

COMMUNITY DETENTION/ SURVEILLANCE



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Community Detention / Surveillance's primary purpose is to provide a safe alternative to secure detention for low to moderate risk youth awaiting trial, and/or disposition or a definable event. A successful termination from CD/S occurs when a youth does not commit a new charge while awaiting a hearing or a definable event.

Lucas County Juvenile Court offers four (4) levels of detention: 1) Level 1 Secure Detention, 2) Level 2 Community Detention Reporting Center, 3) Level 3 House Arrest, and 4) Level 4 Electronic Monitoring. Levels 2, 3, and 4 are monitored by the Community Detention program.

- ◆ Level 2 Community Detention Reporting Center services are provided to the Court through a services contract with the East Toledo Family Center (**ETFC**). When school is not in session youth attend programming from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm. If youth are attending school they report to ETFC from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Coupled with ETFC services, youth are also on house arrest with daily surveillance checks. ETFC staff arrive at the court Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm and at 4:00 pm to transport youth back to ETFC programming. Youth engage in community service work, cognitive group discussions, and positive recreational activities. ETFC also recognizes the importance of positive social interaction collaborating with many agencies in the community. (Closed 3/14/23)
- ◆ Level 3 is House Arrest in conjunction with daily surveillance checks.
- ◆ Level 4 is GPS Electronic Monitoring.

In 2023, Community Detention served 320 referrals from a Magistrate or Judge. Of the 320 referrals, 292 were terminated and 28 were carried over into 2024. The goal of Community Detention is to have a 75% success rate. In 2023, CD/S did not meet their goal and successfully terminated only 73% of their Judge/Magistrate referrals. The table below is a breakdown of Community Detention events by levels. If an event had multiple levels of CD/S involvement, it is in the "**other**" section shown below.

	Successful	Unsuccessful	Other	Total
Level 2	5	2	1	8
Level 3	70	18	10	98
Level 4	139	25	22	186
Total	214	45	33	292

In 2023, CD/S hired a daytime Surveillance Officer. ■