

JUVENILE AFTERCARE

Provided by Human Services Center

Programming for male and female juveniles leaving out of home placement and returning to the community. Aftercare is identified as a need for Lawrence County to reduce re-entries of juveniles to a placement facility once they have been released. The program will address all aspects of the Balanced and Restorative Justice principles of Accountability, Competency Development and Community Safety. Programming will be 90 days in length and could be extended if circumstances necessitate this. The Aftercare Officer will meet with the juvenile and family on a regular basis and assist with their transition into the community in regards to school, employment, medical services etc. Counseling services will range from individual to group or family.

MULTISYSTEMIC THERAPY

Provided by Mars Home for Youth

Multisystemic Therapy (MST) is a unique, goal-oriented, comprehensive treatment program designed to serve multi-problem youth in their community. MST is the only family-focused and community-based treatment program that has:

- been the focus of several major research studies, and
- demonstrated clinical and cost-effectiveness for youth with complex emotional, social and academic needs.

MST was developed at the Family Services Research Center at the Medical University of South Carolina, and uses only treatment strategies that are supported by research.

THE NURTURING PARENTING PROGRAM

Provided by Community Alternative, Inc.

The Nurturing Parenting program is strength-based and designed to help families replace negative patterns of interaction with new positive nurturing patterns. The curriculum promotes strategies and techniques for parents to develop and increase the following:

- Positive self-concepts, self esteem and self worth.
- Empathy and Social regulation
- Use of non-violent discipline
- Awareness of self, beliefs, family cultural practices and appropriate family roles.
- Healthy sense of empowerment
- Positive interaction among family members.

#iMATTER PROGRAM

Provided by Lawrence County Community Action Partnership

The #iMatter program is a community drop-in center committed to providing youth with evidence-based delinquency prevention/intervention programming by addressing criminogenic factors in an overall effort to positively impact the community. This program operates two time per week and the following needs are address; Transportation, Meals, Education/Employment, Leisure/Recreation, CBI, Snacks and Transportation.

LIFE SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Provided by Lawrence County Community Action Partnership

Life Skills Enhancement Program (LSE) targets youth between the ages of 10-18 that are in the juvenile justice system. The program provides services aimed at improving these youths' quality of life while addressing community and victim issues that led to court jurisdiction.

The participants will be required to complete 80 service hours while in the following programs: Case Management, Mentoring, Job Readiness Training, Goal Planning, Job Readiness Training, Healthy Living Education, Cognitive Behavioral Development and Follow-Up services.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE PROGRAM

Provided by The Academy Schools

The Community Resource Program (CRP) will through a well trained dedicated staff and an outstanding working relationship between the courts and the school districts provide youth a unique opportunity to be held accountable for their actions and develop competencies for the good of the community.

The overall purpose of CRP is to:

1. Address repetitive delinquent behaviors that lead to the need for further court involvement;
2. Address absenteeism and truancy issues that affect higher dropout rates that impact future employment;
3. Address anti-social school behavior (s) through role modeling more appropriate responses;
4. Enhance positive peer relations through active mediation; and
5. Address poor academic performance by assisting juveniles with the necessary aid in achieving advancement to the next grade level.

AMENDS INFORMAL PROGRAMMING

Amends is an informal community service program designed to handle referrals from District Judges throughout Lawrence County. Juveniles are referred to the program upon being found guilty of a summary offense. The referrals are sent to the Juvenile Probation Department as a misdemeanor offense for "Fail to Pay Fines", indicating that the juvenile has either not made payments that were previously agreed upon at the Magistrate level or they were afforded the opportunity to complete community service at the time of their hearing. The Amends Informal Community Service Program has proven to be an effective alternate means to satisfying legally imposed fines by holding the juveniles accountable for their actions. Juveniles learn to accept responsibility and symbolically pay back their communities, through community service, for the wrong they have done.

The Amends Informal Community Service Program involves juveniles being assigned to work a specified number of hours at local community agencies, parks, hospitals, fire departments, and schools. The number of hours assigned are based upon a juvenile's age attitude, prior involvement in the juvenile justice system, and seriousness of offense.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & RESPONSE PROGRAM (CARP)

The community Awareness & Response Program (CARP) is designed to provide the courts additional sanctions of dispositional alternatives. Judges and Masters may Court Order a juvenile to perform a specific number of community service hours. These hours are based on the juvenile's age, mental capacity, prior involvement in the juvenile system and seriousness of offense. Probation Officers may also access CARP as part of a juveniles overall treatment program.

CARP can also be used as a form of informal adjustment as per 42 Pa. C.S. Section 6323 of the Juvenile Act (Exhibit 17). In these cases, a petition may not be filed against a juvenile if they complete programming offered by the Lawrence County Juvenile Probation Department.

The Community Awareness & Response Program offers many diverse forms of community service ranging from working at local hospitals, schools, and community agencies to participate in a social skills group or anger management classes.

RESTORE (WORKING RESTITUTION PROGRAMMING)

Restore is a working restitution program designed to aid juveniles that owe restitution to a victim(s). Juveniles are given the opportunity to earn up to \$750.00 in a restitution scholarship fund by performing community service. These funds are then forwarded to the victim(s) of their offending.

Restore is funded by our Amends Program through an Order of Court by President Judge Ralph D. Pratt. This order states that the Juvenile Probation Department shall collect any monies owed for summary offense referrals who do not wish to participate in the Amends Program. These monies collected shall be deposited in a Juvenile Victim Restitution Account known as Restore.

The Restore Program uses previously defined community service sites. Hours are assigned based upon a juvenile' age, attitude, involvement in the juvenile system, and amount of restitution that is owed.