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## Overview of Criminal Justice Treatment Programming, Part 2

**Treatment Programming/ Stepping Up Diversionary Initiatives**

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**Featuring**  
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## OBJECTIVES: CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OVERVIEW/STEPPING UP

- Discuss County goals and priorities specifically for the justice system.
- Describe review process (from the inside out) undertaken to date, major initiatives, challenges, and opportunities related to treatment.
- Discuss main findings, recommendations, programs, and next steps (to include community involvement).

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## CO-RESPONDERS

- The Basics
  - Mental Health Professional Embedded with Law Enforcement Officers
  - Based out of the District Attorneys Office (2020).
  - Eight positions, eight police departments.
- In the year of 2021, Co-Responders were involved in 1998 referrals from police officers.
  - Of those referrals, 121 resulted in charges (6%), meaning that majority are diverted from the CJ system.
  - January 2022-June 2022, there has been 1392 referrals, 67 resulted in charges (5%).

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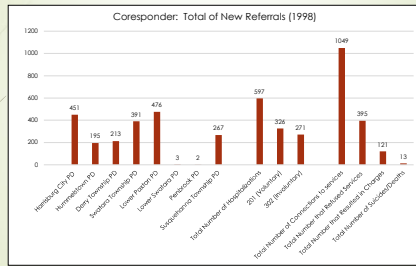
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## Co-Responder Data Continued(2021)



## Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training

- Total trained as of now: 225 Police (59 State Troopers), 3 Sheriffs, 11 Probation/Work Release, 22 DCP (15 COs, 4 Diversion Specialists, 3 Treatment Specialist), 25 staff that includes DA's office (Co-Responders, Supervisor, Treatment Courts, BHU Attorney, & 2 BHU CJ Assistants), and Human Services Staff. Overall total is: 286 CIT-Trained.
- Next class is scheduled for November 2022.
- Below is a video from NAMI to show an overview of how CIT can support both Police Officers and the Community.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nat9xEdoXc>

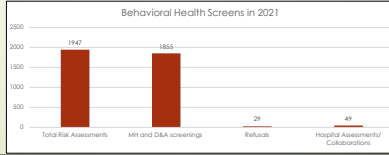


## GENERAL DIVERSION GOALS

- Improve outcomes for offenders currently involved in the county criminal justice system
- Prevent further penetration into the justice system, as well as reduce recidivism
- Use fiscal and other resources wisely by reserving most restrictive setting (jail) for those who present serious risk to public safety
- Begin early identification of at-risk individuals to link them with services and supports

## Diversion Initiatives

- Bail Review Team (Reorganized in 2018)
- Diversion Specialists – Screening at Booking Center (2019)
  - Pretrial Risk Assessment – Allegheny Risk Screen (Late 2018)
  - Brief Jail Mental Health Screen
  - Texas Christian University (TCU) Drug Screen V
  - Texas Christian University (TCU) Drug Screen V – Opioid Supplement
- DUI Repeat Offender Program (DROP) (2018)



## DCP CJ Program Form (2021)

**Criminal Justice Treatment Program Checklist**

Please use this checklist as a quick referral match for criminal justice system treatment programming. Please send this list to the District Attorney's Office along with the name and date of birth of the person being referred for a criminal justice treatment programming intervention. DCJMS TO: Ashley Yinger [ayinger@daughertycounty.gov](mailto:ayinger@daughertycounty.gov) Catherine Kilgus [ckilgus@daughertycounty.gov](mailto:ckilgus@daughertycounty.gov)

Referral Considerations	Name:	DOB:	DCP #:
To be Completed at DCP	Yes	No	Don't Know
Drug & Alcohol Screening - Moderate or Severe Use Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug & Alcohol Screening - Screened Low, but Assessed Further	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Screening - Presence of MH Needs (SMI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Screening - Presence of MH Needs (non-SMI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placed in the Detox Unit at DCP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Risk on Pretrial Risk Screening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUI Charges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Docket (Open)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
APD Database	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Bench Warrant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provided a Daugherty County Address	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person status that also has served in the US Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Notes:**

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Completing Form: \_\_\_\_\_

**Absolute Disqualifying Charges:**

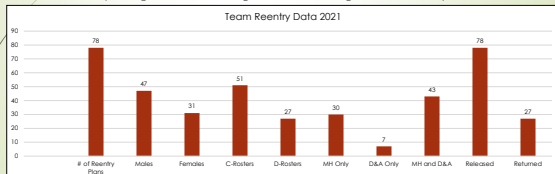
- Aggravated Sexual Assault
- Aggravated Sexual Assault (and related offenses)
- Attack of Law Enforcement Officer
- Attack by Life Threat
- Attack by Poison
- Drug Delivery Resulting in Death
- Indecent Assault
- Intox
- Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse
- Murder
- Rape
- Sexual Abuse of Children
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Statutory Sexual Assault
- Theft by Extortion
- Unlawful Contact with Minor
- Voluntary Manslaughter

**Relative Disqualifying Charges (Case-by-Case Review):**

- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary (1st)
- Blunt Force Injury of a Person
- Carjacking
- Human Trafficking (and related offenses)
- Possession of Firearm
- Possession of Prohibited Weapon
- Robbery
- Robbery of Motor Vehicle

## Reentry Coordinators

- Overview
  - Coordination with Reentry Service organizations (Capital Region Ex-Offenders Support Coalition - CRESC)
  - Work Release
  - Probation Services
  - Team Reentry
    - Case planning for MH/Co-Occurring individuals reentering into the community.





## Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI)

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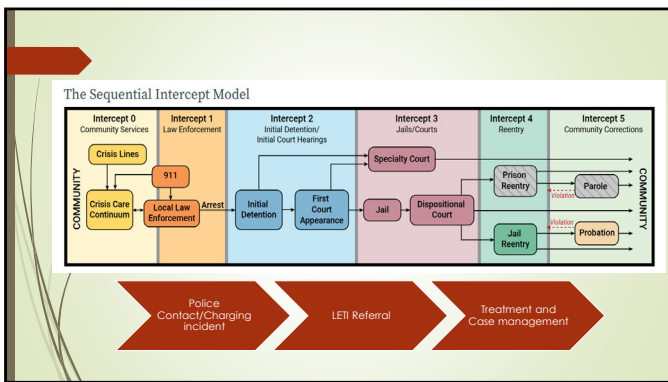
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The Dauphin County Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative is a harm reduction approach that seeks to accomplish the goals of reducing criminal behavior and improving public safety by connecting individuals suffering from a SUD with treatment and other community resources.

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### LETI- Tracks

- Track 1
  - Self-refer at a police station or to a police officer.
- Track 2
  - Potential charges are held in abeyance pending the successful completion of recommended treatment.

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### Local Considerations

- Naloxone Administrations in Dauphin County Since October of 2020 (ODIN):
  - 154 individuals received naloxone during this time; 99 of those individuals had naloxone administered by a Police officer.
    - 35 received naloxone from EMS and 20 from Good Samaritans.
  - Residences are the most common place for someone to overdose, with hotels/Motels being the second highest place of overdose.
  - 47% of persons were taken to the hospital while conscious, 6% were taken to the hospital unconscious.
    - Only 18% of individuals refused transport while only 28% were successfully transported to treatment.

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### LETI Launch

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*"LETI is a true diversion for non-violent individuals who come in contact with the criminal justice system on account of drug dependency. It diverts the individual without the need for an arrest or court appearance. But it has tracking built in to ensure that the individual is following through on treatment. This is yet another tool in our toolbox to get people help that works."*

-Dauphin County District Attorney Francis T. Chardo



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### Questions/Further Information

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### Team Mental Illness & Substance Abuse (MISA)

Dr. Ashley Yinger,  
 Criminal Justice Programming Administrator



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### ABOUT TEAM MISA

- Implemented (March 2019)
- Cross system collaboration/case planning for pretrial diversion/upcoming court.

**How to Refer?**

- Fill out the following
  - Referral Form
  - Release of Information (ROI) Sheet



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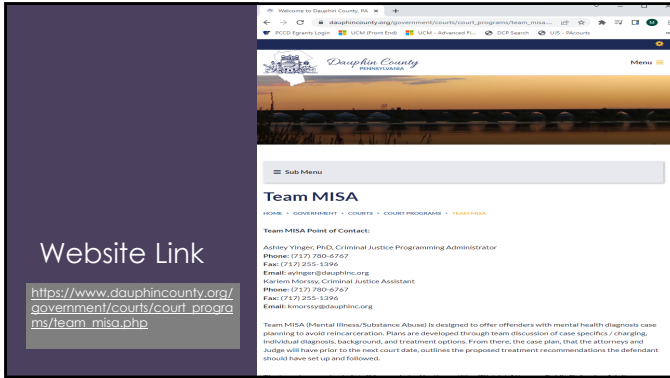
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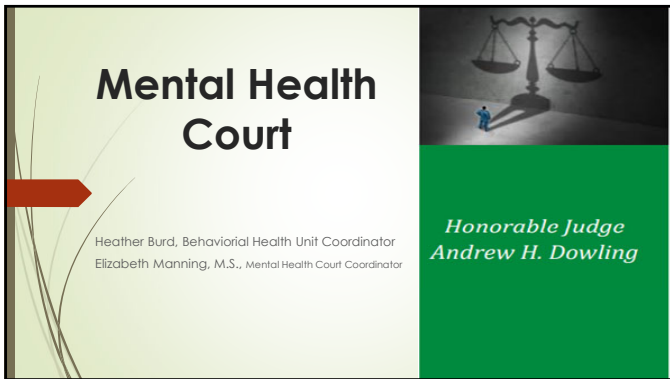
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## Mission Statement

- The mission of the Dauphin County Mental Health Court is to promote public safety by keeping participants with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders safe and accountable as they engage in necessary treatment. This will ensure the participant begins the process of recovery and will result in an increase in safety and security for the residents of Dauphin County through lower rates of recidivism.

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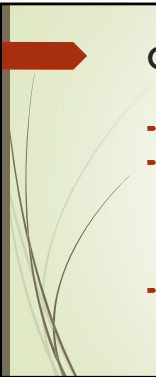
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## Overview

- Provides intensive supervision, judicial monitoring, and access to treatment for offenders whose crimes are related to their severe mental illness.
- Coordinates appropriate and varying levels of treatment to its participants, including:

  - Mental Health
  - Drug & Alcohol
  - Vocational
  - Educational
  - Life Skills Training
- By participating, an offender can become a productive, responsible citizen and the community will become a safer place in which to live.

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## Team Members

- The team is comprised of members from the following departments:

  - Honorable Judge Andrew H. Dowling, Court of Common Pleas
  - Dauphin County District Attorney's Office
  - Dauphin County Public Defender's Office
  - Dauphin County Probation & Parole
  - Dauphin County Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs (MH/A/DP)
  - Case Management Unit (CMU) *\*Contracted by MH/A/DP\**
  - Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol
  - Dauphin County Prison
  - Dauphin County Work Release

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- Aggravated Indecent Assault	- Murder
- Arson (and related offenses)	- Rape
- Assault of LEO	- Sexual Abuse of Children
- Assault by Life Prisoner	- Sexual Assault
- Assault by Prisoner	- Incest
- Drug Delivery Resulting in Death	- Indecent Assault
- Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse	- Statutory Sexual Assault
- Intercourse	- Kidnapping
- Sexual Exploitation of Children	- Theft by Extortion
- Unlawful contact with a Minor	- Voluntary Manslaughter

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    A[Process to be analyzed and targeted (agent and its co-investigative and being analyzed (agent's 1st and 2nd))] --> B[Applications including control using published information in MARS Court Coordinator. Conditions to complete prior control history (not including PVS, use of Court's issue 2nd issue)]
    B --> C[Application and all collected information sent to the MARS for further analysis and determination of next steps]
    B --> D[Approved by the 1st agent]
    C --> E[Completed]
    D --> E
    D --> F[Coordinator sends data to MARS/ATP Representative to determine what MARS/ATP services]
    F --> G[I open with MARS/ATP Coordinator of MARS Court Manager/Operator for treatment results or completion]
    F --> H[I set up with MARS/ATP application forwarded to MARS/ATP on issue 2nd issue]
    G --> I[Completed]
    H --> J[Completed]
    H --> K[Approved]
    H --> L[Rejected]
    K --> M[Data generated and reviewed by MARS Court Team]
    L --> E
    M --> N[Team representative (MARS) to present the information, discuss acceptance to parties, discuss acceptance to acceptance in the program, discuss the acceptance]
    N --> O[Information accepted, having the data is scheduled for next 7 weeks and all are given place is scheduled]
    O --> P[PVS/ATP field notes MARS Court Judge and participating MARS Court Judge MARS Court]
    P --> Q[Coordination PVS, C, M, meet with delegates review final report approval, PVS, C, M, MARS Court process]
    Q --> R[Completed next]
  
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- This track is for offenders with a longer criminal history, who would otherwise be sentenced to serve a state prison sentence if the case was pursued in the traditional court process.
- The offender must enter a guilty plea and be sentenced to an Intermediate Punishment sentence.
- Applicants who are facing probation/parole revocation can be considered for this track.
- Upon successful completion of Mental Health Court program, including payments of fines, costs, and restitution, may result in the reduction or termination of any remaining supervision; however, the charges will remain the same.

## Program Length & Phases

In each phase participants are required to adhere to their treatment and supervision plans. In all phases, participants are required to complete an allotted number of hours of a daily structured activity as directed by the MH Court Team. Phases 1-4 are designed to take 3-6 months to complete. After Care Phase is a minimum of 6 months.

Phase 1:	Phase 2:	Phase 3:	Phase 4:	Aftercare Phase:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report for Intake.</li> <li>Attend Mental Health Court weekly.</li> <li>Meet with assigned probation officer a <u>minimum</u> of once per week.</li> <li>Meet with assigned case manager a <u>minimum</u> of once per week.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Mental Health Court bi-weekly.</li> <li>Meet with assigned probation officer a <u>minimum</u> of once per week.</li> <li>Meet with assigned case manager a <u>minimum</u> of once per week.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Mental Health Court bi-weekly.</li> <li>Meet with assigned probation officer a <u>minimum</u> of once every two weeks.</li> <li>Meet with assigned case manager a <u>minimum</u> of once every two weeks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Mental Health Court once a month.</li> <li>Meet with assigned probation officer a <u>minimum</u> of once per month.</li> <li>Meet with assigned case manager a <u>minimum</u> of once per month.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does NOT need to attend court sessions.</li> <li>Meet with assigned probation officer a <u>minimum</u> of once per month.</li> <li>Meet with assigned case manager a <u>minimum</u> of once per month.</li> </ul>

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## The Impact

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# STEPPING UP-Dauphin County

## Year in Review-2021

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Since the deinstitutionalization in 1955 to reduce the number of people with serious mental illness (SMI) in State hospitals, systematic changes arose. The nation saw many people with SMI who lived in State hospitals for many years, now surfacing in the community streets. As a result, many of these individuals decompensated and there was an increased number of encounters with law enforcement (Slate, Frailing, Johnson, & Buffington, 2021). Unfortunately, as a result, the nation started to see an impact on the criminalization of individuals with mental illness.

Criminal justice reform has resulted in many States/Counties signing a Stepping Up resolution to address the number of people with SMI in the local jails/prisons. In 2016, Dauphin County, PA Commissioners signed and passed a Stepping Up resolution to reduce the number of people with SMI in Dauphin County prison (DCP). After this, the county partnered with the Council of State Government (CSG) to receive assistance in collecting and analyzing data to determine the current trends of this problem. CSG published their results in 2018 that provided the county with statistics and recommendations to make improvements towards their Stepping Up initiative. Much of the results showed high numbers of people in DCP with a SMI staying longer than those without a SMI (Justice Center: The council of state governments, 2018). Since recommendations were started in late 2018, Dauphin County continues to see improvements in many areas.

Dauphin County continues working on following through with many of the recommendations to implement initiatives and reduce the number of people with SMI in DCP. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the nation like no other and Dauphin County had to continue to navigate those challenges throughout 2021. As a county, there was an increase in crisis intervention contacts, staff shortages, and provider waitlists to mention a few. Impacts from the pandemic place a barrier on a person who is trying to access services to maintain their mental health stability and reduce law enforcement contact. Regardless of the ongoing barriers, Dauphin County continues moving forward with Stepping Up initiatives as the county recognizes there is a need. According to Dauphin County Department of Public Safety, there were 3,303 calls received that were flagged as behavioral health in 2021. At the end of December 2021, DCP had about 12% of inmates with a SMI and 37% flagged as

having a mental illness (MI) and drug and alcohol (D&A) need. With this information, the county continues to see the need to respond to those with SMI and encounters with the Criminal Justice system.

Below highlights Stepping Up initiatives in Dauphin County, PA from January 2021 through December 2021.

Stepping Up subcommittee:

A subcommittee from the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) was created and chaired by the Stepping Up Coordinator. In 2021, the subcommittee met five times, in addition to the quarterly CJAB meetings and the county's Reentry subcommittee. During the committee, updates are discussed regarding the Stepping Up initiatives. The subcommittee comprises of an array of county Criminal Justice and Human Service stakeholders, in addition to community stakeholders. Through the work of this committee, Dauphin County has been able to report out more consistently the number of people with a SMI in DCP. The county is part of a data project called Stadia that comprises of dashboards for many departments across the County. Creating a Stepping Up dashboard has been discussed. During 2021, the county worked with CSG to become an Innovative County and was recognized as making improvements towards the Stepping Up initiative and consistently being able to report out on data. The Stepping Up Coordinator participates in monthly and quarterly calls with CSG pertaining to our role as an Innovative County. The committee reviews current data trends, action steps, case planning, services, limitations, and barriers during the meeting. Our goals as a committee for 2022 are to explore our sequential intercept map to discuss areas of need and developing a specific Stepping Up dashboard for our data reporting and reviewing.

Team Mental Illness Substance Abuse (MISA):

Team MISA was implemented in April 2019 and continues. The team comprises of an array of Criminal Justice and Human Service entities and is chaired by an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) and Criminal Justice Programming Administrator. The group meets every week other than trial week where cases are discussed with people having an upcoming court date and diagnosis of mental health (MH) and/or substance use disorder (SUD). Case plans are developed to provide treatment recommendations for their upcoming court hearing to be considered. Team MISA has allowed for an increase in cross systems collaboration among both systems. Barriers associated with Team MISA are often related to charges, individual's desire to participate in treatment, and the connection to treatment prior to release.

Through this work, the county has seen a decrease in prison population for those with SMI/MI and connections to treatment. When the Stepping Up report came out in 2018 with longer length of stays, through case planning, we have seen people with SMI staying much shorter in DCP compared to previously and compared to those without SMI. Psychotropic medications are often the only form of mental health treatment in many jails, not to mention that it can be twice as costly to house a person with mental illness compared to those without a mental illness (Slate et al., 2021). Dauphin County strives to connect individuals with SMI to the appropriate level of care and divert them from DCP when jail is not the most appropriate.

A subcommittee from Team MISA (i.e., Mental Health Reentry) also started in the summer of 2020. The goal of this team is to focus on individuals that are sentenced at DCP and need case planning for MH and drug and alcohol (D&A) services upon release. The team is chaired by the Mental Health Reentry Coordinator at DCP.

Below illustrates some of the work accomplished through Team MISA and the Reentry Team from January 2021-December 2021.



Graph 1.1



Graph 1.2

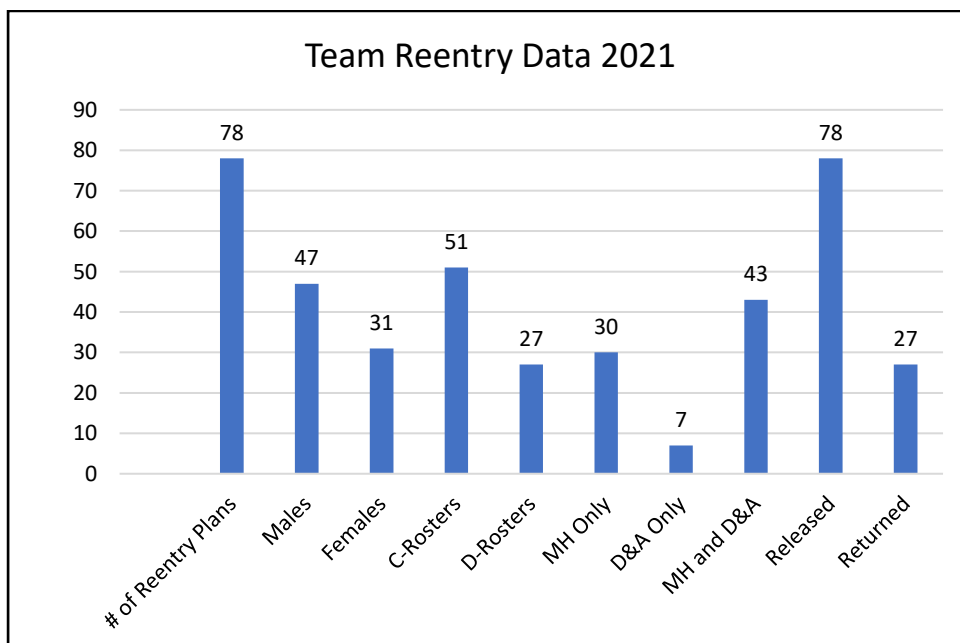


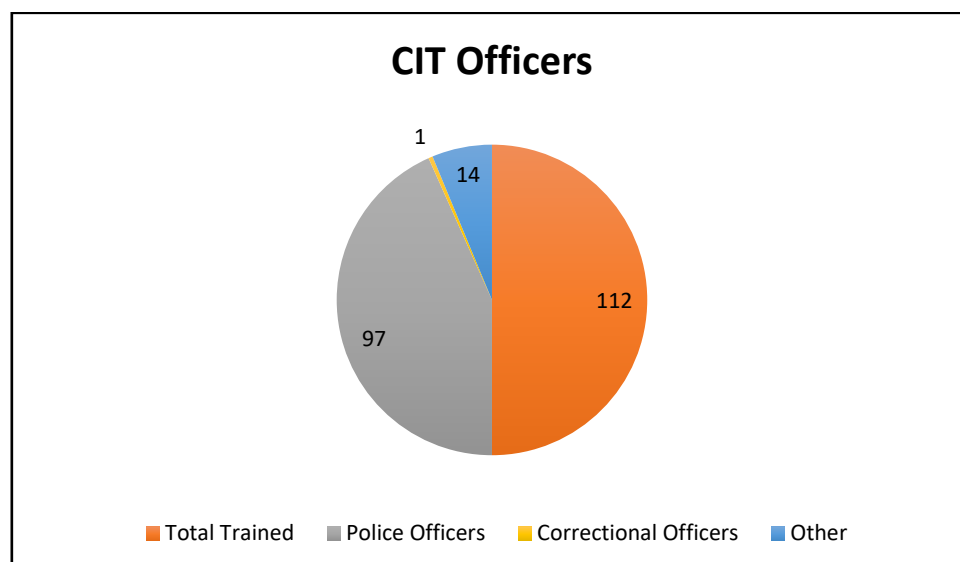
Table 1.1

**Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training:**

Dauphin County held its first CIT training in the fall of 2019 and continues to implement this training to increase the number of CIT trained officers. CIT training is known to be evidence-based and the 40-hour basic training provides an array of tools and resources to first responders to help increase their knowledge and understanding when interacting with a person in crisis and ways to respond. They also learn about the resources and collaborating with human service entities. Dauphin County has been supported by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to help start and fund initial trainings.

The county has seen a positive outcome from implementing the training. To meet the demand of local community, the number of trained CIT officers available to any shift should be around 20-25% of the department's patrol division (Dupont, Cochran, & Pillsbury, 2007). Some departments have the goal to train all officers. There were six CIT trainings held in 2021 for law enforcement. Personnel from other Criminal Justice and Human service entities also attended CIT training. More trainings were able to be scheduled as Covid restrictions became more relaxed. The trainings continue to show positive outcomes among officers who have been trained in CIT. Officers have reported that the skills and resources provided through the training were able to help them coordinate services and stage an adequate response for individuals in crisis. Quotes from a community advocate and Deputy Chief regarding CIT: "They treated him with respect. They de-escalated the situation." "He probably would be in jail facing some serious time, or dead, if that training wasn't there" (Dauphin County Resident). "The Program works – it works for our officers, and it works for our citizens" (Deputy Chief).

Graph 1.2 indicates the number of individuals trained in CIT in 2021. Table 1.2 highlights key findings from the pre/post surveys conducted during the beginning and end of the training week (Averages for February 21' through December 21' classes). A total of 112 Criminal Justice professionals were trained in 2021. Overall, since the beginning of CIT in 2019, Dauphin County has 207 trained, 162 of those being police officers.



Graph 1.3

CIT Data	<u>Pre-test</u>	<u>Post-test</u>	<u>Difference</u>
How would you rate your comfort level in dealing with an individual suffering with mental illness	3.25	4.39	+1.14
How prepared do you feel in dealing with someone suffering with mental illness	3.35	4.42	+1.07
How would you rate your knowledge of psychiatric illnesses	2.5	3.885	+1.373
How would you rate your knowledge of Developmental Disorders (Intellectual Disabilities)	2.4	3.89	+1.468
How would you rate your knowledge of geriatric issues	2.35	3.83	+1.473
What is your comfort level with someone voicing thoughts of suicide	3.6	4.46	+0.856
How would you rate your knowledge about psychiatric medications	2.04	3.52	+1.481
How would you rate your knowledge of PTSD	2.93	4.262	+1.33
How would you rate your familiarity with civil commitments	2.225	4.11	+1.888
How familiar are you with treatment resources in the community	2.615	4.27	+1.663



<b>Post ONLY: How would you rate this training in providing you information on mental illness and community resources overall</b>		4.701	
<b>Post ONLY: How would you rate this training in providing you additional skills to use in de-escalation overall</b>		4.695	
<b>Post ONLY: Did you feel the information was presented and organized well</b>		4.715	

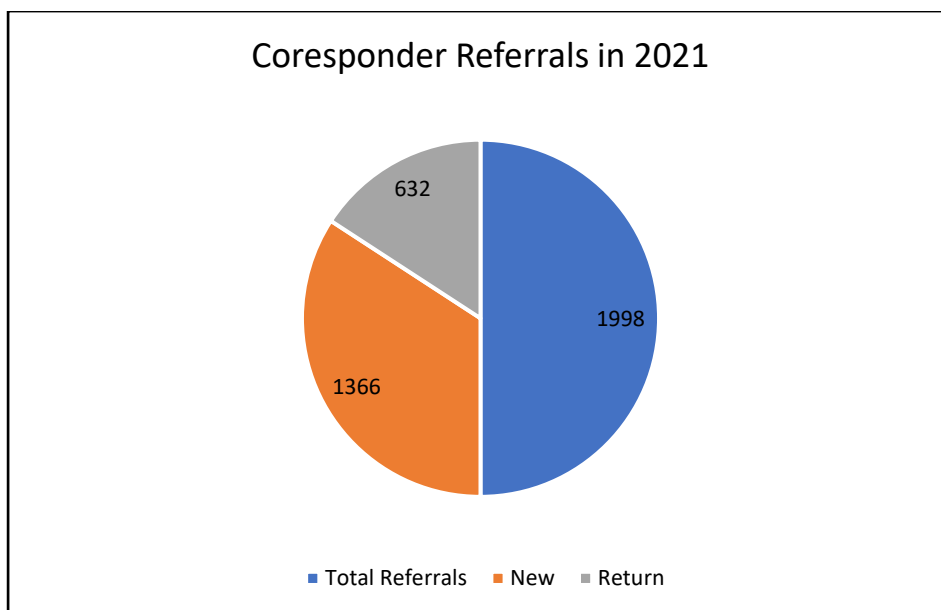
Table 1.2

#### Co-Responders:

The Co-responder model program was developed after the implementation of CIT training. The Co-responder works side by side police officers to help in identifying calls for service where behavioral health (to include both mental health and co-occurring disorders) might be the underlying factor. The Co-responders can be dispatched along with law enforcement officers on these calls or follow up if arrest did not occur but to avoid future encounters. They will offer assessment, access to crisis intervention services, if necessary, provide referral information to the individual and provide follow-up when necessary.

Based on data provided by the Department of Public Safety, the positions were placed within the Harrisburg City Police Department, Swatara Police Department, Susquehanna Police Department, and Lower-Paxton Police Department to start in 2020. Through positive success, Derry Police Department and Hummelstown Police Department joined in 2021. The county has partnered with the departments to sustain these positions. On average, the county continues to see a lot of diversion and connection to treatment with this program. Based on all contacts with Coresponders, typically less than 10% result in charges. In 2022, Steelton Police Department and another department (to be determined) will be partnering with the District Attorney's Office to secure a Coresponder position.

Below highlights key data points that were collected from January 2021-December 2021:



Graph 1.4

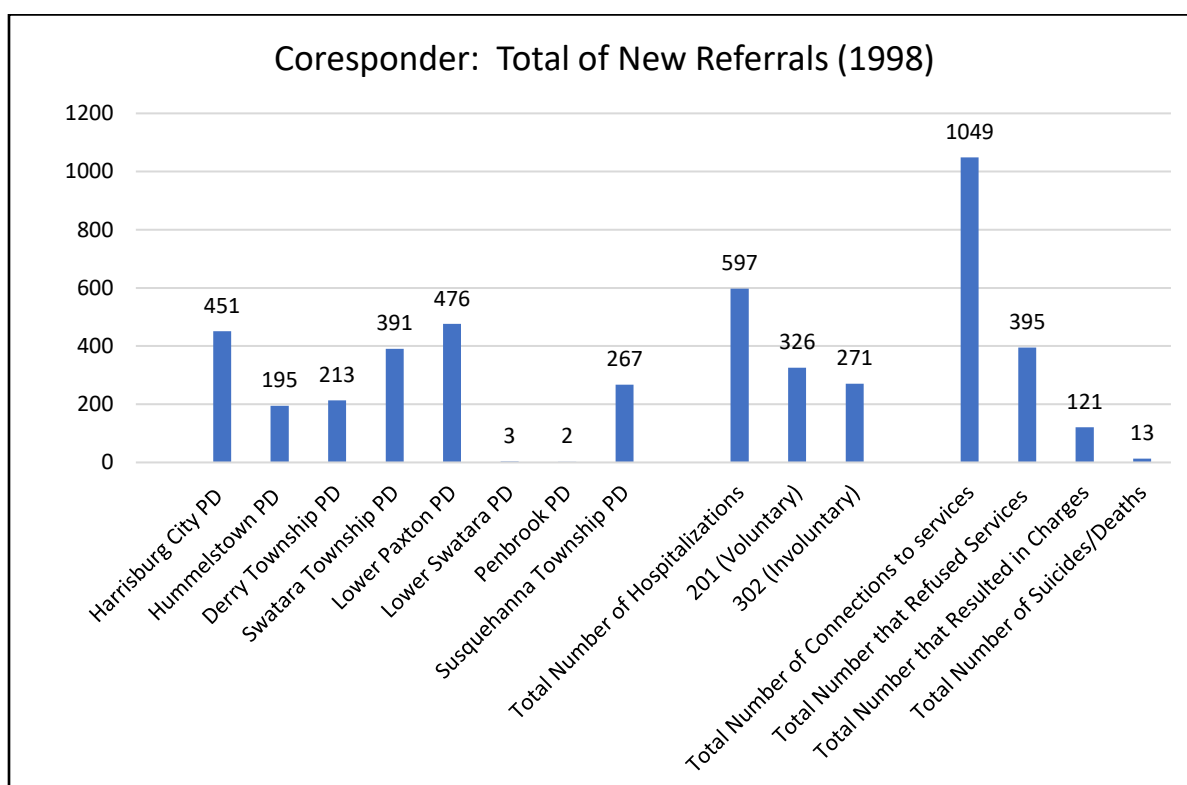


Table 1.3

#### Risk Assessments and Behavioral Health Screenings:

Pretrial services in Dauphin County implemented a risk assessment and this has been utilized since November 2018. The risk assessment was developed using Allegheny's tool and will be validated for its accuracy. The risk assessment is completed when a detainee is brought to the booking center on new charges, and it helps with determining a person's risk of committing a new offense while out on bail and the likelihood of their appearance to show

for court. The assessment/recommendation is shared with the Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) prior to arraignment to use as a tool when making bail recommendations. In 2021, the Diversion Specialists, who work at the booking center completing MH and D&A screenings, now complete the risk assessments too.

As noted, Diversion Specialists, work at the booking center and complete MH and D&A screenings, in addition to serving as interim case managers to help coordinate treatment when appropriate. The screenings are also completed at the time a detainee comes to booking to determine any treatment needs they may have, which then coordination occurs to set up those services and communication to the MDJ prior arraignment. Again, these screenings are to help identify treatment needs, linking the person up to the necessary level of treatment, when appropriate, and information for the MDJ to have when setting bail conditions. On average, every month, the Diversion Specialists see about 30-40% of individuals indicating some form of treatment need.

Below illustrates data points from the pretrial risk assessments and the Diversion Specialists screenings in 2021. Please note that due to staff changes and shortages, numbers were impacted, being that all shifts were not always covered.

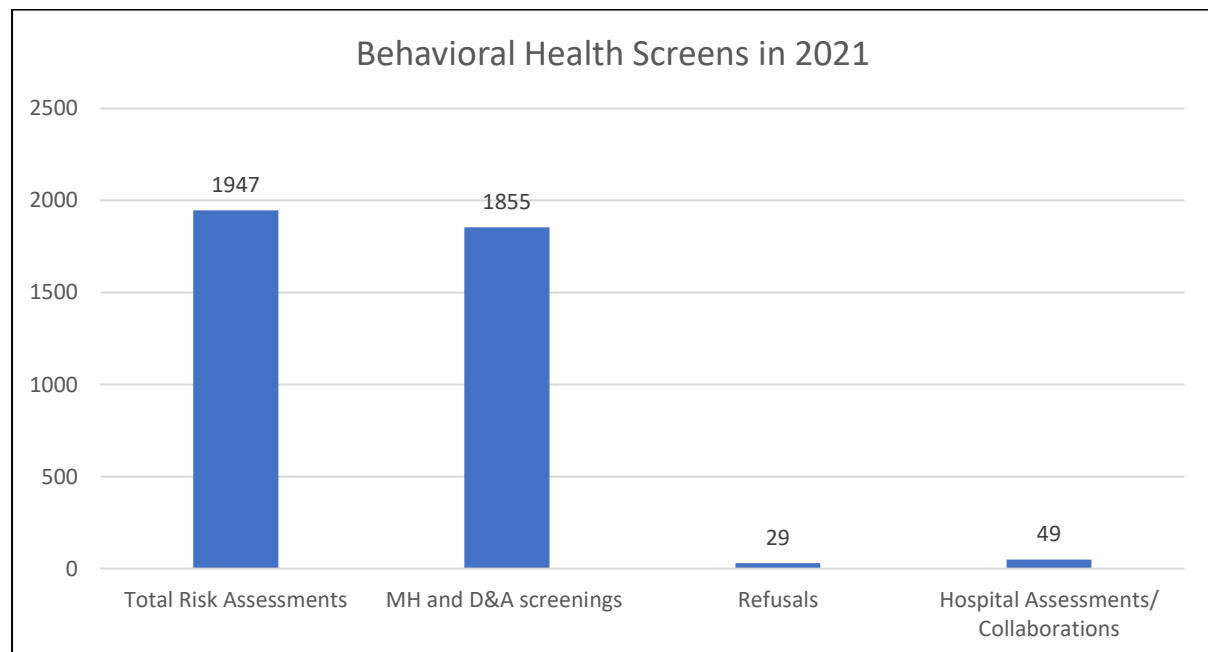
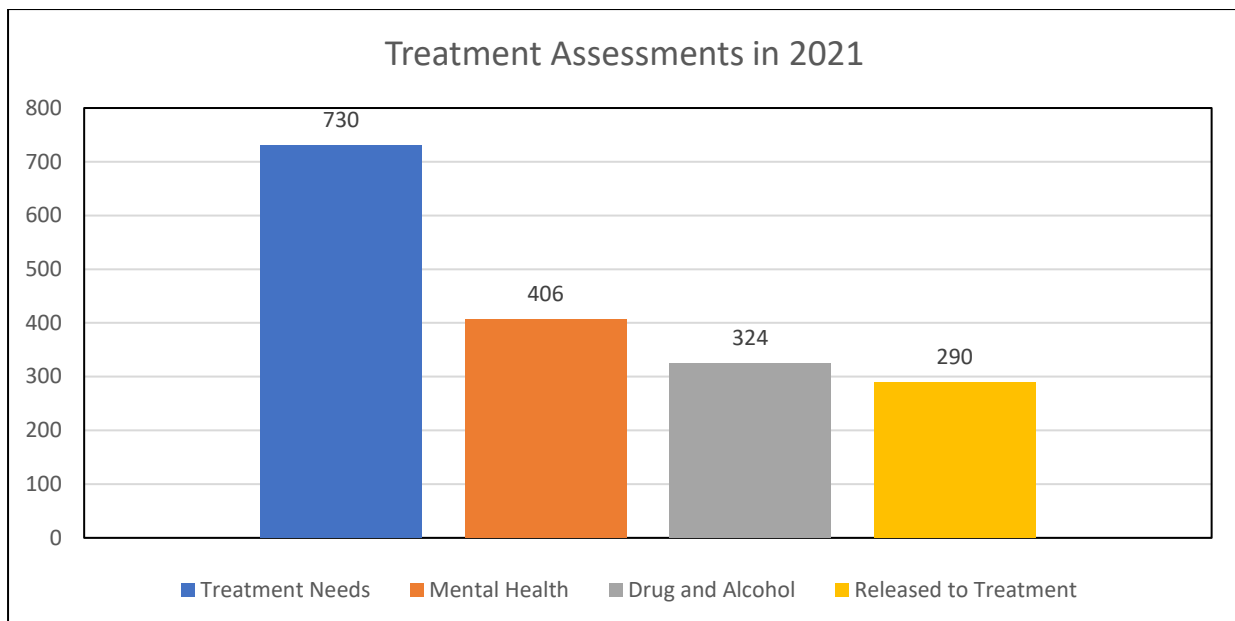
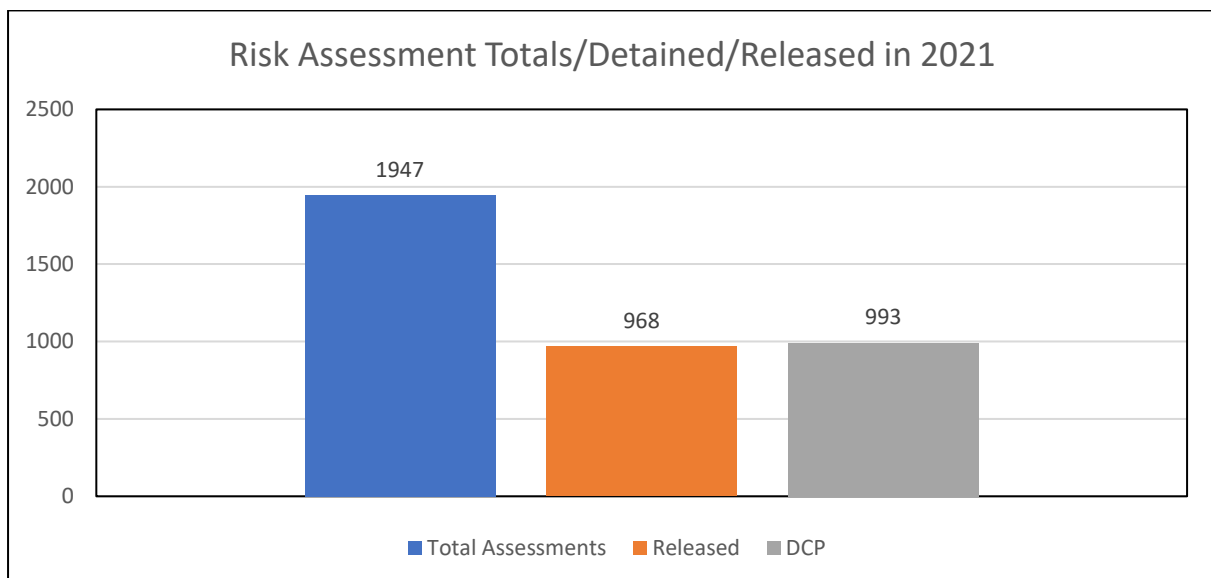


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**Table 1.5**



**Table 1.6**

**Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs (MH/A/DP):**

The department of MH/A/DP has implemented two service initiatives as well in response to the Stepping Up resolution, which include, an intensive outpatient program for co-occurring disorders and a forensic residential program. The LiveUp Recovery program and the Forensic Community Residential Rehabilitation (CRR) are fully implemented. The LiveUp Recovery has been a very beneficial referral resource to Team MISA/Reentry and the Forensic CRR as well.

LiveUp Recovery is through Pennsylvania Counseling Services, Inc. (PCS), which is a licensed MH and D&A agency that provides integrated MH and D&A treatment and

support services. PCS provides a weekly report to the active case management entities and once per month case management agencies and Adult Probation meet to review cases. The average weekly enrollment is 14 persons. They can accommodate 20 persons per week in the program. At the end of December 2021, 14 were enrolled and it was reported that 11 were doing well.

The Forensic CRR is through Community Services Group, Inc. (CSG), which is a licensed MH agency that will provide short-term (up to 90 days) CRR support for persons (14 beds) transitioning from DCP, Dauphin County Work release, or a State Corrections Institute (SCI). The first individual was accepted on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Throughout calendar year 2021, 27 Individuals were served through the CSG CRR Forensic program.

#### Looking into 2022:

All initiatives plan to continue in 2022. Dauphin County is in the early stages of implementing MH court as another Stepping Up recommendation and increasing the number of MH probation officers. The projected start date of MH Court is April of 2022. Two (2) additional initiatives that were implemented in 2021 include Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI) and Recovery Connections Court (RCC). Although these two initiatives did not come directly from Stepping Up recommendations, they do involve front-end diversionary opportunities to engage individuals with behavioral health needs into treatment. Outcomes of the programs once completed include possibly no charges being filed (LETI), charge expungement, or a reduction in any sentence imposed (RCC). The Dauphin County District Attorney's Office also secured a grant to hire a Behavioral Health Attorney, to take lead on cases involving those with a SMI as part of Stepping Up initiative. This position began in 2021.

#### Conclusion:

Dauphin County continues to work collectively across both systems to implement necessary initiatives and services to reduce the number of people in DCP with a SMI. This report highlights many action steps that have continued since Stepping Up implementation in 2018. The county did see some barriers in many areas due to the response of the pandemic, but team members moved forward and adjusted the best that they could. As these initiatives continue, areas of improvement for data collection and analyzation will continue to help with making data driven decisions and the overall impact to the community.

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**(Mental Illness/Substance Abuse)**

We rely on our resources in Dauphin County, so county residency is one of the factors making a person eligible (In addition to charges and diagnosis)

Phone: (717) – 780-6767

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Mental Illness  
and  
Substance Abuse  
Program**





## Basic Eligibility:

- ❖ Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- ❖ Co-occurring Disorders  
(Mental Health and Substance Use)
- ❖ Upcoming Court Date and/or Pending New Charges
- ❖ Willing to seek case management / treatment services (MH and/or D&A) and have the team develop a case plan for them prior to court
- ❖ Dauphin County Resident

## The Process:

- ❖ Submit a referral and signed release of information (ROI)
  - Any team member can refer an individual to the Coordinator for Team MISA to review/case plan for if there are Mental Health and/or Drug & Alcohol concerns and treatment is desired.
- ❖ ADA will review the referral, charges, and criminal history prior to the meeting
  - If there are any concerns with basic eligibility, pending charges, criminal history, and the individuals willingness to participate in treatment, they can be removed from Team MISA case planning.
- ❖ If accepted into the program, the Team will develop a treatment plan prior to the upcoming court proceeding
  - Mental Health and/or Drug & Alcohol Case Management Services will be responsible for completing assessments with the individuals, intakes, and providing treatment recommendations to the Team for the case plan to be developed and then setting up the approved services (if approved at court).
- ❖ Treatment plans will be distributed to all team members, including the assigned attorneys and Judge, to have available and review at court.



## Team MISA Members:

### **District Attorney's Office:**

Assistant District Attorney and Criminal Justice

Programming Administrator

### **Public Defenders Office:**

Assistant Public Defender and Mental Health

Advocate

### **Pretrial:**

Mental Health Bail Supervisor

**DCP:** Director of Treatment and Mental Health

Reentry Coordinator

### **PrimeCare:**

Clinical Director

### **Judicial Center:**

Diversion Specialist Coordinator

### **Probation:**

Mental Health Probation Officers

### **Work Release:**

Supervisor

### **Human Services:**

Human Services Director

### **MH/A/DP:**

Deputy Mental Health Director

### **Case Management Unit:**

Mental Health and Forensic Case Manager

### **Keystone Case Management:**

Supervisor and Case Manager

### **Drug and Alcohol Services:**

Mobile Case Manager





### Program Eligibility



#### Presumptive Qualifying Characteristics

Eligibility:

- Charged with a crime in Dauphin County.
- Have a serious mental health disorder.
- Resides in Dauphin County.



#### Presumptive Disqualifying Characteristics

- Current charges or prior charges in past 10 years of the following.

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| • Aggravated Indecent Assault              | • Murder                   |
| • Arson (and related offenses)             | • Rape                     |
| • Assault of LEO                           | • Sexual Abuse of Children |
| • Assault by Life Prisoner                 | • Sexual Assault           |
| • Assault by Prisoner                      | • Incest                   |
| • Drug Delivery Resulting in Death         | • Indecent Assault         |
| • Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse   | • Statutory Sexual Assault |
| • Sexual Exploitation of Children          | • Kidnapping               |
| • Unlawful contact with a Minor            | • Theft by Extortion       |
| • Human Trafficking (and related offenses) | • Voluntary Manslaughter   |

## Who We Are

### About Us

In working within the Stepping Up Initiative here in Dauphin County, the Mental Health Court was developed to support individuals with serious mental health who obtain legal charges as a result of their mental health symptoms.

With proper services, participants with mental health can break the cycle within the criminal justice system and lower recidivism rates.

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# DAUPHIN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT



*Honorable Judge  
Andrew H. Dowling*

# About Our Program

## Phases of Program

In each phase participants are required to adhere to their treatment and supervision plans. In Phases 1-4, participants are required to complete an allotted number of hours of a daily structured activity as directed by the MH Court Team. Phases 1-4 are designed to take 3-6 months to complete. After Care Phase is a minimum of 6 months.

### Phase 1:

- ✦ Report for Intake.
- ✦ Attend Mental Health Court weekly.
- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once per week and your case manager once per week.

### Phase 2:

- ✦ Attend Mental Health Court bi-weekly.
- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once per week and your case manager once per week.

### Phase 3:

- ✦ Attend Mental Health Court tri weekly.
- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once every two weeks and your case manager once every two weeks.

### Phase 4:

- ✦ Attend Mental Health Court once a month.
- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once per month and your case manager once per month.

### Aftercare Phase:

- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once per month and your case manager once per month.
- ✦ Complete allotted number of hours of a daily structured activity as directed.



*Courtroom 5*

## Mental Health Court Team

The Dauphin County Team is comprised of members from the following departments:

- Honorable Judge Andrew H. Dowling
- Dauphin County District Attorney's Office
- Dauphin County Public Defender's Office
- Dauphin County Probation & Parole
- Dauphin County Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs (MH/A/DP)
- Case Management Unit (CMU)
- Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol
- Dauphin County Prison
- Dauphin County Work Release

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Dauphin County Mental Health Court is to promote public safety by keeping participants with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders safe and accountable as they engage in necessary treatment. This will ensure the participant begins the process of recovery and will result in an increase in safety and security for the residents of Dauphin County through lower rates of recidivism.

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*"Don't judge my story by the chapter you walked in on."*

*– Author Unknown*

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## Referral Process

Referral packet includes:

- Fully completed Mental Health Court Referral Form.
- Copies of all pending complaints and probable cause affidavits.
- Copies of all mental health treatment records.

Referral packet completed by:

- Dauphin County Entities, such as those listed in the Mental Health Court Team section or any entity in the legal process.
- Community Based Providers, such as Mental Health Providers as well as Drug & Alcohol Providers.