

Cumberland County

Adult Probation Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

2022 is moving fast and July is already here. Before anymore of the summer goes by, it is time to share what has been happening in Adult Probation.



ARD/DUI Program: Fast Track vs. Regular – What is the difference?

By Nicole Galbraith

The Fast Track Program started in 2011 with the advent of Central Court. The goals of the program were to speed up the ARD process, reduce fees for the defendant, and reduce time spent in Court for staff (DA/PD/MDJ). Cases are approved for entry in the program prior to Central Court by the DA’s Office. The most common disqualifications for fast track include a BAC greater than .25 and testing positive for Fentanyl although the DA’s Office does have discretion in this matter. At Central Court, the defendant must appear in person and waive the preliminary hearing to proceed with Fast Track. They will then be scheduled for the next available ARD Court date (usually in about 2 months) and are given their fast track instructions which include the following: pay \$500 within 30 days, complete DUI School, and complete the CRN Screening prior to the ARD Court. Cases with additional drug charges or DUS will be given a community service requirement as well. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a fast track denial. At that point the case would be moved to the Regular ARD/DUI Program resulting in a \$500 increase in fees and a postponement of the ARD Court date.

The Regular ARD/DUI Program follows the traditional ARD process here in the county. After the preliminary hearing, a DUI defendant can apply for ARD. Once approved, they are scheduled for an ARD Court Date. Prior to that date, they will receive a Pre-ARD packet in the mail which must be completed and returned the week before the ARD Court with payment in full. If unable to make the payment in full, they will be granted one continuance to make the payment in full. If still unable to pay in full after the 2nd date, the case will be denied ARD.

Regardless of track, the suspension is determined by the BAC: .08-.10 = 0, .101-.16 = 30, .161-.25=60, Drugs, Refusal, or Accident=60, 3802E/Minor=90. Additionally, both tracks must complete the DUI School and the Evaluation/Treatment IF recommended by the CRN as well as any community service hours assigned.

The chart below outlines the differences:

<u>Fast Track</u>	<u>Regular</u>
Expedited Court date (2-3 months)	Court date (4-5 months)
\$500 in 30 days, payment plan on balance (~\$1500); must be paid in full in 6 mos.	Must pay in full prior to ARD Court (~\$2000)
CRN prior to ARD Court	CRN completed within 30days of ARD Court
DUI School (scheduled prior to Court/Susp)	DUI School (scheduled after ARD Court)
Reduced Community Service Hours	Standard Community Service Hours

Staff Changes

In all prior Newsletters, we have had staff changes to report. Happily, there have been no changes in recent months, and everyone is settled in their new positions.

Staff Highlights

- On June 1, 2022, at the Adult Probations annual Firearms Re-Certification, PO's Mike Piper, Brian Pomian and Caleb Bartlett shot a perfect 300.
- On June 24, 2022, PO's Kyle Latimer and Jenna Kurtz completed the FETC Basic Firearms Academy. Jenna Kurtz scored the second highest in the class shooting a 294.
- Ashley Fluss, our Administrative Assistant, welcomed a baby girl, Raelynn Fluss on April 15, 2022. Everyone is doing well, and Ashley returned to work on June 22, 2022.
- PO Karen Rhinehart, who is the Probation Officer assigned to TOM's Court, completed Crisis Intervention Training from May 23, 2022-May 27, 2022. The week covered the following topics:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autism Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities A presentation from Children and Youth Substance Use Disorders Suicide Prevention An exercise in hearing distressed voices Protecting the Legal Rights of MH patients: Involuntary Commitments Dementia Local Veteran Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implicit Bias Crisis Intervention Medications and Side Effects De-Escalation Strategies Verbal Techniques Complex Crisis Intervention Strategies Stress and Self Care <p>The course also included speakers who have been involved in the criminal justice system and have a diagnosed mental illness</p>
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- On Thursday, May 19, 2022, Probation Officers, Tiffany Ryan, Nicole Warren, Nate Fazenbaker, Kara Stepanchick, Brad Stubbs, and Cam Strohe, decided to hit the pavement in two teams to run the downtown Mile in Carlisle. The POs jokingly called the two teams the Young Bloods and Retirement's Doorstep. The team spent about a month training together. It was good team building, meshing the younger generation with the older. The group battled through an ankle, knee, and hamstring injury to finish the race on top. Each participant ran faster than the goal they set for themselves, with Cam Strohe bringing in the fastest time at 6:42. The team felt it was a fun way to spend a springtime evening with co-workers outside the office.



From left to right: Tiffany, Nicole, Cam, Nate, Kara & Tiffany's daughter, Marshay Ryan
Not shown: Brad Stubbs

EBP Initiative

The evidence-based practice initiative in Pennsylvania continues to grow. The newly created Pennsylvania Partnership for Criminal Justice Improvement (PPCJI) hosted a Stakeholders Forum earlier in the year. The purpose of the forum was to advance evidence-based practices across Pennsylvania's criminal justice system stakeholder groups by examining core areas of EBP that produce the greatest reductions in recidivism. Over six hundred criminal justice professionals including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and probation officers attended the virtual event. The keynote speaker was John Creuzot, former judge, and current Dallas County Texas District Attorney. Mr. Creuzot is a proponent of the use of EBP and has implemented several researched backed initiatives in his jurisdiction that have reduced recidivism. Mr. Creuzot's presentation may be viewed at www.ccappoap.com.

On the heels of the Stakeholder Forum, the PPCJI is hosting an in person Regional EBP Planning Workshop in the fall. The two-day event being held in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh will serve as a planning session to assist county representatives in identifying specific researched based practices that reduce recidivism. Teams of criminal justice practitioners from each county will attend the workshop to strengthen the collaborative planning efforts to achieve an EBP vision.

These events are sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and hosted by the PPCJI in collaboration with several other agencies including the County Commissioners Association, Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Department of Corrections, Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, Office of Victim Advocate, and the County Adult Chief Probation Officer Association. The Cumberland

County team is looking forward to attending the workshop and learning more about implementing evidence-based practices in our county.

Department Statistics (March 1 - June 30, 2022)

- 184 ORAS/CST Assessments Completed
- 181 Pre-Sentence Investigations Completed
- 1005 Successful Field Visits Made
- 275 Additional Attempted Field Visits
- 81 Pre-Parole Investigations



As in every Newsletter, we would like to thank all the offices and agencies that work with Adult Probation. The people we serve often have many needs and with the help of other offices and agencies, together, we are able to achieve the best outcome for these individuals. Additionally, APO wants to thank our Support Staff for keeping us all organized and keeping the office running smoothly.

Have a good summer!!

Our Vision

The Cumberland County Adult Probation Office is committed to rebuilding the lives of the people we serve to provide for healthier and safer communities.

Our Mission

To increase the quality of life of offenders by focusing and building on their strengths and working towards reducing their thinking errors and harmful behavior patterns. Our office is focused on meeting the individual needs of our offenders through the use of Evidenced-Based practices by utilizing opportunities for offender rehabilitation and treatment. By doing this, we will be able to reduce recidivism and increase public safety.

Guiding Principles

- Engages collaboratively with our stakeholders and the community.
- Honors the belief that people can change.
- We value impartiality, accountability, professionalism, and a strong work ethic.
- Promotes honest, respectful, and forthright communication.
- Integrity and ethical conduct are essential at all times.