

Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County

JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEAVER COUNTY

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ADMINISTRATION

Gary Rosatelli	Director/retired 7/23/21
Colleen Tittiger	Assistant Director- Director 10/7/21
Doug Clarke	Supervisor
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THE AGENCY

The Juvenile Services Division is an agency of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County. It operates pursuant to 42 PA. C.S. 6301 et. seq. (The Juvenile Act) and the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. The focus of this agency is to process delinquency, dependency and child custody filings.

All delinquent programs and services are predicated on the use of employing evidenced based practices through the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategies. This is completed with fidelity at every stage of the juvenile process along with the Balanced and Restorative Justice Model as set forth in 42 PA C.S. 6301 (b) (2). Under this model, the agency mandate is to provide balanced attention to community protection, imposition of accountability and the development of competencies to enable youth to become productive and responsible members of the community.

In addition to our intake department, probation supervision services are provided to clients in the schools, placement, and on an intensive level. Best practice is to continue to provide specialized probation services through the risk and need of the clients and families within the community. The Juvenile Court Judges Commission provides funding for services through this department. Also, the Juvenile Services Division operates a community service program, the Truancy Intervention with the Abatement Program, Victim Awareness, the Redeem Fund (Restitution Program), Underage Drinking Class and a communication class, Positive Transitions created in 2019, for child custody litigants.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

This past year of 2021, this continued with the lock-down due to COVID-19 until June 1, 2021. Many other agencies still remained virtual, due to the virus. This department was considered essential, therefore we operated business as usual to the best of our abilities. To say the least, it was a challenge to continue to run this department efficiently. Our staff continued to use equipment to complete virtual visits, initial intake appointments, child custody conferences and home studies to name a few of the services we have provided. As the year progressed, many businesses did re-open but then was under a lockdown in the Fall and Winter months. However, Pennsylvania was not placed under an emergency order again.

In July 2021, our Director, Gary Rosatelli, retired after over 40 years of services to the County. Gary was very instrumental in having a succession plan and training staff in completing tasks to run this department efficiently. Colleen Tittiger is now the new Director.

Also, it is with great sadness that John L. Walker, Jr. (Jack) passed away in September 2021, after a three- year battle with an illness. He was a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer since 1998. Jack was a friend and mentor to many. He will be missed.

Every year our liaison, Angela Work, from the Juvenile Court Judge's Commission, goes to each county for a Court Service Visit. In 2021, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission conducted a virtual visit because of the on-going threat of the virus. There was a discussion of the JJSES Model, the Juvenile Court Standards, training, expungements, quality assurance and the results from the Juvenile Justice Task Force. The Judge also had a virtual visitation as well. There were several items discussed including: the probation visit, major juvenile justice issues, the Task Force and the impact the virus on the Juvenile Justice System.

In 2021, all probation officers were trained to complete the child trauma screen. This was delayed in 2020, because of COVID and restrictions on how the tool is used. The goal is for probation staff to administer the MAYSI, complete the YLS/CMI (risk needs assessment) and the Child Trauma Screen. Finally, the Trauma Informed Decision Protocol (TIDP) provides a view of all of the data combined from the other three assessments. Specific services for the child can be implemented.

In 2021, we were still able to nominate juveniles for the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Awards. Although our clients did not win this past year, we have had several previous winners.

In 2021, the Beaver County Juvenile Services continued using the Ready Yourself Youth Ranch as a community service site. The ranch is a non- profit faith-based organization that was established to help mentor youth who face everyday conflicts and challenges by giving them an equestrian experience through the rescue and care of horses. The impact has been extraordinary. Services were expanded in partnership with the Ranch, Beaver County Juvenile Services Division and Beaver County Children and Youth Services. In 2021, the departments in conjunction with the ranch conducted the Fifth annual Ten- week camp during the summer. The camp was titled "Truth and Lies." The camp was held three days per week; there were eleven probation youth and seven Children and Youth referred to the program. The class was from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During the first part of the camp, Ready Yourself Youth Ranch staff provided the mentoring piece and during the second half of the day, staff from Juvenile Services worked on various cognitive behaviors through the use of motivational interviewing and the use of the BITS and Carey Guides. Staff engaged in role playing with clients, provided skills in problem solving, anger management, life skills, patience, and the clients learned how to positively interact with those around them. Clients also created various art projects. Eight of the probation clients successfully completed the program and six of the children referred by Children and Youth completed the program. At the end of the program, a dinner was held in honor of the children that participated in the camp. They received a catered meal and awards and then displayed their horseback riding skills to their families and mentors.

Also, the ranch received donations from the community, so a garden was planted and implemented into the camp. This year the youth planted their first herb garden. At the end of each day the kids were able to take fresh vegetables home to their families.

It should be noted, that the staff at Ready Yourself Youth Ranch not only mentors our youth, but help their families as well. It gives parents the opportunity to work alongside their child and engage in effective communication in a calming serene area. This program is offered to our youth and families throughout the year so even when a client's case is closed they can continue to attend. The benefit of the relationship between the clients and the horses they work with

The RYYR has also partnered with Northway Church in Rochester, PA to provide transportation and meals for kids. All children that have previously attended the camp since 2017 can continue to attend the ranch once a month through the fall and winter of each year. They can groom and ride the horses and a meal is provided to these children. The ranch averages approximately ten kids that return to the ranch.

The Juvenile Services Division continued with its placement philosophy of placing only those delinquents that represent a high risk to recidivate for the most serious offenses, community protection and offenders whose needs cannot be met in the community. Our efforts to maximize the use of intervention and diversion programs have yielded positive outcomes with respect to removing juveniles from their homes.

The use of Evidenced Based Practices has substantially affected this department on a daily basis. The use of the YLS/CMI enables our staff to identify the risk and needs of clients. Based on the score, the criminogenic needs, probation officers are able to develop proper case plans with the use of the case-plan handbook. Staff also use the Carey Guides and BITS for certain situations that arise with clients. The DRAI is a tool that enables intake officers to validate their decisions when placing a juvenile in detention. Clients are offered the MAYSI at the intake level as well as now a trauma tool. These tools are provided to ensure a child is not at immediate risk to harm himself/herself or someone else. Depending on the result of these tools, crisis intervention can be provided on an emergency basis.

This department has continued to implement the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. The four stages are: Readiness, Initiation, Behavioral Change and Refinement. This department has continued to implement practices from all stages throughout 2021, as possible during a Pandemic.

The Juvenile Services has continued to utilize the Virtual Visitation operated by Trails Ministry. Virtual Visitation is electronic communication through the internet that allows families to come together in a way that assists them in reconciliation and at a time of crisis. Throughout the past year, the program continued to expand its services and now collaborates with all out of home residential programs. The program has been extremely beneficial to the families we serve, especially since the closed of our afterschool program, as it gives family members an opportunity to visit with their children through teleconferencing while they are in shelter, detention or a placement facility. Staff from Trails attend court hearings, assist families with transportation, provide role modeling and mentoring programs. They also provide community service projects for the juvenile. In addition, staff will provide support to the client and family in meeting treatment goals.

In 2021, this department continued to pay legal fees for juveniles for Act 53 commitments. An Act 53 commitment is an involuntary placement to a drug and alcohol facility based on a drug and alcohol evaluation recommendation. There were 5 Act 53 cases in 2021, which totaled \$3870.00 in legal fees. This is a 37.5% decrease in filings from 2020.

This department had several goals for FY20-21 which included, continue implementing the Child Trauma Tool, Graduated Responses, EPICS, reviewing and revising policies and procedures, continue with evidenced based practices with stakeholders, continued use of the YLS/CMI and other evidenced based practice tools.

REFERRALS AND DISPOSITIONS

Referrals by type: 2017-2021

YEAR	DELINQUENCY	DEPENDENCY	CUSTODY	TOTAL
2021	282	56	786	1124
2020	249	39	764	1052
2019	457	48	752	1257
2018	447	59	648	1154
2017	476	75	642	1193

In 2021, delinquency referrals increased by 13% from 2020 and decreased significantly (38%), since 2019, due to COVID-19. Many departments were functioning on a skeleton crew through June 2021. The prior three years 2017-2019, delinquency referrals remained fairly the same with an average filing of 460 allegations per year. Dependency referrals increased by 44% from the prior year, with an average filing of 55 allegations since 2017. Custody referrals increased by 3.8% since 2020; over the past five years there was an average filing of 718 cases.

Delinquency referral demographics 2021

	BLACK	WHITE	MALE	FEMALE	FIRST OFFENDER	REPEAT OFFENDER
2021	42%	58%	71%	29%	57%	43%
2020	43%	57%	68%	32%	43%	57%
2019	51%	49%	68%	32%	41%	58%
2018	44%	56%	70%	30%	42%	58%
2017	39%	61%	71%	29%	38%	62%

Youth 15 years of age and older accounted for 77% of all delinquency allegations filed in 2021. Youth ages 10-12 accounted for 6% and youth ages 13-14 year represented 17% of allegations filed in 2021.

Referrals by source 2017-2021

	Total Delinquency Referrals	By Law Enforcement Agcy.	By MDJ
2021	282	230(82%)	52(18%)
2020	249	192(70%)	57(30%)
2019	457	342(75%)	115(25%)
2018	447	333(74%)	114(26%)
2017	476	370(78%)	106(22%)

Police departments with the most referrals were: New Brighton, 30; Ambridge, 29; Beaver Falls, 14; and New Sewickley Twp. Police, 13. All other departments had ten and under filings. This low number is reflective of the state shut-down due to COVID-19 over the last two years.

<i>Referrals by most serious charge</i>	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	19	13	39	27	23
BURGLARY	8	4	14	19	35
DRUG RELATED/DUI	60	34	67	61	94
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	25	17	24	28	38
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	20	16	16	22	31
FIREARMS & WEAPONS/MANSLAUGHTER	25	16	17	27	19
SEX OFFENSES	6	38	67	19	50
UNPAID FINES	53	63	115	117	107
THEFT (ALL)	48	86	224	132	124
ROBBERY	3	1	9	4	24
SIMPLE ASSAULT	66	47	94	95	85
TERRORISTIC THREATS	16	15	32	31	13
ADMINISTRATIVE	29	40	49	59	74

There were 70 counts of Disorderly Conduct and Harassment. Of the 656 charges on the 282 allegations filed in 2021, 80 or 12% were graded as felonies.

Delinquency dispositions 2017-2021

YEAR	INTAKE ADJUSTMENT	CONSENT DECREE	FORMAL PROCESSING	TOTAL
2021	83	68	102	253
2020	70	71	126	267
2019	98	142	182	422
2018	105	106	277	488
2017	107	103	217	427

Formal (Court) dispositions 2021:

TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL COURT	0
DISMISSED/WITDRAWN	56
PROBATION	24
COMMITMENT	20
TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNTY	2

DETENTION

Secure detention 2017-2021

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2021	10	9	324	36	.9
2020	14	16	513	36.6	1.4
2019	25	27	564	22.5	1.5
2018	23	22	461	21.0	1.3
2017	31	33	601	18.2	1.6

Shelter 2017-2021

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2021	19	19	350	18.4	.95
2020	15	15	268	17.9	.73
2019	37	40	1130	30.5	3.1
2018	74	72	1312	18.2	3.6
2017	89	88	1493	16.9	4.0

Temporary foster care 2017-2021

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2021	30	28	496	17.7	1.4
2020	17	16	395	23.2	1.1
2019	25	28	854	34.2	2.3
2018	24	21	1190	56.7	3.3
2017	52	55	2605	47.4	7.1

CLIENT SUPERVISION

Cases Under Court Supervision as of 12/31/21

Function	Total Cases	Avg. Caseload	# of staff assigned
Intensive/line probation	55	11	5
Aftercare	9	3	3
School-based probation	25	8	3
Informal adjustment cases	24	24	1
Total cases under supervision	113	9	12

CASE OUTCOMES

Total juveniles closed that involved probation supervision or other service: 80

CHANGE IN YLS RISK SCORES/LEVELS

1. Among juveniles who completed both assessments, the number and percentage of juveniles scoring **low risk** on their initial assessment (23) that had:

- a lower *YLS score* at case closing than at initial assessment - **8 or 34.8%**
- a higher *YLS score* at case closing than at initial assessment - **7 or 30.4%**
- YLS scores* that stayed the same - **8 or 34.8%**

Among juveniles who completed both assessments, the number and percentage of juveniles scoring **moderate risk** on their initial assessment (21) that had:

- a lower *YLS score* at case closing than at initial assessment - **13 or 61.9%**
- a higher *YLS score* at case closing than at initial assessment - **4 or 19.0%**
- YLS scores* that stayed the same - **4 or 19.0%**

Among juveniles who completed both assessments, the number and percentage of juveniles scoring **high or very high risk** on their initial assessment (9) that had:

- a lower *YLS score* at case closing than at initial assessment - **7 or 77.8%**

- b. a higher *YLS score* at case closing than at initial assessment - **2 or 22.2%**
- c. *YLS scores* that stayed the same - **0 or 0.0%**

- 2. **9 or 17.0%** of juveniles scored high or very high risk at initial assessment (among those who had an initial and case closing YLS)
- 3. **21 or 39.6%** of juveniles scored moderate risk at initial assessment (among those who had an initial and case closing YLS)
- 4. **23 or 43.4%** of juveniles scored low risk at initial assessment (among those who had an initial and case closing YLS)
- 5. Of those **54** juveniles, **53 or 98.1%** of juveniles that had an initial and case closing assessment (among those required to complete a YLS per county policy)
- 6. **54 or 67.5%** of juveniles required to complete a YLS per county policy

7. Among juveniles who completed both assessments, the number and percentage of juveniles scoring **low risk** on their initial assessment (23) that had:

- a. a higher *YLS level* at case closing than at initial assessment - **3 or 13.0%**
- b. *YLS levels* that stayed the same - **20 or 87.0%**

Among juveniles who completed both assessments, the number and percentage of juveniles scoring **moderate risk** on their initial assessment (21) that had:

- a. a lower *YLS level* at case closing than at initial assessment - **9 or 42.9%**
- b. a higher *YLS level* at case closing than at initial assessment - **2 or 9.5%**
- c. *YLS levels* that stayed the same - **10 or 47.6%**

Among juveniles who completed both assessments, the number and percentage of juveniles scoring **high or very high risk** on their initial assessment (9) that had:

- a. a lower *YLS level* at case closing than at initial assessment - **7 or 77.8%**
- b. *YLS levels* that stayed the same - **2 or 22.2%**

COMMUNITY PROTECTION:

The citizens of Pennsylvania have a right to safe and secure communities.

1. Fingerprints, Photographs, and DNA Collection

13 or 16.3% of juveniles closed (80) were **required to submit a DNA sample** for an applicable offense

2. Juvenile Offenses while under supervision

74 or 92.5% of juveniles **successfully completed supervision without a new juvenile offense** resulting in a Consent Decree or Adjudication of Delinquency

6 or 7.5% of juveniles, while under supervision, **were charged with a new juvenile offense** that resulted in a Consent Decree or Adjudication of Delinquency

6 or 7.5% of juveniles, while under supervision, **were petitioned to court for a violation of probation**

6 or 7.5% of juveniles, while under supervision, **were petitioned to court for a violation of probation** that resulted in a change of disposition

3. Adult Offenses and Direct File while under supervision

1 or 1.3% of juveniles, while under supervision, **were charged with a new criminal offense** and are **pending** in criminal court

1 or 1.3% of juveniles, while under supervision, **were charged with a new criminal offense** and **subsequently entered** ARD, a plea of Nolo Contendere, **or were found guilty** in criminal court

0 or 0.0% of juveniles, while under supervision, **were charged with a "direct file" offense** that is **pending** in criminal court

0 or 0.0% of juveniles, while under supervision, **were charged with a "direct file" offense** and **subsequently entered** ARD, a plea of Nolo Contendere, **or were found guilty** in a criminal proceeding

Of those **13** juveniles that were **required to submit a DNA sample** for an applicable offense, **13 or 100.0%** had DNA sample collected

19 or 23.8% of juveniles closed (80) were **required to be fingerprinted and photographed** for an adjudicated offense

Of those **19** juveniles that were **required to be fingerprinted and photographed** for an adjudicated offense, **11 or 57.9%** were Fingerprinted and Photographed

4. Median length of supervision: 10.0 months

5. Placement

9 or 11.3% of juveniles were committed to out-of-home placement for 28 or more consecutive days (excluding detention, shelter care, and diagnostic placement)

Median length of stay in out-of-

home placement for 28 or more consecutive days (excluding detention, shelter care, and diagnostic placement): **16.4 months**

ACCOUNTABILITY:

In Pennsylvania, when a crime is committed by a juvenile, an obligation to the victim and Community is incurred.

1. Restitution

15 or 18.8% of juveniles closed (80) **had a restitution obligation**

Total amount of restitution **ordered** was **\$11,931.64**

14 or 93.3% of juveniles obligated **made full** restitution to their victim(s)

Total amount of restitution **collection** was **\$7,681.89**

1 or 6.7% of juveniles obligated that **did not make full** restitution to their victim(s)

0 or 0.0% of juveniles that **did not make full** restitution were **aged out and judgment was entered**

0 or 0.0% of juveniles that **did not make full** restitution were **aged out and no judgment entered**

1 or 100.0% of juveniles that **did not make full** restitution had their **case closed and judgment was entered prior to aging out**

0 or 0.0% of juveniles that **did not make full** restitution had their **case closed with no judgment entered**

0 or 0.0% of juveniles that **did not make full** restitution were **Deceased**

2. Community Service

76 or 100.0% of juveniles **completed** assigned community service obligation

2,734 total community service hours were **assigned**

76 or 95.0% of juveniles were **assigned** community service

2,734 total community service hours were **completed**

3. Other Financial Obligations

67 or 83.8% of juveniles were **ordered** to pay Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs

66 or 98.5% of juveniles paid Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs in full

Total amount Crime Victim's Compensation Fund costs collected: **\$1,725.00**

70 or 87.5% of juveniles were **ordered** to pay other fines, fees, or court costs

Total amount of fines, fees, or court costs collected: **\$27,909.00**

69 or 98.6% of juveniles obligated paid fines, fees, or court costs **in full**

1 or 1.4% of juveniles obligated **did not** pay fines, fees, or court costs in full

0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not pay full fines, fees, or court costs, were **aged out and judgment was entered**

0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not pay full fines, fees, or court costs, were **aged out and no judgment was entered**

0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not pay full fines, fees, or court costs, had their **case closed and no judgment was entered**

1 or 100.0% of juveniles that did not pay full fines, fees, or court costs, had their **case closed and judgment was entered prior to aging out**

0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not pay full fines, fees, or court costs were **Deceased**

4. Victim Awareness

51 or 100.0% of juveniles **successfully completed** a victim awareness curriculum/program while under supervision

51 or 63.8% of juveniles were **ordered** to participate in a victim awareness curriculum/program while under supervision

Case Plan Activities

30 or 37.5% of juveniles required to complete a Case Plan per county policy

COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT: *Juveniles who come within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System should leave the system more capable of being responsible and productive members of their communities.*

23 or 76.7% of plans included **Skill Building & Tools** activities

13 or 43.3% of plans included **Cognitive Behavioral Group Interventions**
18 or 60.0% of plans included **Referral to Treatment Services**
0 or 0.0% of plans included **other activities**
21 or 70.0% of juveniles had a case plan completed that included goals and risk reduction activities to address the top 2-3 criminogenic needs identified by the YLS.
21 or 70.0% of case plans were successfully completed during supervision
22 or 73.3% case plans were updated throughout the supervision period

Activities Utilized During Supervision for All Cases Closed

23 or 76.7% of plans included **Skill Building & Tools activities**
13 or 43.3% of plans included **Cognitive Behavioral Group Interventions**
18 or 60.0% of plans included **Referral to Treatment Services**
0 or 0.0% of plans included **other activities**

Education and Employment

77 or 96.3% of juveniles were employed or actively engaged in an educational or vocational activity at case closing
4 or 5.2% of juveniles were **attending G.E.D. preparation classes** while under supervision
11 or 14.3% of juveniles **graduated high school** while under supervision
10 or 13.0% of juveniles were **attending school and not passing** while under supervision
46 or 59.7% of juveniles were **attending school and passing** while under supervision
4 or 5.2% of juveniles were **employed full time** while under supervision
7 or 9.1% of juveniles were **actively seeking employment** while under supervision
4 or 5.2% of juveniles were **participating in vocational training** while under supervision
3 or 3.9% of juveniles **obtained G.E.D** while under supervision
19 or 24.7% of juveniles were **employed part time** while under supervision
2 or 2.6% of juveniles were **enrolled or participating in higher education** while under supervision

PLACEMENTS

Placement Report / 2021

	Delinquent	Dependent	Total
Placed as of 1/1/21	10	22	32
Placed during 2021	7	17	34
Released in 2021	9	10	19
Placed as of 12/31/21	8	25	33

In 2021, there were 5 juveniles committed to delinquent placements which were funded by Value (Medicaid) and 5 were county funded.

Placements and costs 2016-2021 Purchased Care

YEAR	DEL PLCMTS	DEP PLCMTS	TTL PLCMTS	DEL COSTS
2021	10	2	12	\$548,567
2020	12	4	16	\$629,671
2019	27	5	32	\$854,652
2018	33	1	35	\$809,903
2017	28	8	36	\$696,757

DEPENDENCY CASES

There were 56 dependency cases filed in 2021. Filings increased almost 44% over the last year. There were 50 dependency dispositions in 2021. There was a carryover from 2020.

Dependency referral demographics – 2021

Race	
<i>White</i>	38%
<i>Black</i>	44%
<i>Multi-racial</i>	18%
Age at referral	
<i>Under 10</i>	42%
<i>10-12</i>	7%
<i>13-14</i>	13%
<i>15-16</i>	22%
<i>17 and over</i>	16%

Sex	
<i>Male</i>	55%
<i>Female</i>	45%
Referred by	
<i>CYS</i>	60%
<i>Other</i>	40%

YEAR	INFORMAL	FORMAL	TOTAL
2021	19	31	50
2020	6	25	31
2019	22	31	53

CHILD CUSTODY CASES

Child custody referrals and dispositions / 2019-2021

YEAR	REFERRALS	DISPOSITIONS
2021	786	841
2020	764	737
2019	752	725

The Juvenile Services Division conducted 3 homes studies for child custody cases during 2021.

Child custody dispositions / 2018-2021

	2021	2020	2019
AGREEMENT	18	38	122
PROPOSED ORDER	272	211	177
TEMP. ORDER/ FINAL	0	0	0
FINAL ORDER (COURT)	430	384	371
OTHER	102	104	65
EXCEPTIONS FILED	78	81	84
RESOLVED AT JSD*	91%	90%	90%

*Cases resolved at JSD is the percentage of cases filed that did not result in the filing of exceptions. It does not take into consideration that some exceptions may have been filed during the year on cases filed the prior year. The percentage of dispositions resolved at JSD for the year of 2021, reflects dispositions of previous pending cases from prior years.

COLLECTIONS

<i>Collection Summary/2021</i>	<i>Assessed</i>	<i>Collected</i>
Restitution	\$16,488.71	\$8,389.44
Crime Victims Comp.	\$2485.00	\$2485.00
DUI Fees	\$300.00	\$300.00
Juvenile Restitution Fund	\$22,784.84	\$20,256.34
Juvenile Supervision Fees	\$9453.50	\$9125.57
Total	\$51,512.05	\$40,556.35

Redeem Fund / 2021

Beginning balance	\$32,482.50
Deposits	\$6,975.94
Paid out	5,573.97
Ending balance	33,884.47
Clients participating	32
Client's referred in 2019/2020	16
Clients completed	19

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Juvenile Services Division operates programs for youth involved in the justice system and utilizes several other community-based privately, operated programs on behalf of our clients and community. A brief summary of these programs follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Since 1985 the agency has operated a community service program. Nearly every delinquency disposition order has a requirement for community service. Most orders are for 25 to 50 hours. To make amends for their offenses, juvenile offenders provide thousands of hours of free service in their communities each year by participating in projects such as the RYYR Youth Ranch, the Recycling Center, Maple Syrup Festival, The San Rocco Festival, Good Samaritan, several Car Cruises, the Ohio River Cleanup, Monaca Borough, Penn State Agriculture, Meals at Faith Community United Methodist Church, Rochester, PA, and various other sites throughout Beaver County. There were 131 clients that completed 2778 hours of community service during the year of 2021. This includes clients that were on probation for their Court Ordered community service and their voluntary participation in the restitution program.

REDEEM FUND – In 2007 the Beaver County Court of Common Pleas created and has continued to operate a restitution program. Funds come to the program from collected unpaid fines for summary offenses that were referred by the Magisterial District Offices and any juvenile that is placed on consent decree or formal probation pays the cost of \$50.00 to the program. Once a juvenile enters the program, he or she may complete community service at now \$15.00/hour which goes directly towards the cost owed to the victim and the client's supervision fees if money is available. In 2021, there were 20 clients referred and 19 clients that successfully completed the program. There was \$4673.50 earned in community service hours. This money was subsequently paid to victims of crimes and for supervision fees.

YLS/CMI - The YLS/CMI is an instrument that is administered as a part of the probation process to assess a youth's level of risk to re-offend. That information is used to help intake staff determine appropriate case processing and disposition recommendations. There are 67 counties in Pennsylvania that use the YLS/CMI. Risk level information allows the agency to allocate a greater amount of resources to high and moderate risk clients. The instrument also helps identify issues that are problematic for a given youth so that an appropriate case plan can be developed to address them. In 2021, 161 YLS/CMI assessments were completed. Of those cases, 1% (2) were to be considered very high; 12% (19) of the youth were determined to be high risk, 35% (56) were moderate risk and the remaining 52% (84), were low risk. Periodically during the life of a case, probation officers reassess clients so that services may be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any changes in risk level.

MCS/ELECTRONIC MONITORING – Another tool that is used by the Court is the Electronic Monitoring System. This enables high risk clients to remain in their home in lieu of detention. Probation Officers can track a client's whereabouts through the computer via satellite. The bracelet is designed to be used for a two-month period. During 2021, there were 9 clients that were referred to the program. This is a 35% decrease in the use of the bracelet from 2021 (in 2020 there were 14 clients using the Electronic Monitoring System). Out of these 9 clients in 2021, 4 were zero tolerance cases and 5 were non-zero tolerance.

UNDERAGE DRINKING PROGRAM – The program is designed as an alternative disposition resource primarily for use by magisterial district judges. Under the terms of the program, youth who are charged with alcohol and minor drug related offenses are given the opportunity to attend the program in lieu of a fine and drivers license suspension. Youth are required to attend a 12.5 hours educational program on consecutive Saturdays taught by juvenile probation officers trained by the Pennsylvania DUI Association which also developed the curriculum. In 2021, there were 61 underage drinking citations filed at the various magisterial district offices. The magistrates referred 12 youth to the program. This is mainly because of COVID-19 and the reduction in filings. In 2020, there were no referrals to the program because of the Pandemic.

TRUANCY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (TIP) – This program was initiated in 2009. It was designed by two juvenile probation officers from Butler County as a research project for graduate school. In Butler County the program has helped to greatly reduce truancy. It is evidenced based. The program is used by all the magistrates and school districts in Beaver County during the school year of 2020-2021 and is operated jointly between the Juvenile Services Division and Beaver County Children and Youth Services. A team consisting of a three CYC caseworkers and a juvenile probation officer go to all schools and attend truancy hearings held by local magisterial district judges. Their presence emphasizes the seriousness of truancy and the need to attend school regularly. Parents and youth cited for truancy are also required to attend a class run by the Caseworkers / PO team in lieu of a fine or for a reduced fine. In 2020 - 2021 school year, there were:

Truancy Hearings-	1229
TIP Class Referrals	527
Students Completing Class	396
Total Number Classes	15
Total Number Families Served	1564
Resources Referred	2 (Not Completed)
School Intervention Meetings	1302

These citations were from Aliquippa, Ambridge, Beaver, Beaver Falls, Blackhawk, Central Valley, Freedom, Hopewell, Midland, New Brighton, Riverside, Rochester, Southside and Western Beaver were referred to the program.

ABATEMENT PROGRAM – The Abatement Program was created in addition to the truancy program. Once a family is cited for truancy, referred to a Magistrate’s, completes Truancy Intervention Program, has had services provided by agencies in the community and continues to be truant, the Magistrate can then file a dependency application. The client will meet with an intake officer and then assigned to a probation officer through and Informal Adjustment Consent. There was 1 client carried over from 2020, 3 new clients were referred in 2021 and all successfully completed the program. The goal is to find the cause of the truancy and provide services to the family to reduce the chronic absenteeism.

VICTIM AWARENESS – The Juvenile Services Division previously relied on staff from our Adelphoi Program to provide a victim awareness curriculum for clients involved with the judicial system and specifically those clients in the restitution program. As part of a research project for graduate school, a staff member from the Juvenile Services Division adopted the evidenced based program created by Valerie Bender a Consultant for the Juvenile Court Judges Commission. Classes are conducted on a quarterly basis. Clients that are eligible for probation supervision in the community are referred to the program through Juvenile Services. There were 45 clients that were referred to the program and 41(91%) successfully completed the program. One individual completed the class virtually. In 2020, there were 15 clients that successfully completed the program. This is a 173% increase in referrals since 2020.

CAREER LINKS – The Juvenile Services Division in partnership with Beaver County Adult Probation and Beaver County Domestic Relations have worked with Career Links which is located in the Beaver Valley Mall, Monaca PA. Clients worked on various issues such as learning how to obtain their GED, complete a resume, complete job applications, and apply for OVR Services and job training. Career Links helped both parents and juveniles in contacting local community- based programs to assist with paying their rent, gas, electric, and buying food. In 2021, there were 15 clients that took advantage of the service. Many clients and families took advantage of virtual workshops provided through Career Links as a result of COVID-19.

PRESSLEY RIDGE CRISIS PROGRAM - Crisis Stabilization and Family Preservation services in Beaver County are designed to serve the needs of youth and their families who are involved with Juvenile Services Division of Beaver County and who are either returning from a

juvenile detention facility or other placement or are at risk of being placed in a facility. Services are designed to do a thorough assessment of the youth and family to identify areas of volatility that risk re-entry into the juvenile justice system, and to offer crisis stabilization, brief treatment, and linkage to support services.

Crisis Stabilization and Family Preservation services are provided to youth ages 12-18 years of age and their family members, including parents, siblings, and any other persons identified by the family as needing to be included. Services are provided to every family identified for a minimum of 30 days, and with four to twelve weeks of service for the majority of families. The intensity of service is dependent upon the unique needs of each identified family; however, due to the nature of the population served, contact is expected at a minimum of three visits per week. The service is provided by a team of two professionals, both a master's level and bachelor's level family worker. Visits are conducted both as a team and as individuals depending on the purpose of each session. Services are offered in the home and community, including meeting the youth and family in whatever location is convenient to the family. In 2021, there were 22 families provided this service.

POSITIVE TRANSITIONS – In 2021, the Court continued to use the Child Custody Communication Class. This class was created for several important reasons. The Courts of Beaver County needed a better tool to ensure custody and divorce litigants are better able to communicate throughout their civil Court proceedings. By having litigants complete the program; the goal is to have clients learn to communicate in an appropriate manner with the consideration of children's feelings throughout the process.

The Court also needed a system whereby the program is offered at different times throughout the month, attendance is monitored accurately, clients are provided a Court contact person and data is collected at each class to ensure each instructor is following the curriculum with fidelity.

The program is self-sustaining and is funded by litigants paying an initial fee for the class. Below are the class statistics. The first two classes were cancelled and only one class was held in February 2021, due to COVID- 19 so the statistics are lower.

Year-to-date:

412 individuals

314 successful completions

76.21% successful completion rate

Average pre-test score: 81.238

Average post-test score: 86.238

Average evaluation score (out of possible 5): 4.6

TRAILS MINISTRIES – The end of 2020-2021 marks eight years that TRAILS has been afforded the opportunity to provide support to the juvenile justice-involved youth and their families. This includes visits to placement, shelter and treatment facilities and emergency transportation to facilities in bereavement situations. They provide job skills, job training, computer use, mentoring, homework assistance, gift cards, food and many other services.

The communal shock and devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic created added strain on families in a number of ways, also straining the systems at large which families found themselves a part of. Though no one could have anticipated the changes we would have to mutually adjust to in this time, TRAILS has been and will continue to be committed to adapting ongoing support the families who need it most. Since Pennsylvania was under an Emergency Order until June 30, 2021, TRAILS provided limited services to the family beginning after July 1, 2021. All stats are for the last six months of 2021.

There was a total of 447.25 hours of Virtual Visitations from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

There were 43 active participants in the programs from October 2021 to December 2021. There were 600 contacts with young adults in this quarter and a total number of 412 hours. There were an additional 738 hours of employment hours completed by youth. TRAILS staff will continue to provide services to youth and their families.