

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Online Program for Offenders

Question (from Bradford County)

Here in Bradford County we have a newly elected DA and it looks as if he is interested in pursuing this online learning platform as a possible diversionary option. I was wondering if you can share this with the Chiefs to see if any counties use Adverts services and if so what are their impressions? If they use something similar, what is it?

Allegheny County

None

Erie County

Erie County uses NASP (national association for shoplifting prevention) online programming.

Lebanon County

None

Luzerne County

Luzerne County does not use these programs. Right now our diversionary programs are ARD and Treatment Court only. I think years ago there was a Retail Theft program. We are in the process of new pretrial planning and services, that may or may not include CBT but will be designed in a way to hopefully divert some from post trial/conviction supervision. It's very new.

Lycoming County

Lycoming Co. uses 3rd Millennium for retail theft.

Philadelphia County

I have not heard of Adverts. Here in Philadelphia County we have a CBT Program called "Choosing to think and thinking to choose. We actually have two trained instructors who present a 14-week course. The incentive for enrolling in to the program is the focus on behavioral changes; a step down in their reporting probation and they receive a certificate of completion. We originally only offered this in our high-risk population but it is now offered in our moderate risk population as well. We were also seeking funding to have this program to become available on line but that has not come to fruition. With COVID-19 we have not begun any sessions so far.

Snyder County

Snyder does not... We have T4C classes in house and we also use 3rd Millennium for all retail theft cases, however, none are used for diversion.

Venango County

We've been using Shoplifter's Alternative for adults and juveniles for many years.

<http://www.takeatheftclass.org/shoplifters-alternative-course.htm>

Westmoreland County

none