

TEEN COURT NEWSLETTER

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Role of the Pupil Personnel Worker

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Pupil Personnel Workers (PPWs) hold a unique and vital position within the school system. While their work directly impacts students, it also involves extensive collaboration with parents, community agencies, teachers, school counselors, school psychologists, and other educational specialists both inside and outside the school environment.



The primary focus of the PPW is to strengthen the partnership between home, school, and community to ensure that students receive the best possible services and educational opportunities. PPWs work to remove barriers that hinder a student's ability to access education effectively and achieve success.

Common barriers students may face include:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Displacement or homelessness
- Addiction and substance use
- Abuse or domestic violence
- Physical and mental health challenges
- Transportation difficulties
- Limited skills or academic readiness
- Family dynamics or instability
- Financial hardship
- Language barriers

PPWs serve as a bridge connecting families to resources and support systems. They partner with community agencies and organizations such as the Charles County Department of Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Housing, Charles County Sheriff's Office, local courts, Lifestyles, Inc., Center for Children, Catholic Charities, Center for Abused Persons (CAP), Children's Aid Society, and the Maryland Coalition of Families.

Within these agencies, PPWs often serve as the family's representative and advocate on interdisciplinary teams such as the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT), Child Protection Team, Local Care Team, and Infant/Child Mortality Team. In addition, PPWs collaborate with community groups including churches, sororities and fraternities, civic organizations (e.g., Lynx and Lions Clubs), food banks, restaurants, stores, and local small businesses such as transportation companies.

Through these collective efforts, PPWs help students reach their fullest potential and become productive, contributing members of society. PPWs are assigned to all schools in Charles County and provide ongoing services and support to students and their families year round.

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UPCOMING CLASSES

Mother Daughter Series - La Plata

Learn and experience the benefits of mediation, movement, and following your instincts.

This session's theme is Be Purposeful!

Next Class: Tuesday, November 04, 2025

Location: CCSO Headquarters Building



THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THE HYGENIE DRIVE A SUCCESS!



In October, Teen Court distributed the items collected in our 2nd Annual Hygiene Drive to the Charles County Public Schools Community School Coordinators to help students and families meet their basic needs. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort! If you are interested in helping on future projects please contact the Teen Court Coordinator.

DID YOU KNOW?

Teen Court partners with local experts to host information sessions for parents, foster parents, guardians, and educators on a variety of topics. Many of these presentations can also be brought to other venues, like HOA meetings, schools, and more!

**For more information on
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