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ANNUAL REPORT

KING COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

SEATTLE WASHINGTON

1948 1949 and 1950. To the Honorable Judge of the King County Juvenile Court, Seattle, Washington.

We hereby submit a report covering the activities of the King County Juvenile Court for the years 1948 - 1949 and 1950. There was a total of 3670 cases referred in 1948 - 3978 in 1949 and 3837 in 1950. In order to show the general trend we list the number of referrals each year for the last ten years.

1941	2717
1942	2792
1943	3118
1944	3175
1945	3634
1946	3581
1947	3307
1948	3670
1949	3978
1950	3837

The four highest reasons for referral are "Runaways",

"Auto Theft", "Other Stealing" and "Carelessness and Mischief" with

"Burglary", "Use of Liquor" and "Sex Offenses" accounting for many

more of the delinquent referrals. In the dependent category the

highest number of children were referred for "Injurious Living Con
ditions", "Determination of Custody" and "Permanent Custody for Adoption".

TRAFFIC

There were nearly twice as many juvenile traffic violations in 1949 than in 1948 and 31 less in 1950 than in 1949. These cases were handled by a Probation Officer of the Court, informally, and were not on the Court calendar. In addition there were 13 cases in 1948, 23 cases in 1949 and 20 cases in 1950 which were formal cases before the Judge, and which do appear in the delinquency count.

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the support of children outside their own homes amounted to \$43,076.60 in 1948, \$42,269.35 in 1949 and \$35,992.01 in 1950, which is much less than the peak year of 1945 when we collected some \$58,000.00.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Adhering to the policy of the Court offenses were counted for statistical purposes and the same child may have been counted more than once. The table on the following page will show the number of new, old, recurrent and reappearance cases.

A new case is one referred to the Court for the first time.

An old case is one known previous to the current year.

A recurrent case is one that has come to the Courts' attention previously during the current year, and which has been adjusted or closed in the belief that a satisfactory plan has been worked out.

A reappearance is a new offense while the child is under the supervision of an officer of the Court.

A report in detail follows:

Respectfully submitted,

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NUMBER OF CASES REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE COURT DURING 1948 - 1949 and 1950.

		1 9 4 8 DELINQUENC	Y		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Grand Total	
NEW OLD RECURRENT REAPPEARANCE	742 199 155 119 1215	177 52 52 54 335	919 251 207 173 1550	1550	
		DEPENDENCY		1,,0	
NEW OLD RECURRENT REAPPEARANCE	517 153 50 28 748	493 142 60 19 714	1010 295 110 47 1462	1462	
TRAFFIC SERVICE ON CLOSED	CASES	7 17	1402	384 274 3670	
		1949 DELINQUENC	Y		
NEW OLD RECURRENT REAPPEARANCE	666 284 142 156 1248	197 77 57 77 408	863 361 199 233 1656	1656	
		DEPENDENCY			
NEW OLD RECURRENT REAPPEARANCE	460 145 56 15 676	435 139 43 17 634	895 284 99 32 1310	1310	
TRAFFIC SERVICE ON CLOSED				603 409 3978	
		1950 DELINQUENC	Y		
NEW OLD RECURRENT REAPPEARANCE	592 301 136 151 1180	183 77 45 72 377	775 378 181 223 1557	1550	
	1100	DEPENDENCY	1007	1557	
NEW OLD RECURRENT REAPPEARANCE	498 287 45 25 855	512 259 63 19 853	1010 546 108 44 1708	1708	
TRAFFIC		0,5		<u>572</u> 3837	
OFFICIAL HEARINGS	AND ORDER	RS BY THE JU	DGE <u>1948</u> 1699	3837 <u>1949</u> 1539	1950 1541

By the tables in this report we are endeavoring to show the situation which brought the children to the Court. These children are divided into two groups:

- 1 DELINQUENTS Those children alleged to have violated the laws of the community.
- 2 DEPENDENTS Those children in need of the care and protection of the Court.

All children's cases require the most careful investigation, study and planning and dispositions depend entirely upon what appears to be the best plan for their welfare.

Whether or not a case is official (comes before the Judge) depends on the plan worked out between the parents, the officer, and the child. Official cases may be either delinquent or dependent. Placements may be made by agreement between agencies unofficially, but all commitments to institutions and many placements are made by official order.

Within the dependency group are included "Permanent Custody with Permission to Adopt", "Letter Inquiries", "Guardianship to Permit Enlistment in the United States Service", "Petitions for admittance to Custodial Schools", and "Service on Closed Cases". These cases, while they do not require a great deal of casework service do require much time of the staff and of the Judge.

		OMMITMEN 948	1950			
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
STATE TRAINING SCHOOL	21	8	33	15	46	11
LUTHER BURBANK SCHOOL	84		77		74	
MARTHA WASHINGTON SCHOOL	and the year	26		31		50
HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD		18		28		16
RUTH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS		10		12		14

WHY WERE THE DELINQUENT CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE COURT

	191	<u>+8</u>		19	49	<u>1950</u>				
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	<u>Total</u>	
AUTO THEFT	178	3	181	211		211 !	186	3	189	
BURGLARY	166	2	168	179		179 !	186	3	189	
HOLDUP	2		. 2	: 6	3	9!	7	1	8	
STEALING	331	31	362	283	28	311 !	230	30	260	
TRUANCY	54	17	71	35	18	53 !	43	20	63	
RUNAWAYS	132	139	271	157	175	332 !	171	186	357	
UNGOVERNABLE	34	32	66	36	38	74 !	29	23	52	
SEX OFFENSE	47	140	87	35	48	83	59	43	102	
INJURY TO PERSONS	10		10	! 11	1	12 !	9	3	12	
CARELESSNESS MISCHIEF	160	29	189	156	36	192	140	31	171	
TRAFFIC	13		13	23		23	20		20	
USE OF LIQUOR	7+0	22	62	65	33	98	46	10	56	
**OTHER REASONS	48	20	68	51	28	79	54	24	78	
TOTALS	1215	335	1550	1248	408	1656	1180	377	1557	

** "Other Reasons" include cases reported for minor delinquencies and remandations from other agencies.

Many of these cases have been known to the Court previous to the current year, and many have been in the Court more than once during the year, but each offense is treated with the same careful consideration and the plan adopted that appears best under all circumstances.

Whenever available the Court Officers use Clinical services including psychiatric studies and psychological testing in making their recommendations to the Judge, but only a limited number of the children can have the benefit of such services.

HOW OLD WERE THE DELINQUENT CHILDREN?

	2	1948	5 ×		1949			1950		
YEARS OF AGE	Boys	Girls	Tota.	1 Boy	s Girls	Total	Воу	s Girls	Total	
SEVEN	21	2	23	1 6		6	7		7	
EIGHT	9	1	10	17	1	18	8	5	13	
NINE	14	2	16	21	1	22	11	1	12	
TEN	25	1	26	26	7	33	30	2	32	
ELEVEN	51	5	56	35	4	39	47	5	52	
TWELVE	72	7	79	50	16	66	47	11	58	
THIRTEEN	136	24	160	90	29	119	99	32	131	
FOURTEEN	187	52	. 239	184	66	250	178	55	233	
FIFTEEN	216	76	292	235	102	337	254	90	344	
SIXTEEN	294	97	391	316	108	424	274	112	386	
SEVENTEEN	190	68	258	268	74	342	225	64	289	
TOTALS	1215	335	1550	1248	408	1656	1180	377	1557	

FROM WHAT RACE DID THE DELINQUENT CHILDREN COME?

WHITE	1125	296	1421	1154	371	1525	1100	327	1427	
NEGRO	55	12	67	70	12	82	45	19	64	
ORIENTAL	12	2	14	. 5	1	6	1 4	5	9	
INDIAN	19	25	7+7+	1 14	23	37	26	22	48	
OTHER	4		4	1 5	1	6	. 5	4	9	_
TOTALS	1215	335	1550	1248	408	1656	11180	377	1557	

FROM WHAT TYPE OF HOMES DID THE DELINQUENT CHILDREN COME?

PARENTS		1948			19	49	19	50	
STATUS	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
MARRIED	634	125	759	619	137	756	557	121	678
MARRIED AND APART	14	1	15	10	. 4	14	13	2	15
SEPARATED	51	13	64	52	12	64	52	23	75
DIVORCED	317	115	432	388	153	541	363	151	514
DECEASED, FATHER)	188	69	257	165	90	255	1 178	72	250
MOTHER OR BOTH)				1			1		
DESERTED	2	1+	6	5	1	6	1 4	1	5
UNMARRIED	7	8	15	9	11	20	1 11	7	18
NOT REPORTED **	2		2	1			1 2		2
TOTALS	1215	335	1550	1248	408	1656	1180	377	1557

^{**} Unreported items concern cases where the contact with the Department was so slight or incidental that complete tabulation or information was not deemed essential.

HOW LONG HAVE THE DELINQUENT CHILDREN LIVED IN KING COUNTY?

NON RESIDENTS	82	60	142	1	118	60	178	! 88	59	147	
LESS THAN 1 YEAR	32	16	48	1	35	14	49	1 43	12	55	
ONE YEAR	51	14	65	1	44	10	54	27	7	34	
TWO YEARS	41	9	50	1	34	15	49	26	11	37	
THREE YEARS	38	14	52	1	55	11	66	37	15	52	
FOUR YEARS	69	11	80		45	17	62	39	11	50	
FIVE TO SEVENTEEN YEARS	902	211	1113	1 1	917	279	1196	920	261	1181	
NOT REPORTED**				1		2	2	1	1	1	
TOTALS	1215	335	1.550	1	1248	408	1656	11180	377	1557	

Of the delinquent children in the Court in 1948, 48% came from homes where the parents were married and living together, in 1949 the percentage was 45.65 while in 1950 there were 47.2% of the children from complete homes.

In 1948, 27.87% came from homes broken by divorce, in 1949 the percentage was 32.6 and in 1950 there were 33% of the children whose parents were divorced.

WHO REFERRED THE DELINQUENT CASES TO THE JUVENILE COURT?

	19	48		19	149	41	1		
	Boys	Girls	Total,	Boys	Girls	Total,	Boys	Girls	Total
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS			1 1			1 1			
1.POLICE JUVENILE DIVISIONS	862	198	1060	816	251	1067	727	228	955
2.SHERIFF	200	49	249!	263	54	317!	300	54	354
3.STATE PATROL	24	1	25'	21	7	28!	8	1	9
4.PROS. ATTORNE	Y		1	1		1!			
5.POSTAL DEPT.	16	1	17!	16	5	21!	8	3	11
6.COUNTY POLICE	6		6!	20		20!	29	10	39
7. FIRE MARSHALL				3		3!	2		2
8.U.S. MARSHALL			1				2		2
SCHOOLS	47	10	571	29	27	56		24	70
PARENTS and/or RELATIVES	22	32	541	36	24	60	25	21	46
PROBATION OFFICERS	2	1	31	2	3	5		2	7
SOCIAL AGENCIES	5	25	30	5	15	20	10	14	24
OTHER COURTS	18	9	27	24	11	35	14	10	24
OWN REQUEST	4	5	9!	6	10	16	4	8	12
INDIVIDUALS	7	4	11!	6	1	7!		2	2
STATE GAME DEPARTMENT	2	2.7	21			1		*	
TOTALS	1215	335	1550!	1248	408	1656	1180	377	1557

The greater number of cases in the Juvenile Court are referred by the Law Enforcement Agencies. The Police Department referred 68% in 1948; 64% in 1949 and 61% in 1950. The Juvenile Department of the Sheriff's Office referred 16% of the total cases in 1948; 19% in 1949 and 22.7% in 1950.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DELINQUENT CASES?

	19	948		19	949		19	50	
ASSIGNED TO PROBA	Boys	Girls	Total,	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls 7	Cotal
TION OFFICERS	777	191	968	692	246	938	678	219	897
ADJUSTED AT INTAKE	276	71	347	330	74	404	311	75	386
PARENTS AND RELATIVES	1	5	6	5	2	7	! !		
REFERRED TO OTHER COURTS	30	8	38	33	18	51	31	7	38
REFERRED TO OTHER SOCIAL AGENCIES	6	12	18	7	12	19	16	18	34
PARENTAL SCHOOLS	17	3	20 !	37	3	40	29	8	37
TRAINING SCHOOLS	8	5	13	12	2	14	15	3	18
RUNAWAYS RETURNED	39	27	66 !	55	21	76	42	27	69
MILITARY SERVICE	4		1+ 1	11		11	2	- 1	2
MENTAL HOSPITALS				3	1	4	3	1	4
CUSTODIAL SCHOOL			1		2	2	1		
HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD		1	1 !		3	3		2	2
REAPPEARANCE	4	1	5 !		3	3			
INDIAN SERVICE			!	2		2	(F)		
RUNAWAYS AT LARGE	1	1	2 !						
PENDING	_52	10	62	61	21	82	53	17	70_
TOTALS	1215	335	1550	1248	408	1656	1180	377	1557

Dispositions in the above table are those tabulated at the end of each month and consequently are those made by the "Intake Department". The cases assigned to Probation Officers require more investigation and interviewing time than can be done by the Intake Department and are often carried over long periods before a satisfactory plan can be formulated.

Because statistics are compiled monthly the number of "pending Cases" is a total of those pending at the end of each month. Most of these cases are absorbed in the following month and at the end of the year only a few cases are left awaiting disposition.

WHY WERE THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN BROUGHT TO THE JUVENILE COURT?

	1	948		19	949		1950		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
DETERMINATION OF CUSTODY	110	109	219	120	120	240	110	126	236
INJURIOUS LIVING CONDITIONS	172	186	358	1112	145	257	183	196	379
UNABLE TO ADJUST	40	71	111	: 46	51	97	: 46	65	111
ABUSE AND ABANDONMENT	13	12	25	34	36	70	16	22	38
SUB TOTALS	335	378	713	1 312	352	664	355	409	764
				1			1		
ECCNOMIC NEED ONLY				5	1	6	1		
CUSTODIAL SCHOOL	37	38	75	: 36	36	72	42	22	64
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	1	1	2	1		1	1	1	1
CUSTODY FOR ADOPTION	145	106	251	132	92	224	135	133	268
SHELTER AND CASUAL CASES	97	93	190	68	72	140	121	87	208
CHANGE OF COURT ORDER	29	39	68	36	38	74	54	74	128
SERVICES ON CLOSED CASES	134	140	274	201	208	409	70	68	138
LETTER INQUIRIES AND MISCELLANEOUS	104	59	163	86	43	129	78	59	137
TOTAL	882	854	1736	877	842	1719	835	853	1708

The entire count of Dependency had not been tabulated, but only those cases where the Department had sufficient contact to obtain full information. These cases are represented in the first four "Reasons for Referral."

Tabulations in the following tables relate only to the first four categories shown above.

Incomplete tabulations are - Commitments to Custodial Schools, Orders of Permanent Custody for the purpose of adoption, Shelter, Services on Closed Cases, Letter inquiries and Miscellaneous services. Other agencies have full information in their records regarding such cases and as Court contact with this type of case may be very slight and Court services are to another agency rather than to an individual, full information was not deemed essential.

WHAT WAS THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE HOMES FROM WHICH THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN COME?

	1948	3		191	+9		19		
	Boys G:	irls	Total	Boys (Girls	Total	Boys (Girls I	otal
PARENTS MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHE	117 ER	124	241	82	88	170	97	126	223
PARENTS MARRIED AND LIVING APART	9	9	18	18	20	38	14	8	22
PARENTS DIVORCED	101	133	234	96	113	209	93	122	215
PARENTS SEPARATED	48	39	87	48	52	100	65	63	128
PARENTS DESERTING	7	1	8	12	6	18	1 1+	3	7
PARENTS DEAD	31	48	79	33	47	80	51	58	109
PARENTS UNMARRIED	22	23	45	23	25	48	31	29	60
NOT REPORTED		1	1		1	1			
TOTALS	335	378	713	312	352	664	355	409	764

HOW OLD WERE THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN?

	19	948	1949			<u>1950</u>				
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	
LESS THAN FIVE YEARS	99	84	183	118	119	237	116	131	247	
FIVE TO TEN YEARS	89	86	175	80	82	162	1115	104	219	
TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS	99	106	205	80	94	174	89	97	186	
FIFTEEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN YEARS	48	102	150	34	57	91	35	77	112	
TOTALS	335	378	713	312	352	664	355	409	764	

WHO BROUGHT THE DEPENDENT CASES TO THE JUVENILE COURT?

	19	948		19	49		1950			
	Boys	<u>Girls</u>	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	
POLICE	121	144	265	96	116	212	123	141	264	
PARENTS AND RELATIVES	96	88	184	91	102	193	86	87	175	
SHERIFF	25	40	65	36	32	68	58	70	128	
SOCIAL AGENCIES	33	41	74	52	49	101	38	40	78	
SCHOOLS	27	19	46	: 11	8	19	21	10	31	
OWN REQUEST	12	32	44	13	27	40	17	34	51	
OTHER COURTS	5	7	12	1	4	5	1 1+	9	13	
INDIVIDUALS	11	7	18	12	13	. 25	1 4	13	17	
PROBATION OFFICE	RS 4		4	1			! 3	2	5	
COUNTY POLICE				1	1	1	1	2	3	
GAME DEPARTMENT	1		1	1			1			
POSTAL AUTHORITI	ES			1			1	1	1	
TOTALS	335	378	713	312	352	664	355	409	764	

The Dependent cases come mainly from three sources: The Law Enforcement officers, parents and relatives, and social agencies.

A number of children sign petitions in their own behalf asking help and protection from the Court.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN?

	19	148	1949			19			
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls 1	otal
ASSIGNED TO PROBA- TION OFFICERS	278	323	601	223	267	490	270	316	586
ADJUSTED AT INTAKE	18	21	39	26	20	46	23	36	59
REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCIES	20	16	36	28	38	66	18	20	38
REFERRED TO PAR/REI				1			2		2
COMMITTED TO INSTITUTIONS:				1	1	1	3	1	4
REFERRED TO OTHER COURTS				1	3	4	1	2	2
PENDING **	19	18	37	34	23	57	39	34	73
TOTALS	335	378	713	312	352	664	355	409	764

^{**}As explained on a previous page, statistics are tabulated at the end of each month and "Pending cases" are absorbed in the following month's dispositions.

All dispositions except those assigned to Probation Officers are made by the Intake Officers. The final dispositions cannot be tabulated in this report as the cases assigned to Probation Officers may be supervised for months and sometimes years, depending entirely upon the individual problems which brought the children to the Court.

DETENTION HOME

And

BOYS' AND GIRLS' ANNEXES

The Juvenile Court was moved from 200 Broadway to 905 Jefferson Street in January, 1949 because the building had to be partially razed to permit the construction of a main arterial highway. The present building consists of three floors and a complete basement. The first floor is used for administrative purposes, the second houses the Girls' facilities, the Detention Office and the Courtroom. On the third floor are the Boys' quarters, the Clinic and Schoolroom. There is a recreation room in the basement for the children beside laundry facilities, storage space, etc.

It is possible to care for approximately thirty boys and girls on their respective floors and there is a staff of 8 attendants, aschool teacher, and a recreation supervisor to carry on the detention home program for 618 children in 1948, 664 in 1949 and 714 in 1950.

The Boys' Annex is located at 605 County-City Building and has a normal capacity for 26 boys but at times it has been necessary to care for as many as forty. This Annex was designed as a temporary detention facility to care for the boys who are too experienced to be cared for in the Detention Home. The Annex maintains a 24-hour schedule with men attendants working eight-hour shifts. During 1948, there were 768 boys cared for in the annex and 873 in 1949 and 879 in 1950.

The Girls' Annex is located at 1002 County-City Building.

This facility was designed for older girls and is supervised 24-hours a day by a staff of women who work in eight-hour shifts. The normal capacity is 24 girls and has not exceeded 30. During 1948, 346 girls were cared for; in 1949 there were 357 and in 1950 there were 362.

Meals for the Annexes are supplied from the Jail kitchen and are brought to the facility in steam tables. The Annexes supply their own dishes and the children assist in the dish-washing and general cleaning under supervision.

DETENTION

(Continued)

A staff physician and nurse call at each facility two days each week and physical examinations are made routinely. Special examinations are made upon request of the officers in charge of the children. Medical reports and recommendations are furnished by the doctor and laboratory tests are made by the City Health Clinic. Reports in writing are available.

CHILDREN UNDER SUPERVISION

On January 1, 1948, there were 1088 cases under the supervision of the fifteen Probation Officers of the Court. During the year, 1963 cases were assigned and 1868 cases were completed and closed.

On January 1, 1949, the number of cases under supervision were 958 and during the year 1601 cases were assigned to Probation Officers and 1597 were completed and closed.

On January 1, 1950, there were 901 cases being supervised by Court Officers and during the year 1720 cases were assigned, 1450 closed and at the end of the year 1045 cases were being supervised.

These cases may be either delinquent or dependent and remain under supervision for various lengths of time. Some children need only plans for temporary care; some need placement with other agencies and others need help from their "caseworker" over a long period of time.

Each officer keeps a confidential chronological record of their cases. This information is available to the Court and to other agencies or individuals working with the family when it is for the best interest of the child that they should have access to the records.

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