

JUVENILE PROBATION PHOTO JOURNAL

Beaver County Courthouse

LOCATION?

Beaver County Courthouse

810 3rd Street, Beaver, PA 15009

- Though depending on the day there can be out of office trips to various locations.



THE AMAZING PEOPLE I GOT TO WORK ALONGSIDE

Colleen Tittiger- Director

Charles Rossi- Supervisor

John Davis- Supervisor

Frank Jupin- Probation Officer

Sean Bunney – Aftercare probation Officer

Marshall Clark- Aftercare probation Officer

Brandi Sabol- Aftercare probation Officer

J.T. Engel- Intake Officer

Joy Porto- Intake Officer

Michael Miller- Intake Coordinator

Debbie Landsbaugh- Community Liaison

Michael Miller- Intake Coordinator

Dan Delturco- Intensive Probation

Nelly Peralta- Probation Officer

Amber Mineard- Probation Officer

Ryan Nohe- Probation Officer

Mike Braddock- Intake Officer



those bolded I worked with most frequently

JUVENILE PROBATION LOBBY



- When entering the courthouse, you would walk straight down the hallway until you pass the sitting area (cafeteria) where you would then turn left.
- The picture at the bottom shows what the sign will look like in that hall to direct families to the Juvenile Probation Office.
 - There are many chairs in that hallway for more people to sit and wait
- The picture in the top is a look at the inside of the Juvenile Probation Office.
 - There are toys and books to keep the small children occupied
 - The door in the back leads into the juvenile department hallway where all the Probation Officers offices are.
 - Yes, there is still a Christmas tree up and I believe it never comes down :)

OPPORTUNITIES YOU COULD HAVE WHILE INTERNING HERE

This isn't to say that everything I have on here will be something you are able to do, and it isn't to say that there aren't even more opportunities that you could have. Schedules of the probation officers are always different so it just depends on what they can get you into while you are with them.

JUVENILE COURTROOM



-where families will sit during the hearing (me included)



-the view from the sitting area



-2 desks on either side of room one for the juvenile and the attorney and the other for the district attorney



-this is where the hearing officer will sit to overhear the case

The courthouse recently built a courtroom specifically designed for juvenile hearings. However, there will also be court hearings upstairs in front of the judge.



-this is the front entrance of Cove PREP which is completely fenced in

-sign pulling into Torrance State Hospital



COVE PREP

I took a trip to Cove PREP which is a secure facility for juvenile sex offenders. It is in Torrance, PA 15779 on the same grounds as Torrance State Hospital. I met with a juvenile who has been in this facility for about a year and a half.

fun fact I met this same kid last year in 2022



-the top picture shows how open the land the facility is on really is
-the bottom picture is the road leading up to Cove Prep where you can see part of the fenced in area for the juveniles' outside time.



ADELPHOI

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I also got the chance to go to Adelphoi which is a non-secure treatment and services for at-risk youth. It is located at 1119 Village Way, Latrobe, PA 15650. I sat in a monthly meeting between the juvenile and my advising probation officer.

-bottom right picture is the facility housing this juvenile which is for sex offenders.



-when pulling into Adelphoi there will be the sign as pictured in the top left corner

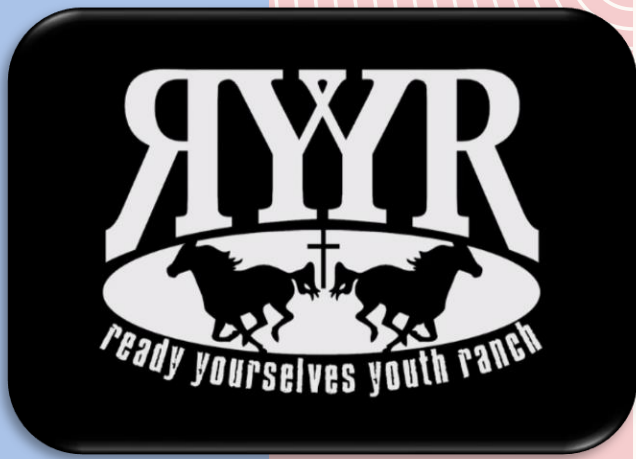
-the bottom left is the community center where the meeting took place.



SCHOOL PROBATION

- I was able to visit two schools, Beaver Falls High School (top right) and Aliquippa High School (bottom right) and met with the school probation officers.
- Both officers gave me a tour of the schools and we sat down and got to discuss their roles in the school and outside of the school.





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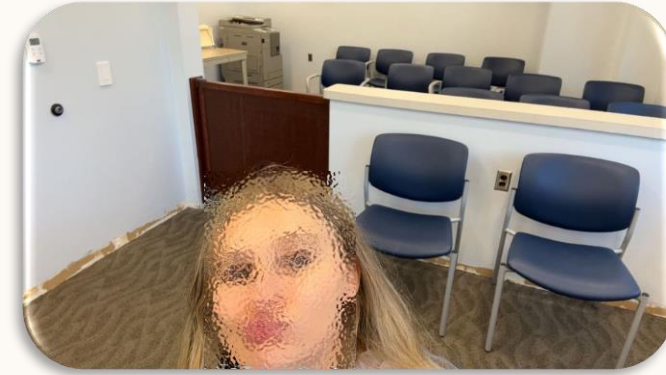
- The ranch is a fun and great experience to see if you intern at the probation office.
- Juveniles can go to the ranch to serve their community service hours
 - Responsible for their horse
 - Chores
 - Behavior
- The program only goes on during the summer, but it allows the juveniles to take responsibility for something of their own and care for it.

- The kids learn to not only ride 10 their designated horse but
 - Feed
 - Groom
- There are also other activities including arts and crafts as well as preparing lunches.
- I was unable to join in the fun this year because it was to start the week after I ended my internship, but I did get to go during my shadow last summer

“READY
YOURSELF
YOUTH
RANCH”



OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



SORTING FILES

Put files in order for the day and make sure the papers are correct

PREPARE FOR COURT

Get all the case files that will be needed for the day and put them in the courtroom

COPY PAPERS

If any of the POs need copies of paperwork or having to copy case files

HELP POS

Anything else the POs may need or any further help I could give them

SETTING GOALS WORKSHEET

Name: _____ Date: _____

Long Term Goal: _____

Some things to discuss:

- How realistic is your goal?
- What steps will you take this week toward accomplishing your goal?
- How motivated are you to accomplish your goal?

What could get in the way of accomplishing your goal? _____

How can you overcome those barriers? _____

Short Term Goal _____

Action Steps _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Short Term Goal _____

Action Steps _____

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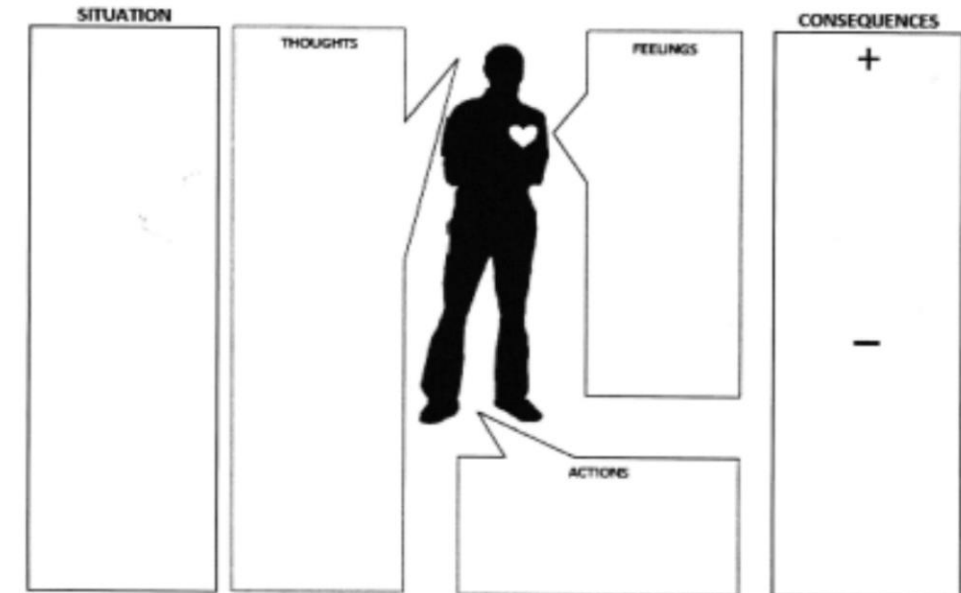
3. _____

MOOD CHARTS

COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Behavior 1:			Behavior 2:		
	BENEFITS (+)	COSTS (-)		BENEFITS (+)	COSTS (-)
SHORT-TERM			SHORT-TERM		
LONG-TERM			LONG-TERM		

BEHAVIOR CHAIN



These are three of the charts that the PO used during our two visits. The top left is a goal worksheet that makes the juvenile explain their long-term goal. This sheet can be redone and updated overtime. The top right is a cost benefit analysis which breaks down two of the juveniles' behaviors and shows how those behaviors can be beneficial or costly in short and long-term situations. The bottom right picture is a behavior chain where the juvenile will give the PO a recent situation they were in and the events that happened after the event.



TAKE AWAYS

Do I like the Beaver county Juvenile Probation Department?
Would I recommend this practicum to others?

WOULD I RECOMMEND JUVENILE PROBATION TO OTHERS?

Of course! The past 4 weeks have been very eye opening and beneficial not only for the completion of my practicum class but also my future life goals. This work environment is full of people who care about what they are doing for these kids. The office is very lighthearted and close with everyone they come into contact with. I hope my future workplace environment will be equally or even better than the Beaver County Juvenile Probation Department.





I wanted to give a big thank you to Sean Bunney and Charles Rossi for the opportunity to come back to do this full internship in their department. This job is not for everyone. There are going to be ups and downs. Everyday you walk into that office you must be prepared to hear the worst of the worst things you could image. Its unfortunate that these kids, as young as the age of 10 years old, have been put into horrible situations. Sadly, most times these situations will result in the juveniles to act out and get themselves into even more problems. I would love to be able to get to work in the future with juveniles who have gone off on the wrong path and get them back on the right path to succussed in their future. There has to be more reasons as to why so many juveniles are acting out. If we don't figure it out the cycle will never end, and even more juveniles will be put into the system without the care they need to make a difference in their behavior.

