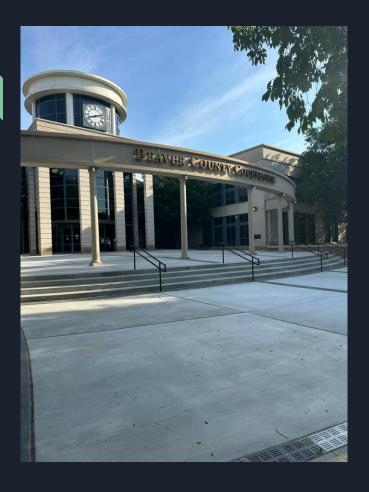
Practicum Tour



The location of my practicum was Beaver County Courthouse.

810 3rd Street, Beaver, PA 15009

Goals and Purposes

The goals for the internship are to get out of it what you want. Meaning you get to do more of what you are interested in doing versus just following a checklist. This purpose of this internship is to show you what this line of work is like.

My practicum was with Juvenile services



Hall outside the main office



Inside of main lobby



I spent most of my time in the aftercare department of Juvenile services.

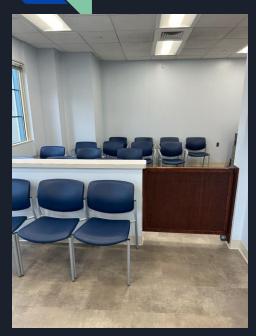
Aftercare mainly focuses on juveniles that have been placed in a treatment facility.



This is an office similar to the one I worked in.

When I was not in a court hearing or on a field visit this is where I was.

This is the courtroom that is used exclusively for Juveniles.



Where families sit. I also sat in this area.



Where attorneys, client, and judge sit.

Courtroom 5 is upstairs. It is used for everyone including some juveniles. Only felony cases make it upstairs unless there is a need. No felony cases are heard in the courtroom downstairs. All of the cases are heard in courtroom 5 unless there is a conflict of interest.





This is the board where you can see all of the cases for the day and which courtroom they're going to be in.



This is a vest that is worn by the officers when they do field visits so that they can be protected in case of emergencies. It also lets people know where they are from and why they might be there.







- This was the first site I went to called OutsideIn.
- There is a lot of open land that the juveniles get to help maintain.
- The boys and girls also live in separate buildings.



This was the second location I got to visit, called Taylor Diversion. This cabin is where the juveniles build stuff. They even have the opportunity to build their own cabin so that they can live on the property once they are able to leave the program.







RYYR is the ranch that I got to go to twice a week. They partner with the probation office to have a program for the juveniles who are on probation. The juveniles earn a stipend for being there to help offset court costs. As part of this program they help take care of the horses and land.



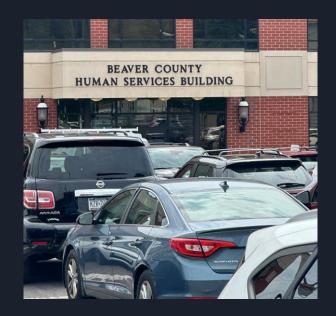
The police come to the ranch on the days when the juveniles are there to help bridge the gap. This helps the juveniles be more relaxed around the police and helps the police be more relaxed around the juveniles in public.





This is the sally port. This is where the juveniles are dropped off when they have court hearings. This is so they can keep their identity confidential and as little of the public as possible can see them.





In this building is CYS where I spent some time because they have a lot of shared cases with the juvenile services. Eventually this is where I want to work and because of the connections they have with juvenile services I got to experience what working in CYS is like.

Recommend? Overall Takeaways?

- I would recommend this site because the people I got to work with were very nice and allowed me the flexibility to get to see what I wanted to see.
- I feel like I got a lot out of this experience because of that opportunity.
- Overall I liked this site and got valuable information out of doing this practicum.