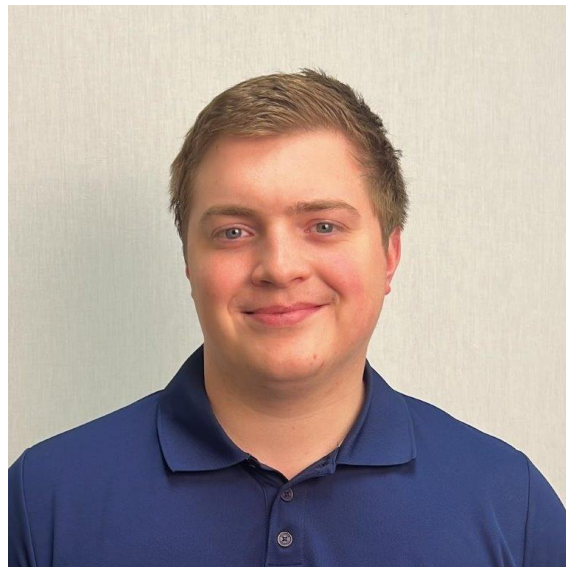


## Career Spotlight

Meet Jacob Cook, Intensive Supervision, or ISP (Intensive Supervision Probation) and Community Control Officer for the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court. Jacob supervises individuals who have been convicted and sentenced to community control. Most are intensive cases due to the severity of their offense, or violations have been committed and require extra supervision. Individuals on ISP report more frequently and have extra programming that must be completed to remain in compliance with the courts. Jacob verifies that they are in compliance with counseling, employment, drug testing, and any other orders of the court.

Jacob's favorite part about his position is having the ability to help people! The Judges are recovery-oriented and put heavy emphasis on getting people the help they need with whatever difficulties they are facing. Jacob builds a professional relationship with these individuals by meeting with them a few times a month for several years. By taking the time to get to know them and investing in their success, some become hardly recognizable from the person they once were.



Jacob's advice to anyone interested in taking this career path is to develop a desire to help people. Some of the officers in his department are retired law enforcement officers, active law enforcement officers, or like Jacob, have no background in law enforcement. They rely on and trust each other, and all share a desire to help individuals overcome their convictions and work toward a better quality of life.

To learn more about the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court, please visit <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/Commonpleas/>.