

Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County

JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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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 Program (TIP), Underage Drinking Program, Victim Awareness and the Redeem Fund (Restitution Program).

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2018, the Beaver County Juvenile Services was involved in the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission review and audit. Angela Work from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission completed a Court Service Visit in May of 2018. As part of the visit, Angela Work observed Judge Shahan conducting delinquency hearings; she reviewed policy and procedures regarding our implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategies and also interviewed two of our Juvenile Services Division staff. As a result of this visit, our department and the Court did very well with the implementation of JJSES. On behalf of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, Angela offered any necessary assistance to the department or the Court with implementing services.

In 2018, 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. It is always challenging to

have juveniles complete their community service. This department took notice that when a client was offered this program as a place where they could go to complete their community service work they were very motivated to do so. Initially, this started as a community service site, but it was quickly realized that the impact was extraordinary. The idea was to create and expand services in partnership with the Ranch. This goal was achieved through the needs based budget. Beaver County Juvenile Services Division and Beaver County Children and Youth Services continued their partnership in 2018, and conducted the 2nd annual twelve week camp during the summer. The camp was titled "Freedom from Fear." Since it was going to be held during the summer there were a few provisions made to the camp. The camp was held three days per week; but, the number of referrals was increased from five to six clients a day and the hours were extended from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. Twelve of those clients were referred from Juvenile Probation and consisted of aftercare clients, formal probation clients, consent decree clients, as well as truancy and fine cases. The other six clients were referred from Children and Youth Services. The clients were picked up by a local bus company and transported to and from the ranch. During the first hour of the camp, Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch staff provided the mentoring piece and during the second hour 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.

Also, the ranch received donations from Home Depot and Lowes, so a garden was planted and implemented into the camp. The produce that was harvested, was used in an activity where the kids prepared homemade salsa. At the end of each day the kids were able to take fresh vegetables home to their families which they seemed to really enjoy.

It should be noted that the staff at Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch not only mentor our youth, but will 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 is very impactful. It is not only giving our clients a sense of purpose but also achievement.

On August 25, 2018, a banquet dinner was held to honor each of these clients at Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch. There were around 120 people that attended. This included RYYR staff, representatives from the Courts; including, our Juvenile Judges Mitchell Shahan and Deborah Decostro, Juvenile Services Director, Gary Rosatelli and his staff, caseworkers from Children and Youth Services, and the client's families. In addition, Guest Speaker Angela Work, Director of Administration of Grant Programs from the Juvenile Court Judges Commission spoke on the nomination and recognition of the Ranch and its Co-Founder Micheline Barkley winning 2018 "Meritorious Service Award" through the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. Also, she spoke on the positive impact this program has made on our community. Again, each child received their own individual recognition award, a certificate of completion, and a red, white, and blue championship ribbon that represented this year's motto which was "Freedom from Fear." At the conclusion of the dinner the clients "saddled up" and showed their families that "there is nothing to fear but fear itself."

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 as well as 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.

In 2018, this department continued to use the PA Detention Risk Assessment Instrument. This tool validates the decision to detain a child. The Intake staff are trained to administer the DRAI.

The use of Evidenced Based Practices has substantially effected 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. This department utilizes several different services that incorporate evidenced based practices, such as, MST, Family Group and ART. The YLS/CMI is provided to our afterschool program and our placement agencies that we utilize. Evidenced based practices are integrated into probation services. The continued goal is to keep low risk juveniles from penetrating the system and to provide services to those who are moderate to high risk and need supervision from this department. These tools enable probation officers to provide proper services and validate their decisions.

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 2018. We will continue to use our afterschool program and crisis intervention. We are dedicated in the use of evidenced based research and practices and will continue to implement tools such as MST, ART, Family Group Decision Making, to provide the best services possible to clients and families. Alliance, skill building, rewards and sanctions are the foundation of providing successful probation services. The Carey Guides and BITS are tools to enable staff to deal with different probation scenarios.

The Juvenile Services Division has continued to use the Youth Level Service Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) risk needs assessment as a means to determine what level a client is to re-offend. The YLS is also part of JJSES Initiation Stage. We currently have four master YLS trainers. In 2018, there were 263 assessments completed. We continue to review our YLS policy and procedures to ensure we are following best practice according to the Juvenile Court Judges Commission. This department continues to be involved with the state YLS conference calls and currently operates a YLS committee. Because the YLS is linked to the creation of an appropriate case plan that meets the risk, needs and goals for a client there has been a statewide case plan committee developed through JCJC. The committee developed a field case plan for clients that address attainable and smart goals. This department also has a motivational interviewing committee and has implemented MI coding during this fiscal year.

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 a total of seven residential programs. The program has been extremely beneficial to the families we serve as it gives family members an opportunity to visit with their children through teleconferencing while they are in shelter, detention or a placement facility. In addition to the Virtual Visitation Program, Trails Ministry has added a component to the program referred to as Extended Aftercare. Staff from Trails attend court hearings, assist families with transportation, provide role modeling and mentoring programs through Geneva College and provide community service projects for the juvenile. In addition, staff will provide support to the client and family in meeting treatment goals.

The Beaver After School Program operated by Adelphoi Village continued to provide an array of services for Juvenile Services during the past year. The program is partnered with Beaver County Job Training which enables the youth who attend the after school program, an opportunity to learn skills such as preparing a resume and job interviews. Youth can earn up to \$300.00. Juveniles under the age of fourteen do not qualify for Career Links. These clients are involved with the Youth Earning Program. They can earn \$50.00 for attending the program for thirty days, participate and be of good behavior. The money earned has been helpful to the youth as it assist them in regards to paying their court costs and restitution they may owe to their victims. Over the past year the program identified community resources that enabled the youth who attend the program an opportunity to participate and complete community service projects. The program dedicates two days a week for youth to attend work sites.

Adelphoi staff continued to provide transportation for clients and to and from drug and alcohol counseling. Without this service many of the youth involved with The Juvenile Services would not be able to meet the required obligation to attend, due to lack of transportation or in some case motivational issues. Youth also benefited from a structured daily schedule as the program enforces peer evaluations, group process, behavior management techniques, contingency contracting, victim awareness and conflict resolution. The youth in the program are taught to take responsibility for their actions and develop plans that will enable them to experience success.

In 2018, 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 18 Act 53 cases in 2018, which totaled \$15,701.72 in legal fees.

This department continued to operate the Underage Drinking Program. The program did well in 2018, and was self -sustainable. This is a service that is important to provide to the community.

This department had several goals for FY18-19 which included, implementing the MAYSI II, Graduated Responses, 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: 2014-2018

YEAR	DELINQUENCY	DEPENDENCY	CUSTODY	TOTAL
2018	447	59	648	1154
2017	476	75	642	1193
2016	471	55	701	1227
2015	477	62	784	1323
2014	526	55	798	1379

In 2018, delinquency referrals declined somewhat over the last year. Over the past five years delinquency referrals dropped 15% with an average filing of 479 allegations per year. Dependency referrals decreased by 21% from the prior year, with an average filing of 61 allegations since 2014. Custody referrals decreased by less than 1% for 2018; over the past five years there was an average filing of 715 cases.

Delinquency referral demographics 2018

	BLACK	WHITE	MALE	FEMALE	FIRST OFFENDER	REPEAT OFFENDER
2018	44%	56%	70%	30%	42%	58%
2017	39%	61%	71%	29%	38%	62%
2016	44%	56%	68%	32%	38%	62%
2015	47%	53%	68%	32%	35%	65%
2014	46%	54%	67%	33%	37%	63%

Youth 15 years of age and older accounted for 71% of all delinquency allegations filed in 2018. Youth ages 10-12 accounted for 7% and 13-14 year olds represented 22% of allegations filed in 2018.

Referrals by source 2014-2018

	Total Delinquency Referrals	By Law Enforcement Agcy.	By MDJ
2018	447	333(74%)	114(26%)
2017	476	370(78%)	106(22%)
2016	471	351(75%)	119(25%)
2015	477	371(78%)	106(22%)
2014	527	422(80%)	105(20%)

Police departments with the most referrals were: Ambridge, 32; Beaver Falls, 25; Aliquippa, 24; Baden, 20; New Brighton, and Economy Boro both had, 18; Hopewell Township, 16; Beaver, 14; and all other departments had ten or less filings.

Referrals by most serious charge

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	27	23	17	21	25
BURGLARY	19	35	25	33	21
DRUG RELATED/DUI	61	94	94	93	76
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	28	38	115	44	39
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	11	31	29	30	24
FIREARMS & WEAPONS/MANSLAUGHTER	27	19	27	39	38
SEX OFFENSES	19	50	6	46	83
UNPAID FINES	117	107	119	107	105
THEFT (ALL)	132	124	129	117	124
ROBBERY	4	24	2	2	5
SIMPLE ASSAULT	95	85	59	79	100
TERRORISTIC THREATS	31	13	10	28	17
ADMINISTRATIVE	59	74	90	91	103

There were also 2 counts of Arson, 124 counts of Disorderly Conduct and Harassment. Of the 923 charges on the 447 allegations filed in 2018, 179 or 19% were graded as felonies.

Delinquency dispositions 2014-2018

YEAR	INTAKE ADJUSTMENT	CONSENT DECREE	FORMAL PROCESSING	TOTAL
2018	105	106	177	388
2017	107	103	217	427
2016	116	99	235	450
2015	147	113	285	539
2014	119	112	203	434

Formal (Court) dispositions 2018:

TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL COURT	0
DISMISSED/WITDRAWN	96
PROBATION	27
COMMITMENT	52
TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNTY	2

DETENTION

Secure detention 2014-2018

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2018	23	22	461	21.0	1.3
2017	31	33	601	18.2	1.6
2016	24	21	465	22.1	1.2
2015	49	54	882	16.3	2.4
2014	35	34	663	19.5	1.8

Shelter 2013-2017

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2018	74	72	1312	18.2	3.6
2017	89	88	1493	16.9	4.0
2016	67	63	1223	19.4	3.4
2015	60	64	941	14.7	2.6
2014	93	92	1773	19.2	4.9

Temporary foster care 2014-2018

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2018	24	21	1190	56.7	3.3
2017	52	55	2605	47.4	7.1
2016	28	26	1247	47.9	3.4
2015	46	45	1629	36.2	4.4
2014	34	34	1475	43.3	4.0

CLIENT SUPERVISION***Cases Under Court Supervision as of 12/31/18***

Function	Total Cases	Avg. Caseload	# of staff assigned
Formal and consent decree	49	12	4
Intensive probation	2	2	1
Aftercare	18	6	3
School-based probation	27	9	3
Informal adjustment cases	23	23	1
Total cases under supervision	119	11	11

CASE OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are based on data from 144 delinquency cases closed in 2018.

Community Protection

- Juveniles who successfully completed supervision without a new offense resulting in a Consent Decree,
- Adjudication of Delinquency, ARD, Nolo Contendere, or finding of guilt in a criminal proceeding : 129; 89.6%

Accountability / Community Service

- Juveniles assigned community service: 141; 97.9%
- a. juveniles who completed assigned community service obligation: 140; 99.3%
- Total community service hours completed: 4,509

Accountability / Restitution

- Juveniles with a Restitution obligation: 311; 21.5%
 - a. juveniles who made full restitution to their victim(s): 27; 87.1%
- Total amount of restitution collected; \$20,802.10

Accountability / Victim Awareness

- Juveniles directed/ordered to participate in a victim awareness curriculum /program while under supervision: 88; 61.1%
- juveniles who successfully completed a victim awareness curriculum / program while under supervision: 86; 97.7.3%

Accountability / Other Financial Obligations

- Juveniles ordered to pay Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs: 121; 84%
- Juveniles who paid Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs in full: 120; 99.2%
- Total amount Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs collected: \$3,625.00

Competency Development

- Juveniles directed / ordered to participate in a competency development activity while under supervision: 130; 90.3%
- Juveniles who successfully completed a competency development activity while under supervision: 127; 97.7%
- Juveniles directed / ordered to participate in a substance abuse treatment program while under supervision: 48 ; 33.3%
- Juveniles who successfully completed, or are actively participating in, a licensed substance abuse treatment program at case closing (in-patient or out-patient): 44; 91.7 %
- Juveniles employed or engaged in an educational or vocational activity at case closing: 136; 94.4%

PLACEMENTS

Placement Report / 2018

	Delinquent	Dependent	Total
Placed as of 1/1/18	15	3	18
Placed during 2018	33	2	35
Released in 2018	24	6	30
Placed as of 12/31/18	24	2	26

In 2018, there were 15 juveniles committed to delinquent placements which were funded by Value (Medicaid) and 18 were county funded. Dependency costs for the year of 2018 were 119,930.10.

Placements and costs 2013-2018

YEAR	DEL PLCMTS	DEP PLCMTS	TTL PLCMTS	DEL COSTS
2018	33	2	35	\$ 809,903
2017	28	8	36	696,757
2016	45	7	52	692,088
2015	39	9	48	981,597
2014	38	12	49	1,254,173
2013	51	39	82	1,217,505

DEPENDENCY CASES

There were 54 dependency cases filed in 2018. Filings decreased over the last year. There were 66 dependency dispositions in 2018. There was a carryover from 2017.

Dependency referral demographics – 2018

Race	
<i>White</i>	64%
<i>Black</i>	22%
<i>Multi-racial</i>	14%
Age at referral	
<i>Under 10</i>	29%
<i>10-12</i>	5%
<i>13-14</i>	15%
<i>15-16</i>	32%
<i>17 and over</i>	19%

Sex	
<i>Male</i>	61%
<i>Female</i>	39%
Referred by	
<i>CYS</i>	46%
<i>Other</i>	54%

YEAR	INTAKE	FORMAL	TOTAL
2018	20	46	66
2017	10	47	57
2016	21	44	65

CHILD CUSTODY CASES

Child custody referrals and dispositions / 2016-2018

YEAR	REFERRALS	DISPOSITIONS
2018	719	688
2017	642	624
2016	701	742

The Juvenile Services Division conducted 18 homes studies for child custody cases during 2018.

Child custody dispositions / 2016-2018

	2018	2017	2016
AGREEMENT	120	88	128
PROPOSED ORDER	154	197	220
TEMP. ORDER/ FINAL	0	0	2
FINAL ORDER (COURT)	328	303	302
OTHER	58	58	96
EXCEPTIONS FILED	81	71	72
RESOLVED AT JSD*	89%	91%	106%

*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 2018, reflects dispositions of previous pending cases from prior years.

COLLECTIONS

<i>Collection Summary/2018</i>	<i>Assessed</i>	<i>Collected</i>
Restitution	\$48,590.00	\$17,779.18
Crime Victims' Comp.	3460.00	3,297.21
DUI Fees	300.00	300.00
Juvenile Restitution Fund	33,879.29	\$31,264.19
Juvenile Supervision Fees	7300.00	6853.50
Total	\$93,529.29	\$59,494.08

Redeem Fund / 2018

Beginning balance	\$25,259.09
Deposits	12,230.29
Paid out	11,352.55
Ending balance	26,136.83
Clients participating	49
Clients completing	31

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 141 clients that completed 4509 hours of community service during the year of 2018. 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 2018, there were 31 clients that successfully completed the program. There was \$11,352.55 earned in community service hours. This money was subsequently paid to victims of crimes and for supervision fees.

ADELPHOI AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM – Adelphoi Village has been operating an afternoon and evening program for high risk youth on probation since 2006. It is usually a four month program that supplements probation supervision and serves to keep offenders off the street during the high risk times for criminal activity. It provides community service opportunities, job acquisition assistance, tutor assistance and life skills services, and transportation to and from drug and alcohol counseling sessions. Healthcare education is provided to clients on a weekly basis to clients. Adelphoi served 58 youth with 36 clients that successfully completed the program. There were 18 clients that were unsuccessful.

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 66 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 2018, 263 YLS/CMI assessments were completed. Of those cases, 0% (0) were to be considered very high; 9% (23) of the youth were determined to be high risk, 28% (73) were moderate risk and the remaining 63% (166), 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.

SANCTION PROGRAMS – Probation officers have numerous methods of bringing clients into compliance with probation rules and conditions. These range from less severe sanctions that can be imposed by the probation officer to more severe sanctions that require due process. The objective is to use the least severe sanction that is likely to bring about compliance. The first level sanction programs are operated out of the Adelphoi Village Afterschool Program. The second level sanction is the Weekend Sanction Program through Keystone in Greenville, PA. Youth in that program are ordered to spend up to four consecutive weekends in residence at Keystone Adolescent Center. In 2018, 1 youth was ordered to participate in that program. Juveniles in the weekend sanction program are expected to complete community service and are being held accountable for their technical violations. The most severe sanction is the 30 Day Sanction program also at Keystone wherein youth are sent to Keystone for an intensive one month program. During 2018, no youth was ordered to complete the 30 Day program. All sanctions are accountability based programs designed to bring youth back into compliance with conditions of probation. These sanctions have helped the agency limit the use of long term placements for youth who violate probation.

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 2018, there were 19 clients that were referred to the program. This is a 44% decrease in the use of the bracelet from 2017 (in 2017 there were 34 clients using the Electronic Monitoring System). Out of these 19 clients in 2018, 5 were zero tolerance cases.

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 hour educational program on consecutive Saturdays taught by juvenile probation officers trained by the Pennsylvania DUI Association which also developed the curriculum. In 2018, 113 underage drinking citations were filed at the various magisterial district offices. The magistrates referred 80 youth to the program and 73 completed it by year end.

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 2017-2018 and is operated jointly between the Juvenile Services Division and Beaver County Children and Youth Services. A team consisting of a two 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 2017 - 2018 school year, there were 397 hearings held at the magistrates throughout Beaver County. 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. There were 80 families referred to TIP and out of this number of referrals, 42 families completed the class. There were 8 classes held. In the year of 2017-2018 there were 1662 families served, which includes school intervention as well. From these referrals, ten families were referred to Family Group Decision Making with two conferences being held.

In cooperation with a representative from each school district, magisterial districts, the Juvenile Services Division and Beaver County Children and Youth Services a county protocol committee was created and meets on a yearly basis. This committee established a universal truancy referral system along with intervention and prevention services.

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 2 client carried over from 2018, 8 new clients were referred in 2018 and 6 successfully completed the program. There were 2 that were unsuccessful. 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 57 clients that were referred to the program and 50 (88%) successfully completed the program.

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 2018, there were 58 clients from the Adelphoi Afterschool Program that could have participated with Career Links. However, only 33 clients took advantage of the service. All 33 clients participated and successfully completed their resumes or GED classes. Job Training paid \$ 4,321.50 towards restitution and supervision fees.

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 2018, there were 39 families provided this service.

TRAILS MINISTRIES – Provides numerous services to 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.

During the 2018 calendar year, TRAILS has supported fifty-two (52) families through Virtual Visitation and Youth Reentry Mentoring. In addition to these fifty-two (52) Juvenile Services-involved youth, many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and children of the youth were also supported with consistent and holistic support. Each month, the Team was actively working with an average of twenty-four (24) youth and their families. Going into this year, there were sixteen (16) families already involved, adding twenty-seven (27) new referrals and nine (9) re-referrals at various levels of assistance. Trails conducted seventy-six (76) Virtual Visits and documented an additional twenty (20) scheduled, which later had to be canceled for a number of reasons, usually due to behavioral issues and/or family scheduling conflicts. TRAILS had the ability to offer Virtual Visitation at eleven (11) placement/shelter facilities, because each of these facilities also, utilize the

compatible teleconferencing services: Abraxas, Adelphoi, Bethesda, George Junior, Glen Mills, Jefferson County Detention Center, Keystone, Mid-Atlantic, New Outlook, Pathways, and Summit Academy. When families were separated due placement at Outside In, Pyramid, and Taylor Divergent, where Virtual Visitation is not possible, the Team offered monthly on-site visitation to several families and/or gas cards for families to be able to visit with their children in person. Together therefore, TRAILS is able to serve the youth residing in fourteen (14) detention, shelter and placement centers. On average this year, TRAILS planned one monthly trip to placement sites with youth fitting this description, including providing food for the family during this venture. In addition, TRAILS provided nine (9) gift cards of varying amounts to assist families get to their children in placement and enjoy some food together while doing so. TRAILS also makes separate trips to visit with the youth pre-release who have been referred to the program via probation and/or whose parents have requested, approved by probation. The Team was available to meet with sixty-five (65) families during the thirty-five (35) court hearings that they were present for. The Team documented 2,822 family contacts with and on-behalf of youth, with an average of 235 each month. Those each contact ranges in involvement from collaborator/community referrals to all-day placement site visits to multiple-hour mentoring outings to virtual visits and the transportation/processing with families for each one, the number denotes the frequency of the Team's communication and commitment to each family.

In the growing and maturing component of Youth Reentry Programming, the Team provided Mentoring for twenty (20) Juvenile Justice-involved youth and an additional seven (7) siblings of Juvenile Justice-involved youth. In this capacity, the Team utilized one-on-one and group participation to work anywhere from a couple months to well over two years with the same youth to assist them in completing the terms of probation alongside them and continuing to stay involved as the youth transition out of mandated services and into freedom and adulthood.

The Team was invited to and attended eleven (11) Family Group Decision Making conferences as support to families, most oftentimes invited by the families themselves.

Many youth completed their Community Service with TRAILS in a variety of ways, from cleaning/maintenance to creative opportunities like speaking to younger children about their experiences and participating in community events.