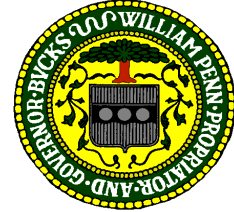




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December 7, Motivational Interviewing and YAP Update

- 1) Welcome, thank you for attending
- 2) www.bucksyouthaid.org
 - a. *Panel members and liaisons were reminded that most information and documents that are needed for YAP are at the website.*
- 3) Training for new members
 - a. *Planned for the end of March 2017. We have 3 registered from Newtown, and 2 or 3 from Lower South. Any panels that plan to add new members, please submit them in the beginning of the year so the class can be scheduled – we need a large enough class roster to schedule the training.*
- 4) Liaisons and reporting cases
 - a. *Expunging Cases – PA Title 18, Section 9123a(2): Juvenile records are expunged when, “six months have elapsed since the final discharge of the person from supervision under a consent decree or diversion program, including a program under 42 Pa.C.S. § 1520 (relating to adjudication alternative program) and no proceeding seeking adjudication or conviction is pending.”*
 - b. *We discussed case closings. Liaisons: Please submit your cases at www.bucksyouthaid.org as soon as they close. Please do not wait until January to submit the entire previous year. The cases are needed several times per year for insurance, funding, and the shadow file (a list of juveniles who have completed YAP). Liaisons were asked to maintain YAP files in compliance with PA 18, 9123; for 6 months after the completion of YAP. After 6 months, run the juvenile’s criminal history. If there is an adjudication pending on another offense – do not expunge. If there are no new offenses after 6 months, then expunge your records. Panel members will need to let juveniles know that YAP cases will be expunged in accordance with this law – 6 months after the successful completion of YAP, with no new offenses.*
- 5) New structure for writing assignments – coming soon
 - a. *With community service becoming increasingly difficult to assign, we are working on some other obligations for youth. Coming soon; a better*



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structure for writing assignments with a list of resources and a specific list of topics that panel members can choose from.

- 6) Options Program
 - a. Survey
 - i. *The survey is completed, thank you for submitting your input.*
 - b. Psychological assessment
 - i. *Reminder – Dawn Haaz, Phd can provide a psychological assessment for youth assigned to the Options Program. Do not refer a juvenile to Dawn if they are already seeing a therapist.*
 - c. Sexting education
 - i. *Reminder – Dawn Haaz, Phd can provide a program of sexting education for youth assigned to Options.*
 - d. New referral form
 - i. *The new referral addresses some of the problems that the Options Team has experienced over the years: Referrals to Options must be on a 6 month YAP contract. For panel members, please list your preferred method of communication for updates on your juvenile. Please list a specific close date for the case – “March 15, 2017” as opposed to “March 2017.” FYI, referrals to Options will include the completion of a skill building activity – workbook, career day, etc. Please limit community service hours for Options referrals to 15 hours or less. The Options Team has found that more hours take away from mentoring time.*