

Carbon County Drug Treatment Court Policies & Procedures Manual

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What Is the Carbon County Drug Treatment Court?

The Carbon County Drug Treatment Court (DTC) was started in January 2019 to address the growing number of substance addicted/abusing individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The DTC represents a collaborative effort between the Court of Common Pleas of the 56th Judicial District, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the County Commissioners, the Carbon County Correctional Facility, the County Adult Probation Office, the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol, the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services, PA CareerLink and other community partners.

The DTC, through a coordinated response from all involved, promotes sobriety, recovery and sensitivity with a goal towards giving each participant the opportunity and the best chance of getting back on track as a healthy and productive member of society.

Mission Statement

The mission statement of the DTC is to identify and provide specific intervention for individuals with a Substance Use Disorder and/or Mental Health Diagnosis in the Carbon County criminal justice system while promoting public safety and reducing recidivism by improving the lives of the participants, their families, and our community.

The motto of the DTC is

"Making Recovery a Reality"

Goals

In order to sustain that motto, the following goals and objectives were established:

- 1. Identify and divert eligible criminal-justice involved individuals with Substance Use Disorder to evidence-based programs.
 - a. Ensure an identified individual with a Substance Use Disorder in the Carbon County Criminal Justice System is aware of DTC shortly after a preliminary hearing.
 - b. Ensure applicants are assessed clinically and criminally in a timely fashion.
 - c. Ensure applicants who are deemed to be clinically and criminally eligible are admitted into the DTC and receive treatment in a timely fashion.

- 2. Improve the health and safety of the community.
 - a. Ensure applicants who are deemed to be clinically and criminally eligible are admitted into the DTC and receive treatment in a timely fashion.
 - b. Reduce recidivism of participants that complete DTC.
 - c. Maintain a high graduation rate for participants admitted into DTC.
 - d. Participants are required to "give back" to the community by completing volunteerism hours.
- 3. Connect Participants to Treatment and Resources
 - a. Ensure eligible participants are engaged in appropriate treatment.
 - b. Establish an appropriate support plan for each participant.
- 4. Improve the Lives of Participants
 - a. Participants will be informed of adequate and appropriate housing opportunities as needed.
 - b. Participants will become employed, enroll in school or provided vocational training as needed.
 - c. Participants will receive assistance to address and improve familial relationships and reunification.
 - d. Participants will provide periodic updates on themselves post-graduation.

Ten Key Components of the Carbon County Drug Treatment Court (DTC)

1. DTC integrates alcohol and drug treatment, and mental health services with the criminal justice system case processing

DTC promotes sobriety, recovery and stability through a coordinated response to the participant's dependency on alcohol, drugs and/or management of their mental illness. Realization of these goals requires a team approach. This approach includes the cooperation and collaboration of the traditional partners found in drug treatment courts and mental health treatment courts.

2. Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promotes public safety while protecting participants' due process rights

To facilitate the participants' progress in treatment, the prosecutor and defense counsel shed their traditional adversarial courtroom relationship and work together as a team. Once a participant is accepted into the treatment court program, the team's focus is on the participant's recovery and law-abiding behavior – not on the merits of the pending case.

3. Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the DTC program

Early identification of participants entering the criminal justice system is an integral part of the placement process into the DTC program. An arrest can be a traumatic event in a person's life. It creates an immediate crisis and can compel recognition of inappropriate behavior into the open resulting in denial by the participant of the need for treatment difficult.

4. DTC provides access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, mental health, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services

While primarily concerned with criminal activity, AOD use and mental illness, the DTC team also considers co-occurring problems such as primary medical problems, transmittable diseases, homelessness, basic educational deficits, unemployment and poor job preparation, spouse and family troubles.

5. Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and drug testing

Frequent court-ordered AOD testing is essential. An accurate testing program is the most objective and efficient way to establish a framework for accountability and to gauge each participant's progress.

6. A coordinated strategy governs DTC responses to participants' compliance

A participant's progress through the treatment court experience is measured by his or her compliance with the treatment regimen. DTC rewards cooperation as well as responds to noncompliance. DTC establishes a coordinated strategy including a continuum of graduated responses to continued drug use and other noncompliant behavior.

7. Ongoing judicial interaction with each participant is essential

The judge is the leader of the DTC team. This active supervising relationship maintained throughout treatment increases the likelihood that a participant will remain in treatment and improves the chance for sobriety and law-abiding behavior. Ongoing judicial supervision also communicates to participants that someone in authority cares about them and is closely watching what they do.

8. Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness

Management and monitoring systems provide timely and accurate information about program progress. Program monitoring provides oversight and periodic measurements

of the program's performance against its stated goals and objectives. Information and conclusions developed from periodic monitoring reports, process evaluation activities and longitudinal evaluation studies may be used to modify the program.

Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective DTC planning, implementation, and operations

All DTC staff should be involved in education and training. Interdisciplinary education exposes criminal justice officials to substance addiction/abuse treatment issues and treatment staff to criminal justice issues. It also develops a shared understanding of the values, goals, and operating procedures of treatment and the criminal justice system components.

Education and training programs help maintain a high level of professionalism, provide a forum for solidifying relationships among criminal justice and treatment personnel and promote a spirit of commitment and collaboration.

10. Forging partnerships among DTC, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances DTC effectiveness

Because of its unique position in the criminal justice system, DTC is well suited to develop coalitions among private community-based organizations, public criminal justice agencies and AOD and mental health treatment delivery systems. Forming such coalitions expands the continuum of services available to DTC participants and informs the community about DTC concepts. The DTC fosters system wide involvement through its commitment to share responsibility and participation of program partners.

<u>Traditional Court Characteristics versus Drug Treatment Court Characteristics</u>

TRADITIONAL COURT	DRUG TREATMENT COURT
The Court Team consists of a judge, prosecutor,	DTC Team is used to achieve goals to support
defense counsel, etc.	treatment interventions.
Adversarial	Non-Adversarial
Goal is to process the case; apply the law.	Goal is to restore the participant as a productive,
	non-criminal member of society.
The judge exercises a limited role in the	The Treatment Team will play a central role in
supervision of the defendant.	monitoring the participant's progress in treatment.
Interventions for substance abuse are at the	Formalized and structured treatment interventions
discretion of the judge.	are provided for each participant.
Relapse may lead to a maximum sentence.	Incentives are used to reinforce positive
	adjustment and sanctions are used in response to
	violations of the DTC program.

Referral Sources

Referrals to DTC may originate from, but are not limited to, the following sources:

- Police Officers
- Self-referrals
- Magisterial District Judges
- Public/Private Defense Attorneys
- District Attorneys
- Probation Officers
- Judges
- Family Members
- Jail Staff

Any referral should be made on a DTC Referral Form (Attachment 1) and submitted to the Treatment Court Coordinator.

DTC Team/Job Descriptions

The DTC team is comprised of the Judge, Assistant District Attorney, Attorney Representative of the Public Defender's Office, Adult Probation Officer, Adult Probation Treatment Court Specialist, Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol Representative or other authorized D/A Treatment Representative, Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Representative or other authorized Mental Health Treatment Representative, Pinebrook Family Answers, CareerLink and Treatment Court Coordinator. All members of the DTC team will sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The DTC team meets prior to each DTC session. At these meetings, the team will review all cases on the docket for the day. The review will include a clinical report as well as a report from the Adult Probation Officer. The meeting also assesses the status of difficult or complex cases in which current treatment and supervision do not appear to be effective. Decisions are typically made by consensus. Each member of the team plays an important role in the advancement of the participants in DTC.

• Drug Treatment Court Judge

The 56th Judicial District of Common Pleas agrees to provide a Judge who will preside over the DTC. The DTC Judge is responsible for adhering to the Carbon County DTC rules and all revisions to the rules, with special consideration being given to the promulgation of any community-based rules deemed necessary for the success of Carbon County's

DTC. As a member of the Carbon County DTC, the assigned Judge will actively participate in staffing of cases, preside over the court proceedings and monitor application of disciplines, sanctions and incentives while maintaining the integrity of the Court.

Assistant District Attorney (ADA)

As a member of the Carbon County DTC Team, the assigned Assistant District Attorney (ADA) will review all potential defendants for criminal eligibility, actively participate in staffing of cases, and interact in a positive manner to address pleas and the application of sanctions and incentives as they apply to the participant. Additionally, prior to a defendant's placement into the program, the ADA will determine which track should be afforded to each defendant charged with new criminal offenses; and depending upon which track is agreed on, what appropriate misdemeanor or felony offense will be reduced or dismissed/expunged upon the participant's graduation from DTC. The ADA attends all client staffing and judicial reviews.

Public Defender (PD)

As a member of the Carbon County DTC Team, the assigned Public Defender will complete orientation on all defendants accepted into the program and actively participate in staffing of cases to address diversions, pleas or recoveries and application of sanctions and incentives as they apply to the participant. In addition, the PD will attend Court sessions and ensure the participant's legal rights are appropriately protected. The PD attends all client staffing and judicial reviews.

Adult Probation Officer (PO)

As a member of the Carbon County DTC Team, the assigned officer will monitor accountability of social activities and the home environment of all participants, as well as maintain up-to-date records on each participant. In addition, the PO will provide frequent and random drug testing and make recommendations to the Court as to the appropriate sanctions and incentives. The PO shall supervise participants in DTC with the goal of facilitating prosocial behavioral change. The PO will identify and address criminogenic needs through targeted interventions. The PO attends all client staffing and judicial reviews.

• Treatment Court Coordinator (TCC)

As a member of the Carbon County DTC Team, the Treatment Court Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the Court by tracking and screening referrals, compiling

statistical data and preparing weekly paperwork for the Court. The Coordinator shall update all materials such as the Policies and Procedures Manual, the Participant Handbook and any other DTC documents that need to be issued. The TCC attends all client staffing and judicial reviews.

Mental Health Forensic Case Manager (FCM)

As part of the DTC Team, the case manager will be responsible for conducting an assessment to determine proper levels of care for Mental Health. The case manager will provide proper support in order for the individual to maximize their quality of life. The case manager will also conduct the initial intake interview in the correctional facility or community setting, appropriate referrals, liability information and completion of progress of notes, consumer contacts as well as ongoing services with coordination and monitoring for the duration of treatment court.

Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS)

As a member of the Carbon County DTC Team, the Certified Recovery Specialist is a self-identified person who has progressed in his/her own recovery and utilizes their own experiences to promote hope and optimism to peers facing substance use dependency struggles. Community based, a CRS is vital in beginning the transformation to a recovery orientated system of care, empowering individuals to recognize potential barriers to their goals and ways to overcome them. A CRS assists in increasing social support systems in families and communities, and links consumers with potential community resources and public assistance programs. The CRS attends all client staffing and judicial reviews.

• Drug and Alcohol Case Manager

As a part of the DTC Team, the case manager will be performing comprehensive drug and alcohol assessments to determine the applicant's proper level of care. The case manager will provide necessary support to the participant throughout the levels of care. This includes: visitation of the participant while inpatient (within a considerable distance), coordination of aftercare treatment upon discharging from an inpatient level of care, coordinating recovery support and necessary community support needs.

Adult Probation Department – Treatment Court Specialist

As a member of the Carbon County DTC Team, the assigned Clerk will be responsible for any supporting function of the DTC Team and will attend weekly staffing and Court sessions to take meeting minutes and complete data entry.

All team members, whether original or new, are required to complete at a minimum, the Essential Elements of Adult Drug Courts online training through the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI). New team members will be provided with a list of recommended training that they should complete within the first six months of joining the team. In addition, they must also complete a minimum of 6 hours of yearly training in at least one of the following disciplines: Treatment Courts, Recovery/Addiction, Illicit/Prescription Drugs, Alcohol, Ethics, Cultural Diversity, Mental Health, Trauma, or Ten Key Components. Training hours will be kept by the Treatment Court Coordinator.

Each team member will be responsible for dissemination of information to their respective agency with regard to confidentiality laws that apply specifically to the DTC participants. Likewise, the sharing of information between team members is a vital part of working as a team. Team members will also be charged with the education of other peer professionals on the program.

In creating this partnership and uniting in a single goal of addressing our community, the team members will pledge to enhance communication between the courts, law enforcement, treatment programs and other community partners and resources. Through this linkage of services, we expect wider participation and greater effectiveness in addressing clients with drug, alcohol and/or mental health issues that are involved in the Criminal Justice System.

Note: These policies and procedures may be amended at any time, but will be reviewed annually by the DTC Team. The team membership can be expanded at the discretion of the court.

Procedures for Entry into DTC – New Charges

- 1. A referral source identifies a criminal defendant as an individual with a Substance Use Disorder.
- 2. The defendant shall complete a DTC application (Attachment 2).
- 3. Adult Probation shall provide the defendant with the DTC Participant Handbook for review.
- 4. Once the defendant completes the DTC application, it is submitted to the Treatment Court Coordinator, who in turn, will provide it to the District Attorney's Office for a criminal eligibility review. The District Attorney's Office will render a criminal eligibility determination within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of the application and notify the

- Treatment Court Coordinator. If determined to be criminally ineligible, the application will be denied and there is no recourse for reconsideration.
- 5. Appropriate assessments will be performed by the Probation Officer, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol to determine the appropriate level of care, and the risks, if any and other needs of the defendant.
- 6. Once the DTC Team receives the defendant's request, it shall then consider approving placement in the DTC and make appropriate recommendations for the defendant's treatment plan.
- 7. Defendants are strongly encouraged and may be required to attend one Treatment Court session prior to being admitted into the program.
- 8. If approved for placement in the DTC, the defendant, counsel, if any and the Commonwealth will be notified accordingly, and a date will be scheduled for placement in DTC.
- 9. If the plan is not approved by the DTC Team, written notice will be provided to the defendant, counsel, if any and to the Commonwealth citing the reasons for rejection.
- 10. If eligibility is not established by the District Attorney's Office or the DTC, the defendant can request reconsideration pursuant to the reconsideration policy of this manual.

<u>Procedures for Entry into DTC – Supervision Violation</u>

- 1. A referral source identifies a criminal defendant as a substance addict and/or abuser.
- 2. The defendant shall complete a DTC application (Attachment 2).
- 3. Adult Probation shall provide the defendant with the DTC Participant Handbook for review.
- 4. Once the defendant completes the DTC application, it is submitted to the DTC Coordinator.
- 5. After eligibility determination, the Treatment Court Coordinator and Adult Probation Officer will determine DTC eligibility with regard to the type of charges and maximum custody/supervision time remaining.
- 6. Appropriate assessments will be performed by the Probation Officer, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol to determine the appropriate level of care and the risks, if any and other needs of the defendant.
- 7. Once the DTC Team receives the defendant's request and all assessments are completed, it shall then consider approving placement in the DTC and make appropriate recommendations for the defendant's treatment plan.

- 8. If approved for placement in the DTC, the defendant, counsel, if any and the Commonwealth will be notified accordingly and a date will be scheduled for placement in DTC.
- 9. If the plan is not approved by the DTC Team, written notice will be provided to the defendant, counsel, if any and to the Commonwealth citing the reasons for rejection.
- 10. If eligibility is not established by the Probation Officer or the DTC, the defendant can request reconsideration pursuant to the reconsideration policy of this manual.

Reconsideration Policy

Reconsideration requests must be made within thirty (30) days of initial rejection.

Reconsiderations are **NOT available** for criminal ineligibility determinations.

If a relevant party to the defendant's case (Defendant, Attorney, Judge, Probation Officer, etc.) feels that someone failed to consider a particularly important factor, he/she may complete a request for the case to be reconsidered for DTC. Only one such request may be made per case.

A Reconsideration Request Form (Attachment 3) must be completed and submitted to the Treatment Court Coordinator along with any supporting documentation and reasoning to justify reconsideration. This may include, but not be limited to, mitigating circumstances related to the crime(s) charged and psychiatric/psychological reports that may not have been available for the initial consideration.

Once the request for reconsideration is submitted, the Treatment Court Coordinator will forward the request to the Drug Treatment Court team for reconsideration.

Eligibility Criteria

Screening for entrance into DTC is available to those defendants who are detained at the CCCF, awaiting disposition of eligible criminal offenses, currently on pre-trial supervision or currently on probation/parole supervision. The following criteria has been established to identify defendants who may qualify for admission to DTC:

- 18 years of age or older.
- A resident of Carbon County (or residing in another county without a DTC within a reasonable distance to Jim Thorpe, as determined by the DTC Team) or alternatively a

resident of another county in Pennsylvania with a DTC willing to accept an eligible defendant.

- Be charged with any combination of misdemeanors and/or felonies not otherwise listed in the disqualifying criteria.
- Defendant voluntarily agrees to participate in, and be subject to, rules, regulations and sanctions of DTC.
- A validated Risk/Needs Assessment will be used to aid in determining the eligibility for DTC participation.
- Diagnosis of substance use disorder.

Disqualifying Criteria

Not every defendant is eligible for inclusion in DTC. The following criteria disqualifies defendants from inclusion:

- Where the offenses involve: murder, voluntary manslaughter, arson, Megan's Law offenses, crimes against children, kidnapping, aggravated assault (on police officers/Probation Officers), escape, robbery, assault by prisoner, and violent drug offenders¹ or drug offenders who sold drugs for profit. (DA reserves the right to use discretion when in regards to these offenses)
- Where the defendant is required to register as a requirement of Megan's Law (Adam Walsh Act).
- Failure to meet residency requirements.
- Defendant is not in need of treatment or is unwilling to comply with the treatment recommendations.
- Unresolved out-of-county or out-of-state criminal charges.
- Defendant has a medical condition or mental health diagnosis that does not allow for functional participation in DTC.
- Failure to provide an adequate transportation plan.

The District Attorney's Office, Probation Officer, DTC and DTC Judge all reserve the right to exercise discretion in considering other disqualifying criteria including, but not limited to:

¹ a "violent offender" means a person who – (1) is charged with or convicted of an offense that is punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding 1 year, during the course of which offense or conduct – (a) the person carried, possessed, or used a firearm or dangerous weapon; (b) there occurred the death of or serious bodily injury to any person; or (c) there occurred the use of force against the person of another, without regard to whether any of the circumstances described in subparagraph (a) or (b) is an element of the offense or conduct of which or for which the person is charged or convicted; or (2) has one or more prior convictions for a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force against a person with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm.

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sentencing requirements based upon the prior record score and seriousness of the offense, previous participation in a specialized treatment court, defendant's unwillingness/inability to terminate use of lawfully prescribed controlled substances (except MAT substances) or overthe-counter medications that affect the integrity and accuracy of drug screening and program participation and victim's opposition, if any, to entry into DTC. The Carbon County DTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Competency

If a defendant is referred to Carbon County DTC and there is a suspicion, at any time, that the defendant may not be competent to participate, as required by DTC, a referral will be made to the defendant's counsel to request a motion to have this issue evaluated prior to any further action in the DTC screening/assessment process.

DTC Program Entry Hearing

Once a defendant is approved for entry into the DTC Program by the DTC team, a hearing will be scheduled and held before the court. Prior to entry into the appropriate track, the participant must execute the following documents:

- 1. Stipulation for Entry into DTC (Attachment 4);
- 2. Release of Information Forms to allow the DTC team to track and monitor a participant's progress (Attachment 5);
- 3. A Participant Contract (Attachment 6);
- 4. A Verification of Content Understanding Form (Attachment 7);
- 5. Acknowledgement & Waiver of Due Process Rights (Attachment 8); and
- 6. Colloquies and Waivers as further outlined below.

Upon execution of the documents referenced above and after conducting the hearing, the DTC Judge will place the participant into the appropriate track and the DTC Judge will sign the appropriate order (Attachment 9).

Program Tracks

The DTC consists of four (4) separate and distinct tracks for eligible defendants. With the exception of the Recovery Track, the three other tracks are utilized at the discretion of the District Attorney's Office and vary in terms of the ultimate disposition of the charges of each participant.

1. Diversionary Track

All participants entering DTC through a Diversionary Track will execute a Rule 600 Waiver form (Attachment 10) and Written Colloquy – Diversionary Track (Attachment 11). For participants completing the Diversionary Track, charges will not be dismissed until the participant has graduated and paid any and all applicable fines, costs, and fees. It is the responsibility of the participant to furnish proof of final payment to their DTC Probation Officer. Once verified, the Office of the District Attorney will prepare the appropriate document for obtaining dismissal of the charges. Further, upon successful completion, the participant who entered into the program as diversionary may petition the Court to have their criminal case(s) expunged. The participant must pay the appropriate fee to the Clerk of Courts Office prior to the filing of the petition for expungement. The Office of the District Attorney will prepare the necessary paperwork for the participant's expungement. Failure to successfully complete aftercare may result in the District Attorney denying the expungement request. Any participant who enters into the Diversionary Track but fails the program and is removed from DTC will have his/her case returned to normal criminal tracking at the pre-trial conference stage.

2. Incentive Track

The goal of the Incentive Track is to give the participant a chance to work toward a better resolution of the charges if he/she adheres to all conditions set forth by the Court and successfully completes the DTC Incentive Track. This track is designed for the participant to enter a guilty plea approved by the D.A. and then defer sentencing with signed Rule 704 Waiver (Attachment 12) and Written Plea Colloquy – Incentive/Standard Track (Attachment 13) in order for the participant to complete the DTC Incentive Track program. Upon successful completion, the participant may be afforded the opportunity to withdraw his/her guilty plea and enter a plea to lesser charges. The DTC Incentive Track is designed to meet the needs of eligible participants who have prior criminal records or more serious charges that are better suited for the Incentive Track program rather than the Diversionary Track program.

3. Standard Track

A participant in DTC who enters through a Standard Track is one who does not fit into either a Diversionary Track or Incentive Track as determined by the District Attorney's Office. Normally, this requires a participant to enter a guilty plea to an appropriate offense approved by the D.A. and to have sentencing deferred with signed Rule 704 Waiver (Attachment 12) and Written Plea Colloquy – Incentive/Standard Track (Attachment 13) in order for the participant to complete the DTC Standard Track. The DTC Standard Track is designed to meet the needs of those eligible participants, who because of the charges or their record, are not suitable for either the Diversionary Track or Incentive Track and are otherwise facing incarceration. Participation in the Standard Track is an alternative to incarceration.

4. Recovery Track

A participant in DTC who enters through the Recovery Track is admitted as a result of a violation of supervision from a previous sentence imposed by the Court. It is designed to meet the needs of eligible participants who have been unsuccessful with probation/parole supervision and are in need of more intense and extensive treatment in lieu of incarceration. In this track, a participant acknowledges a violation of his/her probation or parole and agrees to have his/her Gagnon II Sentencing deferred with signed Probation/Parole Violation Colloquy in order for the participant to complete the DTC Recovery Track.

Program Phases

The DTC is comprised of five (5) separate and distinct phases totaling a minimum of eighteen (18) months of supervision, treatment and monitoring. All phases have been designed to provide a reasonable and clinically effective assemblage of activities and to afford periodic positive reinforcement of the participant by transition.

Each participant's involvement will be monitored by his/her probation officer. As each participant completes various aspects and requirements of each phase, the probation officer will note such in the participant's file and complete with the participant an appropriate Supervision Plan Form (Attachments 15A-F).

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
Duration: 60 Days	Duration: 120 Days	Duration: 120 Days	Duration: 120 Days	Duration: 120 Days
Court: Status	Court: Status	Court: Status	Court: Status	Court: Status
Hearing 1 time a	Hearing every	Hearing every	Hearing once a	Hearing once a
week	other week	other week	month	month
Probation:	Probation:	Probation:	Probation:	Probation:
minimum of 2	minimum of 2	minimum of 2	minimum of 1	minimum of 1
contacts per week	contacts per week	contacts per week	contact per week	contact per week
Drug Testing	Drug Testing	Drug Testing	Drug Testing	Drug Testing
minimum of 2	minimum of 2	minimum of 2	minimum of 2	minimum of 1 time
times a week	times a week	times a week	times a week	a week
Sobriety: 15	Sobriety: 30	Sobriety: 90	Sobriety: 90	Sobriety: 120
continuous days in	continuous days in	continuous days in	continuous days in	continuous days in
the community	the community	the community	the community	the community
Volunteerism: 15	Volunteerism: 30	Volunteerism: 30	Volunteerism: 30	Volunteerism: 30
hours	hours	hours	hours	hours
Curfew: 9 PM	Curfew: 9 PM	Curfew: 10 PM	Curfew: 11 PM	Curfew: None
Daily Journal	Daily Journal	Daily Journal	Daily Journal	Daily Journal
Create/update Su	pervision Plan with Pi	obation Officer and a	ctively participate and	comply with plan
		participate in treatmer		. ,
Participa	•	or other approved co		ort groups
		ments, or functions as		
	• •	er's license, wellness,		, 6, ,
Establish payment	Compliance with	Compliance with	Compliance with	Compliance with
plan	payment plan	payment plan	payment plan	payment plan
	(minimum \$50 a	(minimum \$50 a	(minimum \$50 a	(minimum \$50 a
	month)	month)	month)	month)
Complete	Seek employment,	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
application for the	education, &	employment,	employment,	employment,
next phase	training	continuous	continuous	continuous
		educational	educational	educational
		process or	process or	process or
		vocational training	vocational training	vocational training
Smartlink (Cell	Establish financial	Live within	Live within	Live within
phone based	budget	financial budget	financial budget	financial budget
check-ins and				
tracking)				
	Obtain stable	Maintain stable	Maintain stable	Maintain stable
	housing	housing	housing	housing
	Complete	Begin DUI	Continue DUI	Complete DUI
	application for the	requirement	requirements	requirements
	next phase			
	Smartlink for 30	Complete	Complete	Complete
	days (Cell phone	application for the	application for the	aftercare plan and
	based check-ins	next phase	next phase	graduate
	and tracking)			

Treatment Protocol

All eligible participants will receive drug, alcohol and mental health services through Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission, Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services or any other provider at the discretion of the Court, where required. The participant must comply with the recommendations of the treatment. If a participant must cancel an appointment, they must notify both the Provider and their assigned Adult Probation Officer of the cancellation and the reason why the appointment must be cancelled.

Probation Supervision Requirements

Each participant will be supervised by a member of the Carbon County Adult Probation Office while involved in DTC. It is expected that each participant will comply fully with all mandates and requirements of that supervision (Attachment 22).

Employment/Volunteerism

Participants are required to obtain/maintain stable employment no later than the end of Phase III of the DTC Program, unless excused by the DTC Team (because of vocational training or involved in an educational process) or determined disabled by the Social Security Administration. Those who do not maintain employment for a two (2) week period will be required to complete an additional five (5) hours of volunteerism work each week not employed.

Additionally, each participant is required to complete all volunteerism hours mandated by phase requirements. In addition, volunteerism hours may be imposed as sanctions for violating DTC rules. Participants must have volunteerism sites pre-approved by their Adult Probation Officer. Volunteerism hours will be verified.

In all situations, participants who are disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration will only be required to complete volunteerism hours as determined by the DTC Team.

Drug Testing

Drug testing is an important component of the Carbon County DTC program. Drug testing methods within the program include urinalysis, breathalyzers or any other means deemed appropriate by the Court. Drug testing within the program will be random and frequent. The frequency, type of test, and the substances that will be tested for will be at the discretion of the Probation Officer or the DTC Team. Testing may occur during non-traditional hours and requests for a sample may occur without notice to the participant. Participants reporting to Court or the probation office should be prepared to submit a urine sample. Participants will be tested a minimum of two (2) times a week during Phases I-V. The vast majority of the drug test will be administered and observed by the Probation Officer, but tests may be administered by others (e.g. treatment programs, sober houses, other agencies, etc.) at the discretion of the Probation Officer. Participants are strongly encouraged to report lapses to their Probation Officer PRIOR to submitting their sample. All test results will be reported to the DTC Team.

Incentives for consistent drug free samples may be provided. Sanctions may be imposed for positive drug screens. The type of sanction will be based on the sanction policy. Any refusal, alteration or failure to provide a drug test at the time requested, shall be viewed by DTC as a positive test result and the appropriate sanction will be imposed. If a participant fails to provide a sample, fails to report for testing, provides an adulterated sample or attempts to utilize a device that provides false urine, sanctions will be imposed. Any attempt to alter/tamper with a specimen will be considered a violation. If at any time throughout the collection process it appears that the participant is attempting to conceal any device used to alter/tamper or provide an invalid specimen, the Probation Department reserves the right to conduct a search of the participant. Confirmatory tests may be ordered upon request by the DTC Team. If a participant requests a confirmatory test which subsequently is confirmed positive, the participant shall be sanctioned to pay the cost of the confirmation.

Progress Hearings

During each phase of DTC, all participants are required to attend progress hearings in accordance with their phase requirements. A participant will be required to report at the next progress hearing following any violations which may result in a sanction. In addition, the Court may sanction a participant to increased attendance to progress hearings. The Judge will inquire of each participant's progress, providing incentives or sanctions if appropriate at that time. The Judge may also change conditions of participation, if warranted. Unless excused, participants

are required to remain in the Courtroom until all progress hearings have been completed. The participant will be given notice of their next required progress hearing appearance by DTC each time they appear.

Upon successful completion of each phase, the participant will be presented with a certificate and an offer to proceed to the next phase. Participants may leave early after they have received their certificate for phasing up. Upon completion of all five (5) phases, the participant will be eligible to graduate from the program.

Court sessions for progress hearings are held each Wednesday in Courtroom #2. Participants are <u>required</u> to appear as noticed and to show up on time, show respect to the Court, the DTC Team and other participants. It is sincerely discouraged to have children attend progress hearings. Participants are required to stay in the Courtroom for the duration of the hearings, unless excused by the DTC team.

Incentives

The purpose of providing incentives is to reward participants for positive lifestyle changes and for meeting program milestones/requirements. The following has been developed as a guide to assist the DTC Team in providing incentives to DTC participants in a consistent and fair manner. The DTC Team is not limited to the incentives listed on the guide and may consider other factors and incentives at their discretion.

Milestones

- 1. Acceptance into the DTC Program
 - Participants shall receive a DTC Wristband, Pocket Calendar and Journal.
- 2. Advancement in Phases (II through V)
 - a. Participants shall receive a certificate, Gift card (\$20) and a congratulations from the Judge.
- 3. Graduation
 - a. Participants shall receive a framed certificate, Gift Card (\$20), a DTC Coffee Mug and congratulations from the Judge.

Sobriety

1. Participants shall receive a round of applause in Court whenever they indicate the number of days sober (minimum of thirty (30) days).

2. Participants will receive a DTC token at 90-day intervals of sobriety (i.e. 90 days, 180 days, etc.). Participants will be allowed to leave early after receiving their token.

100% Club (Fishbowl)

Every first Wednesday of each month, those participants that have made all Court sessions, probation contacts, treatment appointments, and have complied with all other requirements of the DTC Program for the preceding month, will have their names placed in a bowl for a random drawing. The Court will read the names of those participants who have earned "100%". At least one winner shall receive a \$20 gift card. Additional incentives may be awarded if available.

Participants who complete any of the following will have their names added to the bowl for an increased opportunity to win:

- 1. Fines, costs and restitution paid in full.
- 2. Volunteerism completed for Phase.
- 3. Completion of a level of care treatment.
- 4. Completion of a specific class.
- 5. Obtaining a driver's license.
- 6. Obtaining and maintaining full-time employment (60 days).
- 7. Obtaining and maintaining stable housing (60 days).

Other Miscellaneous Achievements or Milestones

The DTC Team and the Court may provide additional incentives when appropriate, and at their discretion, for various other achievements and milestones. Examples include, but are not limited to, verbal praise from the Court, a round of applause in Court, permission to attend outings, allowance for a day/overnight trip or similar incentives.

Incentives are built into the Phase structure of the DTC Program. In addition to the recognition of phase advancement, as participants proceed through the phases, they will have reductions on program requirements, later curfews and the ability to leave Court earlier.

Sanctions

Participants who fail to comply with program requirements (honesty, supervision, treatment, urinalysis, etc.) will be held accountable through the imposition of sanctions. The DTC team will review the following questions to assist the team and the Court in determining the appropriate sanction for the non-compliant participant:

- 1. **WHO** are they in terms of risks and needs?
- 2. **WHERE** are they in the program?
 - a. What is their current phase?
 - b. Previous sanctions?
- 3. WHICH behaviors are we responding to?
 - a. Are they proximal or distal goals?
- 4. **WHAT** is the response choice and magnitude?
- 5. **HOW** do we deliver and explain the response?

Participant Input: The DTC Team recognizes that the participant is an integral part of the team. In determining the appropriate sanction, the team should ask the participant:

- What sanctions would be beneficial to you?
- What is something that has helped you to address this type of behavior in the past?

Sanctioning & Termination Criteria: The DTC Team recognizes that many offenders placed in the program have serious alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse/dependency or addictions and presents a serious risk to the community and themselves. DTC will make every effort to properly assess participants and to engage them in the appropriate treatment. Time will be taken during the sanctioning and termination review process to ensure that the participant's presenting treatment need was addressed and that responses were used based on the behaviors the participant could achieve as a result of his/her presenting diagnoses, commitment to treatment, and time in the program.

Increasing levels of sanctions will be used if and/or when violations of DTC program rules occur. Disciplinary actions taken by the DTC Team does not alter the status of a participant in the program unless consensus is reached by the Team which indicate further steps are necessary to manage inappropriate participant conduct.

Sanctions demonstrate that there are immediate consequences to inappropriate behavior. When possible, the sanction should be imposed at a Progress Hearing immediately following the infraction. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal admonishment from the Judge
- Written warning
- Letter of apology
- Worksheets
 - Missed appointments
 - Honesty
 - Program compliance
 - Readiness to change
 - Values check
 - Action check
 - Thinking check
 - Decisional balance exercise
- Essays
 - Triggers
 - My support system
 - Defining my addiction
 - Negative self-talk
 - Why do I want to change?
 - Definition of recovery
 - Drug refusal skills
 - Lying & dishonesty
 - The impact of my use on others
- Journaling

- Fee for contested confirmed UT
- Reflection hour
- Increased supervision
- Increased drug testing
- Increased Court appearances
- Additional hours of volunteerism
- Assessment of costs related to behavior
- Curfew
- Increased community restrictions
- Tour of morgue or similar location
- Round table
- Delay advancement to the next phase
- Restarting phase
- Smartlink (Cell phone based check-ins and tracking)
- House arrest/electronic monitoring
- Jail (sparingly)
- Termination

Depending upon the severity and timing of the DTC violation, the participant may be promptly detained with a hearing held as soon as Court becomes available.

The Team will decide on the particular incentive or sanction that is used. It is understood that while incentives are clearly positive motivators, the sanction chosen should also serve to increase the participant's likelihood of success in the program. For example, while increased attendance of reporting is listed as a sanction, this can be seen as a way of increasing the support the participant needs to allow them to succeed.

The amount of time spent incarcerated for a sanction shall not count towards credit for time served, if applicant fails to successfully complete DTC.

Graduation

Participants who have successfully completed all five (5) phases of DTC and have completed the *Application for Program Graduation* and the *Graduation Survey* are eligible for graduation. The Court may also require restitution be paid in full prior to graduation. Graduation ceremonies take place approximately two (2) times per year depending upon the number of participants who are eligible to graduate. Ceremonies will take place outside the normal Court session and all participants are required to attend. Friends and family are invited to attend and join in congratulating the participant on a "job well done".

Termination from DTC

Participation in DTC is voluntary. As such, participants may terminate their involvement at any time, however, should they choose to do so, they may be subject to different and sometimes harsher sentences and conditions resulting therefrom, including incarceration.

A) Voluntary Termination

The following must occur in order to terminate from the program:

- 1. The termination request must be made in writing (Attachment 17) and contain a clear and concise explanation as to the participant's reasons for opting-out of the program.
- 2. The written request must be submitted to the DTC Judge for consideration. Once received, the request is considered by the DTC Team and a final determination is made by the DTC Judge.
- 3. A verbal and written acceptance of the participant's request will be given to the participant during a scheduled hearing.

4. After the hearing, should the Court grant the request, an appropriate Order and Notice to Appear will be issued (Attachment 18).

B) Involuntary Termination

The Treatment Team will evaluate the totality of all factors prior to making a recommendation on involuntary termination. In the team's discretion, a termination recommendation can be based on one factor or multiple factors. Factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Behavior(s) which has resulted in a citation, summons, arrest and/or conviction;
- 2. A pattern of missed, diluted or positive drug tests;
- 3. Repeated or continued failures to comply with or engage in treatment or recommendations;
- 4. Repeated or continued failures to comply with supervision or other conditions of the Court;
- 5. Absconding from an approved residence;
- 6. Violence or threats of violence against anyone;
- 7. Multiple jail sanctions.

It is the responsibility of the DTC Team to determine whether a participant should be recommended for termination from DTC. The ultimate decision belongs to the Drug Treatment Court Judge. Written notice of a recommendation to terminate will be given to the participant and counsel, if any, and a proper termination hearing will be held (Attachment 19). If the Judge terminates a participant from the DTC Program, the appropriate Order will be issued and the participant will either be scheduled for pre-trial conference with the District Attorney's Office (Diversionary Track), scheduled for sentencing (Standard or Incentive Track) or scheduled for a Gagnon Proceeding (Recovery Track) (Attachment 20).

Prescriptions and Over the Counter Medications

Due to the high potential for certain medications to interfere with treatment and recovery efforts, DTC prohibits the use of all addictive medications. This includes the use of narcotic pain medications (Vicodin, Percocet, OxyContin, etc.), muscle relaxers (Flexeril, etc.), sleep aids (Somas, Ambien, etc.), caffeine pills, and the use of benzodiazepine medications (Xanax, Klonopin, Valium, etc.). Consuming diet pills is also strictly prohibited. Participants are not to consume any food item containing poppy seeds.

Participants seeking entry into the DTC Program are expected to consult their physician and/or psychiatrist to seek non-addictive medications with no abuse potential to treat conditions such as chronic pain and anxiety. Participants using such medications are subject to sanctions. Exceptions to this policy will be made only in extremely rare instances where there is a documented medically necessary or emergency treatment by a primary care physician. Participants who habitually seek exception to this policy are subject to increased sanctions and/or termination.

Participants of DTC may not take any dietary supplements or vitamins, as they may contain substances that would alter the normal color of urine or cause a positive drug test for illegal substances.

The consumption of salvia, morning glory seeds, K2/Spice, or any other such mood altering, synthetic/designed or hallucinogenic substance is strictly prohibited. All cough medications must be pre-approved by the Probation Officer. Ingredients such as alcohol, codeine, and dextromethorphan (DXM) are also prohibited. For a list of the medications not permitted in DTC, see Attachment 23.

Any medications prescribed by a doctor must be approved by the Probation Officer prior to use. The only exception is an emergency situation. All medications must be kept in the original container. Any non-approved medication can be confiscated by the Probation Officer. To ensure your doctor's awareness and cooperation, as well as your compliance with the DTC Policy, the participant should have the physician sign the medical form (Attachment 24). The participant must also sign a medical release form (Attachment 5) for each encounter where they seek medical or other treatment. The use of over-the-counter medications may also result in a positive test result. Participants are encouraged to contact the Probation Officer regarding the medications before commencing use.

Medication-Assisted Treatment

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) is an evidence-based substance abuse treatment protocol. DTC supports the availability for individuals to have access to appropriate MAT under the care and prescription of a physician. DTC recognizes that not all participants may have access to MAT due to a lack of physicians who are able to prescribe and oversee patients using anti-alcohol and anti-opioid medications. This will not preclude individuals from applying to DTC and where and when available, DTC supports the participant's right to access MAT. This right extends to participation in DTC and DTC encourages the involvement in MAT-related treatment by any participant with an opioid addiction, to the extent MAT is clinically indicated.

DTC will not deny any eligible participant access to DTC because of their use of FDA-approved medications for the treatment of substance abuse (e.g., methadone, buprenorphine products, including buprenorphine/naloxone combination formulations and buprenorphine monoproduct formulations, naltrexone products including extended-release and oral formulations, disulfiram, and acamprosate calcium). Further, methadone treatment rendered in accordance with current federal and state methadone dispensing regulations from an opioid treatment program and ordered by a physician, who has evaluated the participant and determined that methadone is an appropriate MAT for the individual's opioid abuse, will be permitted. Similarly, FDA-approved medications available by prescription must be permitted unless the Judge determines the following conditions have not been met:

- The participant is receiving those medications as part of treatment for diagnosed substance abuse.
- A licensed clinician, acting within their scope of practice, has examined the participant and determined that the medication is an appropriate treatment for their substance abuse.
- The medication was appropriately authorized through prescription by a licensed prescriber.

In all cases, MAT will be permitted to be continued for as long as the prescriber determines that the FDA-approved medication is clinically beneficial. DTC assures that participants will not be compelled to no longer use MAT as part of the conditions of the DTC, if such a mandate is inconsistent with a licensed prescriber's recommendation or valid prescription for FDA-approved medication.

Under no circumstances will the DTC Judge, other Judicial Official, Correctional Supervision Officer, or any other staff connected to DTC deny the use of such FDA-approved medications when made available to the participant under the care of a properly authorized physician and pursuant to regulations within an opioid treatment program or through a valid prescription and under the conditions described above. The DTC judge, however, retains judicial discretion to mitigate/reduce the risk of abuse, misuse, or diversion of these medications.

DTC files shall be kept in secured locations and in compliance with the Adult Probation/Parole Department's Policy and Procedures.

Ethics and Confidentiality Statement

DTC proceedings shall be kept confidential. The DTC Team agrees that a positive drug test or open court admission of drug possession or use will not result in the filing of additional drug charges based on that admission. As with meetings, participants are strongly encouraged to neither break anonymity nor disclose any information obtained during DTC proceedings.

Treatment providers are bound by ethical and confidentiality standards set by HIPAA, and state and federal confidentiality rules (42 CFR, part 2; 71 P.S. Section 1690.108; and 42 U.S.C. Section 290dd-2) and any other regulations that may apply. Participants sign informed consent forms permitting disclosure of treatment information concerning attendance and general participation in treatment, and relapse information. Specific matters discussed during treatment sessions shall not be disclosed.

Data Collection

DTC realizes the need to measure the program's performance outcome by utilizing the Problem-Solving Adult and Juvenile Court Information System (PAJCIS) to measure and to monitor the success and failure of program initiatives and objectives, and to give insight to any necessary program modifications and implementations. Currently, the program measures: ethnicity, gender, marital status, employment, education, community service, terminations, successful offenders, violations (new arrest and technical) and withdrawals, admissions, urinalysis, officer contacts and field work, risk and needs evaluations, incarceration days saved, and offenders in program phases.

DRUG & ALCOHOL RESOURCES

AGING/DISABLED ASSISTANCE

C-M-P Drug & Alcohol Services	610-377-5177	Area Agency on Aging:	
PA Treatment & Healing	610-377-8870	Carbon County	610-824-7830
Celebrate Recovery	610-714-9200	DPW Pharmaceutical Program	1-800-662-6080
NAR-ANON-For families of people with addiction		Long-Term Care Helpline	1-866-286-3636
	1-855-NAR-ANON	Eldercare Locator	1-800-677-1116
AL-ANON	1-800-344-2666	PA Senior Law Helpline	1-877-727-7529
Alcoholics Anonymous	1-877-934-2522	PACE (Prescription Assistance)	1-800-225-7223
Cocaine Anonymous	1-866-777-0983	Alzheimer's Chapters Helpline	1-800-272-3900
Directory for Sub. Abuse	1-877-807-9275	APPRISE (Health Insurance Counseling &	
Narcotics Anonymous	570-421-6618	Assistance)	1-800-783-7067
Penn AIDS Testing Info	717-783-4677		

FOOD ASSISTANCE

WIC (Women, Infant, Children)	1-866-942-8463
Beaver Meadows Food Pantry	570-455-6835
Ebenezer Evangelical Church	570-325-2855
St. Joseph/Divine Mercy	570-325-3731
Lansford Pantry	570-645-3416
Trinity Lutheran Church	610-377-4303
Zion Feed A Neighbor	610-377-1191
Ben Salem UCC Food Pantry	570-386-3870
Nesquehoning Pantry	570-669-9212
Palmerton Christian Action	610-826-1190
Sacred Heart St. Vincent De Paul	610-826-9756
Summit Hill Pantry	570-645-3604
Tresckow Food Pantry	570-454-8209
Weatherly Pantry	570-427-4113
St. Vincent de Paul	570-645-2664

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Action Committee	610-377-6400
Carbon County Housing Authority	610-377-9375
Peaceful Knights	610-393-2536
Rescue Mission (Allentown)	610-740-5500
Safe Harbor	610-258-5540
Salvation Army (Allentown)	610-432-0128
Victim Resource Center	610-379-0151
Family Promise	610-379-4757
Hope for Veterans	1-855-483-8466
Housing Resources	211

VICTIMS SERVICES

Victim Resource Center	610-379-0151
Domestic Violence Service Center	
1-800-424-5600 OR	610-379-0261

ID/DRIVERS LICENSE

Photo License Center	570-386-4394
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CLOTHING/FURNITURE

Salvation Army	570-668-0410
Mother Pauline's Thrift Shop	570-732-4313
Trinity Lutheran Church	610-377-4303
St. Vincent de Paul	570-645-2664

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Career Link	570-325-9960
CCTI-GED Class	570-325-3682
LCCC-Carbon	570-669-7010

Go online to www.pa211east.org for an Online Resource Guide

Other online services:

MakeTheConnection.net – website for shared experiences and support for Veterans www.myhealth.va.gov – Online access to health information www.ebenefits.va.gov – Online Benefits Resource

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CARBON COUNTY OFFICES		-Carbon County 610-577-9073	
Add to Declarity		<u>VETERAN'S SER</u>	VICES
Adult Probation Juvenile Probation	570-325-4226 570-325-2417	Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-2	772 9255 ontion #1
Children and Youth Services	570-325-2417	Justice Outreach	273-8255 option #1 570-472-5046
		Valor	570-645-2212
Domestic Relations	570-325-2681		
Bureau of Collections	570-325-3500	Veteran's Affairs	570-325-3986
Public Defenders Office	570-325-2343	NAFRICALICA	DE
Veterans Affairs	570-325-3986	MEDICAL CA	<u>KE</u>
Prothonotary Office	570-325-2481		
Elections/Voter Registration	570-325-4801	St. Luke's Gnaden Huetten	640 077 4000
District Attorney	570-325-2718	Campus	610-377-1300
Senatorial Office	570-325-3274		
O	R 570-740-2434	Karen Baer, LCSW	570-472-5046
		Veteran's Justice Outreach	
MENTAL HEALTH/COUNSELI	NG SERVICES	1111 East End Boulevard	
		Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711	
C-M-P Mental Health and Devel	•		
Services	610-377-0773	Scranton Vet Center	570-344-2676
Crisis 1-800-849-1868		1002 Pittston Avenue	
ReDCo Group	610-377-8525	Scranton, PA 18508	
-Spanish speaking staff available			
Northeast Counseling	610-377-9146	Women Veteran's	
St. Luke's Partial Program	610-852-4061	Coordinator 570-8	24-3521 ext. 27517
POWER/LEAP	610-377-3940	1111 East End Boulevard	
Behavioral Health Associates	610-379-0067	Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711	
PA Treatment & Healing	610-377-8870		
NAMI (National Alliance for Me	ntal Illness)	Suicide Prevention	570-830-7033
	1-800-950-NAMI	1111 East End Boulevard	
Co-op Drop-In Center	610-377-5799	Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711	
CMP Mental Health Warm Line	1-866-654-8114		
-for mental health support 6pm	-10pm daily	Military Sexual Trauma	
Care Net	610-379-0411	Coordinator 570-8	24-3521 ext. 27693
Suicide Prevention Helpline	1-800-273-TALK	1111 East End Boulevard	
		Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711	
TRANSPORTATION ASS	<u>ISTANCE</u>		
		Caregiver Support	
Carbon County Transit	610-776-7433	Coordinators 570-8	24-3521 ext. 27693
Easton Coach	1-800-990-4287	1111 East End Boulevard	
Lanta Van	610-432-3200	Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711	
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Pos		Post 9/11 Transition & Care N	⁄lgmt.
		Coordinator 570-824-3521 ext. 27693	
Social Security Administration	1-800-772-1213	1111 East End Boulevard	
County Assistance Office:		Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711	
-Carbon County	610-577-9020		
LIHEAP (Energy Assistance):			
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