

CENTRE COUNTY

The Department provides the following programs and specialized services:

- **Centre County Education and Resistance Training Program (CCERT)** – This is a cognitive skills training Program for high-risk offenders. The Program is sixteen (16) to twenty (20) weeks in duration. The offender targeted for the Program exercises poor judgment and thinking skills. The intermediate punishment offender and ARD offender with a high blood alcohol level are the primary target population. The Program is run by Quest Services. Three (3) different groups are held on a weekly basis.
- **Community Service Program** – The Department develops approved site-placements where offenders are referred to complete Court-ordered community service. All Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) offenders are Court-ordered to perform community service.
- **Crisis Intervention Team** – Five (5) staff are trained in crisis intervention to identify mental health cases that can be diverted from the criminal justice system. When police respond to a call, a team member can be called upon to help deescalate the situation and avoid criminal charges or revocation proceedings for probation and parole offenders.
- **Domestic Violence Intensive Supervision** – The Department provides intensive supervision to offenders with domestic violence issues and works closely with treatment providers and the offender’s significant others. The offender is required to participate in a Batterers Intervention Program as part of the conditions of supervision. Conditions of supervision are specifically tailored to the offender convicted of domestic violence offenses. The adult probation officer assigned to this Program, also, represents the Department on the County’s Domestic Violence Task Force.
- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court** – The target population is the second and third time DUI offender. The Program lasts two (2) years and includes ninety (90) days jail time, nine (9) months house arrest, ninety (90) days alcohol monitoring bracelet, and one (1) year intensive supervision. A drug and alcohol case manager ensures that appropriate treatment needs are addressed. The offender is, also, subject to frequent urinalysis. There are two (2) court appearances per month. Graduates are stepped down to a regular caseload.
- **Pennsylvania Alcohol Highway Safety School (PA AHSS)** – This is a mandatory education and awareness program for DUI Offenders. The Department coordinates the completion of DUI conditions. Seven (7) adult probation officers are certified to complete the Court Reporting Network (CRN) Evaluations. A private vendor conducts the classes.
- **Prison Program Coordinator** – One (1) adult probation officer is dedicated to coordinating the work-release and reentry activities. The assigned officer prepares all court orders and presents them to the Court for approval or disapproval. This position, also, coordinates SORNA registration, DNA Collection and the Interstate Compact. The Centre County Correctional Facility provides office space for the position.

- **Sexual Offender Treatment** – Treatment groups for sexual offenders are provided by Penn State University and through the Project Point of Light Program. Offenders are assessed through the ABEL assessment tool, engage in weekly counseling sessions and are subject to polygraph testing. Treatment is indeterminate. The offender’s participation continues until the treatment source determines that the offender has demonstrated enough progress to warrant termination. The Program has six (6) phases and each must be successfully completed before the next phase can be started. Each adult probation officer in the Department supervises sexual offenders.