SNYDER COUNTY

The Department provides the following programs and specialized services:

- **Alcohol Highway Safety School** – Four (4) adult probation officers are certified to instruct Alcohol Highway Safety School. The Department operates this Program during the week. When the need arises it is operated on Saturdays to accommodate work schedules. The Program is, also, conducted at the Snyder County Prison for inmates required to participate.

- **Community Service Program** – The Community Service Program Coordinator operates this Program, which matches offenders required to perform court ordered community service with private non-profit organizations. Offenders who cannot be matched with an organization are assigned services to be completed at the Courthouse.

- **Court Reporting Network (CRN) Evaluations** – Two (2) adult probation officers complete these evaluations for the Court.

- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Awareness Day** – The Department works in collaboration with the Pennsylvania DUI Association in this one (1) day event that increases DUI awareness in the community through education, activities, and guest speakers. The Pennsylvania DUI Association provides a DUI Simulator that allows adults and children to experience what it would be like to drive under the influence of alcohol. Other participants include Life Flight, the Pennsylvania State Police Helicopter Unit, and local and state police.

- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Treatment Court** – The focus of this Program is to reduce recidivism among repeat DUI offenders by providing intensive supervision using electronic monitoring, weekly offender appearances before the Court, alcohol counseling, community service, and frequent adult probation officer contact. The Court of Common Pleas, 17th Judicial District, operates the Treatment Court for Union and Snyder County. The Treatment Court convenes every Wednesday and alternates between the Union and Snyder County Courthouses. The Treatment Court Team is comprised of a judge, representatives from the Columbia Montour Snyder Union Counties of Central Pennsylvania Service System (CMSU), the Union and Snyder County Sheriff’s Departments, the Union and Snyder County District Attorneys and Public Defenders, one (1) Magisterial District Judge, and one (1) adult probation officer each from the Union and Snyder County Adult Probation and Parole Departments.

- **Drug Outreach Program** – This Program is educational in nature and targets elementary, middle school, high school, and young adults as an early intervention and prevention strategy. One segment of the Program, also, targets parents to provide them with the information they need to identify signs of potential drug abuse by their children. Presentations are made at schools, churches, and other organizations interested in participating. The Department has, also, made presentations in Union and Northumberland Counties. Former offenders participate in the Program.

- **Drug Treatment Court** – The focus of this Program is to reduce recidivism by facilitating treatment and rehabilitation, and to provide increased supervision to the criminal substance abuser. The goal of the Program is to return individuals to the community who are clean and sober, with an
improved quality of life, and who are better equipped to maintain their sobriety. The Treatment Court Team is the same as the DUI Treatment Court.

- **Electronic Monitoring** – The Department uses electronic monitoring for bail supervision cases, protection from abuse cases, and for Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (RIP) cases. It is sometimes used as a house arrest tool for inmates who have serious health issues.

- **Underage Drinking Classes** – Three (3) adult probation officers are trained in a curriculum designed to address underage drinking. The Program lasts two (2) sessions for a total of seven (7) hours. Offenders who agree to participate are referred by the Magisterial District Judge who reduces the fine if the offender successfully completes the classes.

- **Work Release Program** – To be considered for parole, inmates are required to participate in this Program. The goal of this Program is to acclimate inmates for release into the community on parole supervision and to provide inmates with gainful employment; hence, providing them the opportunity to meet financial obligations to their families and to the Court. With cooperation and support from the Snyder County Prison, probation officers verify employment, maintain contact with employers, and approve work schedules and transportation. The Snyder County Prison conducts drug and alcohol screening, along with being fully responsible for the care, custody, and control of the inmates participating in the Work Release Program. This early involvement of the assigned adult probation officer establishes rapport with the offender and increases the likelihood of successful parole supervision.