

Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County

JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION

2019 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, the Redeem Fund (Restitution Program) and a new communication class, Positive Transitions created in 2019, for child custody litigants.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

At the beginning of 2019, the Beaver County Juvenile Services along with the assistance of the Beaver County Board of Judges, created a communication class for any individual that is involved in seeking custody of children. A study was completed to ensure the seminar would be sustainable. A pre and post-test was created and is administered at the beginning and end of each class. This is to ensure the curriculum is evidenced based and clients are learning from the class. The class is offered twice a month- once during the day and in the evening. There are five probation officers that were trained to be certified instructors in facilitating the class.

In June 2019, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission reached out to Beaver County Juvenile Services to become a pilot program for implementing a child trauma tool. This department had staff attend trauma training in August 2019. Since then, all intake officers have been trained in administering the trauma tool to clients. There are written policy and procedures

regarding the implementation of this tool. This department continues to be involved in the conference calls and following the initial criteria that was introduced to the pilot counties.

In September 2019, Angela Work from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission completed a Court Service Visit. As part of the visit, Angela Work observed our hearing officer conducting delinquency hearings; she reviewed policies 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 did very well with the implementation of JJSES. There were some issues with the processing of Court cases that has been addressed.

In October 2019, the Juvenile Services Division was also audited by the Pennsylvania State Police. Because this department has access to sensitive Criminal Justice Information, the PA State Police audit our department every three years. The audit is completed to ensure staff are running criminal history inquiries for only cases involved with this department. The PA state police are very strict in that: each record check must have an allegation number or prothonotary number attached to the record; staff must have a separate file with a copy of their fingerprints, a recent criminal background check and a certificate completing their security awareness. Everything was completed by staff and the audit went very well.

In 2019, one of our probation youths was nominated for the JCJC Achievement Award for the obstacles that she had to overcome throughout her life and what she was able to accomplish. As part of one of her accomplishments, she also won the Western PA Golden Glove Boxing Tournament. This youth won the JCJC Achievement Award and was honored at the JCJC conference in November 2019.

In 2019, the Beaver County Juvenile Services continued using the Ready Yourselfes 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. When clients are offered this program as a place where they could go to complete their community service work they are very motivated to do so. 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 2019, the departments in conjunction with the ranch conducted the 3rd annual twelve week camp during the summer. The camp was titled "Survivor -Overcomer." The camp was held three days per week; the total number of referrals was sixteen clients, the class was 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 four 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 part of the camp, Ready Yourselfes 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.

Also, the ranch received donations from the community, 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 and Thai food. 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 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 24, 2019, a banquet dinner was held to honor each of these clients at Ready Yourself Youth Ranch. There were approximately 100 people that attended. Jared Boyer was the guest speaker. This included RYYR staff, representatives from the Courts; caseworkers from Children and Youth Services, and the client's families. Again, each child received their own individual recognition award, a certificate of completion, championship ribbon that represented the "Ready Yourself Youth Ranch." At the conclusion of the dinner the clients "saddled up" and showed their families that "there is nothing to fear but fear itself."

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 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.

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. 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 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 2019. 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 2019, there were 250 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 all out of home 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. 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.

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 2019, 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 11 Act 53 cases in 2019, which totaled \$7,979.25 in legal fees. This is a 61% decrease in filings from 2018.

This department continued to operate the Underage Drinking Program. The program only had 27 clients that completed the class in 2019. Although the program was not self-sustainable in 2019, it is a service that is important to provide to the community.

The Juvenile Services Division started an expungement process of all old cases in 2017. The goal was to expunge cases that had been previously dispositioned as dismissed, informal adjustments and consent decrees. In 2019, this enormous expungement project was completed. Going forward, expungements will be completed on a monthly basis for any cases that are eligible.

In 2019, Dayna Revay, Director of Children and Youth Services retired after 40 years of service to Beaver County. Dayna was extremely knowledgeable of the child welfare system. Dayna tirelessly worked towards improving services for children and families. She will be greatly missed.

This department had several goals for FY19-20 which included, continue implementing the Trauma Tool, 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: 2015-2019

YEAR	DELINQUENCY	DEPENDENCY	CUSTODY	TOTAL
2019	457	48	752	1257
2018	447	59	648	1154
2017	476	75	642	1193
2016	471	55	701	1227
2015	477	62	784	1323

In 2019, delinquency referrals increased slightly over the last year. Over the past five years delinquency referrals have remained fairly the same with an average filing of 466 allegations per year. Dependency referrals decreased by 19% from the prior year, with an average filing of 60 allegations since 2015. Custody referrals increased by 9% for 2019; over the past five years there was an average filing of 705 cases.

Delinquency referral demographics 2019

	BLACK	WHITE	MALE	FEMALE	FIRST OFFENDER	REPEAT OFFENDER
2019	51%	49%	68%	32%	41%	59%
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%

Youth 15 years of age and older accounted for 72% of all delinquency allegations filed in 2019. Youth ages 10-12 accounted for 5% and 13-14 year olds represented 23% of allegations filed in 2019.

Referrals by source 2015-2019

	Total Delinquency Referrals	By Law Enforcement Agcy.	By MDJ
2019	457	342(75%)	115(25%)
2018	447	333(74%)	114(26%)
2017	476	370(78%)	106(22%)
2016	471	351(75%)	119(25%)
2015	477	371(78%)	106(22%)

Police departments with the most referrals were: Beaver Falls, 44; Baden, 28; Ambridge, 27; Economy Borough, 26; Aliquippa, 18; New Sewickley Township, 18; New Brighton, 15; Hopewell Township, 15; and all other departments had under fifteen filings.

Referrals by most serious charge

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	39	27	23	17	21
BURGLARY	14	19	35	25	33
DRUG RELATED/DUI	67	61	94	94	93
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	24	28	38	115	44
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	16	11	31	29	30
FIREARMS & WEAPONS/MANSLAUGHTER	17	27	19	27	39
SEX OFFENSES	67	19	50	6	46
UNPAID FINES	115	117	107	119	107
THEFT (ALL)	224	132	124	129	117
ROBBERY	9	4	24	2	2
SIMPLE ASSAULT	94	95	85	59	79
TERRORISTIC THREATS	32	31	13	10	28
ADMINISTRATIVE	49	59	74	90	91

There were 144 counts of Disorderly Conduct and Harassment. Of the 1102 charges on the 457 allegations filed in 2019, 192 or 17% were graded as felonies.

Delinquency dispositions 2015-2019

YEAR	INTAKE ADJUSTMENT	CONSENT DECREE	FORMAL PROCESSING	TOTAL
2019	98	142	182	422
2018	105	106	277	488
2017	107	103	217	427
2016	116	99	235	450
2015	147	113	285	539

Formal (Court) dispositions 2019:

TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL COURT	1
DISMISSED/WITDRAWN	113
PROBATION	25
COMMITMENT	32
TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNTY	12

DETENTION

Secure detention 2015-2019

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2019	25	27	564	22.5	1.5
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

Shelter 2015-2019

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2019	37	40	1130	30.5	3.1
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

Temporary foster care 2015-2019

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2019	25	28	854	34.2	2.3
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

CLIENT SUPERVISION

Cases Under Court Supervision as of 12/31/19

Function	Total Cases	Avg. Caseload	# of staff assigned
Intensive/Formal and consent decree	58	11	5
Aftercare	22	7	3
School-based probation	31	10	3
Informal adjustment cases	22	22	1
Total cases under supervision	133	11	13

CASE OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are based on data from 119 delinquency cases closed in 2019.

Juveniles by Risk Level

16 or 20.0% of juveniles reported lower risk level at case closing

42 or 52.5% of juveniles had an initial risk level at low risk that remained low risk level at case closing

16 or 20.0% of juveniles had an initial risk level at moderate, high, or very high risk level that remained the same at case closing

1 or 1.3% of juveniles reported a higher risk level at case closing

Of those 42 juveniles that had an initial risk level at low risk that remained low risk level at case closing

26 or 61.9% had a lower risk score at closing

10 or 23.8% the risk score remained the same at closing

6 or 14.3% had a higher risk score at closing

Of those 16 juveniles that had an initial risk level at moderate, high, or very high risk level that remained the same at case closing

11 or 68.8% had a lower risk score at closing

3 or 18.8% the risk score remained the same at closing

2 or 12.5% had a higher risk score at closing

80 or 67.2% of juveniles were indicated to require a YLS per county policy

Community Protection

A. Fingerprints, Photographs, and DNA Collection

17 or 14.3% of juveniles closed were indicated to be fingerprinted and photographed for an adjudicated offense

3 or 2.5% of juveniles closed were indicated to be submitted to DNA collection for an applicable offenses

Of those 17 juveniles that were indicated to be fingerprinted and photographed for an adjudicated offense

*14 or 82.4% were Fingerprinted and Photographed
Of those 3 juveniles that were indicated to be submitted to DNA collection for an applicable Offenses 2 or 66.7% had DNA collected*

B. Juvenile Offenses while under supervision

116 or 97.5% of juveniles successfully completed supervision without a new juvenile offense resulting in a Consent Decree or Adjudication of Delinquency

3 or 2.5% of juveniles, while under supervision, were charged with a new juvenile offense that resulted in a Consent Decree or Adjudication of Delinquency

7 or 5.9% of juveniles, while under supervision, were petitioned to court for a violation of Probation

3 or 2.5% of juveniles, while under supervision, were petitioned to court for a violation of probation that resulted in a change of disposition

C. Adult Offenses and Direct File while under supervision

1 or 0.8% of juveniles, while under supervision, were charged with a new criminal offense and Are pending in criminal court

D. Median length of supervision: 6.0 months

E. Placement 12 or 10.1% 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): 11.6 months

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

Restitution

18 or 15.1% of juveniles had a restitution obligation

Total amount of restitution required was \$9,601.00
18 or 100.0% of juveniles obligated made full restitution to their victim(s)

Total amount of restitution collection was \$9,601.00
0 or 0.0% 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
0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not make full restitution the case was closed and judgment was entered prior to aging out
0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not make full restitution the case was closed with no judgment entered
0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not make full restitution were Deceased

Accountability / Community Service

115 or 100.0% of juveniles completed assigned community service obligation
3,452 total community service hours were assigned
115 or 96.6% of juveniles were assigned community service
3,486 total community service hours were completed

Other Financial Obligations

88 or 73.9% of juveniles were ordered to pay Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs
88 or 100.0% of juveniles paid Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs in full
Total amount Crime Victim's Compensation Fund costs collected: \$2,445.25
90 or 75.6% of juveniles were ordered to pay other court costs or fines
Total amount of court costs and fines collected: \$16,262.00
89 or 98.9% of juveniles obligated paid court costs or fines in full
1 or 1.1% of juveniles obligated did not pay court costs or fines in full
0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not pay full costs and fines, were aged out and judgment was entered
0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not pay full costs and fines, were aged out and no judgment was entered
1 or 100.0% of juveniles that did not pay full costs and fines, the case was closed and no judgment was entered
0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not pay full costs and fines, the case was closed and judgment was entered prior to aging out
0 or 0.0% of juveniles that did not pay full costs and fines were Deceased

Victim Awareness

69 or 97.2% of juveniles successfully completed a victim awareness curriculum/program while under supervision

71 or 59.7% of juveniles were ordered to participate in a victim awareness curriculum/program while under supervision

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.

Activities that Reduce Risk and Promote Law-Abiding Behavior

27 or 22.7% 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

22 or 81.5% of case plans were updated throughout the supervision period

23 or 85.2% of plans included Skill Building & Tools activities

13 or 48.1% of plans included Cognitive Behavioral Group Interventions

24 or 88.9% of plans included Referral to Treatment Services

3 or 11.1% of plans included other activities

Activities that promote responsible and productive citizenship

118 or 99.2% of juveniles were employed or actively engaged in an educational or vocational activity at case closing

2 or 1.7% of juveniles attending G.E.D. preparation classes while under supervision

12 or 10.2% of juveniles graduated high school while under supervision

3 or 2.5% of juveniles were attending school and not passing while under supervision

88 or 74.6% of juveniles were attending school and passing while under supervision

6 or 5.1% of juveniles employed full time while under supervision

6 or 5.1% of juveniles actively seeking employment while under supervision

5 or 4.2% of juveniles participating in vocational training while under supervision

3 or 2.5% of juveniles obtained G.E.D while under supervision

16 or 13.6% of juveniles employed part time while under supervision

4 or 3.4% of juveniles enrolled or participating in higher education while under supervision

PLACEMENTS

Placement Report / 2019

	Delinquent	Dependent	Total
Placed as of 1/1/19	24	49	73
Placed during 2019	27	5	32
Released in 2019	32	18	50
Placed as of 12/31/19	19	36	55

In 2019, there were 13 juveniles committed to delinquent placements which were funded by Value (Medicaid) and 14 were county funded. Dependency costs for the year of 2019 were \$344,333.00.

Placements and costs 2014-2019

YEAR	DEL PLCMTS	DEP PLCMTS	TTL PLCMTS	DEL COSTS
2019	27	5	32	\$854,652
2018	33	1	35	\$809,903
2017	28	8	36	\$696,757
2016	45	7	52	\$692,088
2015	39	9	48	\$981,597

DEPENDENCY CASES

There were 48 dependency cases filed in 2019. Filings decreased over the last year. There were 53 dependency dispositions in 2019. There was a carryover from 2018.

Dependency referral demographics – 2019

Race	
<i>White</i>	35%
<i>Black</i>	48%
<i>Multi-racial</i>	17%
Age at referral	
<i>Under 10</i>	38%
<i>10-12</i>	15%
<i>13-14</i>	13%
<i>15-16</i>	33%
<i>17 and over</i>	1%

Sex	
<i>Male</i>	42%
<i>Female</i>	58%
Referred by	
<i>CYS</i>	65%
<i>Other</i>	35%

YEAR	INTAKE	FORMAL	TOTAL
2019	22	31	53
2018	20	46	66
2017	10	47	57

CHILD CUSTODY CASES

Child custody referrals and dispositions / 2017-2019

YEAR	REFERRALS	DISPOSITIONS
2019	752	725
2018	719	688
2017	642	624

The Juvenile Services Division conducted 9 homes studies for child custody cases during 2019.

Child custody dispositions / 2017-2019

	2019	2018	2017
AGREEMENT	122	120	88
PROPOSED ORDER	177	154	197
TEMP. ORDER/ FINAL	0	0	0
FINAL ORDER (COURT)	371	328	303
OTHER	65	58	58
EXCEPTIONS FILED	84	81	71
RESOLVED AT JSD*	96%	89%	91%

*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 2019, reflects dispositions of previous pending cases from prior years.

COLLECTIONS

<i>Collection Summary/2019</i>	<i>Assessed</i>	<i>Collected</i>
Restitution	\$45,505.86	\$16,293.34
Crime Victims Comp.	3750.00	3568.47
DUI Fees	1300.00	1300.00
Juvenile Restitution Fund	25,742.08	23,794.11
Juvenile Supervision Fees	15,296.28	14,439.48
Total	\$91,594.20	\$59,395.40

Redeem Fund / 2019

Beginning balance	\$26,136.83
Deposits	10,434.97
Paid out	9564.38
Ending balance	27,007.42
Clients participating	62
Client's referred in 2019	42
Clients completed	36

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 124 clients that completed 3995 hours

of community service during the year of 2019. 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 2019, there were 42 clients referred and 36 clients that successfully completed the program. There was \$9564.38 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 48 youth with 36 clients that successfully completed the program. There were 12 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 2019, 250 YLS/CMI assessments were completed. Of those cases, 1% (2) were to be considered very high; 6% (16) of the youth were determined to be high risk, 79% (32) were moderate risk and the remaining 61% (153), 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. We have not used any sanctions through the Adelphoi Program. The second level of sanctions 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 2019, 3 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 2019, no youth was ordered to complete the 30 Day program. In 2019, Juvenile Services used a new 45 day sanction program through Outside In. We had one individual Ordered to this 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 2019, there were 31 clients that were referred to the program. This is a 63% increase in the use of the bracelet from 2018(in 2018 there were 19 clients using the Electronic Monitoring System). Out of these 31clients in 2019, 18 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 2019, underage drinking citations were filed at the various magisterial district offices. The magistrates referred 29 youth to the program and 25 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 2018-2019 and is operated jointly between the Juvenile Services Division and Beaver County Children and Youth Services. A team consisting of a three CYD 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 2018 - 2019 school year, there were 321 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 144 families referred to TIP and out of this number of referrals, 71 families completed the class. There were 10 classes held. In the year of 2018-2019 there were 1835 families served, which includes school intervention as well. From these referrals, two families were referred to Family Group Decision Making with one 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 were 3 client carried over from 2018, 8 new clients were referred in 2019 and 10 successfully completed the program. All clients that were referred were successfully closed. 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 60 clients that were referred to the program and 50 (83%) 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 2019, there were 48 clients from the Adelphoi Afterschool Program that could have participated with Career Links. There were 8 clients that took advantage of the service. Ten other clients that were not in Adelphoi were referred to Career Links as well. There was \$2,572.75 paid by Job Training towards restitution and supervision fees for juveniles on probation. Also, an additional \$600.00 was paid to juveniles that attended the summer program at the ranch.

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 2019, there were 39 families provided this service.

POSITIVE TRANSITIONS – In 2019, a Child Custody Communication 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.

2019 Year in review (April – December):

- **483 registrations (416 individuals)**
- **384 successful completions**
- **32 unsuccessful completions**
 - **24 failed to reschedule**
 - **8 rescheduled for future dates**
- **79.50% successful completion rate (successful completions / registrations)**
- **92.3% adjusted successful completion rate (successful completions / individuals registered)**
- **Average pre-test score: 96.5%**
- **Average post-test score: 98.135%**
- **Average evaluation score (out of possible 5): 4.435**

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.

A. Virtual Visitation/Youth Reentry Report January 1 – December 31, 2019

Delinquency

Virtual Visitation & In Person Visitation

During the 2019 calendar year, TRAILS has supported fifty (50) 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-six (26) youth and their families. Going into this year, there were twenty-six (26) families already involved, adding twenty-seven (27) new referrals and five (5) re-referrals at various levels of assistance. Each month, there was an average of thirteen (13) families participating in programming pre-release and a monthly average of twelve (12) youth involved in aftercare each month. We conducted sixty (60) Virtual Visits and documented an additional seven (7) scheduled, which later

had to be canceled for a number of reasons, usually due to behavioral issues and/or family scheduling conflicts. In Quarter 4 (Oct-Dec 2019), heading into 2020, nineteen (19) youth and families were involved with Virtual Visitation and in-person visitation with the TRAILS team. Five (5) families participated in fourteen (14) Virtual Visits and six (6) families participated in twelve (12) in person visits.

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 Gateway Rehab, Outside In, Pyramid, and Taylor Divergent, where Virtual Visitation is not possible, the Team offered regular 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 fifteen (15) detention, shelter and placement centers. On average this year, TRAILS transported three (3) families every month to placement sites with youth fitting this description, including providing food for the family during this venture. As often as possible, the Team attempts to coordinate with the placement site counselors and families to be able to facilitate more than one family's visit at time. The trips have allowed for peer support between parents/guardians and has also allowed TRAILS to stretch its resources. In addition, TRAILS provided six (6) 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-nine (69) families during the thirty-two (32) detention hearings that they were present for. For the 1st and 2nd Quarters, numbers of contacts were documented, totaling 987, a monthly average of 165, which would produce an estimated year-total of 1,974. For the 3rd and 4th Quarters, the Team totaled hours instead. One thousand forty (1,040) hours were documented in the second half of the year, a monthly average of 173 hrs., which would produce an estimated year-total of 2,079 hrs. 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. One of the greatest strengths of this program is the length of time the TRAILS staff devotes to families long term.

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.

B. Aftercare

TRAILS' Aftercare component continues to grow, both in the amount of youth the Team has begun working with this year and been able to sustain working with, and lengthening the amount of time that the Team is involved with the youth. There are multiple youth who have been involved with TRAILS now over three (3) years. TRAILS' services have been able to transition with the youth into adulthood, assisting them in initially completing the terms of their probation and continuing to mentor and support them through positive reinforcement so that they do not reenter the justice system. With growing consideration of the trauma experienced by other family members, especially siblings, of youth who must go away to placement, TRAILS attempts to offer group and individualized mentoring to siblings of juvenile justice-involved youth as well.

Groups

Girl's Group continues to have stable participation, averaging eighteen (18) young ladies each week. There are thirteen (13) juvenile justice-involved young ladies who have been involved with Girl's Group, a weekly community group with the vision of "empowering young women to empower themselves through intention and purpose." Many of these young ladies began while on probation and have continued to invest and find belonging in this setting. This full-team approach to

reintegration and care is essential to youth remaining in their communities, building stronger bonds with their peers and healthy adults, having a safe place to be heard and understood, and the opportunity to experience new things.

Boy's Group kicked off in the 4th Quarter, on December 14th, with a 2K and Basketball Tournament with the partnering church, Ashes to Life, in Beaver Falls. This first event was facilitated by five (5) TRAILS Team Members and volunteers and twelve (12) young men participated. Of this total, three (3) were juvenile justice-involved.

C. Family Services

Through TRAILS' partnership with ABC to provide Certified Recover Specialist (CRS) services, TRAILS continues to make efforts to become a community-based agency able to offer CRS services to youth in our County. In the last quarter of 2019, one mother in this program began receiving CRS support through TRAILS. Four (4) Harvest Baskets were provided to families in partnership with the SHAY Foundation at Thanksgiving time. TRAILS' Housing Services provided invaluable support to four (4) families in the last quarter, and several more throughout the year, advocating through eviction proceedings, securing safe/stable housing, and assisting aftercare youth in securing their first apartment. Families involved in this program were also invited to participate in Hayes Summer Camp, TRAILBlazers After School Program, Project ID and BC-HOMES this year.