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If you have general questions about the Juvenile Court process when considering the Diversion program, you can contact Jennifer Houlden at the Lancaster County Public Defender, whose office represents youth in Juvenile Court, at 402-441-7631

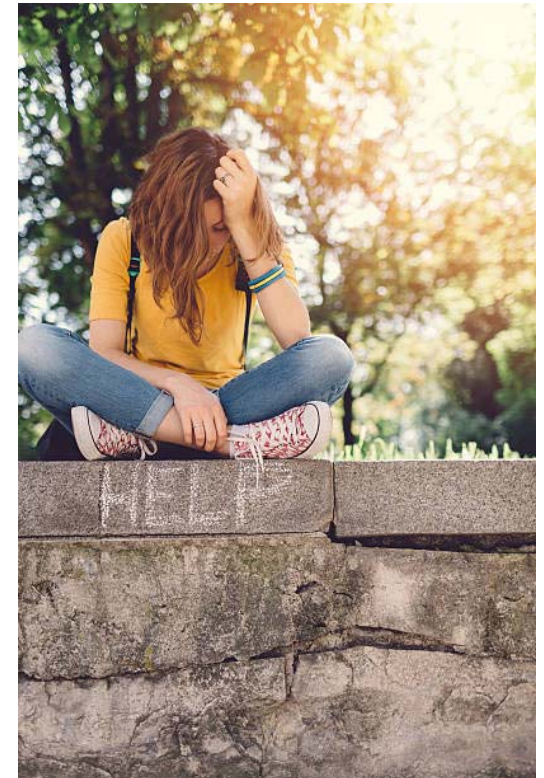
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- *Suicide, substance use, and mental health helpline is available 24/7. This is a free, confidential resource you can access any time day or night.*

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Youth Mental Health Diversion (YMHD)

- Is a court-alternative voluntary program for juveniles who have received a referral for a law violation that meets program eligibility requirements.
- There is no cost to participate in the program
- Treatment/assessments will first be billed to Medicaid or private insurance, but if these are not an option then services will be paid for by the program.
- All youth will be case managed by the CenterPointe team; however, if a youth and/or family is currently working with another treatment provider or prefers to work with another treatment provider, families will have that option.

Program requirements for juveniles participating in YMHD services will include:

- Participating in mental health or substance abuse evaluations
- Attend treatment and comply with treatment recommendations
- Engage with CenterPointe YMHD Therapist and Peer Support Specialist
- If applicable complete victim reparation requirements (e.g., apology letter, restitution)

The duration of the program depends on the nature of the offense, the youth's treatment plan requirements, and individual needs.

- The maximum time in the program shall be long enough to effect a change in the youth.
- Time in program shall never exceed 1 year.
- There is no minimum duration.

With successful completion of the program, the prosecuting attorney agrees not to file any charges on the offense that was diverted.

Failure to complete the program successfully could lead to the prosecuting attorney filing criminal charges on the offense(s).

Eligibility Requirements

- Between 11 and 17 years of age at time of offense
- Legal violation must be of a certain type
- Accept responsibility for offense and acknowledge extent of involvement
- Willing to comply with all program requirements
- Has screened positive for a mental illness and/or substance use disorder or already has a verifiable diagnosis
- Current allegation(s) can be correlated to mental illness

