

Wells County Probation

2020 Annual Report
For Judges June 17, 2021

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Introduction

The following annual report excerpts were submitted to Judges Kiracofe and Antrim of the Wells Circuit and Superior Courts respectively in June 2021.

The biggest challenge in 2020 was the COVID19 pandemic. State and locally imposed protocols impacted services tremendously, especially those involving face-to-face contacts. At times, in office staff was reduced to half to avoid exposure and walk-in visitors were prohibited from entering the courthouse. Some of the protocols will have long-lasting effect (video interviews with inmates at the jail), while others are already becoming faint memory (mandatory mask wearing).

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Adult Workload 2020

<u>ADULT REPORT SUMMARY</u> (end of 4th Quarter)						
	2020		2020		2020	
	Felons	(2019)	Misdemeanants	(2019)	Total	(2019)
Supervisions pending (end of 4th quarter)	244	235	225	291	469	526
Presentence Investigation Reports (annual)			95			121
New Substance abuse cases (annual)	90	80	136	169	226	249
New Sex offender Cases (annual)	10	3	0	1	10	2
2019						
Supervision Risk Levels (end of 4th quarter)	High	23	24%	17	25%	
	Medium	98		113		
	Low	208	42%	240	46%	
	Admin	157	32%	156	30%	
	Unknown	9		0		

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JUVENILE WORKLOAD 2020

<u>JUVENILE REPORT SUMMARY (4th Quarter)</u>					
	Non-Status	Status	Other	Total	2019
Referrals Disposed (annual)	64	21	0	85	126
Supervisions (end of period)	20	6	0	26	103
New Substance abuse cases				4	11
New Sex offender Cases				6	5
2019					
Supervision Risk Levels (end of 4th quarter)	High	1	48%	1	
	Medium	11		23	
	Low	13	52%	28	
	Admin	0		0	
	Total	25		52	
	No Entry	2		3	

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JUVENILE WORKLOAD 2020

JUVENILE PLACEMENTS (Annual)				
	2020		2019	
	Days	Children	Days	Children
Probation Supervision	-	79		96
Foster Placements	444	7	2695	26
Detentions	484	11	800	23
DOC	687	5	557	3
Home Detention	203	7	593	15
Total Removal Days	1818		4645	
Total Children		30		41

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Drug Tests

Drug Tests Data				
	Total Tests	Total People	Positive Tests	Percentage
Total Tests Collected by probation	633	180	332	52%
Total Tests Recorded (includes other agencies)	763	221	361	47%
2019 Total	1486	389	592	40%
Drugs Found in Tests	2020	%	2019	%
Marijuana	126	38%	282	48%
Opiate	14	4%	31	5%
Ethyl Glucuronide	22	7%	55	9%
Fentanyl	13	4%	N/A	N/A
Amphetamine	123	37%	150	25%
Methadone	13	4%	13	2%
Methamphetamine	18	5%	11	2%
Benzodiazepine	4	1%	22	4%
Morphine/Opiate	0	0%	2	0%
Oxycodone	5	2%	9	2%
Cocaine	8	2%	8	1%
Buprenorphine	68	20%	47	8%
Dilute Validity	29	9%	56	9%
Ethanol	1	0%	0	0%

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Staff

- The most significant change in 2020 was addition of a part-time officer due to Scott Ailor's decision work part-time. Keeping his expertise in sex offender supervision was desired and we had sufficient PUF funds for temporarily maintaining this position. With approval of the County Council the part time position was added, and we were able to employ Valerie Runyon, then a substance abuse therapist/counselor from Park Center, into his vacated full-time position.

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Staff

Staff at the end of 2020:

Scott Ailor – probation officer
Vicki Cale – probation officer
Stephanie Eddy – probation officer
Jessica Nix – probation officer consultant for PSI reports
MJ Tipton – field officer
Katrina Okey – secretary
Stephen Pastore – probation officer
Allison Perry – probation officer
Valerie Runyon – probation officer
Jan Stroncsek – secretary
Gregory Werich – chief probation officer

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Staff

- While not really staff, we do work with local schools in providing internship opportunities. For high school students is it mostly observation and job shadowing with occasional clerical assistance. College interns have opportunity to meet with individuals if they demonstrate basic interviewing competency. In 2020 we worked with:
 - Jaci Prough – Norwell
 - Cameron Wilson - Norwell

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Staff and Office Hours

- We continue to offer office hours for 44.5 hours per week utilizing flexible scheduling.
 - 8 – 4:30 Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri
 - 8 – 6:30 Tue (* weeks with holiday closure or mandatory training we close at 4:30)
- Field contacts pursuant to state recommendations
- Placement and school visits as required

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Violations Data 2020

The courts requested in the past some data from probation regarding violations. Based on information available in the Supervised Release System (SRS) of INCite, the following information was gleaned from records in 2020 from both juvenile and adult jurisdictions. (All first filings table).

- Total of 991 supervision cases in 2020
- 27% (269) had a violation filed
- 32% (87) were filed in the first 120 days of supervision
- 39% (104) were for new law violations
- 45% (114) were high or moderate risk
- 35% (58) of the technical violations were for drug use while on probation

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Violation Data 2019

- Comparison data from 2019 is provided below.
- Total of 1028 supervision cases in 2019 from both juvenile and adult jurisdiction
- 38% (386) had a violation filed
- 40% (154) were filed in the first 120 days of supervision
- 31% (119) were for new law violations
- 40% (156) were high or moderate risk
- 51% (136) of the technical violations were for drug use while on probation

* Thanks to intern Clare Johnson for cleaning the data and preparing the 2019 spreadsheet for this year.

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Miscellaneous

- Restitution: we assisted in the collection of \$50,136 in restitution in 2020.

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Financial - expenditures

Based on the reports submitted to the Indiana Office of Court Services:

- Section I - Personal Services: \$633,922
- Section II – Supplies: \$2,732
- Section III – Professional Services and Charges*: \$98,776
- Section IV – Capital Outlays: \$1,662
- Total Probation Expenditures: \$737,092

* Includes juvenile detention services which is under the budget of the Wells County Commissioners.

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User Fees Funds

- Fund Balances as of June 17, 2021
 - Current Adult User Fees \$314,601
 - Current Juvenile User Fees \$33,967
 - Current Drug Test Funds \$15,132

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Financial – user fees collections in 2020

	Circuit	Superior	Juvenile	Admin.	Transfer	UT Fees	Interest	Total
2020								
Jan	\$ 560.66	\$ 4,728.50	\$ 784.73	\$ 1,802.68		\$ 380.00	\$ 317.85	\$ 8,574.42
Feb	\$ 1,308.53	\$ 5,493.60	\$ 481.12	\$ 1,451.35		\$ 505.00	\$ 304.46	\$ 9,544.06
Mar	\$ 4,947.30	\$ 3,748.45	\$ 232.80	\$ 2,089.86		\$ 450.00	\$ 205.76	\$ 11,674.17
Apr	\$ 812.86	\$ 3,101.09	\$ 649.90	\$ 1,078.98		\$ 258.00	\$ 26.44	\$ 5,927.27
May	\$ 1,785.61	\$ 6,190.85	\$ 712.95	\$ 1,774.37		\$ 605.00	\$ 42.81	\$ 11,111.59
Jun	\$ 1,940.30	\$ 7,394.04	\$ 979.70	\$ 2,580.51		\$ 859.58	\$ 35.91	\$ 13,790.04
Jul	\$ 150.35	\$ 5,999.97	\$ 223.10	\$ 1,628.66		\$ 455.00	\$ 44.81	\$ 8,501.89
Aug	\$ 302.80	\$ 7,269.13	\$ 121.25	\$ 1,391.91		\$ 505.00		\$ 9,590.09
Sep	\$ 1,075.60	\$ 6,181.30	\$ -	\$ 2,519.51		\$ 485.75	\$ 126.44	\$ 10,388.60
Oct	\$ 572.30	\$ 4,475.57	\$ 9.70	\$ 1,011.86		\$ 337.33	\$ 151.59	\$ 6,558.35
Nov	\$ 1,193.10	\$ 3,153.47	\$ 295.85	\$ 2,121.76		\$ 289.67	\$ 80.96	\$ 7,134.81
Dec	\$ 349.20	\$ 3,732.33	\$ 58.20	\$ 1,647.98		\$ 260.00	\$ 87.94	\$ 6,135.65
Total	\$14,998.61	\$ 61,468.30	\$ 4,549.30	\$ 21,099.43	\$ -	\$ 5,390.33	\$ 1,424.97	\$ 108,930.94

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Financial – users fees forecasts

		<u>Admin Collected</u>	
<i>Jan - Jun 2020</i>		6 month ave/MO \$	1,796.29
<i>Jul 2019 - Dec 2020</i>		18 month ave/mo \$	1,741.47
		<u>Adult PUF</u>	
		6 month ave/MO \$	7,001.97
		18 month ave/mo \$	6,048.69
		<u>Juvenile PUF</u>	
		6 month ave/MO \$	640.20
		18 month ave/mo \$	516.09
		<u>Drug Test Fees</u>	
		6 month ave/MO \$	509.60
		18 month ave/mo \$	456.15

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Financial – Drug Test Costs/Revenue

- In 2019 we opted to impose a fixed fee for each probationer case for drug tests during the course of supervision. The following chart reveals the costs, revenue during this period.

Drug Test Cost/Revenue							
	Tests	Cost	Expenditures	Collections	People on Probation	Cost Analysis	
2018	1096	\$15/test	\$ 7,287.28	\$ 4,740.00	976	\$ (2,547.28)	29% based on tests
2019	1486	\$20/case	\$ 10,301.48	\$ 7,292.00	1041	\$ (3,009.48)	35% based on population
2020	633	\$20/case	\$ 7,781.21	\$ 5,390.00	991	\$ (2,391.21)	27% based on population

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Presentence Investigations Reports (PSI)

- As noted above, 95 PSI's were filed last year.
- We continue to advocate for having resources to fund the PSI consultant because it permits full-time PO's the ability to focus on case management, and a consistency in PSI preparation.

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Pretrial Assessment (PTA)

- We filed 16 PTA last year.

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