

TRAINING FOR CIT OFFICERS



How prevalent are mental health issues in America's juvenile justice system?

- One out of three high school students (29.4%) report feelings of clinically significant depressive sadness

Summit ADM YBAR study, 2014

- In Summit County 16.9% of high school students have seriously considered suicide and 10.4% have actually attempted

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- 65% to 70% of youth in contact with the juvenile justice system have a diagnosable mental health disorder NCMHJJ
- Youth in the juvenile justice system experience mental health disorders at a rate greater than three times higher than that of the general youth population

J Am Academy Child Adolescent Psychiatry 2010

Our Mission

Summit County Juvenile Court

- Operate a system driven by rehabilitation
- SCCJ strives to serve the best interests of children through outreach, early intervention, community education & innovative programming.
- Ensure kids being held in secure detention are kids who are considered a public safety risk
- Promote public safety by providing resources and alternatives for kids in need.

Summit County Juvenile Court

- Multiple interventions available for children with special needs, including mental health; substance abuse; development disabilities; and cognitive impairments.

Services specific to special needs

- **Family Resource Center**

- Case management services for any Summit County family ~ need not be court involved

- **School Responder Programming**

- First point of contact in school setting

- **Crossroads Probation**

- Specialty Docket Court

- **New Paths Probation**

- Dedicated docket for DD youth

Family Resource Center

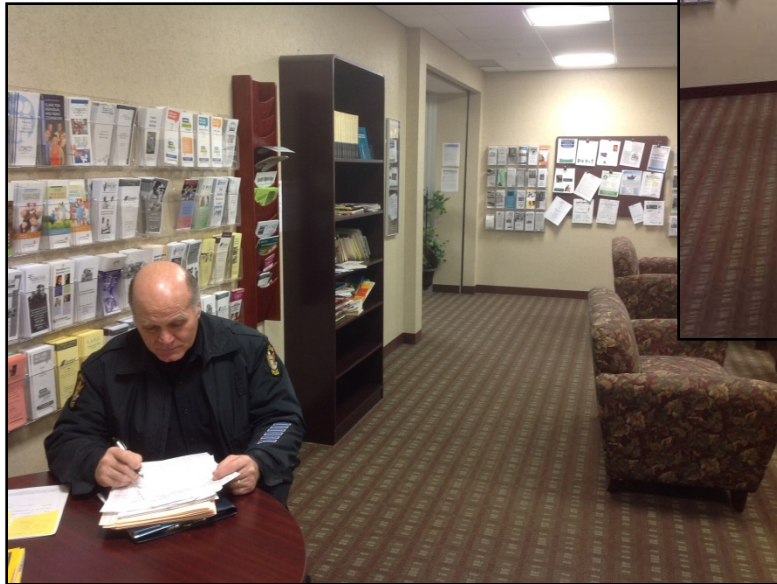
- Case Management hub located at SCJC
- Mission: Partner with parents, guardians, youth & other support systems to strengthen family & help them succeed in school, at home and in life
 - Accomplished through service coordination and linkage to community resources
- Walk-ins are welcome! Do NOT have to be court-involved to receive services

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Family Resource Center

Located within
Juvenile Court
650 Dan Street
2nd floor



Walk-Ins Welcome!
Call 330.379-3613
for an appointment



Responder Program

- Cooperative Effort
 - between Summit County Juvenile Court & schools throughout Summit County
- Goal: Avoid a referral to the JJ system
 - using a team approach utilizing community resources
- Provide linkage to service providers
 - Identify and address the underlying issues that are manifesting the behavior/delinquent acts



Responder Program *cont.*

- Case Managers take referrals from the schools and meet with kids in the school setting
- Team assembled to complete assessment & develop a service plan
- Case Manager maintains contact with the family for a period of 6 months
- Youth must meet criteria:
 - Possible mental health issues
 - Behavior Issues
 - Attendance concerns



Crossroads Probation

- Treatment Driven Diversion intervention *specialty docket certified*
- Intensive Probation
 - designed to serve youth in juvenile justice system diagnosed w/ mental illness, substance abuse/use disorder or combination of both.
- Four phase program
 - Initially in court every week for review hearing with a Magistrate. Intensity decreases as the youth achieves goals
- Must accomplish and maintain sobriety/wellness for a specific period of time to advance phases
- Accomplishments & barriers discussed bi-weekly in team meetings between court staff and treatment providers

Eligibility and Referral Process

- Between the ages of 12 and 17
- Already court involved
- Mental illness and/or substance abuse/dependency diagnosis
- No proven gang involvement
- No previous adjudication of either a first degree felony or trafficking in drugs
- No youth currently charged with a sex offense
- No violent offenses
 - *with exception of DV, simple assault, and menacing*

Structure



- **Four Phases** Intensity diminishes as the youth work through the phases and meet their goals
- **Weekly reviews** to track progress
- **Evening hearings** to accommodate families work and school schedules.
- **Tangible and non-tangible** rewards and incentives throughout the entire program
- **Intensive Supervision**-regular substance testing
- **Immediate accountability/sanctions** made possible with weekly reviews

New Paths Dedicated Docket

- Designed for youth who may be developmentally delayed
 - Autism; TBI; PDD (*any of a group of disorders that disrupts a child's thinking; feeling; mood & ability to relate to others*)

Specially trained Court officers work with family & youth to assist in facilitating their juvenile justice experience.

New Paths



- Make reasonable accommodations to facilitate & support effective service delivery & optimal outcomes
 - i.e. low lighting; scheduling hearings after school hours; familiarizing youth with SCJC prior to coming to court; reducing unnecessary stimuli to avoid over-stimulation
 - Provides consistency to families/children
 - Court Officer works case from beginning to end



Contact Information

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***To schedule a representative from our
Speakers Bureau to talk at a community event***

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