

Mission Statement

To eliminate the overrepresentation of youth of color in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System by advocating strategies for policy changes, education programs, funding and technical assistance at the local and state levels.

Committed to strengthening the relationship between youth and law enforcement.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

Describes the higher rate of involvement of youth of color at a particular decision point in the Juvenile Justice System when compared with the previous decision point and when compared to the rate at which non-Hispanic White youth appear at the same decision points.

ModelsforChange

Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice



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Luzerne County DMC

A collaboration of system and community stakeholders committed to reducing the overrepresentation of youth of color in the Juvenile Justice System by promoting more respectful, safer interactions between youth and law



LUZERNE COUNTY DMC
UNITY THROUGH UNDERSTANDING



"Law enforcement officers are learning that the overwhelming majority of young people have tremendous potential and ...Young people learn that law enforcement officers really care about their communities."

~ George Mosee, Jr.,

Esq.

(President, Pennsylvania DMC Youth/Law Enforcement Corporation)

DMC Work Group Partners:

Luzerne County Juvenile Probation
Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas
Luzerne County District Attorney's Office
Luzerne County Public Defender's Office
Luzerne County Juvenile Justice Task Force
Luzerne County Sheriff's Office
Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18
Pennsylvania State Police
Wilkes-Barre City Police Department
Hazleton City Police Department
Rice Township Police Department
Fairview Township Police Department
Wright Township Police Department
West Pittston Police Department
Hanover Township Police Department
Wilkes-Barre Area School District
Hazleton Area School District
Wilkes University
King's College
Children's Service Center
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Hazleton One Community Center

Goals

- To ensure equal and fair treatment for every youth in the Juvenile Justice System regardless of race and ethnicity.
- Reduce the number of volatile interactions between youth and officers on the street, to decrease arrests of minority youth, and to diminish the chance of injuries to officers and youth on the street.
- Host forums which provide an opportunity for youth and officers to be heard and to consider each other's views without endorsing either side as completely right or wrong.



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