



Lucas County Juvenile Court

Care

Guidance

Treatment

Protection

Honorable Denise Navarre Cubbon, Administrative Judge
Honorable Connie Zimmelman, Judge
Deborah K. Hodges, Court Administrator

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Lucas County, Ohio

Demographics

Toledo Is The County Seat Of Lucas County, Ohio.

2015 Lucas County Population Estimate: 441,815 people

2015 Lucas County Population Estimate by Races:*

- White – 186,188
- Black/African American – 78,073
- Hispanic/Latino – 21,231
- Asian – 3,264
- American Indian – 1,065

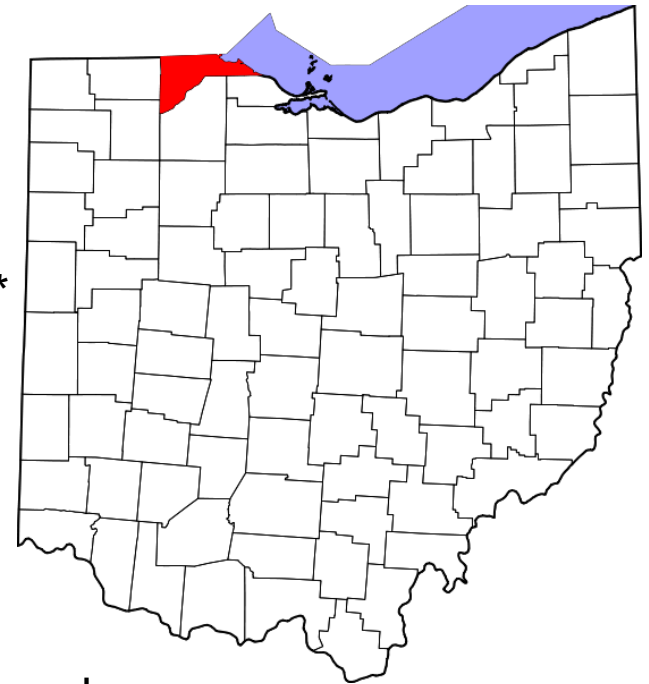
2015 City of Toledo Population Estimate: 287,208 people

Youth Population Estimate Between 10 & 18 Years: 45,591

Lucas County & Toledo Population Source: <https://suburbanstats.org/population/ohio/>

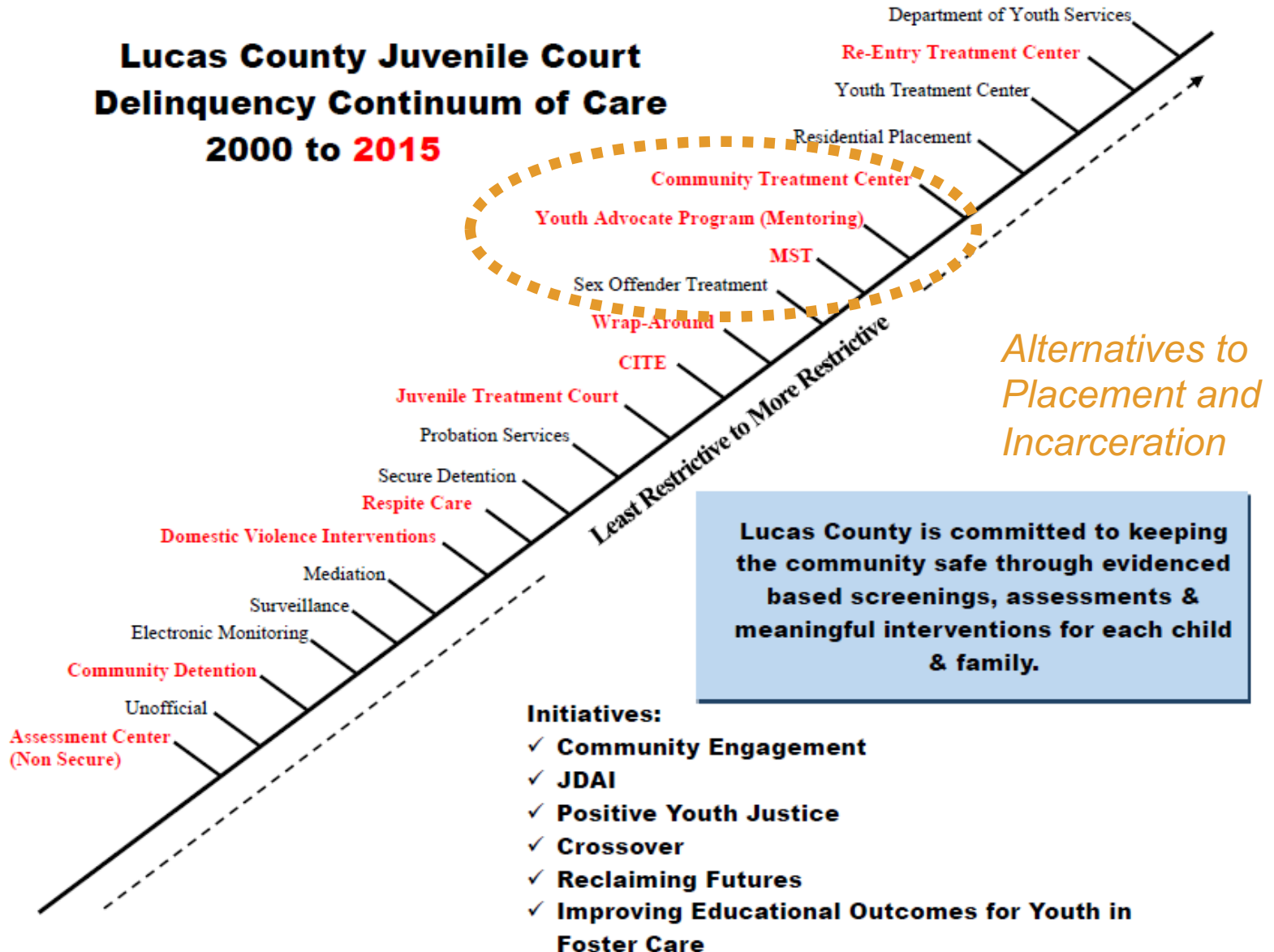
Youth Population Source: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

* Statistics for 2 or More Races, 3 or More Races & Some Other Race Not Shown.



Building a continuum of care that improves community safety has been a priority in Lucas County for well over a decade

Lucas County Juvenile Court Delinquency Continuum of Care 2000 to 2015



LCJC Will Utilize Structured Decision Making To Ensure That All Youth Have The Same Access To Programming

Lucas County Proposed Dispositional Matrix Visual

Offense Category	Risk Level -OYAS		
	High	Moderate	Low
Mandatory Commitments	ODYS		
Violent Felony	Placement	Placement or Probation	
Person Felony	Placement or Probation	Services or Probation	
Other Felony	Services or Probation		
Misdemeanor	Services		

While Lucas County has invested in a broad continuum of care over the years, The Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program highlights a community based approach to working with high risk youth

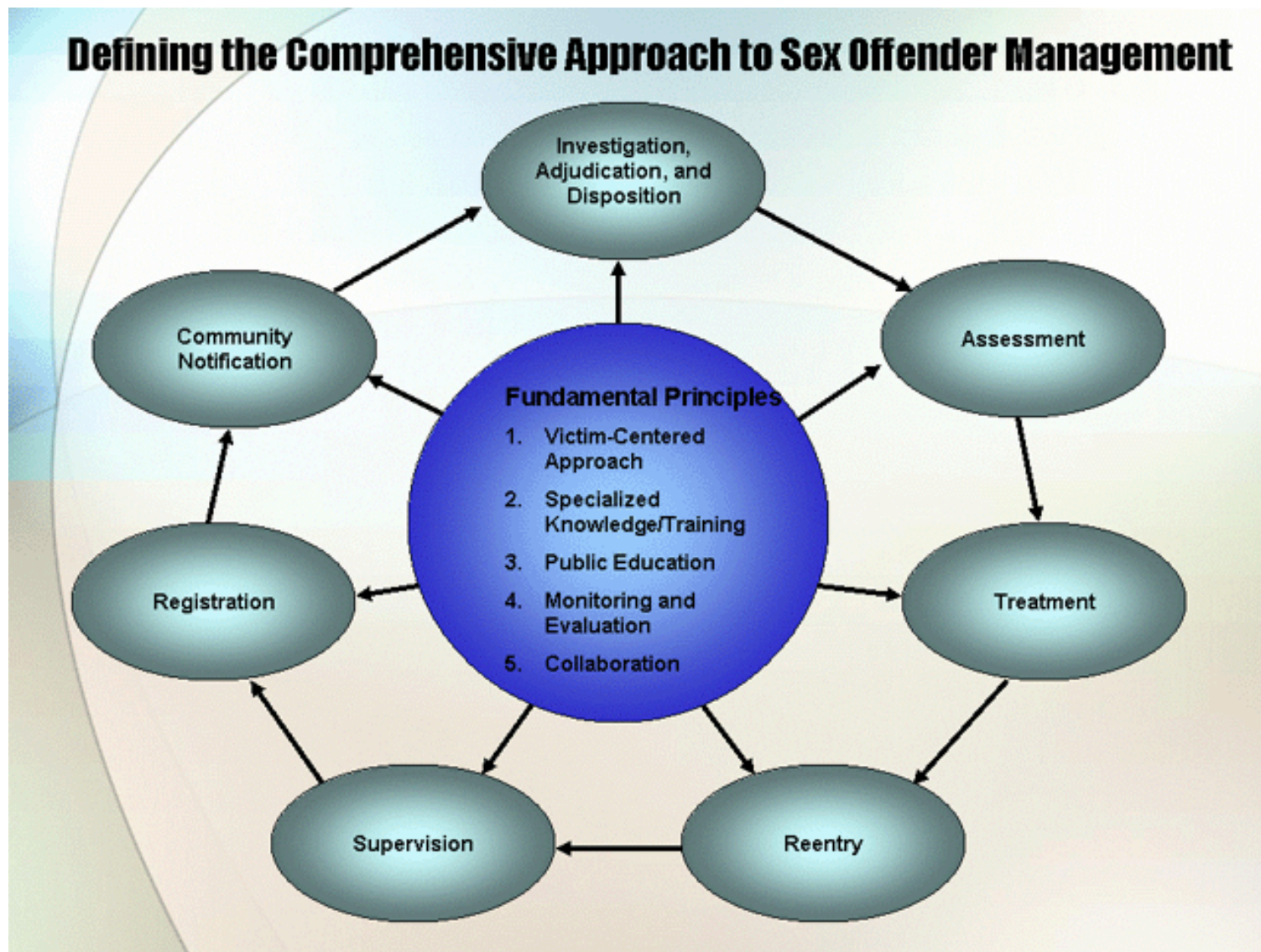
History of implementation

- Began Juvenile Sex Offender program in 1986
 - Style was confrontational and without community mental health partnerships
 - High numbers of youth in out of home placement for sex offenses
- In 2006 a comprehensive assessment of the existing program
- 2007- Developed a new program based on emerging research around juvenile sex offenders
 - Dramatic shift in the treatment model

Current Programming

- Programming today at its core is a collaboration between the Juvenile Court and a Mental Health Provider
- Groups are co-facilitated by a therapist and a specialized SOT Probation Officer
- Curriculum is based on current research and delivers sex offender specific evidenced based treatment and interventions
 - Trauma Informed Focus
 - Strong Family Component
 - Protocol for supporting and working with the youth in the school
 - Victim Centered and emphasis on Community Safety

Lucas County Juvenile Court utilizes evidenced based resources to effectively supervise and provide treatment to juvenile sex offenders



In 2014 An Outcome Evaluation of the Management of Juvenile Sex Offenders in Lucas County Ohio was conducted by Lori Lovins, Ph.D.

- **Since the program moved to a community- based focus in 2007, over 95% of the more than 200 program youth have been served in the community (with the vast majority in their home)**
- **The sex offense recidivism rate since 2007 (the “modern” group) is ZERO per cent**
- **The study followed youth for up to 10 years of outcomes and most youth , even in the more recent “modern” group, were followed for at least 18 months- on top of the average length of stay of almost two years in the program (an outcome follow up period of 3 ½- 4 years)**
- **Though the overall delinquency recidivism rate is in the mid 40 percent arrange- 70 % of these offenses were misdemeanors (a felony non- sexual delinquency rate approximating 12%)**

JSOT Evaluation Highlights

- **The shift in program to community- based specialized probation, intensive group services, specialized docket, etc. was accomplished with no new or additional funding**
- **The Court has saved millions of dollars in placement costs compared with what was spent on the historical group (2002-2007)**
- **Consistent with the “Risk Principle”- full program participation has resulted in dramatic reduction in predicted recidivism for moderate to high risk kids, but has tripled the predicted recidivisms rate when low risk kids are served this intensively**

How have we managed these dramatic changes in philosophy and practice over time?

 **Managing Change is important!!** 

Strong Judicial and Administrative Leadership

Why are we doing this? How are we doing this?
What am I supposed to do now?

Staff training based on emerging research

Staff input and participation

Role of middle managers is critical





Those who say it cannot be done

should not

interrupt the person doing it.

-Chinese Proverb

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