



First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FAMILY DIVISION

Reasonable Efforts in Assessment, Access and Prevention Unit
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The REAAP Unit which was established in June, 1993, is an organized family-centered community support program encompassing individualized client assessment, case management, and uniform, consistent monitoring. The goal is to empower families by directing them to appropriate community resources and monitoring their utilization of such referrals. REAAP seeks to accomplish this goal by combining a team approach of social work, probation and auxiliary community services; focused towards insuring the independence, self-sufficiency and growth of the family unit.

The REAAP Program seeks to help families whose children are exhibiting behavior that is currently out of the parent's control or placing the child at risk. Behaviors include runaway, drug/alcohol abuse, curfew problems and a myriad of other actions for which the child might be deemed ungovernable. The REAAP Unit serves children to age 17.5 years and the families are required to utilize help in their community. An incorrigibility petition is filed only after every reasonable effort has been made to prevent court action. Court action will only be recommended if the child is at risk and requires a referral to DHS for services.

The REAAP Unit also processes under-ten petitions for the Court. If a child who is under the age of ten commits an act which would be considered a delinquent act if the child was of age, the REAAP Unit addresses the matter for the Court. The REAAP Unit attempts to mediate the complaint, divert the matter to appropriate community resources, or files the petition on behalf of the complaint. The matter is then resolved with possible restitution ordered or supervision. Extreme situations may lead to a referral to the Department of Human Services.

In addition, emancipation petitions are investigated and filed at REAAP as well as changes of custody for non-related individuals. An appointment to speak with a REAAP Social Worker may be made by telephoning 686-8328. The REAAP Unit is located in room 138 M at 1801 Vine Street.