



# OFFICE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER

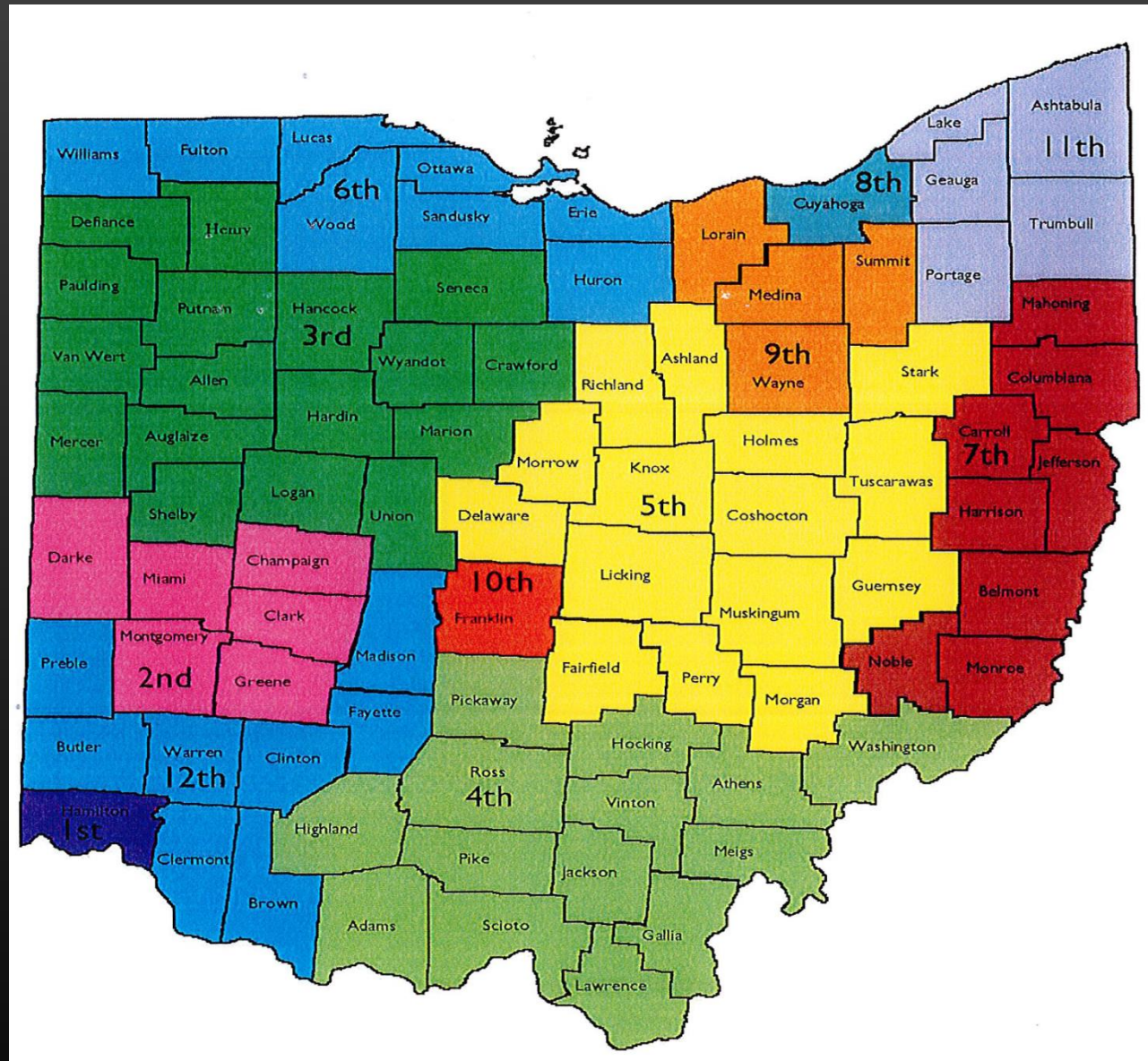
## **OCLRE presents Ohio Government in Action**

November 17, 2015



*“Any person haled into court, who is too poor to hire a lawyer, cannot be assured a fair trial unless counsel is provided for him. This seems to us to be an obvious truth.”*

*- Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)*



## Far fewer trials

The rates at which civil and criminal cases go to trial, on the decline for decades, have slipped to historic lows. The percentage of civil and criminal cases that were disposed of with trials in common pleas courts:

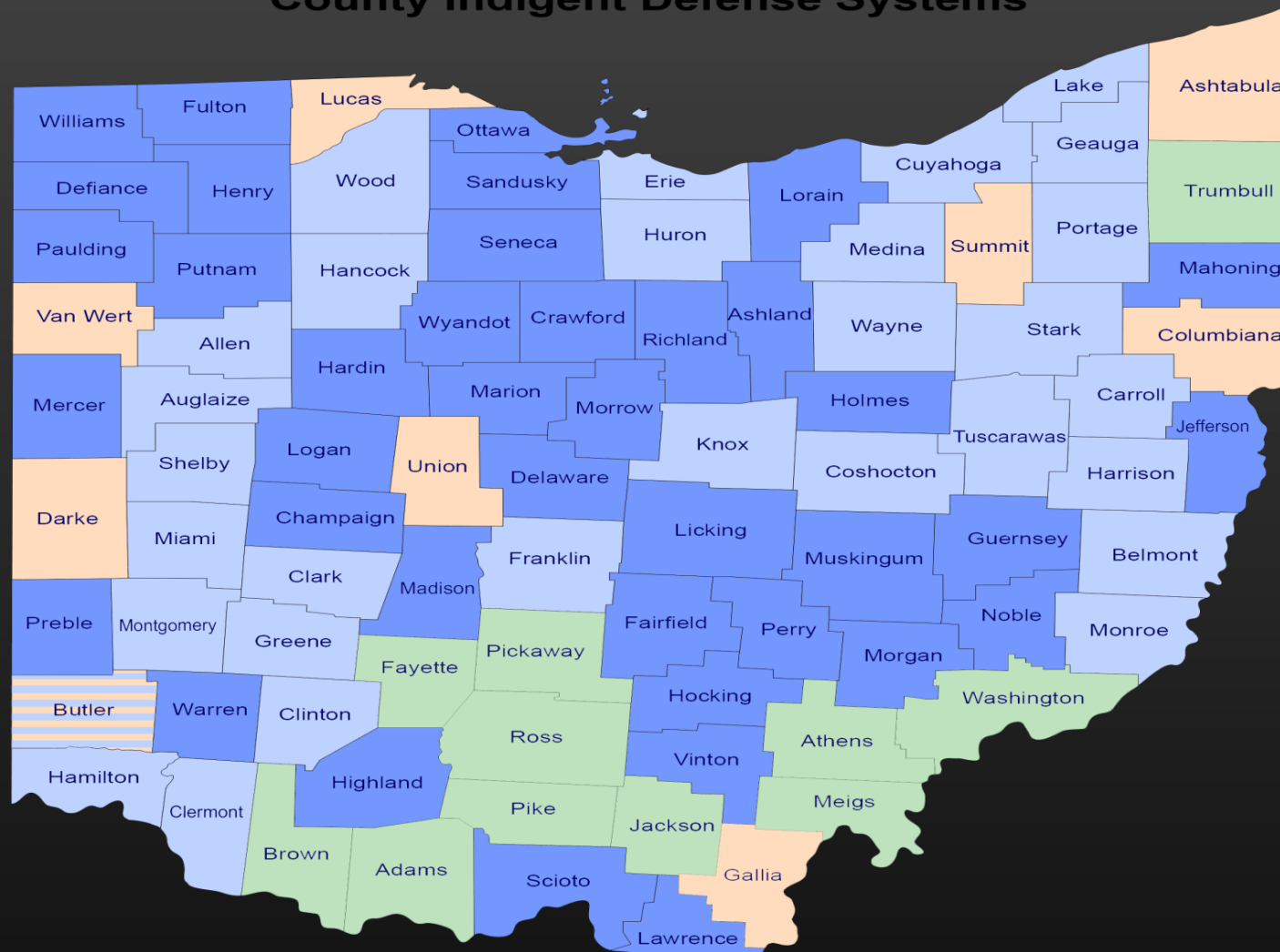
		2008		2010		2012	
		NUMBER	PCT.	NUMBER	PCT.	NUMBER	PCT.
<b>CIVIL CASES</b>							
<b>TOTAL</b>	Franklin County	19,237	—	20,025	—	18,114	—
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>	Statewide	192,102	—	182,520	—	157,223	—
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<b>TRIALS</b>	Franklin County	116	0.6%	130	0.6%	98	0.5%
	Statewide	2,810	1.5%	2,399	1.3%	1,895	1.2%
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<b>CRIMINAL CASES</b>							
<b>TOTAL</b>	Franklin County	9,287	—	7,301	—	6,443	—
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>	Statewide	82,200	—	70,779	—	68,820	—
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<b>TRIALS</b>	Franklin County	178	1.9%	212	2.9%	135	2.1%
	Statewide	2,870	3.5%	2,124	3.0%	1,715	2.5%

Source: Ohio Supreme Court

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# County Indigent Defense Systems



- Court Appointed Counsel
- County Public Defender
- County Contract with Non-Profit Corporation
- Contract with State Public Defender

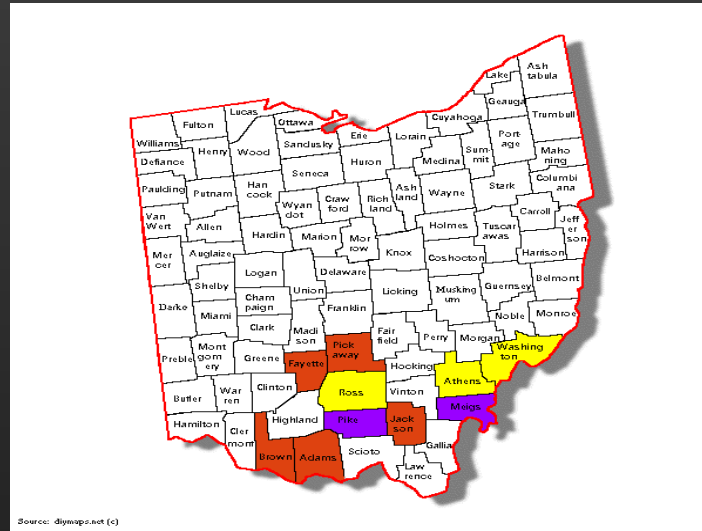
## OPD'S MISSION

To protect the rights of indigent persons throughout Ohio by providing quality representation and leadership in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

## OPD'S VISION

The Office of the Ohio Public Defender will be a nationally recognized leader in indigent defense, that provides superior representation and advocacy, while affirming the dignity of our clients, and operating with fiscal and professional integrity.

# Four Branch Offices



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# Columbus Office

Administrative Division

Appellate Services Division

- Death Penalty
- Juvenile Department
- Legal Department

Policy & Outreach Division

Trial Division

Investigator/Mitigation  
Department

Wrongful Conviction Project



# What type of services do we provide?

**DIRECT REPRESENTATION**

**LEGISLATION**

**POLICY & OUTREACH**

**MEDIA**

**TRAINING & EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE & TASK FORCE WORK**

Where do OPD's clients come from?



# Juvenile Department



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# Juvenile & Legal Departments

## INSIDE THE COURTROOM:

- Direct Appeals
- Post-Conviction
- Detention/Jail Time Credit
- Judicial Release
- Juvenile sex offender classification
- Motions to Vacate Void Judgments
- Federal Habeas
- Cert. petitions

## OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM:

- Certified JTIP Trainers
- Certified PREA Auditors
- Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice
- JDAI State Executive Committee
- Recodification Committee
- Sentencing Commission
- Forensic Training Unit
- Educate at National and Ohio Summits

# Education in DYS

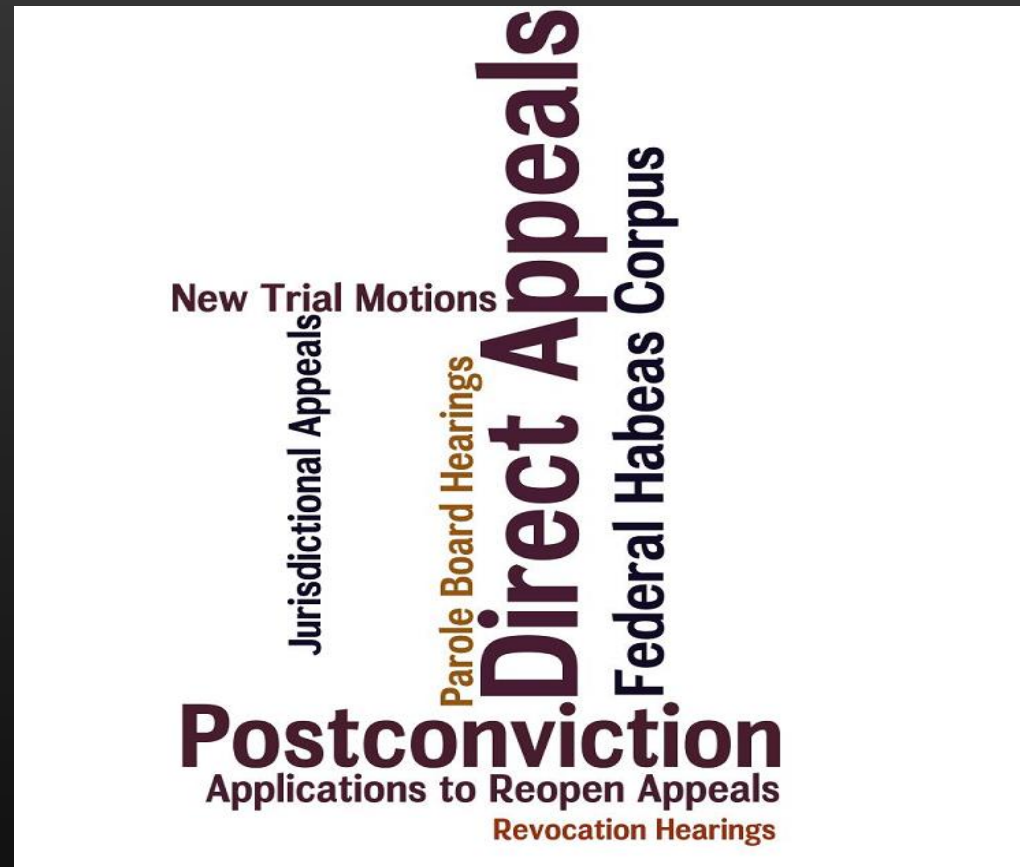
In 2015:

- 27 kids received their GEDs
- 25 received their high school diplomas
- 522 received career technical certificates
- 10,657 community service hours were completed



**Do prisons use third grade  
reading scores to predict the  
number of prison beds they'll  
need?**

# Legal Department



**Table 1. ODRC Prison Population Projections, by Sex, for July 1, 2010 - July 1, 2018 (Primary Forecast)**

Date	Male	pct change	Female	pct change	Total	pct change			
6/29/2009*	47,200		3,913		51,113				
							current rated capacity	additional beds needed to stay at 123%	additional beds needed to stay at 115%
7/1/2010	47,596	1.008	4,126	1.054	51,722	1.012	38,665	3,385	6,311
7/1/2011	48,296	1.015	4,250	1.030	52,546	1.016	38,665	4,055	7,027
7/1/2012	48,872	1.012	4,304	1.013	53,176	1.012	38,665	4,568	7,575
7/1/2013	49,538	1.014	4,388	1.020	53,926	1.014	38,665	5,177	8,227
7/1/2014	50,102	1.011	4,327	0.986	54,429	1.009	38,665	5,586	8,665
7/1/2015	50,327	1.004	4,477	1.035	54,804	1.007	38,665	5,891	8,991
7/1/2016	50,869	1.011	4,473	0.999	55,342	1.010	38,665	6,328	9,458
7/1/2017	51,154	1.006	4,406	0.985	55,560	1.004	38,665	6,506	9,648
7/1/2018	51,252	1.002	4,482	1.017	55,734	1.003	38,665	6,647	9,799

\*Actual population from 6/29/2009 Weekly Count Sheet

## Fiscal impact on family of incarcerating a parent

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Children of incarcerated fathers expelled or  
suspended 23%

Other children expelled or suspended 4%

I wish my  
Teacher knew I Don't  
Have Pencils at home  
to Do my homework.



# Death Penalty Department

- Direct Appeals
- Post-Conviction
- Fed Habeas
- Clemency
- LI Litigation
- Execution

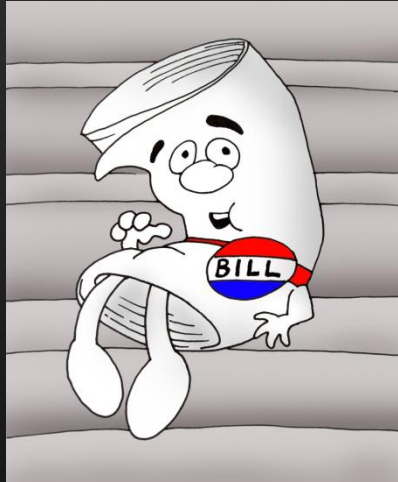


# Wrongful Conviction Project

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

# Policy & Outreach



# Equally as important...

## We serve:

- Access to Justice Task Force
  - Report issued 3/2015
- Death Penalty Task Force
  - Report issued 3/2014
- Criminal Justice Recodification Committee
  - Work to be completed 8/2016
- Sentencing Commission

## We educate and train:

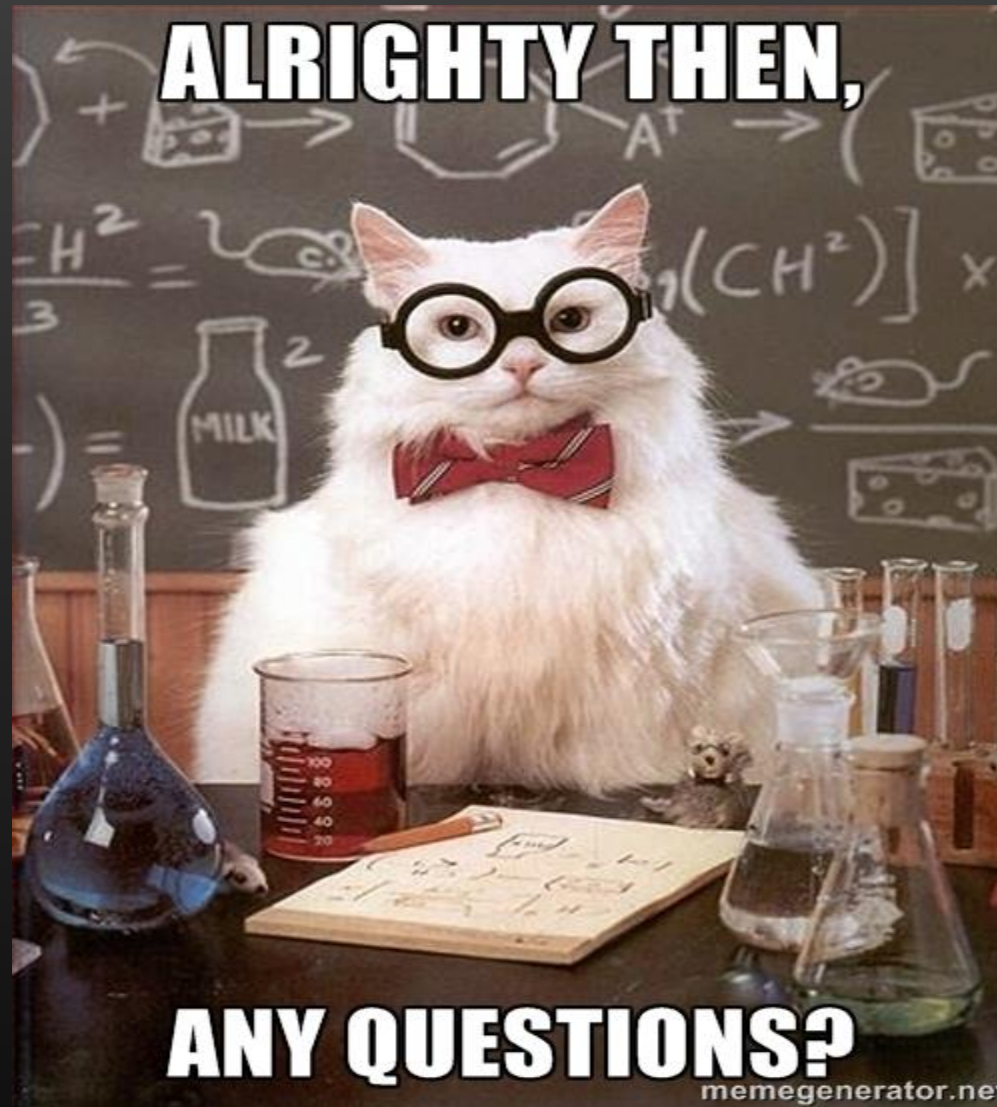
- Skills-based training
- OACDL
- Children's Law Center
- Forensic Training Unit

Serve as a resource...

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