The Department provides the following programs and specialized services:

- **Administrative Unit** – This unit handles three inter-county caseloads. The Inter-county caseloads consist of offenders placed on probation/parole in Allegheny County, but who reside in another county in Pennsylvania. The staff either arranges for courtesy supervision of offenders in their county of residence or directly supervises those individuals if they are not eligible for transfer.

- **Community Based Field Centers** – The Allegheny County Adult Probation Department operates five community based field centers. Probation officers in these units supervise offenders deemed to be of medium to high risk of reoffending. Offender risks and needs are determined by the administration of a validated risk assessment tool and cases are assigned geographically to one of the five field based centers. High impact probation officers are assigned to each of the community based field centers, and these officers supervise offenders deemed to be at high risk of reoffending. High impact probation officers work non-traditional hours, including nights and weekends, often working directly with local law enforcement. Community based probation officers, including high risk officers, participate in crime reduction initiatives, as well as make arrests and perform searches based on reasonable suspicion of probation and parole violations. Confiscated contraband often results in new arrests and violation charges. Community based probation officers enforce the rules and regulations of probation and monitor offender compliance with court ordered stipulations and supervision plans. Probation officers refer offenders to the department’s community resource centers to address their criminogenic needs, as determined by a risk – needs assessment, including employment resources, educational programming, batterers intervention programming, and for drug and alcohol testing and evaluation.

- **Community Resources Center – East, South, and Mon Valley** – The Allegheny County Adult Probation Department opened three community resource centers (CRC) in Allegheny County, one each in the Eastern and Southern sections of the City of Pittsburgh and the third in the Mon Valley section of Allegheny County, as part of an ongoing effort to offer offenders a “one-stop shop” for services. Offenders address identified needs, such as cognitive behavior problems, educational and/or vocational skill deficits, employment, and substance abuse issues. The CRCs are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 8:00pm, and Fridays from 8:30am to 6pm, as well as several Saturdays throughout the year, which allows employed offenders to attend programs without disrupting their work schedule. The overall goal of the CRC model is to reduce recidivism by providing offenders with a structured environment and individualized case planning. The CRCs promotes positive lifestyle changes and facilitates the development of offenders into law-abiding, gainfully-employed, productive citizens.

- **Court Liaison Unit (CLU)** – The CLU works with the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division. This unit’s officers facilitate the placement and lifting of detainers and the scheduling of various hearings for both county and state parole agents. The CLU represents the
department at violation hearings before the court. In addition, the unit obtains urine samples from and administers breathalyzers to offenders upon request by the court. The PBPP also has a full-time CLU agent in Allegheny County who represents the PBPP at violation hearings before the Court. The CLU also houses the department’s inter-state caseload. This caseload involves the transfer of eligible offenders’ supervision through the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS). The caseload is monitored for outstanding probation violation warrants and clears the warrants when offenders are arrested or the Court otherwise determines the offenders case meets eligibility for doing so.

- **Domestic Violence (DV) Court** – The Allegheny County Domestic Violence (DV) Court targets repeat domestic violence offenders. Regular review hearings are scheduled for the Court to monitor offenders’ progress and, if an offender fails to comply, swift and certain sanctions are issued. Compliant offenders are eligible for rewards that include having their cases “stepped down” to general supervision caseloads (when there has been no known new DV activity) and being considered for early termination from supervision. The Adult Probation Department’s Domestic Violence Unit specifically focuses on victim safety, as well as the domestic violence offender’s behavior. Domestic violence adult probation officers refer offenders to batterers intervention programs, enforce restrictions regarding contact with victims, monitor compliance with all special conditions ordered by the court, and motivate the offenders to follow their rules and supervision plans. The adult probation officers participate in ongoing training to remain current on the issues of domestic violence.

- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court** – This program supervises DUI offenders with three DUI offenses within a 10-year period. In lieu of state incarceration, offenders are given a term of restrictive intermediate punishment and a consecutive term of probation. Participants are placed in a progressive five-step program, which could last up to five years. The steps range from home confinement with electronic monitoring to intensive supervision, and each phase must be successfully completed before advancement to the next phase. All participants must complete intensive drug and alcohol treatment, attend support groups (e.g., AA or NA), maintain full-time employment and complete 40 hours of community service. This program also utilizes a transdermal alcohol device monitoring system. A graduation ceremony is held for those successfully completing the program with judges, the district attorney, and probation officials in attendance.

- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Unit** – The DUI Unit supervises the majority of DUI offenders in Allegheny County. DUI offenders are required to complete Alcohol Highway Safety School, undergo a Court Reporting Network (CRN) Evaluation and a formal drug and alcohol assessment, and comply with treatment recommendations.

- **Drug Court** – This is a collaborative effort of the Allegheny County Adult Probation Department, the Office of the District Attorney, the Public Defender’s Office, and the Department of Human Services. It targets Level 3 and Level 4 offenders under the Pennsylvania Sentencing Guidelines who are eligible for restrictive intermediate punishment and demonstrate a clear need for substance abuse treatment. Offenders must plead guilty to all pending charges to be sentenced to this program by the court. The average Drug Court sentence is approximately twenty-three (23) months. Participants must attend inpatient and/or outpatient drug and alcohol treatment and are subject to electronic monitoring and intensive supervision. Offenders attend monthly progress hearings with the court and a graduation ceremony is held for those successfully completing the Program.
- **Electronic Monitoring/House Arrest** – This unit primarily supervises offenders placed on electronic monitoring (EM) for restrictive intermediate punishment sentences. The EM Unit also supervises transferred sentenced and detainer cases from the Allegheny County Jail, as well as those being monitored due to their participation in Bail Diversion-Pretrial, DUI Court, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Sex Offender Court, and Family Court. Adult probation officers install the EM equipment and establish the terms of the program prior to beginning supervision. Sanctions are imposed in response to violations, with hearings held before the court for repeat violators. The success of this program is reflected in significant cost savings for the county due to saved jail days and program fee collections.

- **Intake Unit** – The intake unit interviews offenders immediately after they are sentenced to obtain their contact information and instruct them where to report and how to begin their supervision. Further, they fingerprint and secure DNA samples from all offenders who report with a felony conviction.

- **Low Risk Compliance Caseload (LRC)** – The department has four low risk compliance caseloads that are housed in the community resource centers. Offenders who have been deemed as a low risk to reoffend are assigned to these caseloads. Probation officers assigned to these caseloads conduct initial interviews with these offenders and advise them of any special conditions imposed by the court and refer them for services. Probation offices monitor offenders for the completion of these conditions and for new arrests. Offenders in violation status or those who have been arrested may have their cases reassigned to one of the five field centers for supervision.

- **Restitution Unit (RU)** – The restitution unit supervises offenders that do not have special conditions, except restitution. Offenders having pending charges or who indicate current drug usage or treatment are transferred to regular supervision. Violation hearings are scheduled when restitution payments are not being made or when an offender is nearing maximum expiration and restitution remains unpaid.

- **Mental Health Court (MHC)** – This program accepts offenders who voluntarily agree to participate, who have a documented clinical diagnosis or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders, and who are awaiting trial or sentencing for either a misdemeanor or non-violent felony offense. In addition to referrals made by adult probation officers, assistant district attorneys, public defenders, jail counselors, treatment providers and family members make referrals. A guilty plea to the pending charges is required prior to admission to MHC. Mental health treatment is mandated and the offender is assigned a forensic support specialist who designs an individualized service plan. The presiding judge, prosecuting attorney, public defender, forensic support specialist and adult probation staff conduct case reviews prior to review hearings, which are held by the MHC judge every 30, 60 or 90 days, contingent upon the offender’s compliance. Early termination of probation is granted for those offenders who demonstrate continuous compliance with supervision and treatment requirements.

- **Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) Unit** – This unit prepares all of the department’s pre-sentence reports to assist the court in the sentencing of convicted offenders. The reports vary in scope according to the needs of the court. Reports include a detailed narrative of the offense(s) based on official records, detailed offender background and criminal history information, as well as statements from the offender and the victim, if applicable.
Program for the Re-Integration, Development and Empowerment (PRIDE) Court – The PRIDE program is a court sanctioned treatment alternative administered by the Cove Forge Behavioral Health and White Deer Run Treatment Facilities, in collaboration with the Fifth Judicial District Court of Common Pleas, the District Attorney’s Office, and the Adult Probation Department. The PRIDE program assists offenders who have been sentenced to probation as the result of a prostitution charge. Enrolled offenders participate in weekly post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) educational groups, undergo a drug and alcohol evaluation and successfully complete any recommended level of care. Psychiatric services are also made available to address any mental health needs. All participants receive intensive case management and are taught the skills necessary for a lifestyle free of substance abuse, sexual violence, and exploitation.

Reentry Program – Through Second Chance Act funding awarded in 2009, the Adult Probation Department created a Reentry Unit that engages with offenders serving sentences in the Allegheny County Jail in the months and days leading up to their release. This unit is dedicated to increasing public safety by reducing the likelihood that offenders will commit new crimes after being released from county jail sentences. The reentry program in the jail offers offenders treatment and rehabilitation opportunities that are linked to community-based services following release. Reentry Unit probation officers work with the offenders, jail staff, and community treatment providers to develop case planning services during the offenders’ confinement and facilitate compliance with the plans in the community following release.

Sex Offender Court (SOC) – This court was developed and implemented in 2011. SOC promotes the use of effective, evidence-based practices to supervise registered sexual offenders residing in Allegheny County. Once sentenced to supervision in the community, offenders are required to appear before the court for regular case reviews. The Adult Probation Department utilizes its Special Services Unit of five adult probation officers and a supervisor, all trained in sexual offender management, to collaborate with treatment providers, victim advocacy agencies, and law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with conditions of supervision, including treatment and SORNA registration requirements. By working closely with treatment providers and local law enforcement, adult probation officers can respond quickly to indicators of high-risk behaviors, with non-compliant offenders receiving a swift response and sanctioning from the court.

Staff Development Supervisor – The staff development supervisor is responsible for organizing, developing, scheduling, and maintaining training programs and records for all department staff in conjunction with the required training hours by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. The supervisor also collaborates with outside agencies to provide relevant training opportunities for staff. The supervisor is responsible for the initial training of all newly hired staff. The supervisor works with the management team and other supervisors to review applications and interview potential candidates for employment with the department. The supervisor also supervises the probation officer assigned to the state caseload, which consists of special probation and parole offenders supervised by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

Veterans Court – Veterans Court, formed in 2009, is designed to identify offenders who currently serve in the military or who have been discharged from military service and are involved in the criminal justice system. Veterans Court strives to divert qualifying offenders from jail into treatment programs while they are supervised in the community by a team of community-based and electronic monitoring adult probation officers. Monthly review hearings are held before the court to review progress.