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Chief Charles T. Streightiff Huntingdon Borough Police Department

- Huntingdon Area School District Graduate
- Penn State University B.A. Administration of Justice
- University of Maryland Maryland Police Corps
- 23 year career in Law Enforcement
- 2001-2007 Hagerstown City Police Department
 - > Patrol
 - Bike Unit
 - Street Crimes Unit (Narcotics, Prostitution & Gangs)
- 2007-Present Huntingdon Borough Police Department
 - Took over as Criminal Investigator in 2011
 - Established Sexual Assault Response Protocol for Huntingdon County (S.A.R.T)
 - Child Forensic Interviewer
 - Community Outreach (Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, training, etc.)
 - > Named Chief of Police in 2021
 - SCA: Juniata Valley Tri-County Drug & Alcohol Commission Board of Directors
 - > Criminal Justice Training Center IUP: Advisory Board
 - > 2023 Recipient: Blue Ribbon Champion for Safe Kids
 - > 2024 John A. Zottola Mental Health and Justice Award
 - HEALPA Police and Community Subcommittee
 - > The Abuse Network Board of Directors



H.E.A.R.T Co-Founder

Kristen C. Streightiff Mount Union Area School District

- Huntingdon Area School District Graduate
- Shippensburg University B.S. Elementary Education
 - Concentration: Reading
- Penn State University M. Ed. Curriculum & Instruction
 - Concentration: Literacy & Language Education
- Shippensburg University M. Ed. Leadership
- 26 year career in Public Education
- 1998 2023: Huntingdon Area School District
 - Elementary Teacher (1998 2009)
 - Grades 1, 2, & 3
 - Middle School Teacher (2009 2021)
 - 6th Grade ELA, Reading & Social Studies
 - High School Assistant Principal (2021- 2023)
 - Truancy Officer
 - Disciplinarian
 - SAP Team Member/PBIS/MTSS
- 2023 Present: Mount Union Area School District
 - Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
 - > District Safety & Security Coordinator



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Kelvin Abrashoff

Huntingdon County Children's Services

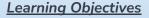
- Mount Union Area School District Graduate
- Juniata College B.A. Environmental Studies and Economics
- 9-year career in Social Work
- 2016-2022 Raystown Developmental Services
 - > Family Group Decision Making Coordinator
 - Family Services Supervisor (FGDM, IL, Parenting)
 - > 2020 Social Worker of the Year
- 2022-Present Huntingdon County Children's Services
 - Administrator
 - SCA: Tri-County Drug and Alcohol Commission Board of Directors
 - Vice Chair Huntingdon County CJAB
 - > Huntingdon County Opioid Council Advisory Member
 - Pennsylvania Aging and Youth Committee Senate Testifier- April 2024
 - Foundations of Leadership



H.E.A.R.T Advisory Board

Huntingdon County Endangered & At-Risk Youth Response Team

H.E.A.R.T





- Identify key stakeholders and partners needed to develop Huntingdon Endangered/At-Risk Youth Response Team
- Describe how to engage stakeholders and partners in sharing valuable information and data in a collaborative effort to reduce barriers and increase services to children and families
- Explain how working in conjunction with local partners can better assist and provide resources to children and families, while also addressing concerns of key stakeholders.
- Explain how youth identified by H.E.AR.T would normally slip through the system of SAP, CYS Referral, school threat assessments, and support services.

VISION STATEMENT

H.E.A.R.T

HUNTINGDON COUNTY ENDANGERED AND AT-RISK YOUTH RESPONSE TEAM

ESTD 2023

VISION STATEMENT

H.E.A.R.T

Every child in Huntingdon County should have the opportunity to experience a safe and healthy childhood free from exposures to illegal substance abuse and influence, child abuse and neglect, and unnecessary trauma; while also being supported in areas of trauma- informed care, mental health, and other environmental influences.



MISSION STATEMENT

H.E.A.R.T

HUNTINGDON COUNTY ENDANGERED AND AT-RISK YOUTH RESPONSE TEAM

ESTD 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

H.E.A.R.T

Create an early warning "handle with care" alert between Law Enforcement, Children and Youth Services, and local school districts to provide timely and valuable information about concerned youth that otherwise would go undetected and unreported.



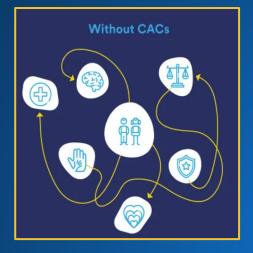
Multidisciplinary Approach

No single entity can effectively or efficiently address the dilemma of endangered/at-risk children.



HANDLE WITH CARE "HWC"

"Our goal is to collaboratively combine the expertise and resources of multiple professionals, agencies, and communities to improve interventions for children and families."

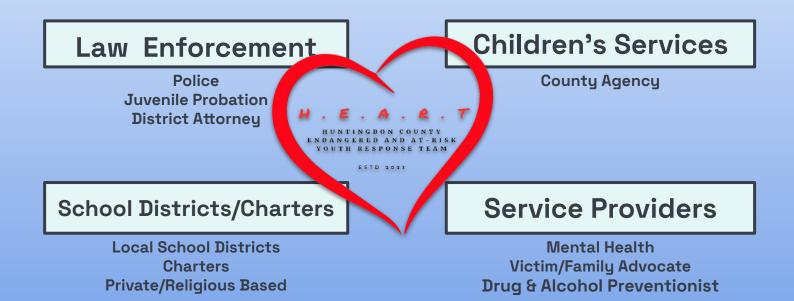




Using the CAC/MDT FORMAT "A CAC is a place...and a process"

- CACs intervene to stop abuse when it happens. This is why the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services considers CACs to be Level 1 emergency responders. The priority of any CAC is the immediate safety of children, as well as their ongoing health and well-being.
- A Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is a child-friendly place where a multidisciplinary team (MDT) of professionals—including child protective services caseworkers, police, forensic interviewers, victim or family advocates, prosecutors, and medical and mental health professionals—work together to provide a child-focused, trauma-informed response to allegations of child sexual and physical abuse.

<u>STAKEHOLDERS</u>



Why are we here.....

- The KIDS!
- Provide a safe and supportive environment, while providing the opportunity for the children to succeed both academically and in life.
- Reducing trauma (Trauma-Informed)
- Diversion from Criminal Justice System "Turning the tide" and breaking the cycle
- Provide treatment/services sooner
- Being Proactive Not Reactive
- Continuing Education & Awareness



Supporters & Partners









Children's Advocacy Centers of Pennsylvania





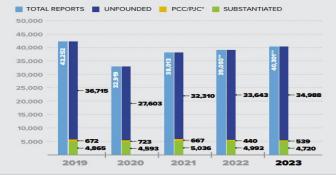


STATEWIDE CHILD ABUSE

STATE POPULATION • 12,989,208 // POPULATION UNDER 18 • 2,664,562

NOTE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, extracted 01/03/24.

2023 REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE





*PCC/PJC : Pending Criminal Court/Pending Juvenile Court.

**2022 and 2023 include referrals which did not yet have outcomes. There were 18 in 2022 (all from Blair county) and 54 in 2023 (34 from Blair, 16 from Clearfield, three from Delaware, and one from Montgomery counties).

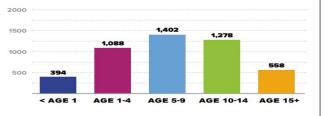
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- There were a total of 40,301 reports of suspected child abuse received in 2023, as opposed to 39,093 reports received in 2022. This increase was anticipated, as OCYF has been observing these increases following the significant decrease in the total suspected reports attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the reduced contact between children and mandated reporters during that time.
- The percent of reports of suspected child abuse that were substantiated decreased from 12.8% in 2022 to 11.7% in 2023.
- Statewide substantiated reports of child abuse remained the same in 2023 as in 2022, with 1.8 substantiated reports per thousand children in both years.
- Sexual abuse remains the leading category of substantiated abuse, followed by physical abuse.
- Parents continue to be the persons most responsible for abuse of their children.

VICTIM AGE

SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS



CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

(CPS) reports are those that allege a child might have been a victim of child abuse. Reports alleging that a child under 18 years of age may have been abused are accepted for investigation when reported prior to the victim's 20th birthday.

These reports are made by mandated and permissive reporters. Mandated reporters are adults who work or volunteer with children and youth and are required to report suspected child abuse if they have reasonable cause to suspect that child abuse has occurred under any of the following circumstances:

- The mandated reporter comes into contact with the child in the course of employment, occupation and practice of a profession, or through a regularly scheduled program, activity or service;
- The mandated reporter is directly responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or training of the child, or is affiliated with an agency, institution, organization, school, regularly established church or religious organization, or other entity that is directly responsible for the care, supervision, guidance, or training of the child;

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NOTES: A report may have more than one reporter; therefore, the total number of reporters will be greater than the total number of reports. Mandated reporter types reported prior to 2018 were reported using different categories.

The 'Unknown' classification includes instances in which the reporting source reported they were a Mandated Reporter. but their Mandated Reporter Type was not able to be identified.



85

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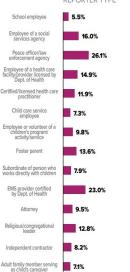
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funeral director

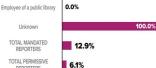
REPORTERS

BREAKDOWN

PERCENT OF REPORTS SUBSTANTIATED BY REPORTER TYPE







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multidisciplinary team investigation with the CCYA and a health care professional when there are child abuse allegations that also include certain criminal offenses such as aggravated assault, kidnapping, sexual abuse, sex trafficking, or serious bodily injury by any perpetrator.

A child abuse investigation must determine within 30 days whether the report is:

- FOUNDED there is court action including:
- > A judicial adjudication that the child was abused;

> Acceptance into an accelerated rehabilitative disposition program;

> Consent decree entered in a juvenile proceeding; or > Granting of a final protection from abuse order.

 INDICATED – CCYA or OCYF Regional Office staff find substantial evidence that abuse has occurred based on medical evidence, the child protective service investigation, or an admission by the perpetrator:

 UNFOUNDED – the alleged abuse did not meet the definition or criteria for abuse: or

 PENDING – status assigned to a report when the CCYA cannot complete the investigation within 60 calendar days because criminal or juvenile court action, to include an active criminal investigation, has been initiated.

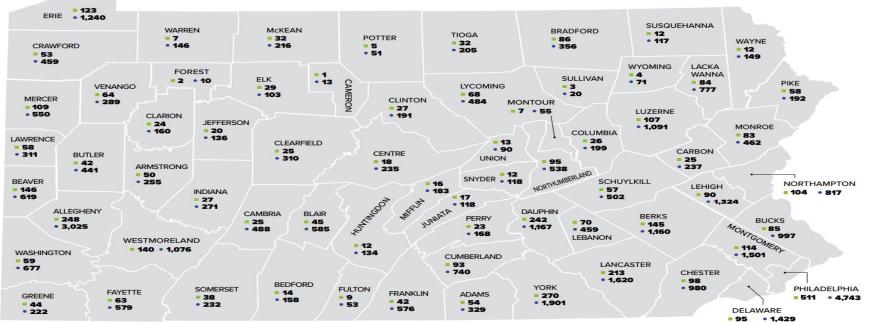
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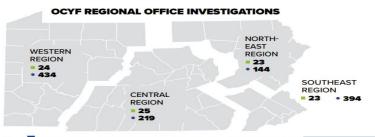
MANDATED REPORTERS IN SCHOOL SETTING **#1 SOURCE**

2023 PENNSYLVANIA CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

33.890

COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY INVESTIGATIONS



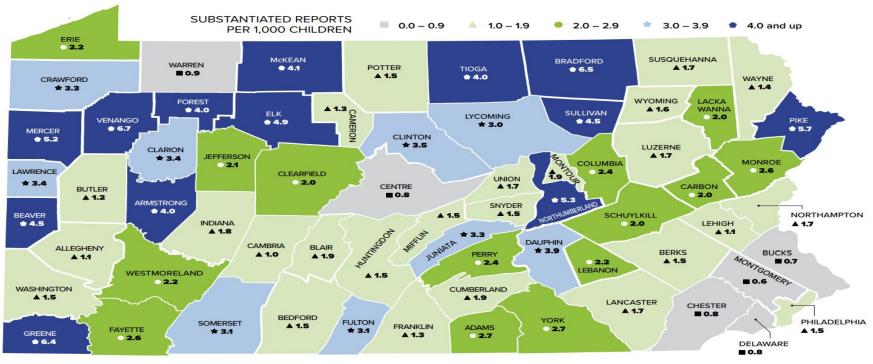


CHILD ABUSE REPORTS By Investigating Agency

Substantiated Reports • Total Suspected Reports

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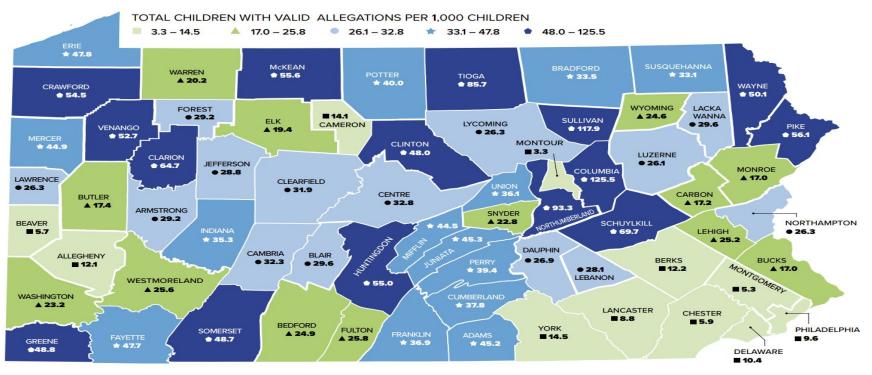
NOTE: CCYAs conduct child abuse investigations unless the alleged perpetrator is an agent of the CCYA. If the alleged perpetrator is an agent of the CCYA, OCYF Regional Offices conduct the child abuse investigation due to a conflict of interest. These maps show reports by the investigating agency.



SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE REPORTS

This map uses the number of children with substantiated reports of child abuse for every 1,000 children in each county. This approach takes into account different population sizes and allows for counties to be examined in comparable terms. Seventy-six percent of the state population under 18 years old lives in urban counties, and conversely, 24 percent live in rural counties. The average substantiated rate remained the same in rural counties at 2.6 (for both 2022 and 2023). In urban counties, the substantiated rate decreased from 1.6 to 1.5.

NOTE: Substantiated totals for each county combine reports investigated by the CCYAs and OCYF Regional Offices. Urban and rural county classifications are from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania (www.rural.palegislature.us/ demographics_rural_urban_counties.html) and are based on population density.



VALID GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE REPORTS BY COUNTY

This map uses the number of children with valid allegations for every 1,000 children in each county. This approach takes into account different population sizes and allows for counties to be examined in comparable terms. There was a wide range in the number of children with valid allegations, with Columbia (125.5) and Sullivan (117.9) counties having the highest rates and Montour (3.3) and Montgomery (5.3) with the lowest rates. The average for rural counties was more than double the average for urban counties: the rural rate was 39.5 and the urban rate was 15.4.

NOTE: Urban and rural county classifications are from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania (www.rural.palegislature.us/demographics_rural_urban_counties.html) and are based on population density.



HUNTINGDON COUNTY

2,000

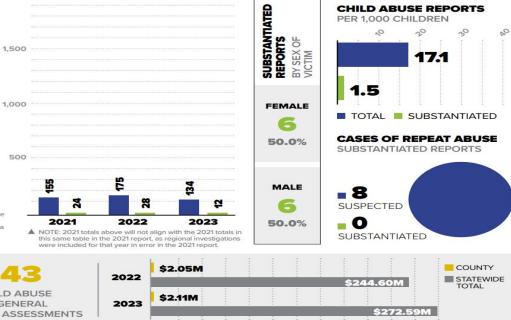
RURAL // POPULATION • 44,123 / POPULATION UNDER 18 • 7,824





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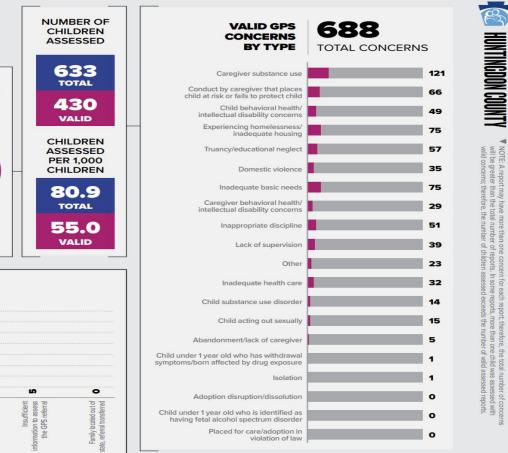
- SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS
- NOTE: CPS and GPS data reported were investigated and substantiated by the CCYA and may vary from statewide data which include both CCYA and OCYF Regional Office investigations.
 - EXPENDITURES CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS



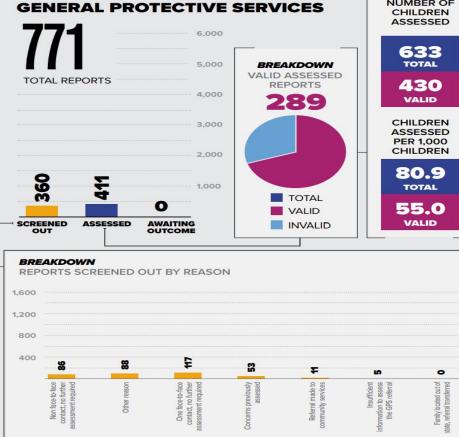


TYPES OF ALLEGATIONS SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS





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2023 REPORTS OF

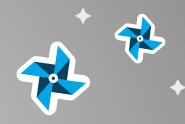
THE PREVIOUS STATISTICS WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF OF PENNSYLVANIA ONLY

HOW MANY ARE NOT REPORTED????

MEART can help identify those that choose not to talk "nonverbal behaviors"



· Why H.E.A.R.T



CURRENT SITUATION

Only youth identified by MTSS, SAP, and/or school staff are receiving additional supports and/or care.



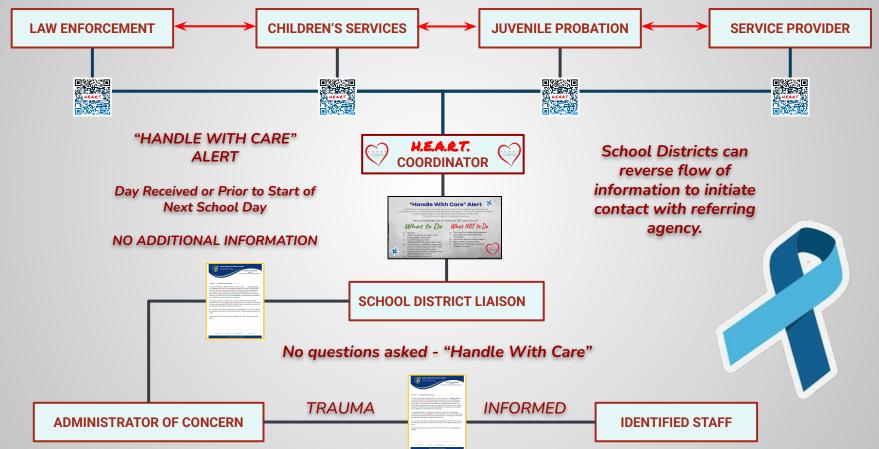
Addition of "Handle with Care" Alert



School Districts do not readily receive information from outside sources concerning their students. Information that may help identify endangered/at-risk youth, and lead to further assistance and services.

H.E.A.R.T would address the large demographic of students that should be "handled with care" and provide school staff valuable information in explaining behavior, discipline and academic changes.

H.E.A.R.T Process Chart





Notification from law enforcement arrives at the school prior to start of the next school day



A school will create a process to "triage" a "Handle with Care" Alert



The process will involve a designated staffer (liaison) who, on an as needed basis, will notify building administrator(s)/staff with educational interest to observe the student's behavior/learning and be prepared to provide trauma sensitive support as needed.

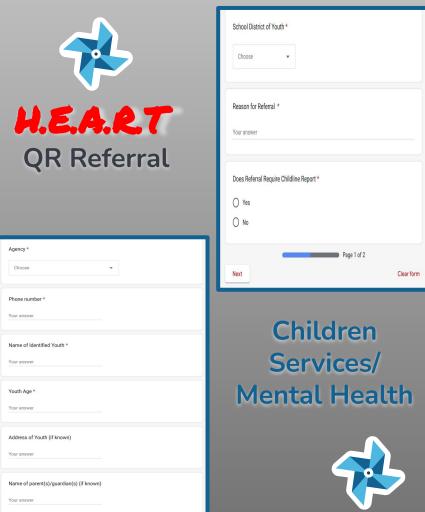
H.E.A.R.T QR Code for

Notifications





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Section 2 of 2		
Child Line Referral	×	:
Description (optional)		
Was Childline Report filed *		
○ Yes		
O No		
Childline Report Number		
Short answer text		
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Is this referral under Law Enforcement or HCCYS Investigation *		
) Yes		
○ No		
O Unknown		



Attention (Administrator's name)

You are receiving this "Handle with Care" Alert, because <u>(Student's name)</u> was identified by *H.E.A.R.T* (Huntingdon Endangered At-Risk Youth Response Team) as exposed to a potentially traumatic event resulting in first responder(s) involvement. This youth has been identified as endangered and/or at-risk. The details of the incidents and on-going involvements will not be discussed or shared with staff. The need for privacy and confidentiality is tantamount for our students. This notification is meant purely to be a heads-up.

As mandated reporters, we should act as sponges and absorb the information, observations, etc. but it is <u>NOT</u> our job to ask questions or investigate! Information and observations should be relayed to the district liaison so they may be shared with the appropriate local agency or district level services.

It is our duty to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. We do not want to call attention to any behaviors and/or observations to cause additional trauma to the youth.

Only identified staff of interest will be notified of the "Alert" for each indicated student.

Mount Union Area School District "Handle With Care" Alert

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PROACTIVE FOR STUDENTS



A notification is being sent to you because one or more of your students was exposed to a potentially traumatic event resulting in first responders involvement. This youth has been identified as endangered and/or at-risk. We do not have the details of the event. This notification is meant to purely be a heads up.

Here are some helpful tips on "what to do" and "what not to do"



- Observe
- Watch for signs of traumatic stress (crying, anger, withdrawal)
- Look for ways to provide additional/different support than usual
- If the student is exhibiting changes that seem out of the ordinary for them, refer to school counselor/social worker
- Utilize trauma-sensitive strategies when interacting with the student
- Trauma Informed Approach

What NOT to Do

- Don't ask the student what happened
- Don't press the student for more information
- Don't draw attention to the student
- Don't call the student's home
- Don't spread information about the student's situation



Reducing Trauma

Notification does not go in child's student record

IT DOES NOT MEAN YOU APPROACH THE CHILD!!





Huntingdon County Endangered & At-Risk Youth Response Team



H.E.A.R.T Huntingdon County Endangered & At-Risk Youth Response Team



Putting the pieces of the puzzle together to create the "whole picture"

Together we have the potential to prevent these situations and provide intervention services earlier for a greater demographic of youth.



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS... Look for the cues!!!

Labeled "Problem Child"

Academic Performance

- Drop in grades
- Truancy

Lack of Control

- Outburst
- Difficulty in managing emotions
- "Retreating"
- Change in personal appearance/character

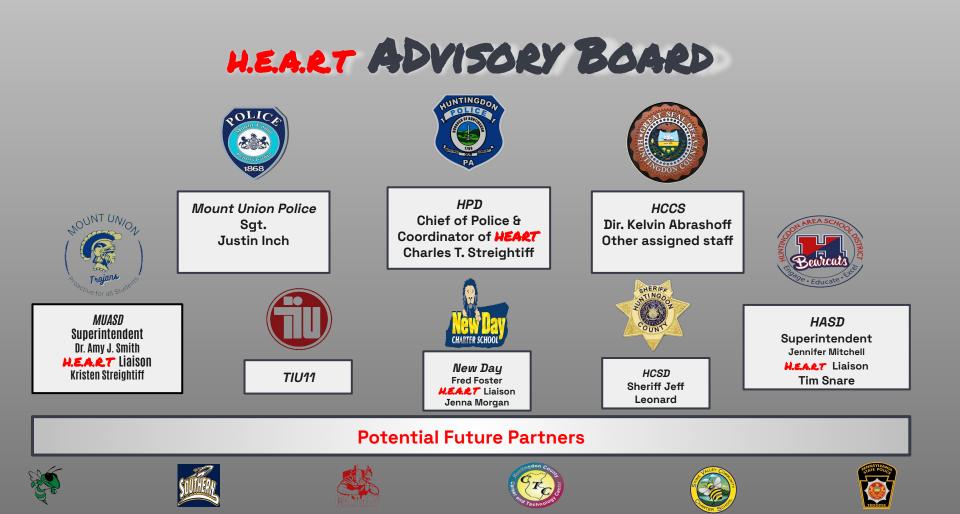
Social/Community Interaction

- Withdrawn
- Change in "group"
- Relationship issues

These could be "Clues" and/or "Keys" to understanding what is happening with our children.

We need to look through a different set of lenses, and acknowledge that a child's behavior may require something other than discipline. These behaviors may be a cry for help!

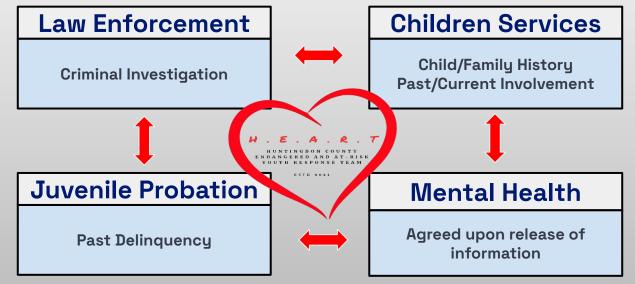






ECHO: Endangered Children of Huntingdon Options A Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) to apply all resources in a single deployment for diversion

(when possible) from the Juvenile Justice System



In the process of formulating and planning This would be for youth identified in criminal acts



FUTURE PROJECTS.....

MOU AGREEMENTS

Agreements to be signed between: H.E.A.R.T Law Enforcement Schools Service Providers



Youth Resource Portal

- Center and App Based -Youth can elect to connect with a stakeholder and/or peer resource

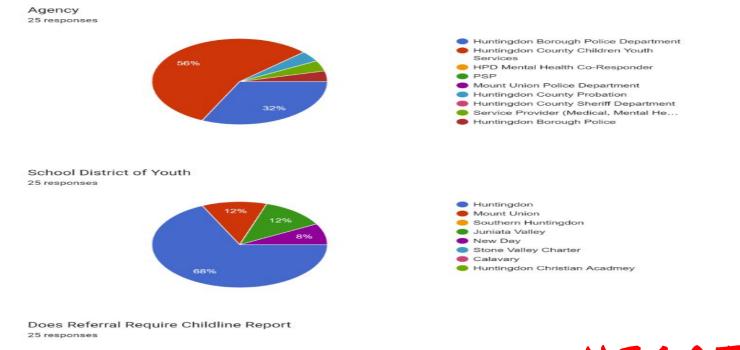
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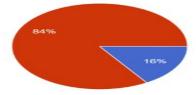
Beginning stages of 501(c)3

- Grant Funding
- Expansion
- Training
- Promotional Material
- State Acceptance Standard



Huntingdon County Endangered and At-Risk Youth Response Team Data









SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS & VICARIOUS TRAUMA



THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

01

STATISTICS

According to the CDC, half of the children in US have suffered trauma

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TREATMENTS

There is no one method works for all approach

02

WHAT IS STS/VT

It is "Indirect" Trauma that can occur when we are exposed to difficult or disturbing images and stories second-hand.

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RISK FACTORS

Anyone is at risk, based on exposure to individuals who have had sustained a "direct" traumatic event(s)

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WHY MANDATED REPORTERS

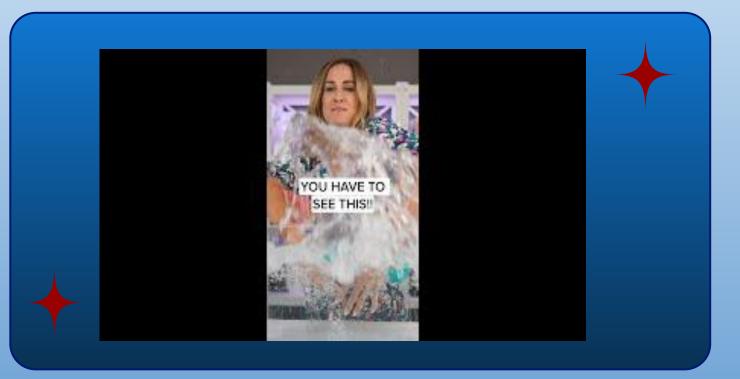
Front line responders for crimes against children.



HOW TO HELP

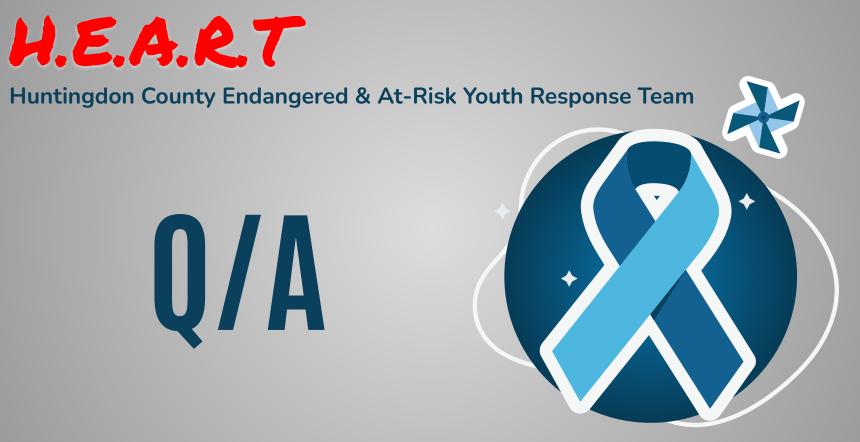
Know the signs in yourself and others. Be supportive and "Check In"

TIME TO UNDERSTAND





MY STORY



Together we can make an impact

Huntingdon County Endangered & At-Risk Youth Response

<u>Contact</u> Huntingdon Borough Police Department 530 Washington Street Huntingdon, PA 16652

huntingdonpdcstreightiff@gmail.com 814-599-8080 huntingdonboro.com

Team



Dedicated to the youth of Huntingdon County

Charles T. Streightiff Chief of Police

H.E.A.R.T





