



Portage County
Probate-Juvenile Court

Judge Patricia J. Smith

Juvenile Court Mission Statement

To provide fair, impartial, efficient, and consistent justice to the children and families of Portage County. We are sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of Ohio and the purposes of the Juvenile Court system. The Court endeavors to stay abreast of new techniques and programs that deal with adolescents and families.

We are committed to protecting the rights and safety of our citizens, to work cooperatively with community resources to improve the lives of children and families. We are dedicated to serving the citizens of the community with integrity and professionalism. The Court is committed to ongoing education, workshops, and seminars as a part of ongoing staff development and training.

We strive to:

1. Provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children while ensuring to provide the supervision and rehabilitation in a family environment while balancing the welfare of the child and parents in the interest of public safety.
2. We are committed to every child's right to thrive in a healthy, supportive, and nurturing environment with caring and responsible adults.