

## LEHIGH COUNTY

The Department provides the following programs and specialized services:

- **Community Corrections Center** – The target population is the technical violator with drug issues. An administrative hearing is held in lieu of a Gagnon I hearing. If appropriate, the offender is offered the Program which lasts ninety (90) days. Through collaborative efforts with community service agencies the offender receives services in areas of GED, employment and life skills. The offender also receives a drug/alcohol assessment to determine treatment needs. An offender is allowed to work while participating in the Program. He is assessed \$15.00/day while in the Program. The probation officer is actively involved in aftercare planning for the offender.
- **Community Service Work Program** – The goal of this Program is to ensure that offenders complete their Court-ordered community service hours as reparation to the community. About seventy-five (75) local agencies participate in the Program and offenders are referred based on skills and the needs of the participating agency.
- **Competency/Accountability Programs** – These Programs provide the following services to offenders: financial management; health education awareness; job readiness training; life skills; and substance abuse education. The goal of the Programs is to address the varied and multiple needs of offenders. Services are contracted through the Center for Humanistic Change.
- **Law Enforcement Ride Along Program** – Once per month, during non-traditional hours, the Allentown Police Department and White Hall Police Department will assign a police officer and a patrol vehicle to the Department. The police officers and intensive supervision probation officers focus their efforts on patrolling high crime areas, conducting nuisance bar sweeps, and warrant service.
- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Repeat Offender Project** – This is a County funded project that provides early and increased levels of treatment, education, supervision, and surveillance to convicted repeat DUI offenders. Offenders participate in seven (7) classes, each of which is two and one-half (2-1/2) hours in duration. The Program also uses Victim Impact Panels through Montgomery County to educate the offenders.
- **Electronic Monitoring Program** – The goal of this Program is to supervise offenders placed on electronic monitoring as an alternative to incarceration. Active Global Positioning System (GPS) through Vigilnet Inc. is used. There is also a video breathalyzer component that is used in appropriate cases. The primary target population is the Intermediate Punishment case. The Program can also be used as a graduated sanction for certain cases. The Program is funded through fees charged to the offender.
- **In-House Drug Testing Program** – The Department uses the Redwood System, which provides instant drug and alcohol test results and can also detect the use of K-2 Spice and other designer drugs. The test can be administered in either the office or in the field. Confirmation, when needed, is provided by Substance Abuse Screening Service, Incorporated (SASSI). SASSI also provides drug screening using a random color code call-in system.

- **Intensive Drug Supervision Unit** – This Unit supervises offenders who have severe substance abuse problems. Supervision consists of increased surveillance and coordination and collaboration with treatment providers. The majority of offenders assigned to this Unit reside in Allentown.
- **Prevention through Anti-Violence Education (P.A.V.E.)** – This program was created in response to a need for specialized supervision of domestic violence cases. While under supervision offenders attend weekly classes following the Duluth model. The classes last for twelve (12) weeks.
- **Retail Theft Classes** – Offenders attend a three (3) hour class the goal of which is to deter future retail theft behavior. Referrals to the Program are received from the Court, Magisterial District Judges, local merchants, and the adult and juvenile probation departments.
- **Special Program for Offenders in Rehabilitation and Education (S.P.O.R.E.)** – This Program provides services to offenders with mental health issues. The goal of this Program is for probation officers and mental health case managers to work together to assist the mental health offender to access appropriate services and successfully complete supervision. Three (3) probation officers and three (3) mental health caseworkers are assigned to the Program, which has averages two hundred (200) participants.
- **Student Intern Program** – The goal of this Program is to give graduate and undergraduate students a practicum in adult probation/parole services. The students attend court, meetings, and accompany probation officers during fieldwork.
- **Treatment Continuum Alternative Project (TCAP)** – This is Lehigh County’s Drug and Alcohol Treatment-Based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment Program for Level 3 and Level 4 Sentencing Guideline Offenders. The goal of this Program is to provide long-term substance abuse treatment to drug and/or alcohol dependent offenders with the goal of ending the recurring relationship between addiction and criminal activity. The Program consists of a thirty-four (34) month continuum of care, which includes from four (4) to six (6) months of residential treatment followed by two (2) to four (4) months in a halfway house. Depending on the Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) evaluation, an offender can begin the Program at the half-way house level. One (1) full time officer is assigned to this Program and is funded through a grant from PCCD. There are thirty (30) offenders in the Program.
- **Veterans Mentoring Program** – The mission of the Veterans’ Mentor Program is to provide all qualifying veterans with a trained mentor who will serve as an advocate and ally and help them navigate the criminal justice system and life issues. A mentor works one-on-one with a veteran as an advocate, a non-judgmental peer and a resource navigator as they work to address issues related to their criminal case. Mentors provide an opportunity for the veteran to share experiences with someone who can relate to their military experience.