

Organizations providing support services:

Family Assessment Department

373 South High Street, 6th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
drj.fccourts.org614-525-4460

Franklin County Children Services

855 West Mound St.
Columbus, Ohio 43223
childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov614-229-7100
Crisis Hotline:614-229-7000

Nationwide Children's Hospital

700 Children's Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43205
nationwidechildrens.org614-722-2000
Behavioral Health:614-355-8080

Huckleberry House, Inc.

1421 Hamlet St.
Columbus, Ohio 43201
huckhouse.org614-294-8097
Crisis Hotline:614-294-5553

United Methodist Children's Home Family Services

1033 North High St.
Worthington, Ohio 43085
umchohio.org614-885-5020

St. Vincent Family Center

1490 East Main St.
Columbus, Ohio 43205
svfc.org614-252-0731



important numbers

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Police Non-emergency: 614-277-1710

Crime Prevention: 614-277-1765

Anonymous Tipline: 614-277-1808

Detective Bureau/Juvenile: 614-277-1750

crime map

Find your neighborhood's criminal activity on the Crime Mapping tool at Police.GroveCityOhio.gov.

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— A Guide for Parents



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POLICE

614-277-1710
3360 Park Street
Grove City, OH 43123
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Frequently Asked Questions

What if the child is younger than 11?

Saint Vincent Family Center at 614-252-0731 or United Methodist Children's Home Family Services at 614-885-5020 provide support services for children younger than 11.

Can the child be removed from the home the same day as filing?

Maintaining the child in the home is always the goal. Removal is considered only if there is a safety concern and/or other options are exhausted.

Does the case involve parents/guardians beyond the initial filing?

Yes! Parents/guardians are expected to fully cooperate with the assessments and interventions provided by Nationwide Children's Hospital, Franklin County Children Services and the Franklin County Juvenile Court. Additionally, the court requires the parent, guardian or custodian of the child to attend all proceedings of the court regarding the child. If a parent, guardian or custodian fails to attend, the court may find that person in contempt.

What if respite care is needed?

If a respite is recommended, the parent/guardian should contact Huckleberry House, Inc. at 614-294-5553 or 614-294-8097.

Does the child need to be present at the time of filing?

No. However, it is preferred.



When is a Child Considered Unruly?

A child who is 11 through 17 years old with behavior or attendance issues at school, home or in the community.

The behavior may include:

- Truant from school/unapproved absence from home
- Substance abuse
- Aggressive behavior
- Gang involvement
- Stealing/shoplifting/other criminal behavior
- Refusing to follow rules
- Risky sexual behavior

Who Can File Unruly Charges?

A custodial parent, guardian or other legal custodian are the only people who can file. The filing party and child must be residents of the county in which charges are filed. They must be residents of Franklin County in order to participate in the Franklin County Court assessment programs.

When Can Parents/Guardians File an Unruly Charge?

Only when:

- The youth has no other pending court dates. If there is a pending court date, address concerns at the scheduled court hearing.
- The youth is not on probation. A youth on probation should be referred to the youth's probation officer.
- Other resources are exhausted (i.e. counseling attempts, assessments etc.).

Informal Versus Formal Hearing

Informal: There is no formal filing or hearing. The youth and family are assessed to determine their needs. Appropriate services are then linked to the family.

Formal: The case is filed formally with the court of record, and there is a hearing in front of a magistrate.

What is the Process?

The parent/guardian, and preferably the child, meet first with an intake counselor at the Family Assessment Intake/ Diversion Unit of the Franklin County Court to evaluate the situation. If the child is present, an assessment is completed to determine if mental health or behavioral issues exist. If so, the child is referred to either Franklin County Children Services or Nationwide Children's Hospital. The intake counselor assists the parent in filing a formal unruly complaint in Juvenile Court and scheduling a preliminary hearing.

Franklin County Children Services or Nationwide Children's Hospital contacts the family for further assessment and referral to appropriate services.

In 30 to 45 days after the original filing, a preliminary hearing is held, the child is appointed an attorney and either admits or denies the charge. Court orders may result from the filing requiring the child and parent to comply with services as arranged. If an unruly filing is completed informally, there is no court appearance or court orders.

If services are unsuccessful, the Juvenile Court may issue a temporary order of custody of the child to Franklin County Children Services or utilize other consequences. **An unruly child charge does not result in a child being placed in detention, put on probation or subject to electronic monitoring.**