

**Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County**

**JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION**

**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

# **COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEAVER COUNTY**

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Honorable John J. Ross	Judge
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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).

## **2017 HIGHLIGHTS**

The Beaver County Courthouse has had several challenges over the last year which has affected this department. In July 2017, our Court Administrator, A. “Rich” DeFilippi, lost his struggle with cancer. He started his career in the Juvenile Probation Office and later became the Court Administrator. He was known for his strength and understanding. He had the ability to resolve issues and maintain his sense of humor in difficult situations. He will be greatly missed. Amy Buchanan one of our clerical staff retired in August of 2017. Judge John D. McBride who was our Juvenile Court Hearing Officer for approximately sixteen years and then our Juvenile Court Judge from 1998 to 2010, retired. Judge McBride was very knowledgeable about the juvenile system.

In 2017, the Beaver County Juvenile Services commenced using the Ready Yourself Youth Ranch as a new 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 did take 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. They were not only getting their hours completed, but there was a noticeable change in their personalities as well. In August 2017, there was some additional funding that was available for community based programs, so Beaver County Juvenile Services Division and Beaver County Children and Youth Services teamed up and conducted a twelve week camp. There were a total of eleven clients that attended and successfully completed the camp. The camp not only consisted of the equestrian experience, but through the use of motivational interviewing, using the BITS and Carey Guides, and role playing clients were able to work on various problem solving skills, anger management, and learned how to positively interact with those around them. At the end of the camp, the youth and their families were honored with a dinner where each youth was acknowledged for his/her achievements. Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch not only works with our youth but they 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 and even when a client's case is closed they can continue to attend.

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 2017, this department began using the PA Detention Risk Assessment Instrument. This tool validates the decision to detain a child. Our intake coordinator was chosen as the DRAI Coordinator as well. Training was provided to all of our intake staff and a policy was developed in the use of the DRAI. The Public Defender, District Attorney, Juvenile Court Hearing Officers and the Juvenile Judge were made aware of this department using the assessment.

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 2017. 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 2017, there were 252 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 2017, 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 49 Act 53 cases in 2017, which totaled \$11,025.21 in legal fees.

This department continued to operate the Underage Drinking Program. The program has continued to have sustainability issues, but it is a service that is important to provide to the community.

This department had several goals for FY17-18 which included, implementing motivational interviewing coding, attending Graduated Response Training, 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: 2013-2017*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DELINQUENCY</b>	<b>DEPENDENCY</b>	<b>CUSTODY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2017</b>	476	75	642	1193
<b>2016</b>	471	55	701	1227
<b>2015</b>	477	62	784	1323
<b>2014</b>	526	55	798	1379
<b>2013</b>	562	64	927	1553

In 2017, delinquency referrals remained about the same as the prior year. Over the past five years delinquency referrals dropped 18% with an average filing of 502 allegations. Dependency referrals increased by 27% from the prior year, with an average filing of 62 allegations since 2013. Custody referrals decreased by 9% for 2017; over the past five years there was an average filing of 770 cases.

### *Delinquency referral demographics 2017*

	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>FIRST OFFENDER</b>	<b>REPEAT OFFENDER</b>
<b>2017</b>	39%	61%	71%	29%	38%	62%
<b>2016</b>	44%	56%	68%	32%	38%	62%
<b>2015</b>	47%	53%	68%	32%	35%	65%
<b>2014</b>	46%	54%	67%	33%	37%	63%
<b>2013</b>	40%	60%	70%	30%	38%	62%

Youth 15 years of age and older accounted for 74% of all delinquency allegations filed in 2017. Youth ages 10-12 accounted for 3% and 13-14 year olds represented 23% of allegations filed in 2017.

*Referrals by source 2013-2017*

	<b>Total Delinquency Referrals</b>	<b>By Law Enforcement Agcy.</b>	<b>By MDJ</b>
<b>2017</b>	476	370 (78%)	106(22%)
<b>2016</b>	471	351(75%)	119(25%)
<b>2015</b>	477	371(78%)	106(22%)
<b>2014</b>	527	422(80%)	105(20%)
<b>2013</b>	562	414 (74%)	148(26%)

Police departments with the most referrals were: Ambridge, 39; Baden, 28; New Brighton, 22; PA State Police, 19; Aliquippa and Monaca had 17; Beaver Falls, 16; Midland, 15; Hopewell and Beaver, 13; and all other departments had ten or less filings.

*Referrals by most serious charge*

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	23	17	21	25	12
BURGLARY	35	25	33	21	11
DRUG RELATED/DUI	94	94	93	76	48
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	38	115	44	39	9
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	31	29	30	24	13
FIREARMS & WEAPONS/MANSLAUGHTER	19	27	39	38	6
SEX OFFENSES	50	6	46	83	4
UNPAID FINES	107	119	107	105	148
THEFT (ALL)	124	129	117	124	50
ROBBERY	24	2	2	5	0
SIMPLE ASSAULT	85	59	79	100	59
TERRORISTIC THREATS	13	10	28	17	5
ADMINISTRATIVE	74	90	91	103	109

There were also 8 counts of Arson filed and 4 deaths reported. Two were through Homicide by Vehicle and Manslaughter. Of the 1044 charges on the 476 allegations filed in 2017, 287 or 60% were graded as felonies.

*Delinquency dispositions 2013-2017*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>INTAKE ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>CONSENT DECREE</b>	<b>FORMAL PROCESSING</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2017</b>	107	103	217	427
<b>2016</b>	116	99	235	450
<b>2015</b>	147	113	285	539
<b>2014</b>	119	112	203	434
<b>2013</b>	207	151	282	640

*Formal (Court) dispositions 2017:*

<b>TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL COURT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DISMISSED/WITDRAWN</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>PROBATION</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>COMMITMENT</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNTY</b>	<b>5</b>

## **DETENTION**

### *Secure detention 2013-2017*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>RELEASES</b>	<b>CHILD DAYS</b>	<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	<b>AVG. POPULATION</b>
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
2013	44	44	1210	27.5	3.2

### *Shelter 2013-2017*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>RELEASES</b>	<b>CHILD DAYS</b>	<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	<b>AVG. POPULATION</b>
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
2013	106	106	2577	24.3	7.8

### *Temporary foster care 2013-2017*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>RELEASES</b>	<b>CHILD DAYS</b>	<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	<b>AVG. POPULATION</b>
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
2013	41	41	1890	46.1	5.2

## **CLIENT SUPERVISION**

### *Cases Under Court Supervision as of 12/31/17*

<b>Function</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>Avg. Caseload</b>	<b># of staff assigned</b>
Formal and consent decree	45	11	4
Intensive probation	19	19	1
Aftercare	20	6.6	3
School-based probation	33	11	3
Informal adjustment cases	27	27	1
Total cases under supervision	144	13	12

## **CASE OUTCOMES**

The following outcomes are based on data from 113 delinquency cases closed in 2016.

### *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 : 97; 88.2%



***Accountability / Community Service***

- Juveniles assigned community service: 105; 95.5%
- a. juveniles who completed assigned community service obligation: 105; 100%
- Total community service hours completed: 3,875

***Accountability / Restitution***

- Juveniles with a Restitution obligation: 38; 34.5%
- a. juveniles who made full restitution to their victim(s): 35; 92.1%
- Total amount of restitution collected; \$32,630.38

***Accountability / Victim Awareness***

- Juveniles directed/ordered to participate in a victim awareness curriculum /program while under supervision: 88; 80%
- juveniles who successfully completed a victim awareness curriculum / program while under supervision: 83; 94.3%

***Accountability / Other Financial Obligations***

- Juveniles ordered to pay Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs: 109; 99.1%
- Juveniles who paid Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs in full: 106; 97.2%
- Total amount Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs collected: \$3,675.00

***Competency Development***

- Juveniles directed / ordered to participate in a competency development activity while under supervision: 96; 87.3%
- Juveniles who successfully completed a competency development activity while under supervision: 90; 93.8%
- Juveniles directed / ordered to participate in a substance abuse treatment program while under supervision: 41 ; 36.30%
- Juveniles who successfully completed, or are actively participating in, a licensed substance abuse treatment program at case closing (in-patient or out-patient): 49; 44.5 %
- Juveniles employed or engaged in an educational or vocational activity at case closing: 108; 98.2%

**PLACEMENTS**

***Placement Report / 2017***

	<b>Delinquent</b>	<b>Dependent</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><i>Placed as of 1/1/17</i></b>	27	50	77
<b><i>Placed during 2017</i></b>	28	8	56
<b><i>Released in 2017</i></b>	40	6	46
<b><i>Placed as of 12/31/17</i></b>	15	57	72

In 2017, there were 11 juveniles committed to delinquent placements which were funded by Value (Medicaid) and 17 were county funded. Dependency costs for the year of 2017 were \$146,636.00.

*Placements and costs 2012-2017*

YEAR	DEL PLCMTS	DEP PLCMTS	TTL PLCMTS	DEL COSTS
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
2012	38	14	52	1,376,876

**DEPENDENCY CASES**

There were 75 dependency cases filed in 2017. Filings increased over the last year. There were 57 dependency dispositions in 2017. There was a carryover from 2016.

*Dependency referral demographics – 2017*

<b>Race</b>	
White	60%
Black	24%
Multi-racial	16%
<b>Age at referral</b>	
Under 10	59%
10-12	12%
13-14	11%
15-16	14%
17 and over	4%

<b>Sex</b>	
Male	51%
Female	49%
<b>Referred by</b>	
CYS	80%
Other	20%

YEAR	INTAKE	FORMAL	TOTAL
2017	10	47	57
2016	21	44	65
2015	8	51	51

**CHILD CUSTODY CASES**

*Child custody referrals and dispositions / 2015-2017*

YEAR	REFERRALS	DISPOSITIONS
2017	642	624
2016	701	742
2015	784	778

The Juvenile Services Division conducted 12 homes studies for child custody cases during 2017.

*Child custody dispositions / 2015-2017*

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>AGREEMENT</b>	88	128	157
<b>PROPOSED ORDER</b>	197	220	214
<b>TEMP. ORDER/ FINAL</b>	0	2	3
<b>FINAL ORDER (COURT)</b>	303	302	351
<b>OTHER</b>	58	96	53
<b>EXCEPTIONS FILED</b>	71	72	84
<b>RESOLVED AT JSD*</b>	92%	106%	99%

\*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 2017, reflects dispositions of previous pending cases from prior years.

**COLLECTIONS**

<i>Collection Summary/2017</i>	<i>Assessed</i>	<i>Collected</i>
Restitution	\$91,294.39	\$30,867.34
Crime Victims' Comp.	3,400.00	3,209.59
DUI Fees	2,100.00	2,025.37
Juvenile Restitution Fund	28,094.65	24,778.23
Juvenile Supervision Fees	7220.00	6702.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$132,109.04</b>	<b>\$67,582.73</b>

***Redeem Fund / 2017***

Beginning balance	\$25,880.54
Deposits	12,732.30
Paid out	13,353.75
Ending balance	25,259.09
Clients participating	71
Clients completing	46

**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 111 clients that completed 5294 hours of community service during the year of 2017. 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 \$10.00/hour which goes directly towards the cost owed to the victim and the client’s supervision fees if money is available. In 2017, there were 46 clients that successfully completed the program. There was \$13,353.75 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 56 youth. There were 50 new clients referred during 2016.

**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 2017, 252 YLS/CMI assessments were completed. Of those cases, 1% (2) were to be considered very high; 10% (25) of the youth were determined to be high risk, 30% (75) were moderate risk and the remaining 59% (147), 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 2017, 3 youth were 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. One 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 2017, there were 34 clients that were referred to the program. Out of these 34 clients, 23 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 2017, 123 underage drinking citations were filed at the various magisterial district offices. The magistrates referred 31 youth to the program and 23 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 2016-2017 and is operated jointly between the Juvenile Services Division and Beaver County Children and Youth Services. A team consisting of a two CYS 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 2016 - 2017 school year, there were 503 hearings held at the magistrates throughout Beaver County. From these citations, 303 families from all school districts including Aliquippa, Ambridge, Beaver, Beaver Falls, Blackhawk, Central Valley, Freedom, Hopewell, Midland, New Brighton, Riverside, Rochester, Southside and Western Beaver were referred to the program. Out of this number of referrals, 192 families completed the class. There were 19 classes held. There are also school intervention meetings. In the year of 2016-2017 there were 891 school meetings and 178 of these clients were referred to the magistrate.

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 1 client carried over from 2016, 2 new clients was referred in 2017 and 3 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 85 clients that were referred to the program and 77 (91%) 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 2017, there were 22 clients that were referred for services. All participated and successfully completed their resumes or GED classes. Job Training paid \$4,082.00 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 2017, there were 49 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.

TRAILS staff also provide, a service for clients and their families to communicate electronically through Virtual Visitation. In 2017, 55 families were involved with Virtual Visitation. There were 24 new referrals, 6 were re-referrals and 25 were involved in 2016 and continued with

services in 2017. There was an average of 21.75 families involved with the VV service each month. The highest month had 29 families participating. There were 70 Virtual Visits conducted. There were an additional 17 scheduled but for various reasons had to be cancelled. TRAILS were able to offer Virtual Visitation visits to youth who were in placement at eleven 12 placement/shelter/treatment sites (Abraxas, Adelphoi, Bethesda, George Junior, Glen Mills, Harbour Creek, Jefferson County Detention Center, Keystone, Mid-Atlantic, New Outlook, Pathways, and Summit Academy) across the state of PA. Transportation was provided to families to visit with their children in placement settings as well as to hearings. TRAILS had 3,376 family contacts with and on behalf of youth and their families, with an average 281.3 contacts a month. Staff were involved with 12 youth post-release in our intensive reentry component of Virtual Visitation. Supervision was provided at work-sites for 9 youth under supervision that owe community service.