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## *Cumberland County Introduces New K-9 Staff Member*

**Cumberland County, PA-** Today during the Board of Commissioners' Meeting, members of the Cumberland County Bar Foundation (CCBF) were present to introduce Diego, the Courthouse Facility Dog for Cumberland County Children & Youth Services (CYS). CCBF is the proud owner of Diego, a two-year old Black Labrador Retriever, trained by Susquehanna Service Dogs (SSD) to assist abused, neglected and dependent children, their families and witnesses during CYS office interviews, or while at legal or court proceedings.

Diego began his work at Cumberland County CYS on June 20, 2016 alongside his main handler, Lindsay Dare Baird. Together Baird and Diego completed SSD's certified training program geared towards working with children and families in a court-related setting. Facility dogs are very effective in working with children with physical, emotional and behavioral disabilities and are specially trained for the particular tasks they will be asked to perform.

Without the collaboration and support of CCBF, Diego's extensive training to prepare him for his work at CYS would not have been possible. CCBF will continue to raise donations to help with ongoing expenses for Diego's work and care that will span his lifetime. To learn more about Diego and his work visit Cumberland County Children & Youth Services on [Facebook](#). For information on how to make a donation to help support Diego's work and care visit [www.CumberlandBar.com](http://www.CumberlandBar.com).

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