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Volunteers Needed for Juvenile Probation Youth Aid Panel

Carlisle, Pa. – The Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Department is seeking volunteers for its Youth Aid Panel. Selected volunteers will receive 16 hours of training throughout five weeks and will learn about

- the Juvenile Justice System;
- the Youth Aid Panel process;
- confidentiality issues;
- conflict resolution; and
- victim awareness.

Youth Aid Panel volunteers must be at least 21 years old, pass a Criminal Background and Child Abuse Clearance check, and be willing to commit to the program for at least one year. Volunteers are needed in the Camp Hill, Carlisle, Enola, Hampden Township, Mechanicsburg, New Cumberland and Shippensburg areas. Training sessions will be every Thursday evening from 6-9 p.m., beginning April 26, 2018. Once fully trained and sworn in, the Youth Aid Panel volunteers will meet once or twice per month.

Youth Aid Panels have successfully worked with youth in Cumberland County for the past 15 years. The program has grown to include 18 panels serving communities throughout Cumberland County. These panels work to address victim restoration, accountability and the juvenile's competency development. Panel members also assist in developing and overseeing clients in juvenile cases; developing contracts for juvenile offenders based on needs; and may hear cases based on referrals from local police and Magisterial District Judges regarding low and moderate risk-level clients.

More information on the program, including volunteer applications, are available by contacting Lisa Harrison at Lharrison@ccpa.net or (717) 240-5400.

The Cumberland County Juvenile Probation department works in partnership with the County's Juvenile Justice System to rehabilitate youth using the principles of balanced and restorative justice. The goal of Juvenile Probation is to support troubled youth and helping them become responsible, productive members of the community. For more information on the Juvenile Probation Department, visit www.ccpa.net/1182/Juvenile-Probation.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its nearly 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.