



Crossroads Probation Program

Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio

Summit County Juvenile Court

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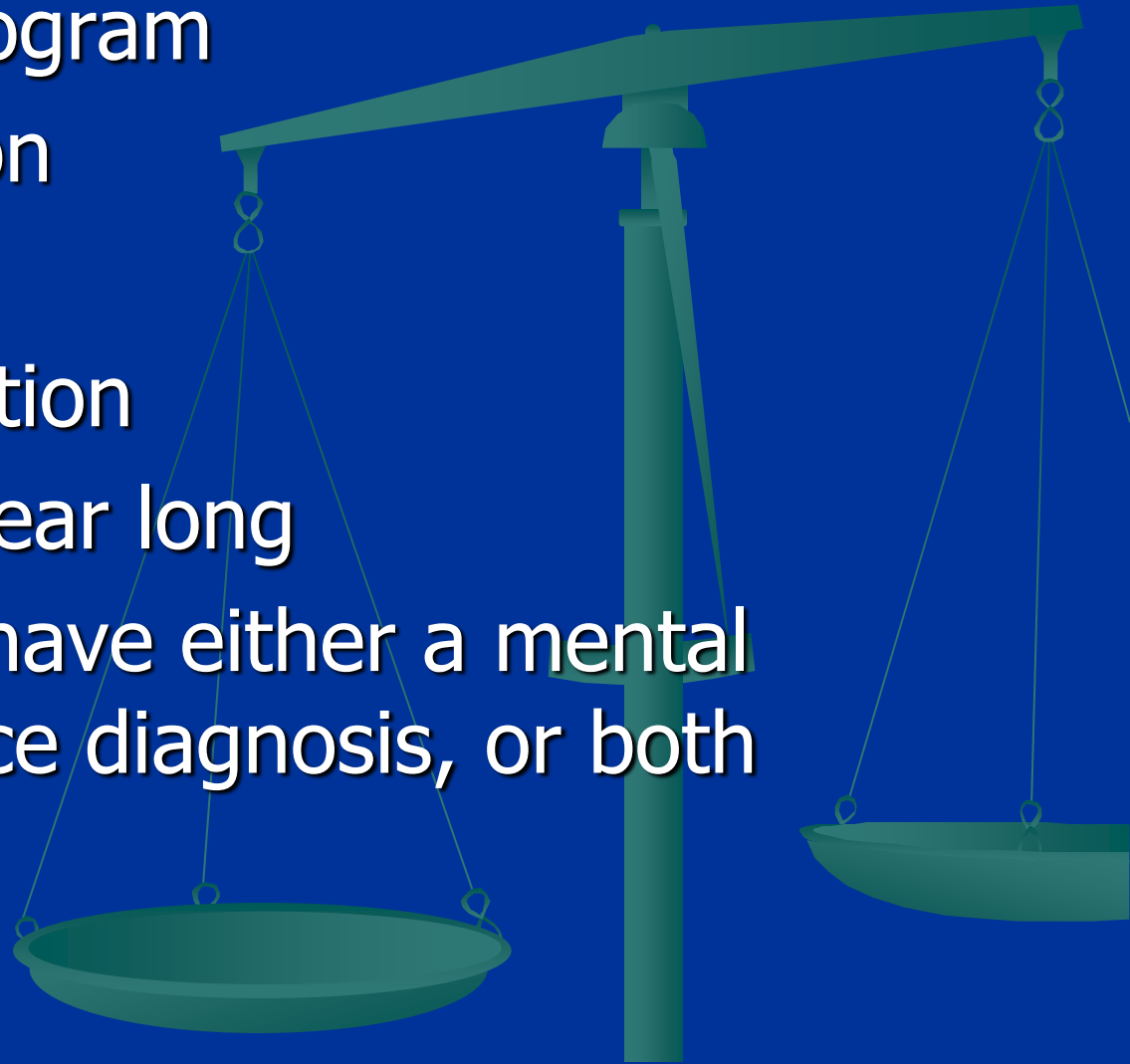
Crossroads Supervisor

Jessica Heropulos

Crossroads Probation Officers

What is Crossroads?

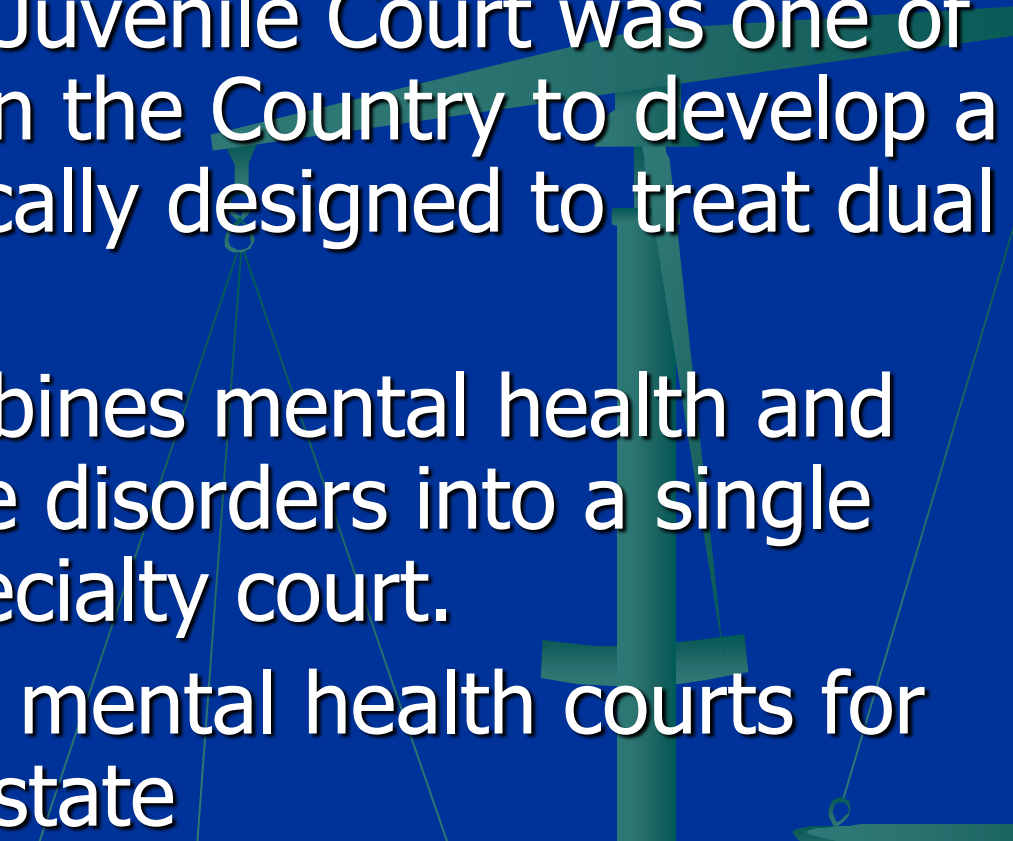
- Diversionary Program
- Post Adjudication
- Voluntary
- Intensive Probation
- Minimum of 1 year long
- For youth who have either a mental illness, substance diagnosis, or both



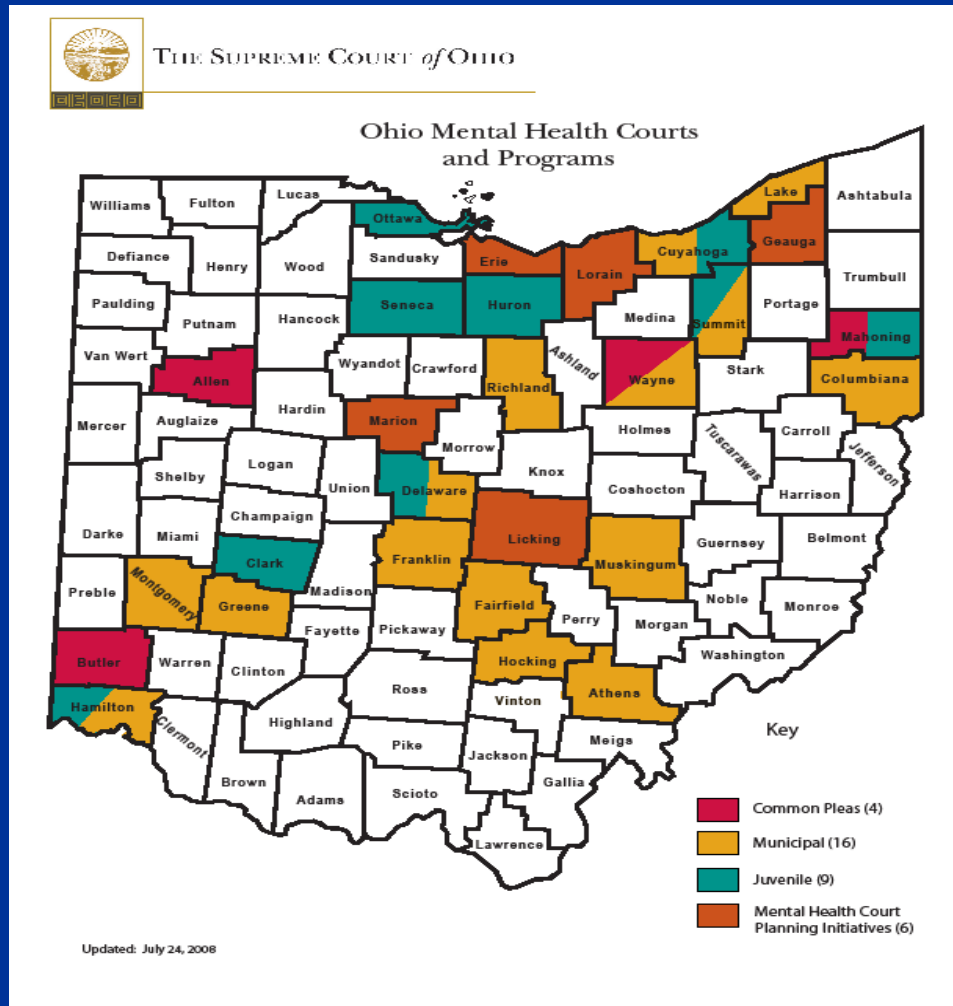
Crossroads origin

- Began in 1999 as a drug court program
- 2003 evolved into a co-occurring substance use/abuse & mental health court under the leadership of Judge Linda Teodosio
 - Response to growing need in community for dual diagnosis TX and programming
 - 80% of all youth in residential AOD TX have a co-existing mental health disorder

National Attention

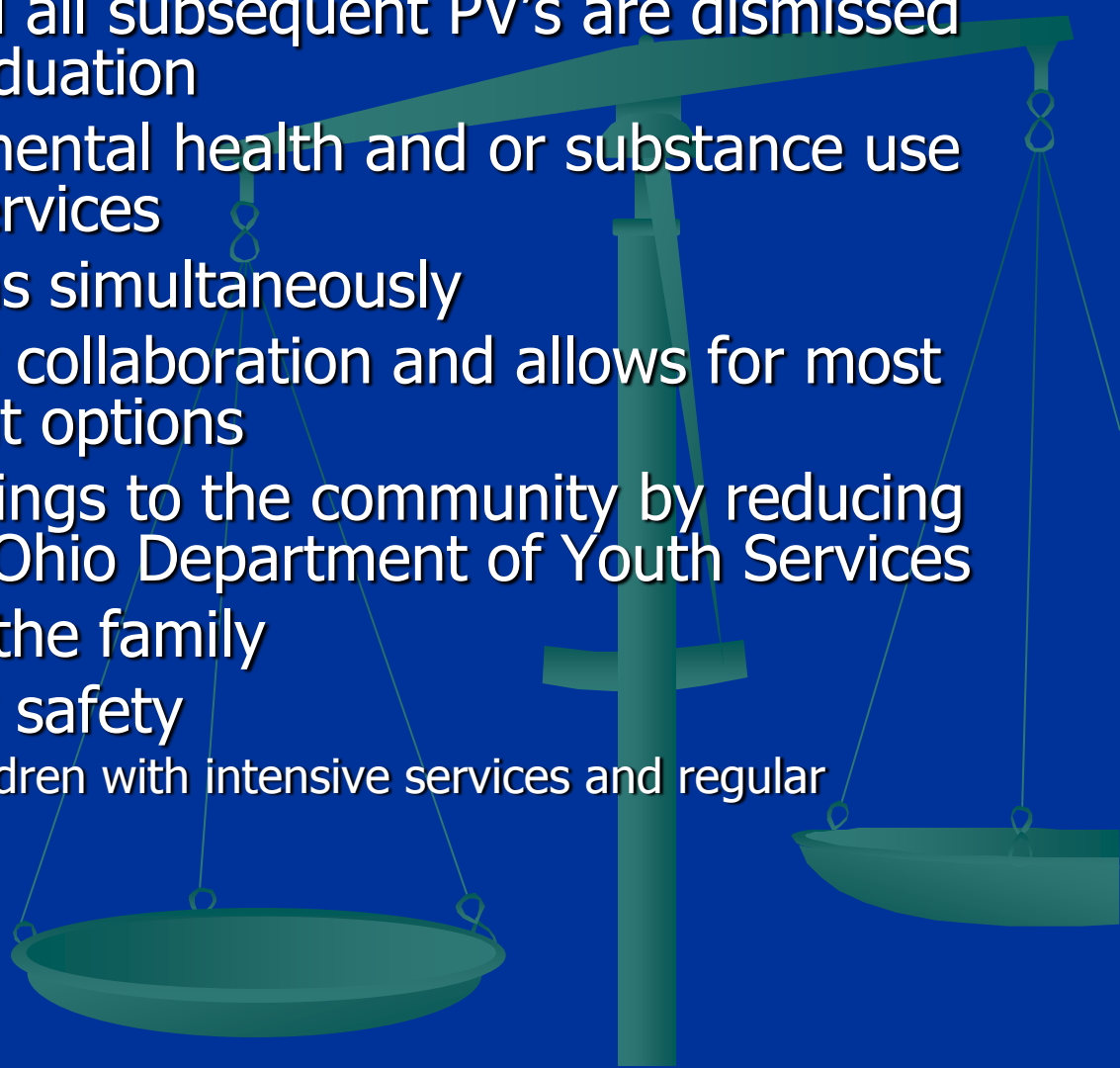
- Summit County Juvenile Court was one of the first courts in the Country to develop a program specifically designed to treat dual diagnosis youth
 - Crossroads combines mental health and substance abuse disorders into a single co-occurring specialty court.
 - Currently only 9 mental health courts for juveniles in the state
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Ohio Mental Health Courts



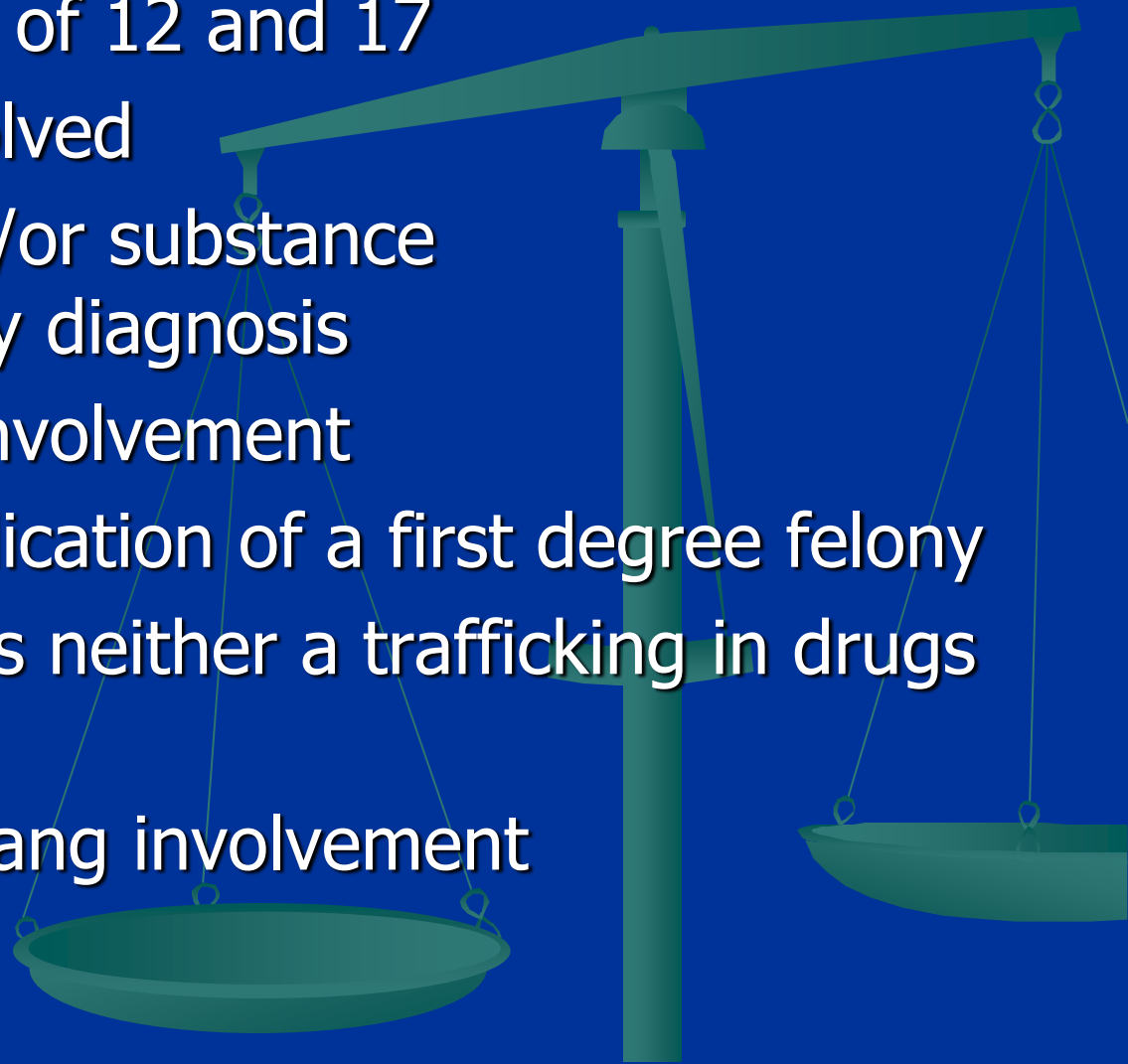
Why Crossroads?

- Admitting charge and all subsequent PV's are dismissed and expunged at graduation
- Addresses need for mental health and or substance use intervention, DX & services
- Treats both conditions simultaneously
- Promotes community collaboration and allows for most appropriate treatment options
- Promotes a huge savings to the community by reducing commitments to the Ohio Department of Youth Services
- Keeps the child with the family
- Promotes community safety
 - Provides at risk children with intensive services and regular accountability



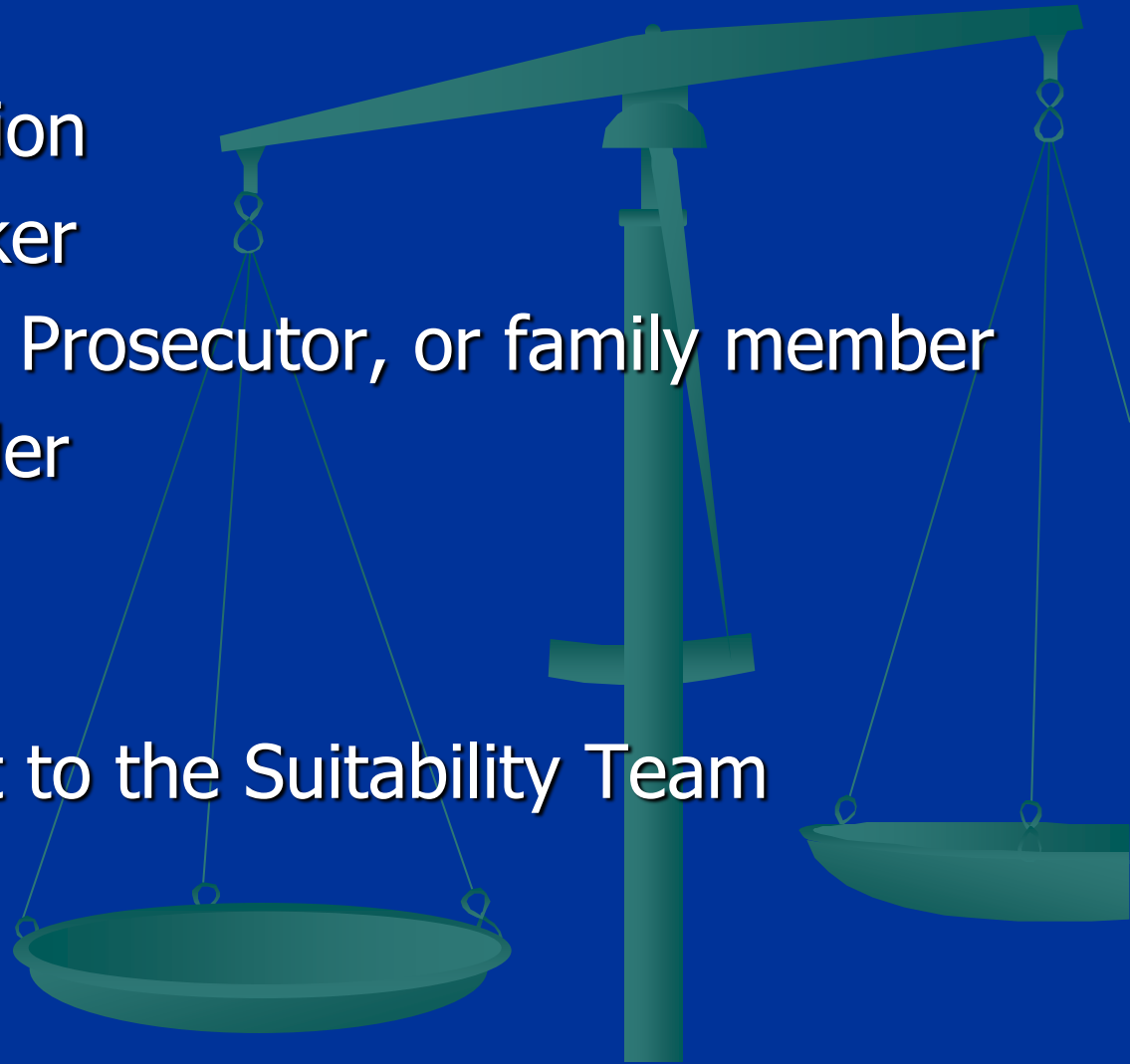
Is there a “typical” client

- Between the ages of 12 and 17
- Already court involved
- Mental illness and/or substance abuse/dependency diagnosis
- No proven gang involvement
- No previous adjudication of a first degree felony
- Referring charge is neither a trafficking in drugs or a sex offense
- No documented gang involvement



How Does a referral Occur?

- Traditional Probation
- Court Intake Worker
- Defense Attorney, Prosecutor, or family member
- Community provider
- School personnel
- Cases are brought to the Suitability Team



Eligibility Determination

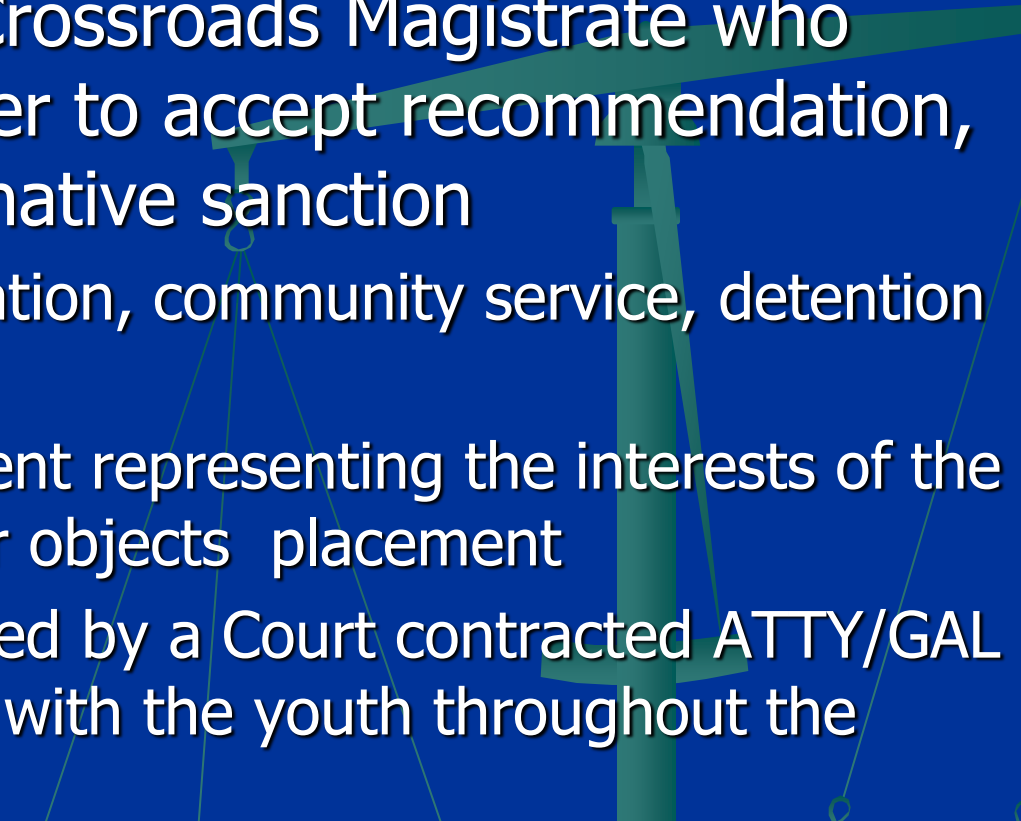


- The Suitability Team together determines if youth is “recommended” for services
- Team consists of:
 - Crossroads Supervisor & senior Probation Officer
 - Potential Crossroads Probation Officer
 - Contracted Court AOD Counselor
 - Court Psychologist
 - Existing PO or Court Intake Worker
 - ICT Supervisor
 - Court Felony Disposition Supervisor

Disposition

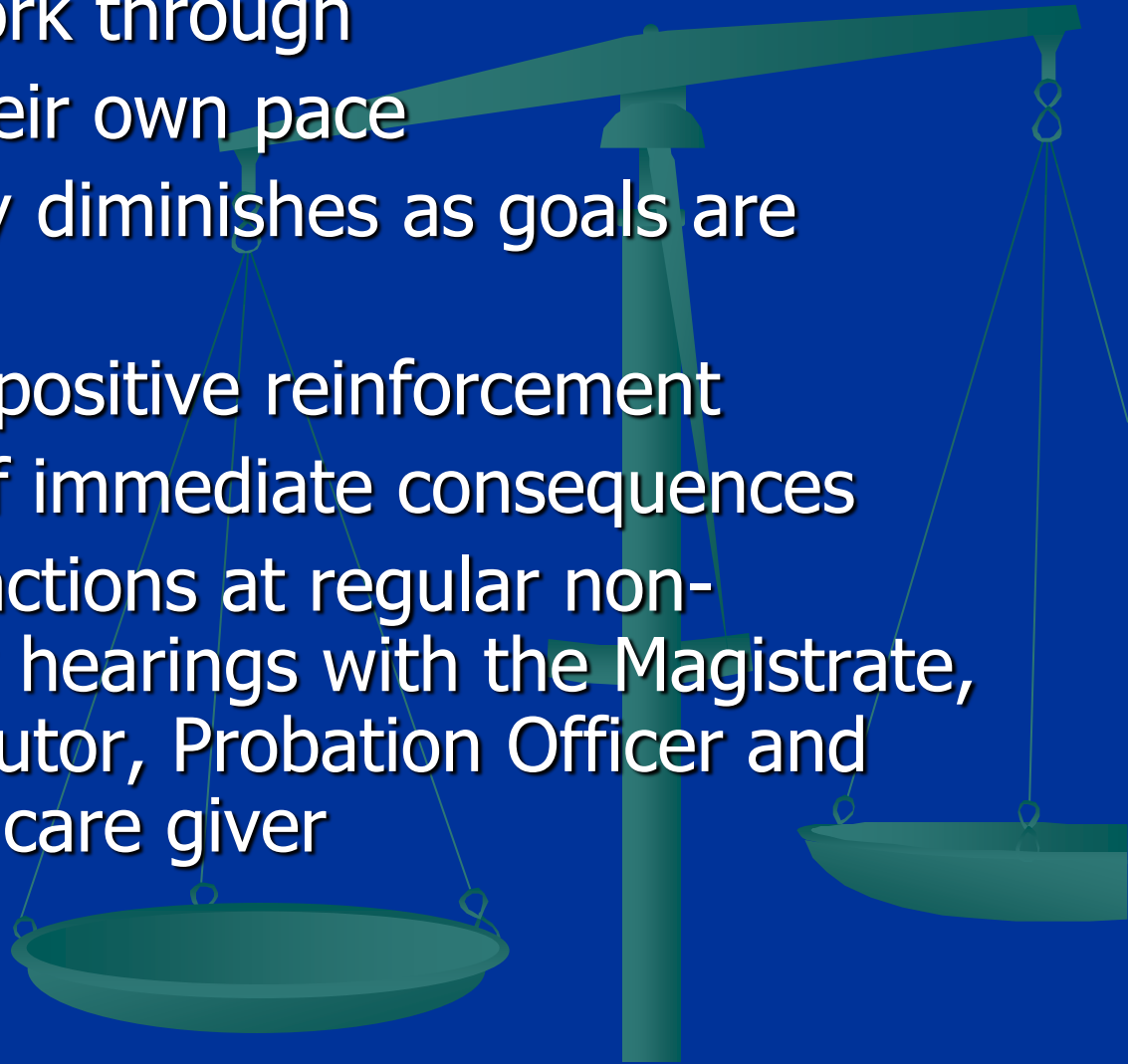
(Sentencing)

In to Crossroads

- Youth is seen by Crossroads Magistrate who determines whether to accept recommendation, or to impose alternative sanction
 - i.e. traditional probation, community service, detention time
 - Prosecutor is present representing the interests of the State. Supports or objects placement
 - Youth is represented by a Court contracted ATTY/GAL who then remains with the youth throughout the entire placement
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Program Structure

- Four Phases to work through
- Youth works at their own pace
- Intensity gradually diminishes as goals are achieved
- Consistent use of positive reinforcement
- Implementation of immediate consequences
- Accountability of actions at regular non-adversarial review hearings with the Magistrate, ATTY GAL, Prosecutor, Probation Officer and parent or primary care giver



Phase Descriptions

■ Phase I

- Must establish sobriety date
- Must comply with house arrest
 - No phone, cell phones, computer, visits from friends
- Must complete "self assessment" incomplete sentence exercise
- Report weekly to court for non-adversarial court review hearing
- Must make contact with PO three times a week in person
- Must make daily check-ins with PO
- Must be complying with school attendance and requirements
- Must be complying with counseling, tx, sober support, and medication

■ Phase II

- Maintain sobriety
- HA lifted and curfew implemented
- Wellness Recovery Action Plan initiated
 - WRAP used for all youth
- Court reviews diminish to every two weeks
- PO contact reduced to 2 times weekly
- Check-ins decrease to 5 per week
- Maintain school expectations
- Maintain compliance with counseling, tx, sober support, and medication
- Must be displaying overall improvement in behaviors

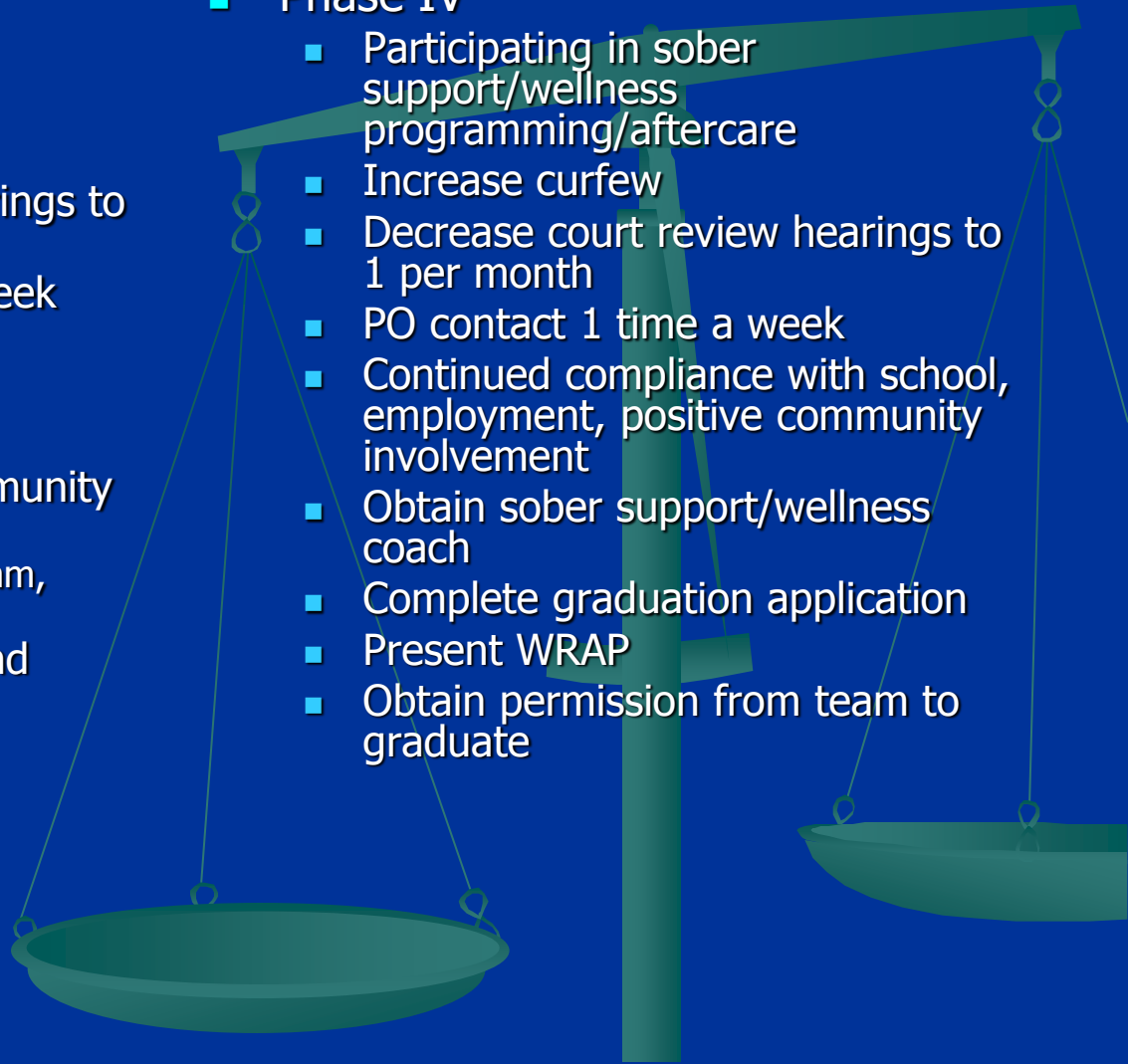
Phase Descriptions cont.

■ Phase III

- Maintain sobriety
- Increase curfew
- Develop WRAP
- Decrease court review hearings to every 3 weeks
- PO contact 2 or 1 time a week
- Check-ins 3 times a week
- Compliance with school requirements
- Job search or positive community involvement
 - Volunteer work, sports team, community service
- Continuing improvement and achievements

■ Phase IV

- Participating in sober support/wellness programming/aftercare
- Increase curfew
- Decrease court review hearings to 1 per month
- PO contact 1 time a week
- Continued compliance with school, employment, positive community involvement
- Obtain sober support/wellness coach
- Complete graduation application
- Present WRAP
- Obtain permission from team to graduate



Mission

Better not perfect

Program built upon a foundation of
accountability

Primary goal is to promote and reinforce
positive behavioral change

Focus is on wellness and improvement



How do we do that

- Use of positive reinforcement
 - Support of Women's Board*
- Immediate rewards & consequences
- Prize closet
- Kris's Kloset
- Parental support
- Community partnerships
- Service provider collaborations



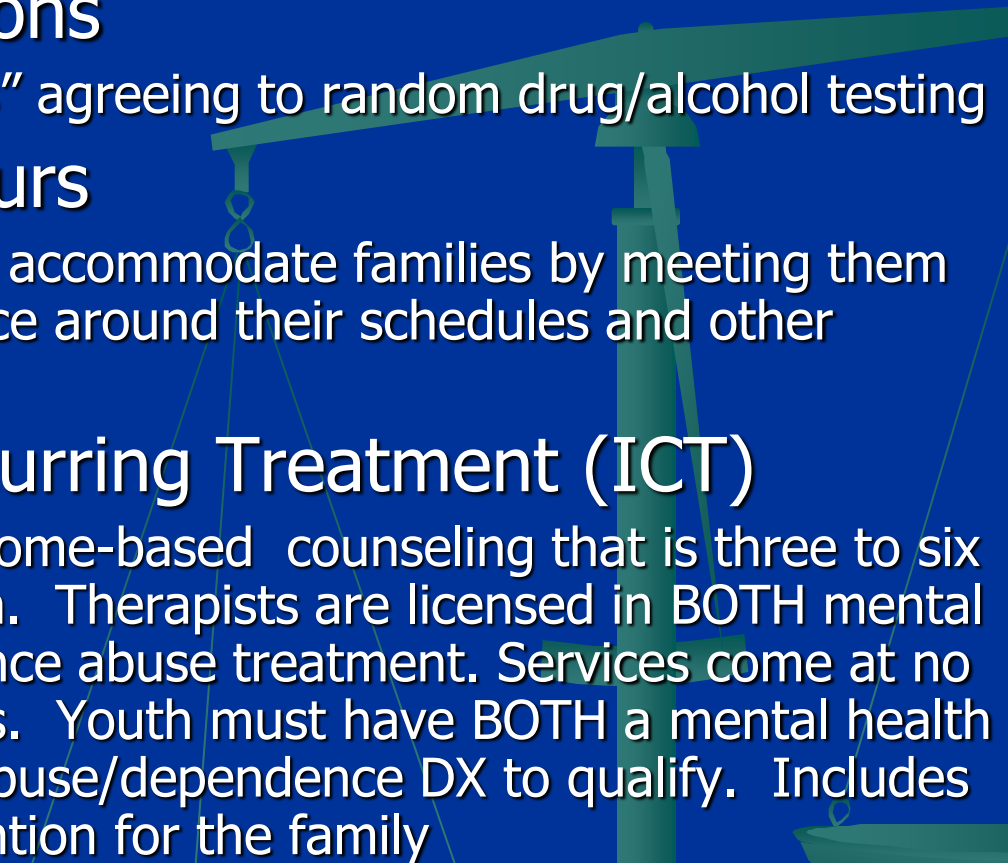
Community Collaboration



- Development of Treatment Plan in conjunction with any involved community provider
- Crossroads Team and County provider Agencies meet every two weeks to review each common child and make recommendations for needed care
- Participants at Treatment Team
 - Representative ADM Board
 - Child Guidance/Family Solutions ICT team
 - Community Health Center
 - Akron Health Department

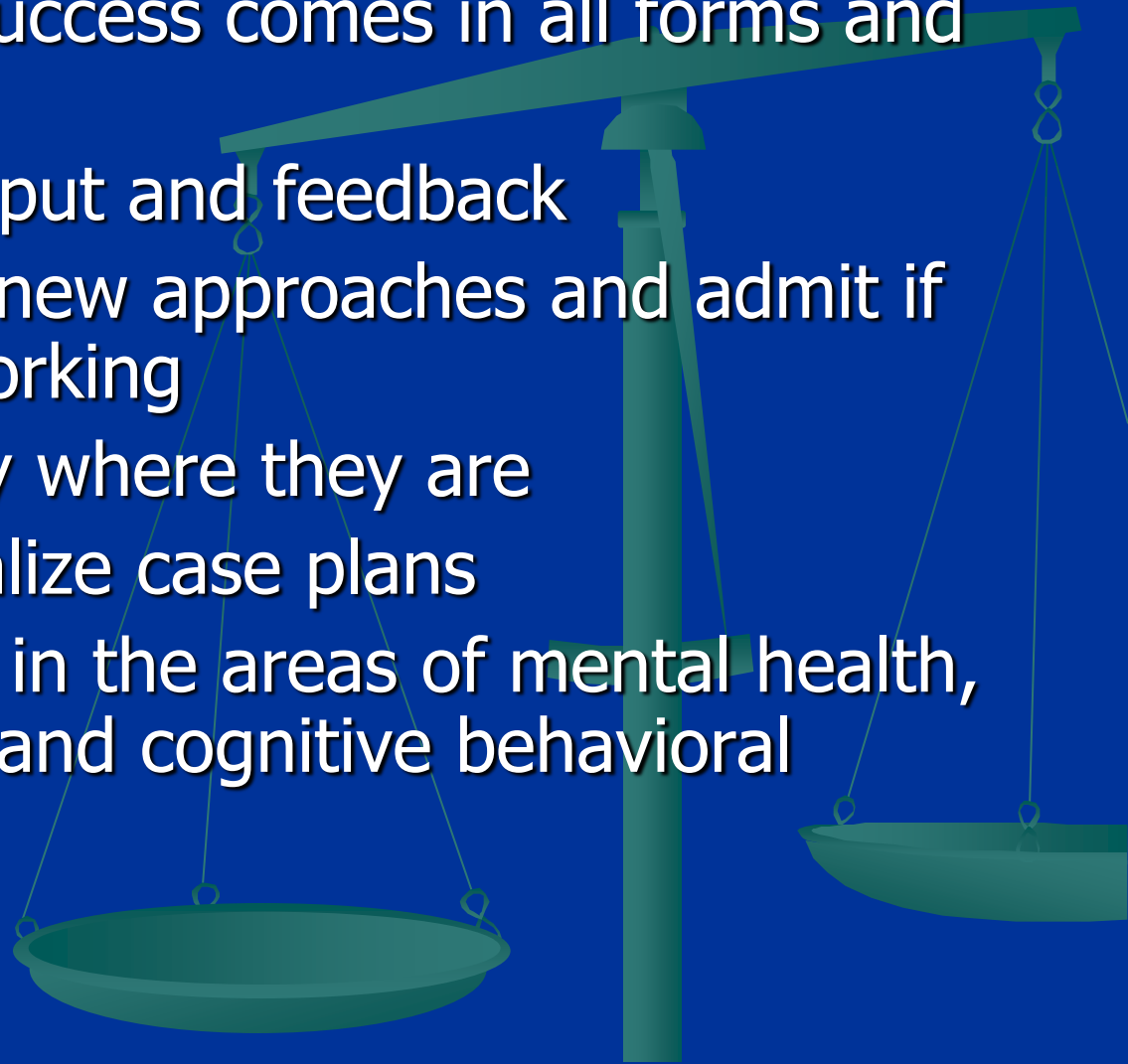
Any provider who shares a Crossroad's youth is invited to attend

What else you need to know

- Parental Expectations
 - Parents sign “rules” agreeing to random drug/alcohol testing
 - Non-traditional hours
 - Probation Officer’s accommodate families by meeting them at their convenience around their schedules and other commitments
 - Integrated Co-Occurring Treatment (ICT)
 - CG/FS intensive home-based counseling that is three to six months in duration. Therapists are licensed in BOTH mental health and substance abuse treatment. Services come at no cost to the families. Youth must have BOTH a mental health and a substance abuse/dependence DX to qualify. Includes 24/7 crisis intervention for the family
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Our biggest strengths

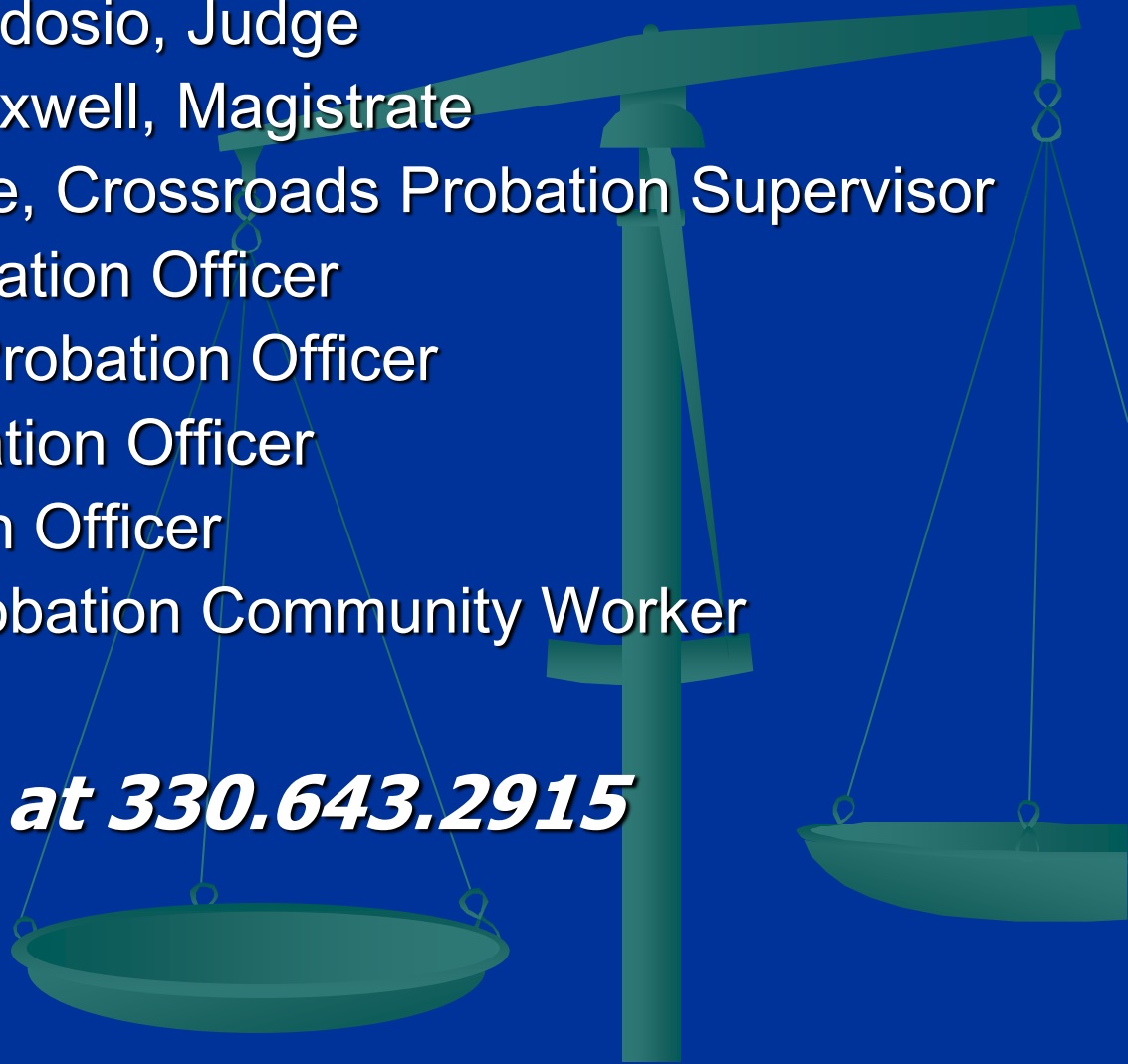
- Acceptance that success comes in all forms and faces
- Soliciting family input and feedback
- Willingness to try new approaches and admit if something isn't working
- Meeting the family where they are
- Ability to individualize case plans
- Extensive training in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, and cognitive behavioral therapy



Crossroads Dedicated Staff

- Honorable Linda Teodosio, Judge
- Honorable Kristin Maxwell, Magistrate
- Lisa Di Sabato-Moore, Crossroads Probation Supervisor
- Tremain Fields, Probation Officer
- Jessica Heropulos, Probation Officer
- Katy VanHorn, Probation Officer
- Mike Ward, Probation Officer
- Bruce Alexander, Probation Community Worker

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Thank you

