI has seen some victims as young as 9 years old. For more information, go to: <https://www.ic3.gov/PSA/2025/>

Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center Evaluation



Since 2017, the Family Resource Center has served 3,772 youths. The most recent quarter, between January 1, 2025 and March 31, 2025, 166 youth were referred to the Family Resource Center, which is a 1% decrease in referrals compared to the previous quarter (168 youth referred between October 2024 and December 2024). The majority of youth served were male (59.6%, n = 99) and White (71.2%, n =

116) or Black (14.1%, n = 23). The average age at referral was 14.8 years. Of the 45 youth with OYAS data, 62.2% (n = 28) scored Moderate and 31.1% (n = 14) scored Low. In the quarter, 60.0% (n = 99) of the youth served by the Family Resource Center were referred for being 'at risk' while 30.3% (n = 50) were referred for a misdemeanor. Three youth (1.8%) in the quarter were referred for a felony.

Referrals to the Family Resource Center this quarter have been broken down by offense description. Over 72% of the referrals (72.3%, n = 120) were for 'other' offenses, while 18.1% (n = 30) were for person offenses. The above figure displays the reason for the referral to the Family Resource Center. The most common reason for referral was truancy (39.2%, n = 65) followed by referrals directly from the prosecutor (24.7%, n = 41).

Family Drug Court Graduates Inspire Current Participants

On May 30, 2025, two graduates of the Ashtabula County Family Drug Court program returned to share their journeys with current participants. Graduates, Sarah Martin and Chastity Gray engaged our current drug court participants in a heartfelt discussion concerning recovery, accountability and the path to reunification. Both graduates spoke candidly about

their struggles with substance abuse, their challenges to parenting while in recovery, and the pivotal role the Family Drug Court program played in helping them rebuild their lives. Sarah Martin graduated from the program in August 2020, and Chastity Gray graduated in April 2022. The graduates offered current participants an opportunity to hear directly from individuals who've successfully completed our program, and

have successfully reclaimed their roles as parents and community members. Current participants had the opportunity to ask questions and receive honest, no-nonsense feedback to their concerns. We are incredibly proud of Sarah and Chastity! Their respective determination, growth and commitment to change is testament to the strength of the human spirit and the effectiveness of our County's Family Drug Court program.

Employee Anniversaries



Throughout the year, we recognize, focus upon and thank our employees on their work anniversaries. For the month of June, we are celebrating two employee anniversaries.

First, we would like to celebrate Brianna Wiley who marks three years this month as a Deputy Clerk at the Juvenile Court. Over the past three years, Brianna has demonstrated exceptional professionalism, attention to

detail, and a strong commitment to upholding the integrity of the court operations. She consistently has gone above and beyond in every aspect of her role. Congrats, Brianna!

Next, Emily Zeigler also celebrates three years with our Juvenile Court. Emily serves as a Diversion Specialist in our Family Resource Center. Since joining our team, Emily has played a vital role in guiding young people toward brighter futures. Emily is employed on second shift. Through her dedication,

compassion and unwavering belief in the power of example, Emily has helped countless youth and families navigate challenges and access the support they need to move forward. We thank you for your service and we look forward to witnessing your continued positive impact upon our youth and families in the years to come!

Be sure to follow us for further updates around the Juvenile/Probate Court. Also, be sure to keep an eye out for posted career opportunities!