

**Westmoreland**

**Drug & Alcohol  
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## **Who We Are**

- **The Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission Inc., (WeDAC) is a private non-profit corporation that serves as the Single County Authority (SCA) for Westmoreland County. WeDAC is responsible for the entire drug and alcohol service-delivery system which includes various subcontractor agencies that provide direct services to the public. The SCA funds are utilized for the treatment of uninsured individuals and prevention services. The SCA is composed of staff working under the leadership of a Board of Directors selected from throughout the county. The SCA has worked to successfully develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of treatment and prevention services for the residents of Westmoreland County adversely affected by alcohol, gambling, tobacco and other drugs.**

## **WeDAC Initiatives:**

- **Oxford Houses- 3 Housing Units for Men and  
1 Housing Unit for Women**
- **Drug & Alcohol Mobile Case Manager at Excelsa Hospital**
- **Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Mini-grants**
- **Distribution of Yard Signs with a call for help number**
- **Remembering ADAM- “Pledge Together”**
- **Underage Drinking Strategic Prevention Framework State  
Incentive Grant- (SPF SIG)**
- **Council on Substance Abuse and Youth**
- **Partnership with the Westmoreland County District Attorney’s  
Office on Medication Collection Boxes.**



- Gateway Rehab of Greensburg provides outpatient (OPT), intensive outpatient (IOP) and Partial (PHP) drug and alcohol treatment to adults and adolescents.

## Gateway Greensburg Initiatives:

- **Vivitrol Treatment**
- **Continuing Care Groups**
- **Relapse Avoidance Outpatient Groups**
- **Gender Specific Outpatient Groups**

# Outside In

The Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc. is a private non-profit organization dedicated to bettering the communities in western and central Pennsylvania by providing effective human services for youth and families. Outside In began providing innovative programs in 1985 and now offers a continuum of care that includes residential substance abuse treatment, outpatient substance abuse treatment including Multidimensional Family Therapy, Residential juvenile justice programs, in-home family services and an innovative weekend program.

## Outside In Initiatives:

- **Multi Dimensional Family Therapy (MDTF)**
- Inpatient substance abuse treatment to adolescent males who are referred by Juvenile Court.



# Behavioral Health

Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. d/b/a SPHS Behavioral Health operates as a county-wide multi-system agency, providing an array of behavioral health services specializing in outpatient and D&A case management services for over 40 years. SPHS Behavioral Health provides a continuum of services from evaluation and referral to recovery support services to outpatient, intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization treatment services. SPHS Behavioral Health utilizes evidence-based treatment and best practices based on the recovery model and specializes in consumers with drug and alcohol, mental health and co-occurring needs. Our services are designed to provide individuals and their families with the best possible care to meet their specific needs and are accessible throughout Westmoreland County including 6 locations and 17 school districts.

## SPHS Initiatives:

- **Prescription Medication Program**
- Westmoreland County Multi-System Day Reporting Center
- Certified Recovery Specialists
- Expansion of school-based treatment services
- Provision of services to the Juvenile Services Center
- Continual outreach and participating in school and community based events addressing the issues of substance abuse, mental health, and co-occurring disorders.

# Saint Vincent College Prevention Projects (SVCPP)

## Community Prevention Services of Westmoreland (CPSW)

SVCPP provides community and school-based prevention programs throughout Westmoreland County and is committed to creating, promoting and strengthening wellness in people and systems to prevent Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse (ATOD), Violence and other socially destructive behaviors using education, early intervention and community development.

CPSW is an agency of Westmoreland Community Action and its mission is to foster healthy lifestyles for all residents of Westmoreland County. This is accomplished by providing Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug (ATOD) prevention. CPSW provides substance abuse education and awareness, personal life skill development and alternative activities that help children and youth achieve a healthy, drug-free passage into adulthood.

- **Student Assistance Program**
- School-Based Curriculum Services
- School-Based Intervention Services
- **Parents RX 360 Presentations**
- Participate with Reality Tour
- Doctor Packet Project
- Drug-Free Workplace Presentations
- National Drug Take Back Days
- Professional Development Sessions
- Community Presentations
- Community Wide Drug Summits
- Media Outreach



# Judge Christopher A. Feliciani

Judge Christopher A. Feliciani is a 1988 graduate of Ohio Northern University, Pettit College of Law. He attained his Juris Doctorate degree in May, 1988 and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Ohio that same year. In November, 2003, Judge Feliciani was elected to the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County and was assigned to the Family Court Division. He has also been assigned as the Administrative Judge to the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau.

## Judge Feliciani's Initiatives:

- **Accelerated Permanency Treatment Program. (AFTP)**
- Procedural change of allowing the Family Court Judges to send parents to the Adult Probation Office for immediate drug screenings. This has resulted in the courts having immediate access to drug abuse and the identification of a drug or alcohol problem.



The Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging was created in 1967 and designated by the state to administer human service programs and opportunities to adults age 60 and older.

## Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging Initiatives:

- Community Care Transitions Program
- Education to Senior Centers



The mission of the Westmoreland County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services program is to provide the opportunity for each individual to choose appropriate services and supports which promote hope, growth, recovery, quality of life, and inclusion in his/her community.

## Westmoreland County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Initiatives:

- Criminal Justice Liaison (CJL) Program
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
- Crisis Response Center (CRC)
- Disaster Crisis Outreach Response Team (DCORT)

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# **LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES**

## **HB 1694 – Pharmaceutical Accountability Monitoring System (PAMS)**

- **HB1694 amends Title 44 (Law and Justice) to add a new Chapter 27; entitled Pharmaceutical Accountability Monitoring Systems (PAMS). The bill establishes a database in the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to monitor the prescription and disbursement of Schedule II, III, IV and V drugs.**
- **An advisory committee is created to provide input and advice to the department regarding the establishment and maintenance of PAMS.**

## **HB 1672 - Good Samaritan Law**

- **Good Samaritan immunity laws provide protection from prosecution for witnesses who call 911. Laws encouraging overdose witnesses and victims to seek medical attention may also be accompanied by training for law enforcement, EMS and other emergency and public safety personnel. Such legislation does not protect people from arrest for other offenses, such as selling or trafficking drugs. This policy protects only the caller and overdose victim from arrest and prosecution for simple drug possession, possession of paraphernalia, and/or being under the influence. The policy prioritizes saving lives over arrests for possession.**

## Naloxoen/Narcan

- Presently working on Legislation for Naloxone/Narcan.
- The intended use of naloxone is to prevent opiate overdose.
- Overdose prevention programs instruct pairs or groups of patients in naloxone administration and other emergency measures so that patients can assist each other. Prescribing staff may also provide written and oral instructions that patients can relay to their friends, family, or others who can help administer the drug in an event of an overdose. Instructions parallel information given to patients who may need emergency injections of insulin or epinephrine and are entirely consistent with the legal prescription of the drug.

These instructions include:

1. Information on how to spot symptoms of an overdose;
2. Instruction in basic resuscitation techniques;
3. Instruction on proper naloxone administration, and
4. The importance of calling 911 for help.

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# **STATE INITIATIVES**

## **Pennsylvania Overdose Rapid Response Task Force**

- **A Task Force convened by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) comprised of a wide range of stakeholder representatives including, but not limited to: Office of the Governor, Attorney General's Office, PA Coroner's Association, Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of PA, Drug Enforcement Administration, PA Department of Health, PA Department of Public Welfare, Police: Capitol Police/PA State Police, PA Association of County Drug and Alcohol Administrators, PA Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence, PA District Attorneys Association, Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, as well as representatives from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration.**

## Four Overdose Rapid Response Task Force Workgroups Were Established:

- Coroners Workgroup: This group will consider possible “presumptive” testing, how to include overdoses in general to the Methadone Death review form.
- Health Department Workgroup: This group will consider existing reporting systems and their usefulness/utilization in information sharing regarding overdose and best practices such as naloxone.
- Information Sharing Workgroup: This group will address possible avenues for information dissemination considering the various data bases that currently exist and how stakeholders can readily access information.
- Treatment Workgroup: This group will consider suggestions for “warm hand offs” to treatment and overdoses prevention strategies.