

Montgomery County

Judge Nick Kuntz
Judge Tony Capizzi

Program Name

Evening Reporting Center

Program Intervention

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

Primary Service Location

Community and Mt. Enon Baptist Church

Program Description

- The purpose of the program is to provide an alternative to secure detention for court-involved youth while involving the youth in evidence-based programming.
- The Evening Reporting Center (ERC) offers programming for a target group of minor respondents who would otherwise be detained in the Juvenile Justice Center. The evidence-based efforts of the ERC are concentrated in a highly structured and well supervised program during evening hours and include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Aggression Replacement Training group sessions. The design of the project is to provide opportunities for youth to enhance existing strengths and gain new skills to promote pro-social attitudes that contribute to being productive members of the community.

Outcomes

70.8% of program participants did not incur any new charges following program termination. Of those youth incurring new charges, 93.5% were within three months of termination and 6.5% were between three and six months of termination.

Lessons Learned

The first lesson learned is the art of flexibility with transportation. Being flexible to meet the needs of the youth and manage the schedules of all of the schools throughout the county as well as youth's Court appearances and Court ordered programming (counseling, appointments, etc.). Maintaining program expectations with the concept of flexibility helps to ensure all youth ordered into program are transported daily.

The second lesson learned throughout this process is balance. Staff are required to work unconventional hours (1:30 pm-9:30 pm) Balancing the needs of staff and accommodating scheduling conflicts to ensure consistent and expected programming facilitation is key.

Communication is the third lesson learned. Effectively communicating with staff, co-workers, youth and family as well as staff at the Church helps to ensure that ERC programming is effectively and efficiently facilitated daily.

Program Snapshot

(As of June 30, 2016)

Gender:

Male 79%, Female 21%

Race/Ethnicity:

African American 72%

White 25.6%, Other 2.4%

Age Range:

13-19

Offense Level:

Felonies & Misdemeanors

Youth Re-offense Risk Level:

Moderate

Screens and Assessments:

OYAS Dispositional Tool

Program Start Date:

January 5, 2015

Received Services:

375 Youth

Program Completion Successes:

274 Youth

3 Youth Continuing into FY 2017

Average # of Service Units:

47.9 Direct Service Hours Per Successful Youth

Program Partners:

- Montgomery County Office of Ex Offender Re-Entry
- Federal Re-Entry Court
- Public Health
- Local Colleges and Universities
- Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office-Victim Witness Program
- Dayton Public Schools
- Dayton Police Department
- Mt. Enon Baptist Church
- University of Cincinnati

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Montgomery County Early Successes - ERC

"The ERC has served our moderate to high risk Court involved youth through providing wrap around services and enhancing existent strengths and introducing youth to new life skills. The ERC is designed to reduce the use of detention, and permitting youth to remain in their homes, communities and schools while addressing behaviors and needs, through the promotion and introduction of pro social behaviors."

Judge Anthony Capizzi, Montgomery County Juvenile Court

"Since the ERC program began more than two years ago, Mt. Enon has been blessed to provide our facility as a safe and caring location in our community where the ERC program and Mt. Enon can impact the lives of youth to learn skills and positive alternatives to conflicts and negative behaviors."

Pastor Cory J. Pruitt
Mt. Enon MB Church

"Since the start of our Ohio Violence Prevention Program (OVPP) with ERC in April 2015, youth have become aware of how to resolve conflict in a non-violent way and the consequences if you are violent toward someone."

Anthony Petty
Program Director
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"Many of our returning citizens want to give back to the youth in our community. I hear them say, "I helped tear down this community, and set a poor example for the youth, and I want to help change that". An opportunity was created for a select number of returning citizens to volunteer at the Montgomery County Juvenile Court Evening Reporting Center. The feedback I have received from the returning citizens that have volunteered at this program is heartfelt. Many returning citizens encounter similar frustrations as the probation officer in trying to help the youth population. In return, the returning citizens have been able to build their live learning experiences and grow in areas that benefit them in their quest for more change."

Kristen Keyer
US Probation Officer

Youth Success Story - Youth Briauna Lawless was one of the very first ERC referrals. Briauna has been referred back to the ERC on four (4) occasions, and has successfully completed programming each time. Briauna is able to identify strengths and weakness, and able to modify negative behaviors contributing to her delinquency through some of the skills acquired while in programming at the ERC. Briauna requested to return to ERC programming to engage in a pro social, structured environment. Briauna successfully graduated from Drug Court programming in February 2016, and successfully terminated Probation. To date, Briauna solicits and maintains healthy relationships with ERC staff, seeking advice and input.



Program Success Story - One of the initial challenges facing the ERC was the daunting task of transportation. All ERC youth ordered into programming are required to be transported to and from programming by ERC staff. Staff manages the responsibility of ensuring all youth are transported to programming daily from schools, home, or work, and returned to the designated locations at the completion of programming. All barriers to transportation have been managed and successfully overcome, ensuring timely transport to programming and returning all youth home safely at program completion.



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