

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

The Department provides the following programs and specialized services:

- **Drug Treatment Court and Alcohol Highway Safety School** - The Westmoreland County Drug Treatment Court started accepting referrals on September 28, 2015. Drug Treatment Court is an eighteen month program during which time participants are involved with treatment professionals, undergo intensive supervision and attend bi-weekly court appearances before Drug Treatment Court Judge Meagan Bilik-DeFazio or Drug Treatment Court Judge Christopher A. Feliciani. There are three ways to enter Drug Treatment Court – Diversion, Intermediate Punishment or Re-entry. One Supervisor in the Adult Probation Office handles the duties of Drug Treatment Court Coordinator and three Probation Officer IIs supervise the participants in Drug Court.

Since July 2013, Alcohol Highway Safety School (AHSS) has operated out of the Westmoreland County Adult Probation Office. The fee for each AHSS class cycle is \$300.00

- **Intermediate Punishment Unit** – This Unit primarily supervises offenders sentenced to house arrest by the Court. The Intermediate Punishment Unit utilizes Electronic Monitoring (EM). Offenders are required to wear an ankle bracelet which monitors their whereabouts. If an offender has a problem with alcohol or is convicted of a DUI offense, an alcohol monitoring device will be placed in the offender’s home at the time of hook-up. IP officers may, also, use portable breathalyzers to test offenders. Individuals are only permitted to leave their residence for work, school, treatment or religious services or for destinations approved by their probation officer. Random drug testing is conducted on all offenders. GPS monitoring is, also, used to monitor IP cases.
- **Restrictive Intermediate Punishment with Alternative Treatment Services (RIP/ATS)** – Offenders sentenced under Level 3 or Level 4 of the Pennsylvania Sentencing Guidelines, who are determined eligible for Restrictive Intermediate Punishment and who have the most serious drug and alcohol problems and special needs may be placed into the Program. Offenders report to Southwestern Pennsylvania Behavioral Health Services (SPHS) treatment facility five (5) days per week for eight (8) weeks of treatment. Offenders are drug tested on a regular basis. Other special needs such as educational, vocational, literacy and parenting are addressed. While attending this Program, offenders will be ordered to a period of Restrictive Intermediate Punishment on house arrest/electronic monitoring. Upon completion of the Day Treatment Program, offenders will be stepped down to complete services through the offenders will be stepped down to complete IOP services. Appropriate Level 3 IP offenders, who are currently on “general” IP/EM supervision and are pending a violation primarily due to drug/alcohol abuse, may, also, be re-assessed for placement into the RIP/ATS Program in lieu of being revoked.