

# Balanced and Restorative Justice In Cumberland County

Cumberland County  
Juvenile Probation

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## Juvenile Court Report Card

To the citizens of Cumberland County:

We are pleased to present the 2011 Juvenile Court Report Card. All of the information in the "report card" is based on closing data. Information was drawn from 263 cases closed in 2011.

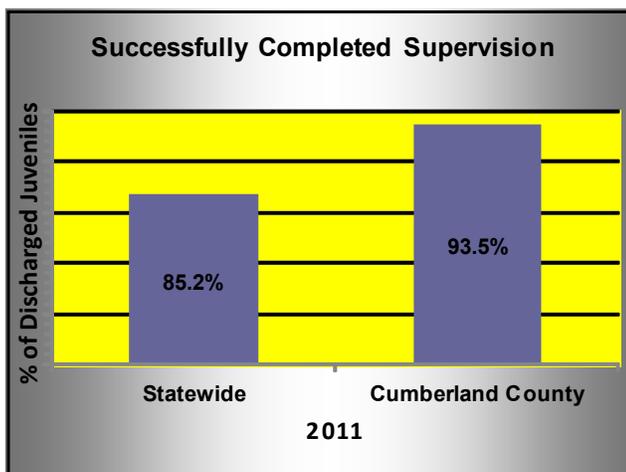
Balanced and Restorative Justice continues to be the centerpiece of Juvenile Justice in Pennsylvania. Community Protection, Offender Accountability, Competency Development, and Victim Restoration are key components of Balanced and Restorative Justice. The Juvenile Court in Cumberland County is able to successfully address community protection, offender accountability, competency development, and victim restoration through programs such as evidence based assessment, motivational interviewing, community based probation, electronic home monitoring, youth aid panel diversion, victim awareness classes, community based restitution, community service programs, therapeutic foster care, residential out of home placement and secure confinement.

The infusion of evidence based practices in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System continues to accelerate and has appropriately been named as Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. The Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Department is positioned to incorporate evidence based practices at every level of its operation. This approach will continue to meet the principals outlined in Balanced and Restorative Justice and will ensure continued success for the youth we work with.

Samuel E. Miller, Jr.  
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

### 2011 Community Protection 93.5% of Probation Youth Successfully Completed Supervision

In 2011 93.5% of the juvenile offenders whose cases were closed in Cumberland County successfully completed their period of supervision without a new offense resulting in a consent decree, adjudication of delinquency, ARD, Nolo Contendere, or finding of guilt in a criminal proceeding. The partnerships that have been developed with schools, community organizations, and treatment providers have significantly impacted probation supervision practices. The Result has been more juvenile offenders succeeding while under court supervision.



### Balanced and Restorative Justice in Cumberland County

- Community Protection
- Victim Restoration
- Competency Development



### Balanced and Restorative Justice at work in Cumberland County

- \$29,507.92 in restitution paid to victims of crime by youth
- 93.5% of youth successfully completed supervision
- 9,070 hours of community service completed by youth
- 93.5% of restitution ordered by the court paid in full to victims

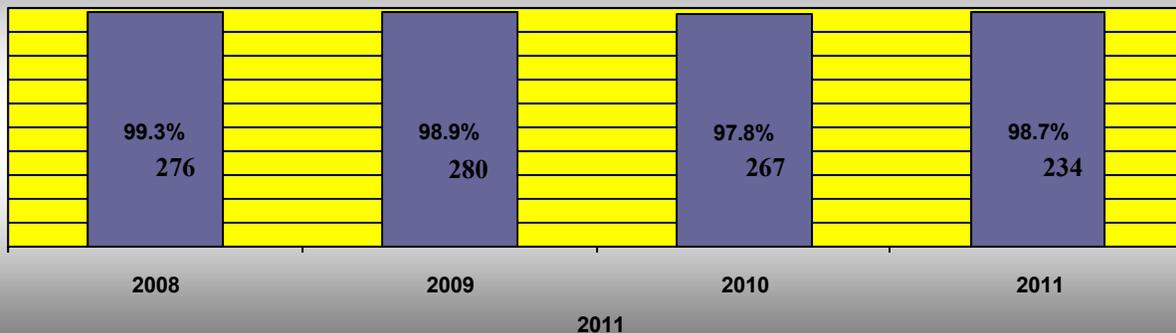
### Cumberland County Balanced and Restorative Justice News

Since May of 2000, Cumberland County Juvenile Probation has been operating a formal community service program. During this time period our juveniles have completed just over 100,000 hours of community service. These hours have been performed at various non-profit agencies throughout Cumberland County or completed while working on one of our supervised work crews. Our department has established strong partnerships with many of these non-profits, and frequently we are contacted by organizations to complete specific projects. If your organization would like to have our department establish a community service partnership, or complete a specific project please visit our web site at [www.ccpa.net/juvenileprobation](http://www.ccpa.net/juvenileprobation) Once on our website please refer to the Community Service Project request screen. Please take some time to fill out the request, and our Community Service Officer will contact you as soon as possible to discuss the needs of your organization.

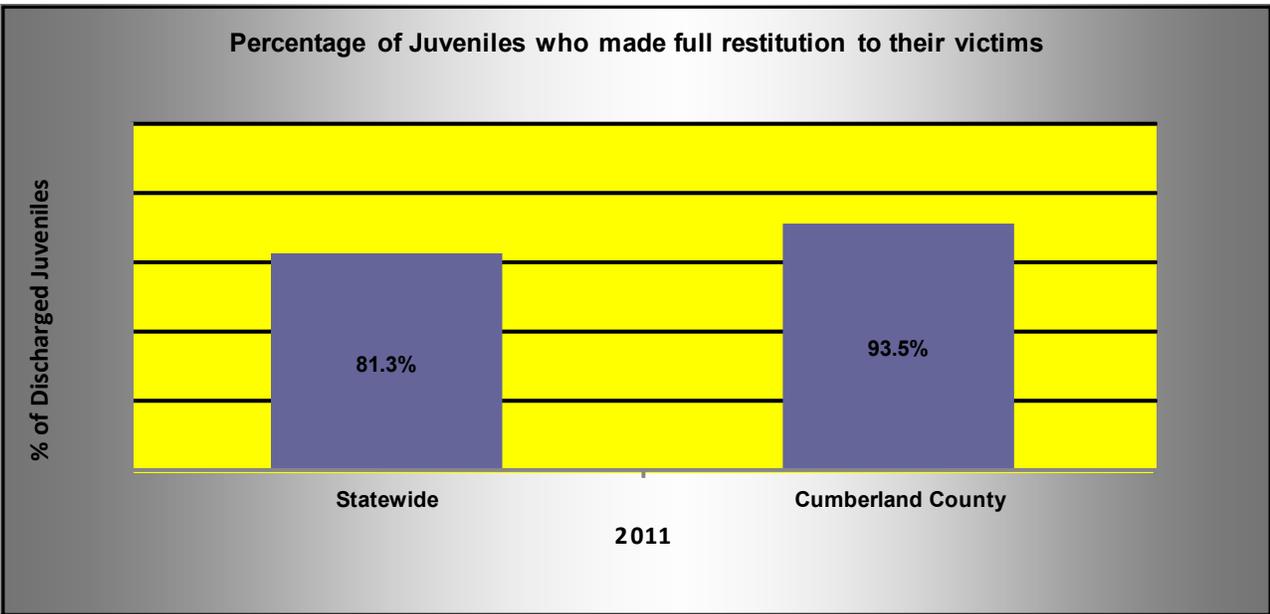
During the summer of 2011 the Cumberland County Youth Action Team (CCYAT) offered its second annual session of the Street to Streams Program (STS). The STS program is a fly fishing program that worked with ten to fifteen youth referred by the members of the CCYAT for a two day event at the Allenberry Resort Inn. The second session continued to be an overwhelming success thanks in large part to the work of the CCYAT and the generous support from our sponsors Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Albright Fishing Products, Bass Pro, Dick's Sporting Goods, Allenberry Resort Inn, Holly Flies, Yellow Breeches Outfitters, 2Generations, and Diakon Family Life Services. Over the course of the program each participant received extensive classroom instruction on the basic points of fly fishing, environmental concerns, and maintenance of their equipment. After receiving classroom instruction the group was able to apply the skills learned and get out on the water with their Trout Unlimited mentor. Given the successes shared with our first and second session, CCYAT will be looking to enhance future STS programs. If you would like or know anyone that would be interested in participating with the Cumberland County Youth Action Team or the Street to Streams program please contact our office at (717) 240-6265.



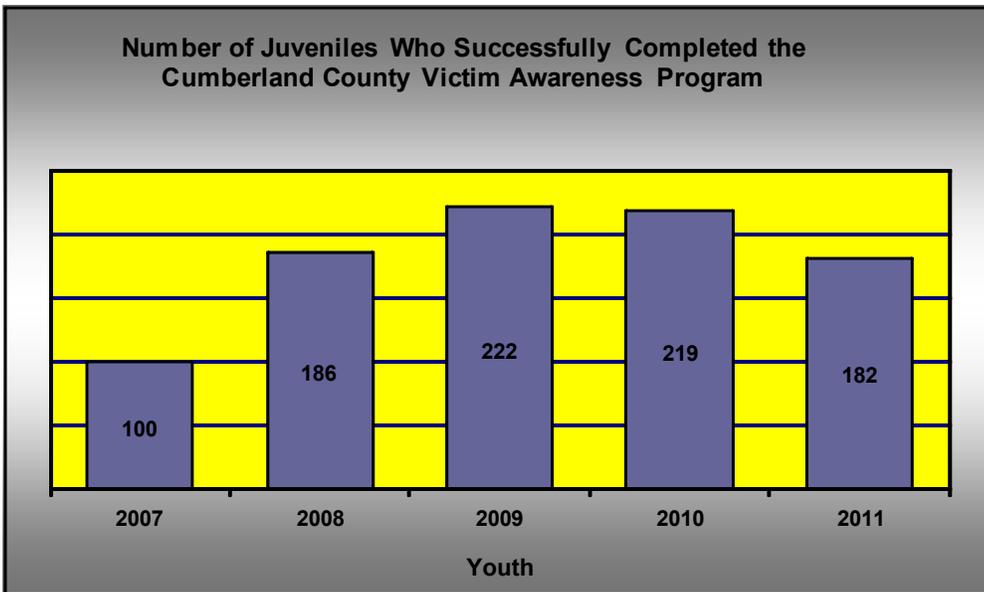
Percentage of Juveniles who Completed Assigned Community Service Obligations



98.7% of Juveniles assigned community service whose cases were closed in 2011 successfully completed their community service obligation. 234 juveniles completed 9070 community service hours. This is an average of 38.8 community service hours per juvenile.



In Cumberland County 263 juveniles were discharged from supervision in 2011. 62 or 23.6% of these offenders were ordered to pay restitution to their victims. 58 or 93.5% of the juveniles ordered to pay restitution completed their obligation in full. This accounted for \$29,507.92 collected for victims of juvenile crime in Cumberland County.



“182 Juvenile Offenders successfully completed the Cumberland County Victim Awareness Program in 2011.”



Cumberland County Juvenile Probation provides a victim awareness program designed to teach juvenile offenders about the harmful impact their crimes have on victims and the community in general. Since its inception in 2004 we have increased the number of juvenile offenders who have successfully completed this program.



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Cumberland County Juvenile Probation, under the direction and guidance of the Cumberland County Juvenile Court, provides services to youth that fall within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. Probation duties are governed by the Juvenile Act of Pennsylvania.

The Juvenile Probation Department has specific responsibilities to the Court, the Community, to the Victims of juvenile crime, and to the juvenile Offender. The Juvenile Probation Department provides various levels of probation supervision. Services are tailored to meet each juvenile’s individual needs. Probation works in conjunction with numerous public and private service providers, as well as the parents of the juvenile, to fulfill those needs.

The Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Department has dedicated itself to working in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by (1) employing evidence based practices, with fidelity, at every stage of the juvenile justice process; (2) collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and with this knowledge, (3) striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services and programs. This commitment will ensure continued success for the clients we work with and the community we serve.

