



Ocean County  
Youth Services Commission  
Presents:

# **2016 YOUTH SERVED ANNUAL REPORT**



2016



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## NOTES



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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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## For Further Information Feel Free to Contact The YSC

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# \*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 9<sup>th</sup> year with the YSC, and my 4th 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 2016 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 2016, 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*

## 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.

# 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.



## 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 5**

**February 2**

**March 2**

**April 6**

**May 4**

**June 1**

**July 6**

**August 3**

**September 7**

**October 5**

**November 2**

**December 7 (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](mailto:SVoorhees@co.ocean.nj.us) To be added to the YSC email list please email [lsantos@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:lsantos@co.ocean.nj.us)



# 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

## ByLaws/ Membership/ Legislative

**Chair: Walt Hopson**

**Vice Chair: Jim Cooney**

Patricia Leahey

Jennifer Hoffer

Gina Polese-Grosso

Meghan Ahearn

## Needs Assessment/ Program Development Committee

**Chair: Kimberly Reilly**

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Meghan Ahearn

Kim Ligouri

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Jeannie Collacott

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Rose Bulbach

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Walt Hopson

Trina Jackson

Jennifer Russo

Mary Jo Buchanan

Jennifer Hoffer

## Monitoring / Proposal Review Committee

**Chair: Jamie Busch**

**Vice Chair: Patricia Leahey**

Rose Bulbach

Brian Giustozzi

Roberto Flecha

Walter Hopson

Tracey Maksel

Kim Reilly

Jennifer Hoffer

Mary Jo Buchanan

## 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, over-crowded

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.\***

## 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](mailto:svoorhees@co.ocean.nj.us) or [lsantos@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto: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.

## 2016 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 CMO, Ocean Partnership CIACC
Mary Jo Buchannan Kelly Mitchell Judith Green Jon Carman	Camille Limongelli Rose Bulbach	D.C.P. & P Shelter Liaison, Juvenile Services Ocean Mental Health OC Prosecutor/ <b>CHAIR</b> Community Rep. O.C Super. Of Schools Seashore Family Services Barnabas Health Care Asst. Family Court Division Mgr.
James Cooney Prosecutor Joseph Coronato	Pam Schott <b>Anthony Pierro</b>	
Judee DeStefano-Anen Roberto Flecha Jennifer Marziale Brian Giustozzi	Michael Capko	
Heidi Hartmann William Hetrick	Meghan Ahearn Mark DeGrandis	FCIU Director Juvenile Officers Association Det. Barnegat PD 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
William Hoey Walter Hopson Trina Jackson Terence Folley Patricia Leahey Kim Liguori Tracy Maksel Zarita Mattox Deputy Dawn Nee Esq. John Piscal Kim Reilly	Gary MacDonald Barbara Barr  Robert Phillips Dan Leonard  Jamie Busch Jeannie Collacott  Meghan Ahearn Mary Gibson	Big Brothers, Big Sisters OC Sheriff Asst. Probation Division Mgr. Family Court Division Mgr
Susan Sedivec Sheriff Michael G. Mastronardy Wayne Lagerquist	Patti Trustan Jennifer Russo	
Jill Vito		
Jennifer Hoffer	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	JJC Liaison



# 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](http://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.**

# 2016 Needs Assessment Results Summary

In 2016 the YSC conducted a County wide Needs Assessment to determine if there gaps in services and what the needs of the youth and families involved in the family court system are.

## **2016 Needs Assessment Results Summary**

**2016 Needs Assessment Survey Results: 505 total responses**

### **Agency Results: 342 responses**

Male (206) 60% / Female (134) 40%

White (227) 67% / African American (71) 21% / Hispanic/Latino (31)

9% / Other (11 – Asian/American Indian/Bi-Racial/Syrian/Unknown) 3%

### **Top 6 Services Needed but not available:**

1. Job placement 40%
2. Life Skills training 37.6%
3. After school program 31.2%
4. Vocational Training 29.4%
5. Job Readiness 29.4%
6. Independent Living 29.4%

### **Top 10 Problem Areas:**

1. Difficulty in controlling youth's behaviors – 48%
2. Poor problem solving skills – 37.9%
3. Few or no positive friends – 36.6%
4. Poor anger management – 34.4%
5. Poor school performance – 33.4%
6. Poor frustration tolerance – 32.8%
7. Drug Abuse – 31.2%
8. Inconsistent parent figure – 29%
9. Verbally aggressive – 28.3%
10. Physically aggressive/Disruptive behavior in school – 27.1%

### **Youth Results: 122 responses**

Male (69) 57% / Female (52) 43%

White (50) 46.7% / African American (24) 22.4% / Hispanic-Latino (24)

22.4% / Asian-Pacific Islander (2) 1.9% / Native American (2) 1.9% /

other (11) 10.3% / 15 responses skipped this question

### **Top reasons for not accessing services:**

1. Transportation
2. Not enough money to pay
3. Schedule too busy
4. Didn't like groups/prefer one-on-one counseling
5. Didn't know/Don't know what services are available

### List of top 10 services rated most important:

1. Job training/ employment
2. Life skills/budgeting/cooking/independent living skills
3. Counseling for emotional issues
4. Counseling for youth victims of sexual or physical abuse
5. Tutoring with school subjects
6. Help to deal with bullying issues
7. Help to deal with death or injury of someone close
8. Recreational activities during the summer
9. Substance Abuse counseling
10. Mentoring

### Parent Results: 41 responses

Male (8) 20.5% / Female (31) 79.5%

White (23) 79.3% / African American (4) 13.8% / Hispanic-Latino (2) 6.9% / Other (2) 6.9%

100% of respondents reported they have or have access to reliable transportation

### List of top 10 services for youth rated most important:

1. Recreational activities during the summer & school year
2. Counseling for emotional issues
3. After School programs/services
4. Life skills, budgeting, cooking, independent living skills
5. Mentoring/ Job training employment/ Anger management – violence prevention/ help with school issues

### Top reasons for not accessing services:

1. Not enough money
2. Lack of transportation/ schedule too busy
3. Too far from home
4. Hours not convenient
5. Didn't know services were available

### Over Arching themes:

- Life skills training
- Job readiness/vocational skills/ job placement
- Mentoring/counseling
- After school programs/assistance with school issues/ recreational activities

### Priority Areas for 2017

The YSC will work to outreach with its stakeholders, agencies, providers etc.

- ✦ Information to be displayed/available in the court house, library branches, etc.
  - ✦ Possible YSC Quarterly News Letter of available programs/resources
  - ✦ Work with providers to increase scope of services when appropriate
  - ✦ Partnership between YAP and the SRO's/Juvenile Officers to utilize YAP diversion workshops for stationhouse adjustments
- Open YAP service areas to include prevention: pilot a school based program with Toms River School District Alternate School for the fall 2016

# 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

# Ocean County



## Youth Services Commission Funded Programs for 2016-17

### Outpatient Substance Abuse Evaluations & Counseling Services

#### **Ocean Mental Health Services**

Contact Person(s): Kim Veith & Sherry Trifiro-Campos 732-349-1977 x152

Email(s): Kveith@oceanmhs.org

strifiro@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

### Parent Enrichment Program (PEP)

(Service Learning Program & Parent Orientation Program Combined for 2017)

**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

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## PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Ocean County Library

Jeannie Collacott, 732-349-6200-#8-xt5201

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](mailto:mcollacott@theoceancountylibrary.org)

**REFERRALS:** Anyone can refer to these workshops

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



# OC LIBRARY

## 2016 YOUTH SERVED

### **Total Number of Workshops: 34**

Total Attendance: 2138

(Teens: 777 Adults: 801 CIACC: 560)

### **Workshops included:**

Prom Dress Giveaway

The Gang Wise Project

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking & Prevention in NJ

Drug Use & Abuse Special Edition: Synthetic Marijuana

Drug Use & Abuse Special Edition: Heroin & Fentanyl

Sexuality & Hygiene for Adolescents with Autism & Other

Developmental Disabilities– What Parents & Educators need to Know

Chalk It Up Event

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

### **Guest Author:**

Ellen Hopkins, NY Times bestselling Young adult author. Her teen characters often struggle with addiction and other issues, offers opportunity for at risk teens to see themselves in print and imagine themselves moving beyond hardship. Ms. Hopkins visited the Juvenile Detention Center and discussed her books and her life with the incarcerated teens. All the youth who participated in this discussion received a free copy of Ms. Hopkins book “Crank” personally signed by the author, paid for by the YSC.

### **Children’s Inter Agency Coordinating Council (CIACC)**

**CIACC Training–** Navigating & Understanding the Education of Homeless Youth, 504 Plans & IEPs

**CIACC Training–** Self Injury: Managing High Risk Behavior Training

**CIACC Training–** Working with LGBTQ Youth

**CIACC Training–** DCPD reporting child Abuse & Neglect

**CIACC Training–** Homeless Youth



## Ocean County Youth Services Commission Funded Programs for 2016-17

### **Prevention Programs:**

#### **Ocean County Library**

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

Email: [mcollacott@theoceancountylibrary.org](mailto: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: Meghan Ahearn [ahearn@oceanharborhouse.org](mailto:ahearn@oceanharborhouse.org)

Ashley Graham-Jean: [Agraham-jean@oceansharborhouse.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Rgeoghegan@co.ocean.nj.us)

Bob Knight, 732-288-7729 [Rknight@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto: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](mailto:Janicefreeman-kenney@oceanmhs.org)

**Referral Source:** MDT/ Probation/ Judge/ Parole



# YSC 2016 Awards:

## YSC Member of the Year

### Meghan Ahearn



Meghan has been a crisis counselor with FCIU since 2007 and has been an invaluable resource to the YSC, not only this year but in previous years. She attends YSC regularly and participates on YSC subcommittees and is always there with prevalent and valuable information. Meghan was named the Friend of the Student Assistance Counselors for 2016; for her dedication and participation with the SAC's in Ocean County. The YSC is proud to honor Meghan's dedication to the youth and families of Ocean County and to the YSC as the 2016 YSC Member of the Year.

## YSC Agency of the Year



Harbor House is the agency contracted to provide Family Crisis Intervention Services to the youth and families in Ocean County funded through the Family Court Grant. Heidi Hartmann is the Director of Youth Services and a YSC member. Harbor House is always first to submit their billing and data every month, and is also incredibly dedicated to the Youth and Families of Ocean County. Harbor House and FCIU participated in an Enhanced Stationhouse Adjustment pilot program in cooperation with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and the New Jersey Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement. This program saw great success and that is thanks to the dedicated staff that operates the FCIU services. The YSC is proud to present the award for YSC Agency of the Year for 2016 to Harbor



**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 :

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Ashley Graham-Jean: [Agraham-jean@oceansharborhouse.org](mailto:Agraham-jean@oceansharborhouse.org)

**REFERRALS:** Anyone can refer or call FCIU for services

**\*Diversions\***



## Family Crisis Intervention Unit

2016

### Cases:

Cases Rolled Over From 2015: 30

Closed: 95

Age 10: 4 (3%), Age 11: 4 (3%), Age 12: 7 (5%), Age 13: 7 (5%), Age 14: 14 (10%), Age 15: 40 (29%), Age 16: 31 (23%), Age 17: 29 (21%)

Females: 63 (46%)      Males: 73 (54%)

Caucasian: 115 (85%) African American: 8 (6%) Latino: 11 (8%)

Two or More races: 2 (1%)

### Referrals:

Parent/ Guardian: 32      Police: 28      Mobile Response: 7

DCP&P: 4      School: 46      Other: 19

### Counseling Sessions:

Individual: 167      Family: 103      Sibling/Parent: 10

Total Sessions Completed: 281

41 No Call/ No Show/ Canceled

115 Cancelled sessions by Family

7 Cancelled sessions by FCIU

Home Visits: 8

School Visits: 14

Placements:      Voluntary: 6      Involuntary: 4

Family Crisis Petitions: 136

### Municipalities Served:

Barnegat, Bayville, Beachwood, Brick, Jackson, Lacey, Lanoka Harbor, Forked River, Lakewood, Lavallette, Little Egg Harbor, Mystic Island, Manchester, Whiting, Pt. Beach, Point Pleasant, Seaside Heights, South Toms River, Stafford, Manahawkin, & Toms River



# Youth Services Commissions

## Year End Totals for

# 2016

**Total Youth Served in 2016: 1,516**

**Total Adults Served in 2016: 843**

**Total Professionals Served in 2016: 560**

**Total Served for 2016: 2,919**

# 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**

**2016**

**Total Meetings for the Year :47**

**Total Referrals: 72**

**In-Home Counseling:: 20 (1 of 20 Denied)**

**YAP Mentoring: 39 (2 of 39 Denied)**

**New Hope: 11**

**FFT: 2**



## **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 2016 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](mailto:TJohnson@yapinc.org)

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

♦ **Diversion & Disposition\***

## **2016 YOUTH SERVED**

Youth Referred & Accepted: 107

Youth Who Completed Workshops: 75

Female: 45 (42%) Male: 62 (58%)

Caucasian: 49 African American: 36

Hispanic: 14 Bi-Racial: 8

### **Workshops:**

Anger Management (9 wk. Class): 21 Sessions, 6 Youth Served

6 Referred

Anger Management: 4 Workshops, 36 Youth Served, 48 Referred

Anti Theft: 4 Workshops, 25 Youth Served, 30 Referred

Anti Bullying: 3 Workshops, 6 Youth Served, 17 Referred

32 Youth Didn't Attend Workshops as Required

In November of 2016, YAP began a partnership with Toms River High School East to conduct Anger Management Classes to thee youth who are currently in the Alternative School to help improve and aide transition back into mainstream classes. The collaboration has been going very well and YAP in 2017 will be conducting Girls Circle group to identified youth in the High School.



# **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.

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Knight: 732-288-7729 [RKnight@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:RKnight@co.ocean.nj.us)

**REFERRALS:** Court/Judge

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



## **2016 YOUTH SERVED**

**Provided Days of Supervision for Youth: 2622**

**- 2443 EM Days - 179 Home Detention days**

**Female: 12 (19.4%) Male: 50 (80.6%)**

**Total face to face Contacts: 206**

**Home Meetings: 192**

**Caucasian : 27 (43.5%) African American: 19 (30.6%)**

**Hispanic: 12 (19.4%) Bi-Racial: 4 (6.5%)**

**Age 10: 1 (1.6%) Age 11: 2 (3.2%) Age 12: 1 (1.6%) Age 13: 3 (4.8%) Age 14: 7 (11.3%) Age 15: 8 (12.9%) Age 16: 14 (22.6%) Age 17: 16 (25.8%) Age 18: 9 (14.5%) Age 19: 1 (1.6%)**

### **Municipalities Served:**

Barneгат, Beachwood, Berkeley Twp., Brick, Jackson, Lakewood, Lavallette, Little Egg Harbor, Manchester, Pine Beach, Point Pleasant Borough, Seaside heights, South Toms River, Stafford & Toms River

# Parent Orientation Program (POP)

## Parent Orientation Program (POP)

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:** Jennifer Russo & Rob Phillips. Phone: 732-831-7999

**REFERRALS:** Probation only

## 2016 YOUTH SERVED

Total Participants: 224 Youth: 192 Family Members: 42

Total Orientations Held: 48

Served Ages 13 through 19

Total Events Held: 10 Event Locations(s): Lakewood & Toms River

Topics:

Juvenile Bias Crime Awareness, Social Media Awareness, Coping with family members Struggling with Mental Illness, Youth Self-Awareness & Independent Living and Surviving the Holidays



## 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](mailto:TJohnson@yapinc.org)

**REFERRALS:** MDT/Probation/Judge/Parole

\* Disposition, Re-Entry, & Diversion\*



## 2016 YOUTH SERVED

**TOTAL YOUTH SERVED:** 33

**TOTAL MENTORING HOURS:** 3829.10

**YOUTH REFERRED:** 39

**FEMALE YOUTH:** 10 (25%) **MALE YOUTH:** 29 (75%)

**AGES:** AGE 13: 2 (5%) AGE 14: 2 (5%), AGE 15: 9 (23%) AGE 16: 12 (30%), AGE 17: 8 (8%), AGE 18: 3 (7%) AGE 19: 2 (5%)

**RACE:** CAUCASIAN: 15, AFRICAN AMERICAN: 17, HISPANIC: 5 BI-RACIAL: 2

**NUMBER OF MENTORS:** 5

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

**MENTORS GENDER:** 1 FEMALE & 4 MALES







**"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 Kenney is the Director, her email is;

[janicefreeman-kenney@oceanmhs.org](mailto:janicefreeman-kenney@oceanmhs.org)

**REFERRALS:** MDT/Probation/Judge/Parole

**\* Disposition & Re-Entry\***

## **2016 YOUTH SERVED**

**Youth Served : 23 Total Counseling Hours: 1,375**

**Male: 13 (57%) Female: 10 (43%)**

**Caucasian: 11 (48%) African American: 8 (35%) Hispanic: 4 (17%)  
Age 14: 1 (4%), Age 15: 5 (22%), Age 16: 3 (13%), Age 17: 8 (35%), Age 18: 4 (17%), Age 19: 2 (9%)**

### **Municipalities Served:**

**Toms River, Brick, Jackson, Lakewood, Seaside heights, Barnegat, Bayville, LBI, Pt. Pleasant, & Lacey**

# **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\***



## **2016 YOUTH SERVED**

**28 Participants Graduated Clients: 24**

**Male: 19 (68%) Female: 9 (32%)**

**Age 15 : 5 (18%) Age 16: 6 (21.4%) Age 17: 6 (21.4%) Age 18: 9 (32.1%) Age 19: 2 (7.1%)**

**Caucasian: 16 (57.2%), African American: 6 (21.4%)**

**Hispanic: 6 (21.4%)**

**32 Events Held: Dating Violence, dealing with Greif, CPR, Mental health, Substance Abuse, Independent Life Skills, Bias and Hate in our Communities**



# 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](mailto:Crae@co.ocean.nj.us)

**REFERRALS:** Probation/ Electronic Monitoring

\*Detention Alternative\*

## 2016 YOUTH SERVED

Total Referrals: 20

Total Youth served: 14      Total Discharges: 9

Total Individual Sessions: 90      Group Sessions: 2

Total Family sessions:

Family Enrichment Activities: 12

Female: 7 (50%)      Male: 7 (50%)

Caucasian: 7 (50%) African American: 6 (43%) Hispanic: 1 (7%)

Age 15: 1 (7%) Age 16: 2 (14%) Age 17: 8 (57%) Age 18: 3 (22%)

Municipalities Served:



## 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](mailto:Kveith@oceanmhs.org)

Sherry Trifiro: [strifiro@oceanmhs.org](mailto:strifiro@oceanmhs.org)

**REFERRALS:** Court/Judge/Probation/Parole

\* Diversion, Disposition, & Re--Entry\*

## 2016 YOUTH SERVED

Clients Referred:

-Substance Abuse Evaluation Referrals: 219

Total Youth served:

-Substance Abuse Evaluations Completed: 198

-Clients Engaged in Adolescent level One: 42

Group Sessions: 248      Held in Brick: 118      Bayville: 130

Individual Sessions: 42      RAISE Groups: 0      Juvenile Detention Groups: 22

Female: 45 (23%)      Male: 153 (77%)

Caucasian : 146 (73.3%) African American : 31 (15.7%)

Hispanic: 19 (9.6%) Other : 2 (1%)

Age 13: 2 (1%) Age 14: 7 (3.5%) Age 15: 21 (10.6%) Age 16: 30 (15.1%)

Age 17: 79 (40%) Age 18: 59 (29.8%)

**Municipalities Served:**

Brick, Jackson, Bayville, Forked River, Toms River, Barnegat, Point Pleasant, Lakewood, New Gretna, New Hope (PA), Lanoka Harbor, Little Egg Harbor, Manahawkin, Waretown, New Egypt, Lavallette, Pine Beach, Bayonne, Lakehurst, Beachwood, Manchester, LBI, South Toms River, Seaside heights, Ortley Beach, Seaside Park, Whiting & Lacey.



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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. New Hope is located in Marlboro, NJ

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

**REFERRALS:** MDT/Probation/Judge/Parole

*\*Disposition\**

## **2016 YOUTH SERVED**

**Total Bed Days: 120** **Total Number of Youth: 7**

**Female: 2** **Male: 5**

**Caucasian:**

**Age 15: 1 (14%)** **Age 17: 3 (43%)** **Age 18: 2 (29%)**  
**Age 19: 1 (14%)**

**Municipalities Served:** Manchester, Manahawkin,  
Lakewood and 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](mailto:eczphd@optonline.net)

**REFERRALS:** Court/Judge

*\*Deposition & Re-Entry\**

## **2016 YOUTH SERVED**

Participants: 10

Referrals : 5 Youth Accepted: 5 Not Accepted: 0

Individual Sessions :170 Groups: 0

Family Sessions: 64

Successful Completions: 6

4 Participants are still in program

Male: 9 ( 90%) Female:1 (10%)

Caucasian : 6 (60%) African American: 2 (20%) Hispanic:  
2 (20%)

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

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