CRAWFORD COUNTY

The Department provides the following programs and specialized services:

- **Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)** – ARD offenders are supervised by all of the Department’s General Supervision staff. The Department conducts investigations for prospective ARD cases for the Crawford County Office of the District Attorney to determine appropriateness for participation.

- **Administrative Supervision** – The Department has administrative reporting for low risk offenders. Offender contacts involve telephone and mail reporting only, with an average frequency of once a month.

- **Alcohol Breathalyzer Unit** – Eighteen (18) of the Department’s adult probation officers are certified to operate Breathalyzer equipment. Three (3) portable units are available to test offenders for evidence of alcohol use in their approved residences. The Department has one (1) main unit for use in the probation office. The Department, also, maintains a unit at the Crawford County Jail to screen offenders on work release.

- **Bail Supervision** – These services are performed by the Electronic Monitoring officers. Referrals come from Crawford County Court of Common Pleas Judges and Crawford County Magisterial District Judges.

- **Collections Program** – Two (2) adult probation officers staff the Department’s Collections Program. The officers enforce the collection of all Court-ordered moneys. An offender is referred to this Program when he becomes delinquent in his payments. Options include administrative hearings, contempt or violation hearings.

- **Community Service Program** – One (1) adult probation officer is assigned to this Program. Offenders on supervision in the community who are Court-ordered to perform community service must pay a one-time fee of $15 for insurance; offenders in jail on work release who must perform community service must pay $25 for insurance. The probation staff can refer offenders who are indigent and lack the ability to pay their Court-ordered fines and costs. The service hours are credited to reduce the fines and costs. Service activities include clean up and maintenance work at public property and non-profit entities.

- **DNA Registration** – The Department’s adult probation officers collect the sample from those offenders who are required by law to submit a DNA sample.

- **Drug & Alcohol Intermediate Punishment (IP) Program** - This is a Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (RIP) Program for Level 3 and Level 4 Sentencing Guideline offenders that was implemented on July 1, 2007. It is funded by a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant. Also, less serious levels of offenders can participate. The Crawford County Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission must have assessed participating offenders as having a drug and alcohol problem. The offender must reside within thirty-one (31) miles of Meadville, have transportation, and have a land-line phone for radio frequency Electronic Monitoring (EM) and SCRAM. The offender is placed on EM for two (2) to three (3) months. Offenders are gradually “stepped down” until they can be placed on regular supervision. The
Department established a sobriety ceremony as part of the Program. Participation generally lasts twelve (12) months.

- **Electronic Monitoring** – Two (2) adult probation officers oversee the Department’s Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program. Offenders are placed on EM by Court-order only. Offenders must be eligible for Intermediate Punishment in order to be considered for EM. There are currently forty (40) units in use.

- **Sexual Offender Program** – One (1) adult probation officer is assigned to supervise the Department’s sexual offender cases. The adult probation officer is currently assigned a total of sixty-eight (68) cases. Male and female sexual offenders receive an ABLE Assessment for sexual interest–3 through the Community Abuse Response Team (CART) and are required to attend individual and group therapy. Polygraph exams are part of the treatment which lasts about two (2) years. The adult probation officer is responsible for SORNA registrations and follow-up requirements to update address changes within forty-eight (48) hours. Two adult probation officers are assigned to supervise the Department’s sexual offender cases.

- **Work Release Program** - One (1) adult probation officer is assigned to investigate the work release plans. Candidates for work release must have a verifiable job, insurance, and their own transportation. They are assessed $10 per day for participation in work release.