

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 5: JUVENILE JUSTICE

§ 5103 . Juvenile Justice System Basic Components.

The basic components of the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system are as follows:

(a) *Probation.* Juvenile offenders ordered into the custody of DYS will be monitored by a juvenile probation officer. Juvenile probation officers shall be peace officers and shall have twenty-four hour on call responsibility for supervision of juveniles. Juvenile probation officers will be responsible for assisting juveniles and their families in accessing counseling or treatment resources, close supervision of juveniles' activities, supervision of restitution and coordination of other services provided to juveniles. Juvenile probation officers shall have the powers and duties set forth for adult probation officers in 1 CMC § 3234.

(b) *Day treatment.* Day treatment programs will be time-limited, nonresidential treatment and educational programs. These programs will be supervised or approved by DYS for intensive supervision of juveniles through daily contact and by counseling juveniles regarding employment, education, courts, family and life skills. Nonresidential alcohol and drug programs will provide outpatient assessment and counseling for juveniles with substance abuse problems.

(c) *Community programs.* It is intended that community programs will exist throughout the Commonwealth to provide twenty-four hour residential supervision and treatment options to juveniles in close proximity to their families and their community. It is intended that these programs will strengthen the juvenile's relationship with family, engender a commitment to school and employment, promote the development of competency and life skills and help juveniles generalize appropriate behavior into their environment.

(d) *Observation and assessment.* DYS shall conduct observation and assessment of the juvenile, where appropriate, in a short-term residential setting. These programs shall be supervised by juvenile probation officers.

(e) *Secure facilities.* Secure facilities will provide secure confinement, discipline and treatment of detained juveniles. Programs at the secure facilities will be designed to help juveniles recognize accountability for delinquent behavior by confronting and eliminating delinquent behavior and making restitution to victims through community service or other restitution programs.

(f) *Adjudication.* Proceedings against juveniles shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. An adjudication of a juvenile pursuant to this chapter does not constitute a criminal conviction.

Source: PL 16-47, § 3(c), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission created the title of this section. The Commission changed “this act” to “this chapter” and removed figures that repeated written words pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d) and (e).