

Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County

JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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THE AGENCY

The Juvenile Services Division is an agency of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County. It operates pursuant to 42 PA. C.S. 6301 et. seq. (The Juvenile Act) and the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. The focus of this agency is to process delinquency, dependency and child custody filings.

All delinquent programs and services are predicated on the use of employing evidenced based practices through the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategies. This is completed with fidelity at every stage of the juvenile process along with the balanced and restorative justice model as set forth in 42 PA C.S. 6301 (b) (2). Under this model, the agency mandate is to provide balanced attention to community protection, imposition of accountability and the development of competencies to enable youth to become productive and responsible members of the community.

In addition to our intake department, probation supervision services are provided to clients in the schools, placement, and on an intensive level. Best practice is to continue to provide specialized probation services through the risk and need of the clients and families within the community. All services are funded through the Juvenile Court Judges Commission. 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).

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

During the past year, the Juvenile Services Division has had numerous employee changes. Jennifer Gengarella was employed in January 2015 and found other employment in February 2015. Frank Jupin, Jr. was then hired to fill this position in March of 2015. In July 2015, a supervisory position was created and after extensive interviewing, Charles Rossi was chosen as the new supervisor. John Davis was then promoted to the vacant intake position. John Sims also resigned and was hired as a supervisor at Allegheny County Juvenile Probation. Brandi Sabol was then promoted to the vacant aftercare position. In October 2015, Damon Neal was hired by Federal Probation. J.T. Engel was promoted to the vacant intake position in November 2015. Nelly Peralta and Ryan Nohe were hired in November 2015, to fill the two vacant line staff probation officer positions.

Throughout all of these personnel changes over the past year, it has been the goal of The Juvenile Services to achieve the best possible outcomes for the youth, victims and community that we serve. Strong family involvement and supports are encouraged in every situation and are essential to having successful outcomes. Through the leadership of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Beaver County Juvenile Services have been provided the roadmap to achieve and improve upon outcomes. One of the missions of Balanced and Restorative Justice is to provide evidenced based services through policy and practice.

In 2015, 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.

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 been providing training for the Initiation and Behavioral Change Stages. In February 2015, Motivational Interviewing Training was held. Motivational Interviewing is a counseling approach to help identify the phases of change and enable clients to reach their goals. In November and December 2015, this department also provided Four Core Competency and the Carey Guide and BITS (Brief Intervention Tools) training to staff, respectively. The Four Core Competency is professional alliance, skill building, rewards and sanctions which is 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 2015, there were 307 assessments completed. In order to meet suggested state mandates the agencies YLS policy was re-evaluated in 2015 and additional criteria was added to ensure that assessments are applied appropriately. The changes will assist officers with determining appropriate levels of supervision and specific case management planning. Also, a data base was created to track staffs' scores on the YLS/CMI to ensure inter-rater reliability. 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 has been in the process of developing field plans for clients that address attainable and smart goals.

The Juvenile Services has continued to utilize the Virtual Visitation Program 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 at a time of and 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.

In June 2015, Trails was awarded a grant enabling them to provide young adults with the ability to obtain proper identification. Through the ID Project, youth are invited to undergo an intake process, some goal setting and assistance at no cost to obtain a Photo I.D.

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 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 2015, this department continued to operate the Underage Drinking Program. There was a sustainability issue in 2014. In 2015, the program did meet the financial needs to continue to provide the service to the community.

The goals for 2016 are to implement the case plan that is recommended by the Juvenile Court Judges Commission, participate in the Motivational Interviewing forum, select MI coaches, continue to use our YLS/CMI and provide safety equipment and safety training for staff.

REFERRALS AND DISPOSITIONS

Referrals by type: 2011-2015

YEAR	DELINQUENCY	DEPENDENCY	CUSTODY	TOTAL
2015	477	62	784	1323
2014	526	55	798	1379
2013	562	64	927	1553
2012	608	70	912	1590
2011	618	74	775	1467

In 2015, delinquency referrals decreased 9.3% from the prior year. Over the past five years delinquency referrals dropped 23% with an average filing of 558 allegations. Dependency referrals increased 13% from the prior year, with an average filing of 65 allegations since 2011. Custody referrals decreased by .02% for 2015; over the past five years there was an average filing of 839 cases.

Delinquency referral demographics 2015

	BLACK	WHITE	MALE	FEMALE	FIRST OFFENDER	REPEAT OFFENDER
2015	47%	53%	68%	32%	35%	65%
2014	46%	54%	67%	33%	37%	63%
2013	40%	60%	70%	30%	38%	62%
2012	42%	58%	76%	24%	36%	64%

Youth 15 years of age and older accounted for 71% of all delinquency allegations filed in 2015. Youth ages 10-12 accounted for .06% and 13-14 year olds represented 22% of allegations filed in 2015.

Referrals by source 2011-2015

	Total Delinquency Referrals	By Law Enforcement Agcy.	By MDJ
2015	477	371(78%)	106(22%)
2014	527	422(80%)	105(20%)
2013	562	414(74%)	148(26%)
2012	608	457(75%)	151(25%)
2011	618	449 (73%)	169(27%)

Police departments with the most referrals were: Beaver Falls, 37; New Brighton, 30; Aliquippa, 21; New Sewickley, 19; Ambridge, 17; and Rochester Borough, 16. All other police departments had fewer than 15 referrals per department for the year.

Referrals by most serious charge

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	21	25	12	9	21
BURGLARY	33	21	11	39	14
DRUG RELATED/DUI	93	76	48	43	36
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	44	39	9	15	39
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	30	24	13	18	1
FIREARMS & WEAPONS/MANSLAUGHTER	39	38	6	11	4
SEX OFFENSES	46	83	4	13	6
UNPAID FINES	107	105	148	149	166
THEFT (ALL)	117	124	50	61	69
ROBBERY	2	5	0	5	7
SIMPLE ASSAULT	79	100	59	53	56
TERRORISTIC THREATS	28	17	5	6	5
ADMINISTRATIVE	91	103	109	123	115

Of the 1074 charges on the 477 allegations filed in 2015, 225 or 21% were graded as felonies.

Delinquency dispositions 2012-2015

YEAR	INTAKE ADJUSTMENT	CONSENT DECREE	FORMAL PROCESSING	TOTAL
2015	147	113	279	539
2014	119	112	203	434
2013	207	151	282	640
2012	187	174	322	683

Formal (Court) dispositions 2015:

TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL COURT	0
DISMISSED	117
PROBATION	217
COMMITMENT	51
TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNTY	7

DETENTION

Secure detention 2011-2015

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2015	49	54	882	16.3	2.4
2014	35	34	663	19.5	1.8
2013	44	44	1210	27.5	3.2
2012	53	50	922	18.4	2.5
2011	99	98	1530	15.6	4.1

Shelter 2011-2015

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2015	60	64	941	14.7	2.6
2014	93	92	1773	19	4.9
2013	106	106	2577	24.3	7.8
2012	94	92	1375	14.9	3.8
2011	58	71	1039	14.6	2.8

Temporary foster care 2011-2015

YEAR	ADMISSIONS	RELEASES	CHILD DAYS	AVERAGE STAY	AVG. POPULATION
2015	46	45	1629	36.2	4.4
2014	34	34	1475	43.3	4.0
2013	41	41	1890	46.1	5.2
2012	43	44	1948	44.3	5.3
2011	57	56	1578	28.2	4.3

CLIENT SUPERVISION

Cases Under Court Supervision as of 12/31/15

Function	Total Cases	Avg. Caseload	# of staff assigned
Formal and consent decree	57	14	4
Intensive probation	12	12	1
Aftercare	28	9	3
School-based probation	52	17	3
Informal adjustment cases	36	36	1
Total cases under supervision	185	15.4	12

CASE OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are based on data from 117 delinquency cases closed in 2015.

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 : 101; 86.3%

Accountability / Community Service

- Juveniles assigned community service: 110; 94.0%
- a. juveniles who completed assigned community service obligation: 107; 97.3%
- Total community service hours completed: 3,273

Accountability / Restitution

- Juveniles with a Restitution obligation: 30; 25.6%
- a. juveniles who made full restitution to their victim(s): 28; 93.3%
- Total amount of restitution collected; \$9,620.47

Accountability / Victim Awareness

- Juveniles directed/ordered to participate in a victim awareness curriculum /program while under supervision: 70; 59.8%
- juveniles who successfully completed a victim awareness curriculum / program while under supervision: 69; 98.6%

Accountability / Other Financial Obligations

- Juveniles ordered to pay Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs: 112; 95.7%
- Juveniles who paid Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs in full: 110; 98.2%
- Total amount Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs collected: \$3,080.00

Competency Development

- Juveniles directed / ordered to participate in a competency development activity while under supervision: 94; 80.3%
- Juveniles who successfully completed a competency development activity while under supervision: 92; 97.9%
- Juveniles directed / ordered to participate in a substance abuse treatment program while under supervision: 52 ; 44.40%
- Juveniles who successfully completed, or are actively participating in, a licensed substance abuse treatment program at case closing (in-patient or out-patient): 51; 98.1 %
- Juveniles employed or engaged in an educational or vocational activity at case closing: 114; 97.4%

PLACEMENTS

Placement Report / 2015

	Delinquent	Dependent	Total
Placed as of 1/1/15	23	53	76
Placed during 2015	29	6	30
Released in 2015	33	1	36
Placed as of 12/31/15	15	51	67

In 2015, there were 17 juveniles committed to delinquent placements which were funded by Value (Medicaid). And 12 were county funded. Dependency costs for the year, of 2015, were \$66,918.

Placements and costs 2010-2015

YEAR	DEL PLCMTS	DEP PLCMTS	TTL PLCMTS	DEL COSTS
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
2011	51	8	59	1,110,683
2010	30	12	42	2,149,999

DEPENDENCY CASES

There were 62 dependency cases filed in 2015. Filings increased slightly over the last year. There were 59 dependency dispositions in 2015.

Dependency referral demographics – 2015

Race	
<i>White</i>	55%
<i>Black</i>	40%
<i>Multi-racial</i>	5%
Age at referral	
<i>Under 10</i>	52%
<i>10-12</i>	11%
<i>13-14</i>	16%
<i>15-16</i>	14%
<i>17 and over</i>	7%

Sex	
<i>Male</i>	58%
<i>Female</i>	48%
Referred by	
<i>CYS</i>	76%
<i>Other</i>	24%

YEAR	INTAKE	FORMAL	TOTAL
2015	8	51	51
2014	1	42	45
2013	12	52	64

CHILD CUSTODY CASES

Child custody referrals and dispositions / 2013-2015

YEAR	REFERRALS	DISPOSITIONS
2015	784	778
2014	798	809
2013	860	927

The Juvenile Services Division conducted 20 homes studies for child custody cases during 2015.

Child custody dispositions / 2013-2015

	2015	2014	2013
AGREEMENT	157	183	170
PROPOSED ORDER	214	228	297
TEMP. ORDER/ FINAL	3	2	6
FINAL ORDER (COURT)	351	342	350
OTHER	53	55	104
EXCEPTIONS FILED	84	89	108
RESOLVED AT JSD*	99%	101%	107%

*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 2015, reflects dispositions of previous pending cases from prior years.

COLLECTIONS

<i>Collection Summary/2015</i>	<i>Assessed</i>	<i>Collected</i>
Restitution	\$49,469.95	22,385.15
Crime Victims' Comp.	3,875.00	3,787.81
DUI Fees	1,300.00	1,300.00
Juvenile Restitution Fund	33,846.86	30,845.85
Juvenile Supervision Fees	14,293.50	13,401.39
Total	102,785.31	58,318.81

Redeem Fund / 2015

Beginning balance	\$21,191.44
Deposits	16,070.48
Paid out	11,629.41
Ending balance	25,632.51
Clients participating	79
Clients completing	45

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 Nationality Days, the Recycling Center, Maple Syrup Festival, The San Rocco Festival, Good Samaritan, several Car Cruises, the Ohio River Cleanup, Monaca Borough, Penn State Agriculture, for local police departments and the Sheriff's Department, a gardening project for St. Joe's Villa and various other sites throughout Beaver County. There were 178 offenders that completed 1,544 hours of community service during the year of 2015.

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. In 2015, there were 45 clients that successfully completed the program. There was \$11,629.41 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. In 2015, clients were once again involved in the Reality Tour. Adagio provides healthcare education on a weekly basis to clients. Adelphoi served 61 youth. There were 48 new clients referred during 2015.

MULTI SYSTEMIC THERAPY (MST) – MST is an evidence based service shown to be effective with youth and families in the juvenile justice system. It is provided in Beaver County by a team of therapists from Mars Home for Youth. In 2015, the program served 16 families and averaged 5 families per month. This program has been very successful throughout Beaver County.

PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENTS - Northwestern Human Services employs a staff member housed in the Adult Probation Department who conducts psychosocial assessments on a walk-in basis for clients of the criminal and juvenile justice systems who have mental health issues. The psychosocial provides a background history of the family and possible services that could be implemented. A report with recommendations is provided to the agency in each case. In 2015, 10 juveniles received psychosocial assessments.

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 2015, 307 YLS/CMI assessments were completed. Of those cases, 0% was to be considered very high; 9% of the youth were determined to be high risk, 39% were moderate risk and the remaining 52%, 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 2015, 7 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. Six youth were 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 2015, there were 42 clients that were referred to the program. Out of these 42 clients, 21 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 2015, 166 underage drinking citations were filed at the various magisterial district offices. The magistrates referred 87 youth to the program and 83 completed it by year end. The program is self supporting via fees paid by program participants.

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 2014-2015 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 2014 - 2015 school year, there were 678 truancy citations filed at the magistrates throughout Beaver County. From these citations, 146 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, 106 families completed the class. There are also school intervention meetings. In the year of 2014-2015 there were 443 school meetings and 88 of these clients were referred to the magistrate (19%).

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 2014, 4 new clients was referred in 2015 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 93 clients that were referred to the program and 80 (86%) 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 2015, there were 21 clients that were referred for services. All participated and successfully completed their resumes online with Career Link.

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 2015, there were 31 families provided this service.