

Chester County Juvenile Probation

Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)

The Juvenile Court Judges Commission (JCJC) Standards Governing the Administration of Juvenile Court requires Juvenile Court Judges to appoint an advisory committee “of interested citizens from within the judicial district to help the judge ensure the availability of adequate services”.

The Standards further state that, “It is not intended that such an advisory committee be involved in the day to day operations of the Court, but be available to the Judge and to the Chief Probation Officer to help them understand how the Court is perceived in the community, and to generate citizen support for Court programs.”

Who are the “interested citizens” or Key Stakeholders in Chester County? They are people who comprise the following:

- ❖ *Community organizations*
- ❖ *Political leaders*
- ❖ *County agencies*
- ❖ *Police*
- ❖ *Businesses*
- ❖ *Service providers*
- ❖ *Justice system*
- ❖ *Schools*
- ❖ *Faith based organizations*
- ❖ *Residents*

Youth are the future of Chester County. Our community has a stake in ensuring positive outcomes within the juvenile justice system.

Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System - Intended Outcomes

Accountability

- ❖ Offenders learn that crime has consequences.
- ❖ Victims’ losses are restored to the extent possible.
- ❖ Victims regard the Juvenile Justice System as fair and responsive to their needs.

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Community Protection

- ❖ The community is actively involved in prevention and intervention activities.
- ❖ Offenders are subject to a level of supervision consistent with the risks they present.
- ❖ Recidivism is reduced, especially while the offender is under the supervision of the Juvenile Justice System.
- ❖ Offenders are involved in structured, productive activities that tend to increase citizens' feelings of safety and confidence.
- ❖ Offenders develop the internal controls necessary to remain crime-free.
- ❖ The most serious or chronic offenders are incapacitated.

Competency Development

- ❖ Offenders develop important life skills.
- ❖ Offenders develop increased sense of self-esteem and worth.
- ❖ Offenders have positive interactions with adult role models.
- ❖ Offenders perform work valued by the community.

Why Attend the JJAC?

- ❖ To participate in the sharing of information for the benefit of youth and families of Chester County.
- ❖ To learn about the juvenile justice and other child serving systems.
- ❖ To network with other professionals working towards similar goals.

Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee meetings are held quarterly in March, June, September and December from 8:00-9:00 AM at the Juvenile Probation Office. Please let us know if you would like to be placed on our mailing list.

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