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Ocean County
Youth Services Commission
Presents:

2015 YOUTH SERVED ANNUAL REPORT



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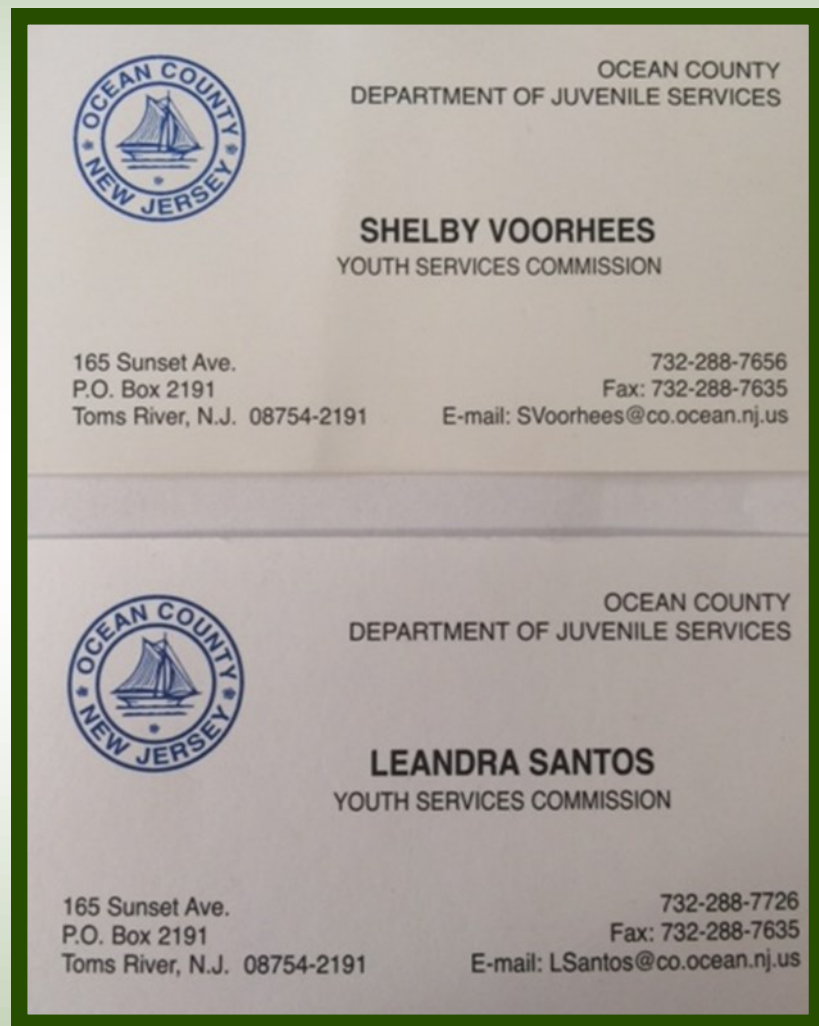
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Special Thanks!

Without the support of those listed below the Youth Services Commission would not be able to provide such comprehensive services to our Youth & Families involved in the Family Court System.

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2015

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New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission
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What Is The YSC?

On September 15th, 1987 the Ocean County Youth Services Commission was established by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Youth Services Commission is a group of community stakeholders appointed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that oversees the planning and development of community based programs and services for at-risk youth and youth involved in the Family Court System. These programs and services are funded through State and Federal grant dollars. As part of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act in 1995, The New Jersey Administrative Code mandated Youth Services Commissions throughout the state.

The Ocean County Youth Services Commission does not directly provide services; however, the YSC competitively contracts with agencies to provide community based services for at-risk youth, and youth and families involved with the Family Court System. The YSC completes an extensive Plan and Application process for State and Federal grant funds every three years for the Juvenile Justice Commission. The programs and services provided are based on the needs of the youth and families in Ocean County.

From The Administrator



Shelby Voorhees, YSC Administrator

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the folks who participate on the Youth Services Commission, their alternates and our regular attending guests. This is my 8th year with the YSC, and my 3rd year as the Administrator. I am proud to say that I am fortunate to work with such a dedicated, knowledgeable, and collaborative group of individuals and stakeholders. The dedication shown to the YSC, and the subcommittees makes the operation of the YSC a cohesive, transparent, and collaborative well-oiled machine.

There are never enough words to truly express how appreciative I am of you, and your time. It is a pleasure working with you and I look forward to each new year.

To our 2015 Service Providers, thank you for your dedication to the youth and families of Ocean County. We are proud of the services that were provided in 2015, and without you and your staff these services would not have been possible. We know that you can have the best program on paper, but it is the dedication of the staff that make the program what it is. On behalf of the YSC we thank you!

I want to publicly thank my assistant Leandra Santos. She is invaluable to this office and the operation of the YSC. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

With Many Thanks,

Shelby Voorhees



YSC MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at 3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month except as noted.* All meetings are at 1027 Hooper Avenue, Building 2, third floor conference room. All meetings are open to the Public.

January 7	February 4
March 3	April 7
May 5	June 2
July 7	August 4
September 1	October 6
November 3	December 1 (NOON)*

*change in date or time

Meetings subject to change or cancellation, call 732-288-7656 for information or email Shelby Voorhees, YSC Administrator at SVoorhees@co.ocean.nj.us To be added to the YSC email list please email lsantos@co.ocean.nj.us

Points of the Juvenile Justice System Continuum

Prevention

Delinquency Prevention Programs are strategies and services designed to increase the likelihood that youth will remain free from initial involvement with the formal or informal juvenile justice system. The goal of delinquency prevention is to prevent youth from engaging in anti-social and delinquent behavior and from taking part in other problem behaviors that are pathways to delinquency. Primary Delinquency Prevention programs are those directed at the entire juvenile population without regard to risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system. Secondary Delinquency Prevention programs are those directed at youth who are at higher risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system than the general population.

Diversion

The Diversion stage of the juvenile justice system offers alleged juvenile offenders an opportunity to avoid arrest and/or prosecution by providing alternatives to the formal juvenile justice system process. The goal of Diversion is to provide services and/or informal sanctions to youth who have begun to engage in antisocial and low level delinquent behavior in an effort to prevent youth from continuing on a delinquent pathway. Youth who do not successfully complete a diversion program may ultimately have their case referred for formal processing by the juvenile court.

Detention/Detention Alternative

“Detention” is defined as the temporary care of juveniles in physically restricting facilities pending court disposition (N.J.A.C. 13:92-1.2).

An objective of detention is to provide secure custody for those juveniles who are deemed a threat to the physical safety of the community and/or whose confinement is necessary to insure their presence at the next court hearing (N.J.A.C. 13:92-1.3).

Detention Alternative Programs provide supervision to juveniles who would otherwise be placed in a secure detention facility while awaiting their adjudicatory hearing, expanding the array of pre-adjudication placement options available to the judiciary. These programs are designed to provide short-term (45 – 60 days) supervision sufficient to safely maintain appropriate youth in the community while awaiting the final disposition of their case. As such, these programs help to reduce the overall detention population and relieve detention overcrowding and its related problems where it exists.

Disposition

Disposition is the phase of the juvenile justice system where youth adjudicated delinquent are ordered by the court to comply with specific sanctions, supervision, and services as a consequence for their delinquent behavior. In New Jersey, the range of dispositions available to the court include but are not limited to restitution/fines, community service, probation, and commitment to the Juvenile Justice Commission. For youth disposed to a term of probation supervision, among the conditions of probation that might be imposed by the court is the completion of a Dispositional Option Program. The structure of these Dispositional Option Programs are varied, but common among these options are intensive supervision programs, day and evening reporting centers, and structured day and residential programs.

Reentry

In the juvenile justice system Reentry generally refers to the period of community-based supervision and services that follows a juvenile's release from a secure facility, residential program, or other structured dispositional placement. Reentry applies to committed youth paroled from a Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) facility and supervised by the JJC's Office of Juvenile Parole and Transitional Services and to juveniles disposed to a JJC program as a condition of probation and supervised by the Department of Probation. Reentry is a mechanism for providing the additional support during this transitional period that is necessary to foster the successful reintegration of juveniles into their communities.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation launched the JDAI in 1992 to deal with the hundreds of thousands of youth inappropriately or unnecessarily detained in dangerous, overcrowded detention centers nationwide. Increased risk of recidivism, severed ties to families and schools, and high costs to taxpayers resulted from unnecessary incarceration.

Ocean County has been a JDAI site since 2005.

The purpose of the JDAI is to use secure detention and detention alternatives appropriately--to achieve consistency and fairness by improving the Juvenile Justice System from admissions through case processing and probation. We use a collaborative data-driven process involving all relevant Juvenile Justice stakeholders.

*** Parts of the Continuum are noted for each program provided.***

YOUTH SERVICE COMMISSION SUB COMMITTEES

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Steering Committee

(All subcommittee chairs) **Chair: Anthony Pierro**
Vice Chair: Kimberly Reilly

Heidi Hartmann
Jamie Busch
Patricia Leahey
Jennifer Hoffer
Walter Hopson
Jim Cooney

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Meghan Ahearn
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Brian Giustozzi	
Roberto Flecha	Walter Hopson
Tracey Maksel	
Kim Reilly	Jennifer Hoffer
Mary Jo Buchanan	

2015 YSC Members & Alternates

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designee</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Mary Pat Angelini Hon. Judge Peter A. Ryan	Gina Polese-Grosso	Preferred Behavioral Health Family Court Judge, Ocean Family Court Intake
Mary Jo Buchannan Kelly Mitchell	Camille Limongelli Rose Bulbach	CMO, Ocean Partnership CIACC D.C.P. & P Shelter Liaison, Juvenile Services
Jon Carman		Ocean Mental Health
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William Hoey Walter Hopson Trina Jackson Terence Folley Patricia Leahey Kim Liguori Tracy Maksel Zarita Mattox Deputy Dawn Nee Esq. John Piscal Kim Reilly	Nancy Weber Barbara Barr Jamie Busch Jeannie Collacott Carol Wentworth Meghan Ahearn Mary Gibson	OC Vo-Tech Schools Supt. Juvenile Services Burlington/Ocean YAP Probation Division Manager Workforce Investment Board OC One-Stop Human Services Director OC Library Lakewood Deputy Public Defender Ocean Harbor House OC Drug & Alcohol Coordina- tor, OCHD
Joseph Sclama		Family Court Division Man- ager
Susan Sedivec Sheriff Michael G. Mastronardy Angie Tracey	Patti Trustan	Big Brothers, Big Sisters OC Sheriff Asst. Probation Division Mgr./ VICE-CHAIR
Hon. Judge Barbara Ann Villano Jennifer Hoffer	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	Retired Superior Court Judge JJC Liaison

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE YSC PROVIDE?

YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Currently the YSC provides the following services for at-risk youth and youth involved in the family court system:

Prevention Programs
Family Crisis Intervention
Diversion Programs
Outpatient Substance Abuse
Inpatient Substance
Intensive In-home Counseling
Mentoring
Home Detention / Electronic Monitoring
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)-
Innovations Programs

The YSC administers and manages federal and state grant funds for services to at-risk and court-involved youth, usually those in Detention, already on Probation or just released from a state correctional facility.

If you would like more information please email svoorhees@co.ocean.nj.us or lsantos@co.ocean.nj.us. Youth Services Commission meetings are open public meetings and we welcome youth, families, and any interested community members to attend and participate. Youth Services Commission meetings are typically held the first Thursday of every month at 3pm (See page 32). All meetings are held at 1027 Hooper Avenue, Building 2, third floor conference room.

Ocean County Trauma-Informed Treatment Initiative

Through a US DOJ, OJP, BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program FY14 grant, the Ocean County Department of Human Services partnered with the YSC and the Alcohol and Drug Unit of the Health Department to facilitate this training initiative to address the criminogenic risk and needs factor of trauma. Impressed by a keynote speech by Tonier Cain on her lived experience, local leaders recognized that trauma is often at the root of mental health challenges, substance abuse, criminal behavior, and homelessness. However, trauma is not explicitly addressed in traditional treatment programs. Especially in light of the community-wide trauma of Superstorm Sandy, raising awareness of trauma and building trauma resources were prioritized.

The initiative was designed with several components to foster a trauma-informed community and develop competency to address trauma in vulnerable populations:

Professional Orientation to Trauma-Informed Care: A workshop was held to introduce the topic of trauma and its impact on behavior; introduce the evidence-based models for which training and support will be provided through this project; garner support for a trauma-informed treatment continuum; and discuss State efforts to identify and address trauma. Over 100 multidisciplinary professionals attended this event on July 14, 2015.

Clinical Training and Consultation on Trauma-Specific Service Models: Licensed clinicians who provide mental health or addictions treatment to juveniles and adults in Ocean participated in training opportunities on evidence-based trauma interventions. This clinical expertise will serve as a resource to Court diversion mechanisms, probation, and parole services in addition to building capacity in the community mental health system to prevent delinquency and crime through early intervention.

Seeking Safety - 28 clinicians

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy - 39 clinicians

Preschool PTSD Treatment - 13 clinicians

Priority was given to clinicians in nonprofit Medicaid provider agencies and those in agencies with existing programs for justice involved juveniles or adults.

Training and Consultation on a Trauma-Informed Care Approach: To fully infuse Ocean County with a trauma-informed approach, professionals and paraprofessionals were trained in the Risking Connection (RC) model. RC teaches a relational framework and skills for working with survivors of trauma as a workforce development for all levels of staff. Over 40 individuals participated in training in August 2015, and two more sessions are scheduled for May 2016.

Community Education Event "Healing Neen": Tonier Cain, a nationally recognized speaker featured in the documentary *Healing Neen*, led a community education event to raise awareness of trauma, its widespread impact, signs of trauma, and paths for healing on October 2, 2015. Ms. Cain's personal history serves as a testament to trauma-specific service models in individuals with mental health and addictions issues who experience justice involvement and homelessness. 125 people from mental health, addictions, prevention, and justice agencies attended.

Funded Through the YSC

♦ Perform Care:

<http://www.performcarenj.org/>

For Assistance – 24 Hours a Day – 7 Days a Week call 1-877-652-7624

Perform Care is an advocate and active participant with the New Jersey Children's System of Care. As the Administrative Service Organization (ASO) for the State of New Jersey's Division of Children's System of Care (CSOC) since 2009, Perform Care New Jersey utilizes significant expertise and integrated technologies to register, authorize, and coordinate services for children, youth, and young adults who are experiencing emotional and behavioral challenges or are developmentally and intellectually disabled. We provide access to the right care at the right time. This unique partnership between parents, family support organizations, service providers, and care managers provides a central support group for children and youth in need, with parents and caregivers as the primary force behind the planning and treatment process.

♦ Seashore Family Services of NJ:

♦ www.sfsnj.org

Brick, NJ 732-920-2700 Brick, NJ 732-477-3507

Toms River, NJ 732-244-1600

Adolescents Substance Abuse services, Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient

- Bio- Psychosocial assessments
- Individual and group sessions
- Family Counseling
- Alcohol and Drug screens

Transportation available to qualifying candidates

♦ Preferred Children's Services 732.367.4700

<http://www.preferredbehavioral.org/>

Preferred Children's Services provides services including identifying children who are or may be at risk of developing behavioral health issues, mental health assessment, individual, family and group counseling, crisis intervention, mobile crisis response and stabilization and referral. Services are provided by a network of skilled professionals including dedicated, highly trained social workers, therapists, psychologists and psychiatrists

Please see <http://oceanresourcenet.org/>

For an extensive list of Ocean County service providers and their contact information.

Other County Agencies Not

♦ Family Support Organization (FSO) 1-609-693-4121

www.oceanfso.org

The OCFSO is a non-profit organization made up of parents and community members whose mission is to ensure that every Ocean County family who have children with special emotional and behavioral needs is given community based resources and support in a family friendly, child centered, culturally competent manner. FSO offers a variety of services and support groups.

** For assistance with Perform Care please contact FSO**

♦ Family Success Center

http://chsofnj.org/fsc_ocean.html

Family Success Centers are community based family-centered neighborhood gathering places where **any community resident** can go for support, information and services.

All services are **free and confidential**. The purpose of our Family Success Center is to enrich the lives of children and adults by making families and neighborhoods stronger. We welcome grandparents raising grandchildren as well as caregivers. The center offers 10 core services: access to health, advocacy, development of family success plans, parent education, parent-child activities, housing services, life skills, economic self-sufficiency/job readiness, home visiting and information and referrals. We follow the principles of family support and the five protective factors. Services are offered in a linguistically and culturally sensitive environment. Our services are offered in English and Spanish.

♦ Care Management Organization (CMO)

www.oceanpartnership.org

Ocean Partnership for Children, Inc. is a private, non-profit community based organization serving children primarily between the ages of 4-18 with behavioral and emotional challenges along with their families.

Ocean Partnership for Children provides a care management and service planning for children with complex needs. We strive to keep children and adolescents in their communities, in school and out of trouble through:

- An individualized service plan
- Customized supports
- Flexible services
- Increased choice and family independence



PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Ocean County Library

Jeannie Collacott, 732-349-6200-#8-xt5202

Prevention programs free for juveniles and their families. Programs such as "Tools for Teens" and "Gang Wise Project" are implemented, as well as guest speakers on various topics. The programs are offered at the many different library locations throughout Ocean County.

Please refer to the Ocean County Library Website for a schedule of events <http://theoceancountylibrary.org>, click on Kids & Teens, then Teen Zone. For questions

Email mcollacott@theoceancountylibrary.org

REFERRALS: Anyone can refer to these workshops

*** Delinquency Prevention, Diversion & Disposition***



OC LIBRARY

2015 YOUTH SERVED

Total Number of Workshops: 60

Total Attendance: 2,205

(Teens: 680 Adults: 885 CIACC: 640)

Workshops included:

Bullying 101

Prom Dress Giveaway

Urban Word NYC

Turning the Tides: Crockpot Giveaway

“More than Sad”- Recognizing Teen Suicide & Depression

“Understanding Differences”: Looking at Gender Identity &

Sexual Orientation

The Gang Wise Project

Bringing Families Together Around the Crockpot

Drug Use & Abuse Special Edition: Heroin

Summer of 2015 Book reading and Discussion: “The Living”

Matt De La Pena Guest Athour

Children’s Inter Agency Coordinating Council (CIACC)

CIACC Training– McKinney –Education of Homeless Youth

CIACC Training– Understanding Youth with Co-Occurring

Development Disabilities & Mental health Challenges

CIACC Training- Child Traumatic Stress

CIACC Training- Substance Abuse II: A closer Look- Family & Addiction

CIACC Training- Self-care Strategies for Providers & Partners

CIACC Training- The Children’s System of care Update,

DCP&P Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, System

Partners & Resources



Ocean County Youth Services Commission Funded Programs for 2015-16

Outpatient Substance Abuse Evaluations & Counseling Services

Ocean Mental Health Services

Contact Person(s): Kim Veith & Caitlin Simpson 732-349-1977 x152

Email(s): Kveith@oceanmhs.org

Csimpson@oceanmhs.org

Referral Source: Court/ Judge/ Probation/ Parole

In-Patient Substance Abuse Treatment Services

New Hope Foundation 732-946-3030 x235

Contact person: Victoria Bucco x2412

Email: vbucco@newhopefoundation.org

Referral Source: MDT/ Probation/ Judge/ Parole

Sexual Abuse & Behavior Treatment Services

Contact Person: Dr. Ellen Zupkus, Ph.D 732-736-0022

Email: eczphd@optonline.net

Referral Source: Court/ Judge

Service Learning Program

Probation Department 732-831-7999

Contact Person(s): Wayne Lagerquist, Robert Phillips & Jennifer Russo

Emails: Robert.Phillips@njcourts.gov

Jennifer.Perlmutter-Russo@njcourts.gov

Referral Source: Probation Only

Parent Orientation Program (POP)

Probation Department 732-831-7999

Contact Person(s): Wayne Lagerquist, Robert Phillips & Jennifer Russo

Emails: Robert.Phillips@njcourts.gov

Jennifer.Perlmutter-Russo@njcourts.gov

Referral Source: Probation Only

S.T.E.P.S Program

732-288-7736

Contact Person: Cindy Rae

Email: CRae@co.ocean.nj.us

Referral Source: Probation/ Electronic Monitoring



Ocean County Youth Services Commission Funded Programs for 2015-16

Prevention Programs:

Ocean County Library

Contact Person: Jeannie Collacott, 732-349-6200- #8- x5202

Email: mcollacott@theoceancountylibrary.org

Referral Source: Anyone can refer to these workshops.

Family Crisis Intervention Unit

Harbor House

Contact Person(s): Meghan Ahearn & Ashley Graham– Jean 732-740-3638

Email: mahearn@oceanharborhouse.org

Ashley Graham-Jean: agraham-jean@oceansharborhouse.org

Referral Source: Anyone can refer or call FCIU for services.

Family Court Diversion Programs:

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. YAP

Contact Person: Trina Jackson, 1-856-546-0274

Email: TJohnson@yapinc.org

Referral Source: Family Court Intake/Probation/FCIU/Parole (9week Program)

Mentoring

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. YAP

Contact Person: Trina Jackson, 1-856-546-0274

Email: TJohnson@yapinc.org

Referral Source: MDT/Probation/Judge/Parole

Home Detention/ Electronic Monitoring

Ocean County Juvenile Services

Bob Geoghegan, 732-288-7731 Rgeoghegan@co.ocean.nj.us

Bob Knight, 732-288-7729 Rknight@co.ocean.nj.us

Referral Source: Court/Judge

Directions: In-home Counseling Program

Ocean Mental Health Services

Contact Person: Janice Freeman-Kenney, 732-600-4749

Email: Janicefreeman-kenney@oceanmhs.org

Referral Source: MDT/ Probation/ Judge/ Parole



Our Mission Is To Help Keep At-Risk Youth Safe And Off The Streets

Ocean's Harbor House

Meghan Ahearn & Ashley Graham-Jean, 732-240-3638

This is the Family Crisis Intervention Unit out of Court under the guidelines set forth in N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-76 et seq. and the Juvenile/Family Crisis Operations Manual by the New Jersey Judiciary.

Program provides services or a referral to all callers. Staff provides in-person screening, as well as short-term crisis counseling. The goal of this program is to stabilize juvenile family crisis and prevent these youth from entering the Family Court System.

Heidi Hartman is the FCIU Director.

Contact :

Meghan Ahearn: mahearn@oceansharborhouse.org

Ashley Graham-Jean: agraham-jean@oceansharborhouse.org

REFERRALS: Anyone can refer or call FCIU for services

Diversion

Family Crisis Intervention Unit

Cases: 140

Cases Rolled Over From 2014: 46

Closed: 110

Age 10: 3 (2%), Age 11: 8 (6%), Age 12: 8 (6%), Age 13: 7 (5%),
Age 14: 22 (14%) Age 15: 35 (25%), Age 16: 25(18%) Age 17: 32 (1323%)

Females: 74 (53%) Males: 66 (47%)

Caucasian : 105 (75%) African American: 17 (102%) Latino: 10 (7%)

Two or More races: 7 (5%)

Referrals:

Parent/ Guardian: 61 Police: 223 Mobile Response: 4

DCP&P: 1 School: 35 Other: 16

Counseling Sessions:

Individual: 189 Family: 341 Sibling: 41

Total Sessions Completed: 571

59 No Call/ No Show/ Canceled

159 Cancelled sessions by Family

29 Cancelled sessions by FCIU

Home Visits: 10 School Visits: 65

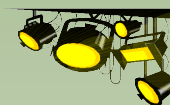
Placements: Voluntary: 17 Involuntary: 6

Family Crisis Petitions: 3 Out of Home Petitions: 5

Municipalities Served: Jackson, South Toms River, Toms River, Lacey/
Lanoka Harbor/ Forked River, Brick Township, Beachwood, Lakewood, Staf-
ford/ Manahawkin, Bayville, Cream Ridge (OC), Pt. Pleasant, Manchester,
Little Egg Harbor, Whiting, Pine Beach, Tuckerton & Barnegat



2015 Program Highlights



“DIRECTIONS” In-home Counseling Program

Janice Freeman-Kenney the director of the Directions program had 100% of her youth either getting their GED, working and one of her youth is actually training to be a welder. Janice is there for her “Kids” every step of the way and usually those steps end up leading the youth in the right direction. Thank you Janice for all the hard work you do.

Dr Ellen Zupkus

In 2015 in regards to treatment goals and successful completions of treatment with out relapses, it was a very satisfactory and successful year. There were no relapses nor were there any violations of Probation for any of the youth being served in the Sexually Abusive & Behavioral Treatment Services Program..

YAP: Mentoring

YAP director Trina Jackson would like at this time to highlight the Ocean Mentoring staff: Gary, Josh, Sandy & Rick. The Ocean team has done a fantastic job in engaging their youth and families in their respective communities in constructive activities to help aide and sustain them in meeting their requirements for a successful completion of the program. The Ocean team has gone beyond the call of duty to help support the youth and families they serve and link them to ongoing resources to support them after the conclusion of services. YAP mentors are friendly professionals who work with community partners in assuring the youth they serve are on task with completing what is required of them to meet the conditions for a successful discharge and reduce their risk of recidivism. The YAP Mentoring team works together as a group to support one another and solicit interventions and ideas to help with the successful completion of goals identified for each youth, as well as keep each other informed of resources available to help meet problem objectives . This diverse team works to help support the mission and vision of YAP on changing biographies one youth and family at a time.
THANK YOU TEAM

MDT

Mission & Goals of the Ocean County MDT

The Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) was established by the Youth Service Commission for purposes of insuring planning, which offers alternatives to detention and shelter care. The team's recommendations are provided to the Judge for consideration.

The team meets on a weekly basis to keep current with an ever-changing juvenile population. The MDT acts as a voting body. Team members will make a referral, and the team will approve or deny the referral based on supporting evidence and discussion.

MDT is comprised of multiple County and State liaisons. Our weekly meetings include representatives from Intake, Probation, JJC, CMO, DCP&P, Prosecutor's office, Public Defender's office and the Juvenile Detention Center. Other County organizations will attend if they have a juvenile in their care, such as mental health service providers.

The goal is to assist the Family Court in the use of alternatives so that juveniles are in detention the shortest time necessary consistent with public safety. The mission is to decrease the number of juveniles in detention who are appropriate for alternative placement and to make the most appropriate use of resources in the community.

Coordinator: Jon Carman

2015

Total Meetings for the Year 48

Total Referrals: 62

In-Home Counseling: 22

YAP Mentoring: 29

New Hope: 11

FFT: 0



Stationhouse Adjustment

In January 2014 in partnership with the Prosecutor's office FCIU began a pilot program to see if there would be a reduction in reoffending if counseling was offered at the Stationhouse Adjustment level. The program was geared towards juveniles who had committed a crime which was eligible for a stationhouse adjustment. The officers would determine if the juvenile would benefit from counseling to decrease any ongoing issues which could have led to the juvenile offending initially.

When a juvenile is referred the case is opened and the FCIU counselor will determine the length of services needed. The juvenile will be offered at maximum twelve sessions with the Stationhouse Adjustment needing to be closed within six months.

Since January 2015 FCIU has received twelve (12) referrals; of the twelve (12), nine (9) were appropriate and were opened for services. At the end of the 2015 year five (5) have been successfully closed, four (4) cases remain open, and one juvenile was referred to the Prosecutor for a violation and a complaint being filed. At this time FCIU is not monitoring whether or not juveniles have been successful in regards to reoffending, just the success of completion of the program.

The project continues to be running smoothly and has aided in strengthening the relationships between FCIU and the prosecutor's office and FCIU and the Ocean County Police Departments.



Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) : Diversion Workshops

Trina Jackson 856-546-0274

This program provides 2 hour Anger Management, Bullying and Shoplifting workshops quarterly to youth in Ocean County. Program workshops are geared towards first time offenders. This program also provides a 9 week Anger Management Program for youth needing more than a 2 hour workshop.

For questions please contact Trina TJohnson@yapinc.org

REFERRALS: Family Court Intake/Probation/Judge/FCIU/Parole (9 week program)

*** Diversion & Disposition***

2015 YOUTH SERVED

Youth Referred & Accepted: 83

Youth Who Completed Workshops: 62

Female: 37 (45%) Male: 46 (55%)

Caucasian: 38 African American: 23

Hispanic: 13 Bi-Racial: 1 N/A: 8

Workshops:

Anger Management (9 wk. Class): 24 Classes, 13 Youth Served

14 Referred

Anger Management: 4 Workshops, 27 Youth Served, 41 Referred

Anti Theft: 4 Workshops, 19 Youth Served, 25 Referred

Anti Bullying: 2 Workshops, 3 Youth Served, 3 Referred

37 Youth Completed Workshops

21 Youth Didn't Attend Workshops as Required

Municipalities Served: Lakewood, South Toms River, Barnegat, Little Egg Harbor, Jackson, Forked River, Brick, Seaside Park, Beachwood, Manahawkin, Manchester, Lanoka Harbor, Toms River & Pine Beach.



HOME DETENTION ELECTRONIC MONITORING

HOME DETENTION PROGRAM

Bob Geoghegan & Bob Knight

Program provides supervision and electronic monitoring to Family Court juveniles as an alternative to detention or as a dispositional option. Youth admitted by court order only.

Geoghegan: 732-288-7731 RGeoghegan@co.ocean.nj.us;

Knight: 732-288-7729 RKnight@co.ocean.nj.us

REFERRALS: Court/Judge

***Detention/ Detention Alternative
& Disposition***



2015 YOUTH SERVED

Provided 1,726 Days of Supervision for 46 Youth

Female: 13 (28%) Male: 33 (72%)

Total face to face Contacts: 144

Home Meetings: 130

Caucasian : 23 (50%) African American: 13 (28%)

Hispanic: 3 (7%) Bi-Racial: 6 (13%) Asian: 1 (2%)

Age 11: 1 (2%) Age 14: 3 (7%) Age 15: 8 (17%) Age 16: 12

(26%) Age 17: 16 (35%) Age 18: 5 (23%) Age 19: 1 (2%)

Municipalities Served: Barnegat, Beachwood, Berkeley Twp., Brick, Jackson, Lacey, Lakewood, Little Egg Harbor, Long Beach Twp., Manchester, Point Pleasant, Seaside Park, South Toms River, Stafford & Toms River.

Parent Orientation Program (POP)

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Probation Department,

This Parent Orientation program is designed for parents of juveniles who are placed on probation. The goal is to reduce the rate of youth placed in detention for violations of probation on non-delinquency offenses. Our objective will be to have all parents of new probationers attend an orientation within 45 days from the date their child is placed on probation. Parents will be oriented on what to expect while their son or daughter is on probation and provided guidance on how they can assist their child in complying with the conditions and successfully completing probation. Probation Officers will orient the parents as to the conditions of probation, community service, what is required for an early termination, what to expect from home visits and other components of probation. The program will also provide parents with a comprehensive list of available, local resources for youth and families that will offer assistance regarding substance abuse, anger management, crisis intervention, and many other services. A manual containing important phone numbers and information about various social service agencies will be handed out to all participants. Light refreshments will be available in an effort to make the program comfortable for all attendees. Sessions will be held at various sites throughout the county to ease the burden of traveling for the participants. Depending on the need and the success of the orientation, quarterly or even monthly sessions could be implemented at each location.

Contacts: Angie Tracey, Jennifer Russo & Rob Phillips. Phone: 732-831-7999

REFERRALS: Probation only

2015 YOUTH SERVED

Total Participants: 254 Youth: 161 Family Members: 93

Total Events Held: 8 Total Orientations Held: 36

Female: 34 (21%) Male: 126 (79%)

Caucasian: 111(69%) African American: 26 (16%)

Hispanic : 21 (13%) Other: 3 (2%)



Age 13: 4 (2.5%) Age 14: 10 (6%) Age 15: 16 (10%) Age 16: 31 (19%)

Age 17: 46 (29%) Age 18: 49 (30.4%) Age 19: 4 (2.4%)

Age 23: 1 (.6%)



Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) : Mentoring Services

Trina Jackson 856-546-0274

This program will provide appropriate adult mentors to juveniles involved in Family Court, Juvenile Supervision or JJC Re-Entry. The mentors/volunteers provide a role model, encourage, and support the juveniles.

Types of Activities: Probation reporting, gym, YMCA, Movies, Employment search, Academic Enrichment, library, Mall, Life Skills, Anger management Training, Wrestling Events, Boxing Training, Bowling, Shopping (Food & Personal Items), Substance Abuse Appointments, & Transportation Assistance, Social and Recreational Activities.

For questions please contact Trina TJohnson@yapinc.org

REFERRALS: MDT/Probation/Judge/Parole

* Disposition, Re-Entry, & Diversion*



2015 YOUTH SERVED

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED: 35

TOTAL MENTORING HOURS: 3,338.5

YOUTH REFERRED: 44

FEMALE YOUTH: 6 **MALE YOUTH:** 38

AGES: AGE 13: 2(4%) AGE 14: 3 (6%), AGE 15: 14 (31%). AGE 16: 9 (18%), AGE 17: 11 (25%), AGE 18: 4 (9%),

AGE 19: 2 (5%)

RACE: CAUCASIAN: 16, AFRICAN AMERICAN: 17, HISPANIC: 10

BI-RACIAL: 1

NUMBER OF MENTORS: 5

MENTORS RACE: 2 CAUCASIAN, 2 AFRICAN AMERICAN, & 1 BI-RACIAL





"Our Mission is to offer a comprehensive continuum of mental health services that promotes full participation in community life"

"DIRECTIONS" In-home Counseling Program

Ocean Mental Health Services,
Janice Freeman Kenney 732-600-4749.

This program provides in-home counseling to court-involved youth as a disposition and aftercare option. Janice Freeman Kenny is the Director, her email is;

janicefreeman-kenney@oceanmhs.org

REFERRALS: MDT/Probation/Judge/Parole

*** Disposition & Re-Entry***

2015 YOUTH SERVED

Youth Served : 25 Total Counseling Hours: 1,176.47

Male: 15 (60%) Female: 10 (40%)

Caucasian: 16 (64%) African American: 4 (16%) Hispanic: 5 (20%)

Age: 14: 1 (4%), 15: 5 (20%), 16 :6 (24%), 17: 6 (24%)

18: 5 (20%), 19: 2 (8%)

Municipalities Served: Lakewood, Toms River, Berkeley, Beachwood, New Egypt, Manchester, Silverton, Brick, Jackson, Lacey & Barnegat.

Service Learning Program

SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

Probation Department, Angie Tracey

Service Learning is a disposition program provided by Juvenile Probation Supervision Staff. Service Learning provides probationers with a 12 week program focusing on cognitive skills and decision making. Service Learning provides probationers with an opportunity to perform community service, build teamwork skills, develop and enhance problem solving skills and participate in various cultural and educational opportunities. Youth selected participate in the following activities/events: CPR training, Ropes Course, Project Pride, Dating Violence, Family Planning, outings to the Ripley's Museum and the Blue Claws and participation in the Probation Olympics and Education Olympics to name a few. Transportation is provided to participating youth for all program activities. This program runs one time a year with a maximum participation of 15 youth.

Contacts: Angie Tracey, Jennifer Russo & Rob Phillips. Phone: 732-831-7999

REFERRALS: Probation only

Disposition



2015 YOUTH SERVED

Graduated Clients: 8

Male: 8(100%) Female: 0

Age 15 : 1 (12.5%) Age 16: 2 (25%) Age 17: 5 (62.5%)

Caucasian: 3 (37.5%)

African American: 3 (37.5%)

Hispanic: 2 (25%)

Community Service hours Completed: 10.5

Municipalities Served: Berkeley Township, Lakewood Township & Brick Township

S.T.E.P.S. Program

RAISE Expansion

S.T.E.P.S Program-

(Known as the RAISE Expansion Program in 2015)

The S.T.E.P.S Program stands for "Success Through Engagement & Parental Support" (STEPS)

The STEPS program is a short term substance abuse intensive case management program. The program can serve up to eight youth at one time. Program slots are youth on a detention alternative program (predispositionally) and as a graduated sanction for probation.

Contact: Cindy Rae, Phone: 732-288-7736 Crae@co.ocean.nj.us

REFERRALS: Probation/ Electronic Monitoring

Detention Alternative

2015 YOUTH SERVED

Total Referrals: 11

Total Youth served: 11

Total Discharges: 11

Total Individual Sessions: 52

Total Group Sessions: 56

Total Family sessions: 12

Female: 4 (36%)

Male: 7 (64%)

Caucasian: 8 (73%) African American: 1 (9%) Hispanic: 1 (9%) Other: 1 (9%)

Age 16: 3 (28%) Age 17: 4 (36%) Age 18: (36%)

Municipalities Served: Little Egg harbor, Surf City, Forked River, Manahawkin, Bayville, Barnegat & Toms River



Outpatient Substance Abuse Evaluation & Counseling Program

Ocean Mental Health Services - Phone: 732-349-1977

This program provides the Family Court with a clinical substance abuse assessment and counseling services. Assessments, including a urine test, are done at the behest of the Family Court. Recommendations are reported to the Family Court or Juvenile Supervision. Assessments of detained youth are done at the Detention Center within 2 business days of referral.

Also, Level 1 substance abuse education and counseling is provided to juveniles with substance issues as a dispositional option to the Court or as a Re-entry option. An ongoing substance abuse education group is provided to the RAISE Evening Program.

Contact: Kim Veith: Kveith@oceanmhs.org

Caitlin Simpson: Csimpson@oceanmhs.org

REFERRALS: Court/Judge/Probation/Parole

2015 YOUTH SERVED

Clients Referred: 202

-Substance Abuse Evaluation Referrals: 174

-Adolescent Level One Referrals: 28

Total Youth served:

-Substance Abuse Evaluations Completed: 145

-Clients Engaged in Adolescent level One: 28

Group Sessions: 128 Held in Bayville & Barnegat:

Individual Sessions: 29 RAISE Groups: 15 Juvenile Detention Groups: 29

Female: 35 (24%) Male: 110 (76%)

Caucasian 108 (74%) African American 21 (14%) Hispanic 13 (10%)

Other 3 (2%)

Age 13: 1 (1%) Age 14: 5 (3%) Age 15: 17(12%) Age 16: 27 (19%)

Age 17: 58 (40%) Age 18: 33(23%) Age 19: 4 (2%)

Municipalities Served: Long Island Beach, Brick, Toms River, Eagleswood, Jackson, Lakewood, Point Pleasant, Barnegat. Seaside, Forked River, Berkeley, Manchester, Little Egg Harbor, Pine Beach, Stafford, Lacey, Beachwood, & Lakehurst





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*The science to restore,
the caring to renew*

IN-PATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT -

New Hope Foundation, 732-946-3030 ext. 235

This program provides short term inpatient substance abuse treatment to juveniles involved in Family Court or Juvenile Supervision. Marlboro and Secaucus are the two locations for New Hope.

Victoria Bucco, Adolescent Intake Coordinator ext:2412
vbucco@newhopefoundation.org

REFERRALS: MDT/Probation/Judge/Parole

Disposition

2015 YOUTH SERVED

Total Bed Days: 187 **Total Number of Youth: 10**

Female: 1 **Male: 9**

Caucasian: 10

Age 16: 2 (20%) **Age 17: 1 (10%)** **Age 18: 7 (70%)**

Municipalities Served:

Forked River, Brick, Point Pleasant, Jackson, & Toms River



DR. ELLEN ZUPKUS, PHD

SEXUAL ABUSE & BEHAVIOR TREATMENT SERVICES

Dr. Ellen Ciccone Zupkus, Ph.D.

This program provides specialized and appropriate Sexual Abuse & Behavior Treatment Services by accredited counselor(s) as per NJATSA standards with a background in juvenile Sexually Abusive Behavior for up to ten (10) juveniles on probation in Ocean County. The Program provides individual, group and family therapy.

Dr. Zupkus. Phone: 732-736-0022 eczphd@optonline.net

REFERRALS: Court/Judge

Deposition & Re-Entry

2015 YOUTH SERVED

Participants: 10

Referrals : 5 Youth Accepted: 4 Not Accepted: 1

Individual :10 Groups: 0

Group Sessions: 0 Individual sessions: 217

Family Sessions: 45

Successful Completions: 4

Male: 10 (100%)

Caucasian : 6 (60%) African American: 0 Hispanic: 4 (40%)

Age 14: 1, Age15: 3, Age 16: 2, Age 17: 3

Municipalities Served: Toms River, Lakewood, Point Pleasant, Brick & Bayville