

Chester County Juvenile Probation Department

The Council for Boys and Young Men

The Council for Boys and Young Men is:

- A Research-Based program that is gender-relevant, strength-based, and utilizes a skill-building approach.
- Designed for at-risk or court-involved youth, ages 12-18.
- Supported by Pennsylvania's Juvenile Court Judges Commission (JCJC).

Program Mission:

The Council recognizes boys' strengths and capacities, challenges stereotypes, questions unsafe attitudes about masculinity, and encourages solidarity through personal and collective responsibility.

Topics include:

- Competition
- Bullying
- Valuing diversity
- Safe expression of emotions
- Rejecting violence
- Becoming allies with girls and women
- Mentoring and making a difference with others
- Making safe and healthy decisions for themselves
- Finding and living with value in difficult times

Group Requirements:

Sessions are held once a week for ten weeks. Sessions are 2 hours in length.

There will be a maximum of 6 youth per session.

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Youth must attend the first session to participate in that group.

No new members are permitted to enter after the group has begun.

Groups will maintain confidentiality.

Facilitators are mandated reporters and will follow all mandated reporting laws. Group participants will be informed of these responsibilities under the law.

Participation does not have to be court ordered but must be added to supervision plans/conditions of probation.

Transportation stipends are available at \$10 per session.