



CHESTER COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION POLICY BULLETIN

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT POLICY

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PURPOSE:	<p>The purpose of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JSES) is to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission. Critical to the efforts to successfully implement and sustain the JSES initiatives with fidelity, and to establishing an evidence based, fundamentally fair juvenile justice system, is the partnership and ongoing collaboration of system stakeholders. Through regular meetings, trainings, involvement in committees, and the sharing of data and information, the department will provide opportunities to guide, educate, and learn from our key partners as we collectively work to enhance juvenile justice services to youth, victims, and communities.</p>
GOAL:	<p>To ensure the implementation and successful integration of JSES and BARJ through the education, involvement, collaboration, and feedback of stakeholders.</p>
OBJECTIVES:	<p>To provide identified stakeholders with a review of BARJ and JSES principles, educate on EBP initiatives, and share relevant data and emerging research pertinent to the juvenile justice system.</p> <p>To involve stakeholders in the shaping of the Chester County JSES plan through their participation in the implementation, assessment, and continuous quality improvement processes.</p>
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	<p>As stated in the Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System Enhancement System Monograph, “the success of JSES is partially dependent on aligning the missions, intentions, understanding and resources of stakeholders”. There exists across the spectrum of juvenile justice stakeholders, variations in specific priorities and focus. The JSES proposes that “harm reduction” can be the unifying principle that establishes common ground. Juvenile Justice and Community stakeholders generally have the same goal in common, reduction of harm, which aligns with BARJ principles through the long-term outcomes that include safer communities, fewer victims, reduced delinquency rates, and reduced taxpayer costs for juvenile/adult placements/incarceration.</p>



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To collaboratively achieve these goals, Chester County Juvenile Probation and our court and community partners, will work together to share research and data that supports evidence-based practices, provide information and training opportunities on the juvenile justice system and problem solve and exchange ideas to improve the quality of service provided to youth.

Stakeholder Engagement will be implemented through a multi-faceted approach that will include trainings, committee and work group participation, data sharing and surveys.

- The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer or his/her designee will offer trainings periodically to orient new stakeholders and to provide booster sessions for existing stakeholders. This training will include current research and trends in the field when available. Presentations will include county and department specific data related to juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice. Presentations may include content experts on topics pertinent to the field, explanations of services within the department and a general state of the department review.
- The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer will represent the department on the County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB).
- The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer will serve as Chair for the County Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) and invite participation from court and community stakeholders.
- The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer or his/her designee will identify internal JSES committees/workgroups to invite community partner participation and stakeholder involvement.
- The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer or his/her designee will establish a mechanism to address victim concerns and work to ensure victim satisfaction whenever possible.
- The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer or his/her designee(s) will participate in committees and programs within the community to inform and be informed on current initiatives. These community collaborations will include but not be limited to; Communities that Care, DMC Committee, Coatesville Youth Initiative, Chester County Police Chief's Association, and the Human Services Advisory Board.
- The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer or his/her designee will conduct surveys to obtain feedback and ideas on how stakeholders and Chester County juvenile probation can work collaboratively and/or how Juvenile Probation can improve on stakeholder engagement.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders may include representatives from the District Attorney’s office, Public Defender’s office, defense attorneys, law enforcement, School Resource Officers, schools, community collaboratives, Human Services, Drug and Alcohol, Mental Health, CYF, victims/advocates the Religious Community and other community service providers.
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<p>PROCEDURES</p>	<p>The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in collaboration with the J.J.A.C and the JPO Leadership Team will implement an annual stakeholder engagement plan. Practices considered for this annual plan will include but not be limited to the attached Stakeholder Engagement Practices Guide.</p>
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