

Substance Use Resource Handbook Description

The Behavioral Health (BH) Subcommittee of the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers (PCCJPO) is pleased to offer this online *Substance Use Resource Handbook* for juvenile probation officers and other youth service professionals. It was developed in a similar manner and purpose as the *Behavioral Health Services Resource Guide*. While the Subcommittee attempted to identify substance use information it thought would be useful, the Guide is far from a comprehensive source of substance use information. It is designed to provide basic information and then offer links to the websites of official and recognized agencies and organizations related to substance use that provide more comprehensive and detailed information. Users of this guide are encouraged to frequently visit these websites for the most updated information. These websites include, but are not limited to:

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
National Institute on Alcohol and Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)
Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP)
Pennsylvania Association of County Drug & Alcohol Administrators (PACDAA)
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)
Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS data)

It is essential for juvenile probation officers to engage with their respective county Drug and Alcohol offices as processes, practices and resources can vary from county-to-county. Again, this Guide is designed to provide basic information. County Drug and Alcohol offices can provide more detailed information and explanations on requirements and processes to access substance use services for youth involved with the juvenile justice system.

Finally, but very importantly, the PCCJPO BH Subcommittee is comprised of representatives from the behavioral health, drug and alcohol, and juvenile justice systems and recognizes that cross-system collaboration and cooperation is crucial to effectively access and deliver the services and interventions that may be required for youth. Professionals of all youth serving systems are encouraged to identify and participate in local structures that promote and permit cross-systems collaboration and planning. Wherever possible, juvenile probation and other juvenile justice professionals are encouraged to participate in these structures and processes for individual cases, but also to promote better cross system understanding and collaborative development.

Users of the Substance Use Resource Handbook are reminded to consult with your county Drug and Alcohol agency and county solicitor for interpretation, application, and clarification regarding law, regulation, and policy. It is strongly recommended that that you routinely review information and updates issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP).
