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**The Mission of the
Juvenile Justice System**

*“Juvenile Justice:
Community Protection,
Victim Restoration,
Youth Redemption”*

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LEHIGH COUNTY
JUVENILE PROBATION
COMMUNITY
ALTERNATIVE WORK
SERVICE DEPARTMENT
(C.A.W.S.)



**Lehigh County Juvenile Probation
Missions Statement:**

We are dedicated to working with juvenile offenders, their families, victims and the community by utilizing evidence based and balanced and restorative justice principles to build competencies, reduce recidivism, restore victims and protect the community.

THE HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE WORK SERVICE PROGRAM

The Lehigh County Juvenile Probation community service program was established in 1983 to hold juveniles accountable for negative behavior. Juveniles complete community service as part of a plan developed in the courts with input from probation, the juvenile and his family to help the juvenile meet the conditions of their probation while offering the support needed to grow as a citizen. The community service department has four programs that are utilized to accomplish these goals.

Since its inception in 1983 the Juvenile Probation Community Service Department has grown and expanded to be much more than a consequence. In 1986 the CAWS 3 restitution program was created to help juveniles meet their financial obligations to their victims. Shortly after, in 1988, the Allentown Recycling Center was opened to raise funds for the restitution program.

In 2008, as a response to the ideas of Balanced and Restorative Justice, the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department started the LCCC Competency Development Program. Please reference the program descriptions in this brochure.



LEHIGH COUNTY COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE WORK SERVICE PROGRAMS (C.A.W.S.)

C.A.W.S. I

Juveniles perform community service as a condition of their probation. The amount of hours juveniles must perform is based on the seriousness of their offense. Community service is performed at over 150 non-profit agencies throughout the county and on work crews.

Allentown Recycling Center

Juveniles gather and sort recyclables, which are utilized to generate income to fund the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Restitution Program.
1400 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 437-8729

The Second Harvest Garden Project in cooperation with the Lehigh Valley Penn State Extension
Juveniles prepare, plant, nurture, harvest and donate fruits and vegetables to Allentown area foodbanks to be given out to residents in needs.

Snow Removal Program

Juveniles assist elderly citizens in need during the winter by removing snow from their sidewalks and driveways.

Firewood Program

Juveniles cut, stack and sell firewood with proceeds benefiting the victims of juvenile crime.

If you are interested in becoming a work site or have any questions please contact either Jason, Susan or Ryan. All contact information is listed on the back page of this brochure.

C.A.W.S. II Young Offenders

The Young Offenders program was developed to hold juveniles between the ages of 10 and 13 accountable for their actions in a group educational setting that helps them to develop competencies and educate them in regards to the impact their past actions have had on themselves, the community as well as their family.

C.A.W.S. III Restitution

The Restitution Program allows juveniles to complete community service while earning minimum wage. At the completion of their community service the total money earned is sent to the their victims through the Lehigh County Collections Department.

C.A.W.S. IV

LCCC Competency Development Program

Juveniles participate in group activities with the Lehigh Carbon Community College Occupational Therapy Students that focus on Education, Moral Reasoning, Pro-Social Skills, Employment, Independent Living, and Community Engagement skills. This program has been in existence since 2008. Over the past 7 years juveniles have completed over 3000 hours of community service through this program.

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