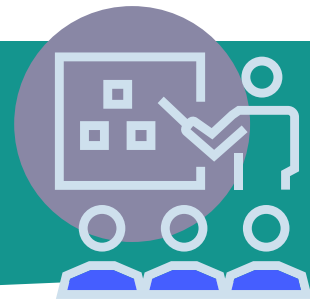


Pennsylvania Academic and Career/Technical Training Alliance (PACTT) 2022



PACTT seeks to develop the academic and career-related competencies of juvenile justice-involved youth by supporting affiliated human service agencies in Pennsylvania. The supports that PACTT provides are designed to help juvenile offenders gain the capacity to graduate from high school, transition to postsecondary schools or training, and/or obtain employment.

Initially established as a privately-operated initiative funded by grants, PACTT transitioned to Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services (BJJS) in 2014. BJJS currently provides funding and staffing for PACTT, which had grown from 23 affiliated agencies in 2014 to 69 affiliated agencies in January 2020. As a result of pandemic-related closures, PACTT supports 57 affiliated agencies as of April 2022.

All PACTT affiliates must meet PACTT's core affiliation requirements, including meeting specific PACTT-defined standards for providing youth with academic supports, vocational training, workplace experiences, and opportunities to develop soft skills. Starting in 2019, agencies may affiliate with PACTT in one or more specific areas that represent PACTT goals: academic instruction, job skills training, and work-related services.

PACTT Goals

Academic Instruction

Enhance programming; improve coordination with school districts; and promote practices aimed at accelerating remediation, credit recovery, and credit transfer.

Job Skills Training

Develop career and technical training programs that lead to industry-recognized certifications and certificates.

Work-Related Services

Develop work readiness and employability soft skills, and create employment opportunities for juvenile justice-involved youth.

PACTT Supports Provided to Affiliates

Support Staff

Nine PACTT staff located across Pennsylvania provide on-site supports to help affiliates achieve and maintain PACTT standards for academic instruction, job skills training, and work-related services.

Coordination with Districts

To minimize disruptions in schooling, PACTT has worked to improve the timeliness of transferring youth education records between affiliates and school districts.

Data-Driven Decision Making

PACTT provides affiliates with a standardized online database for recording data related to PACTT services. PACTT staff support agencies in using these data to make data-driven decisions.

Research

PACTT has funded annual research conducted by Philadelphia-based Research for Action aimed at understanding the connection between PACTT services received by youth and later academic success.

PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grants

PACTT has provided over \$5.3 million in grants between 2013 and 2021 to support human service agencies in developing their academic, job skills, and work-related programs for juvenile justice-involved youth.

Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Youth

Through partnership with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, PACTT has enhanced the accessibility of Pre-Employment and Transition Services to disabled youth served by its affiliates.



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PACTT in 2021

Affiliated Agencies

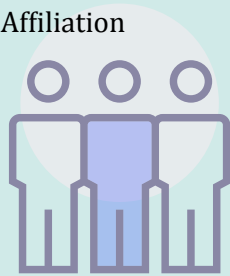
60 Affiliates

- 32 with Academic Affiliation
- 40 with Work-Related Affiliation
- 23 with Job Skills Training Affiliation

PACTT Staff

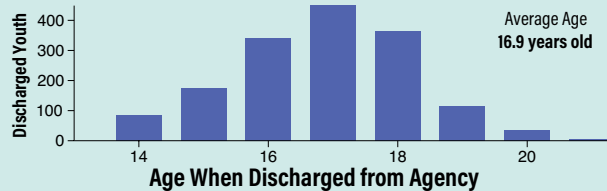
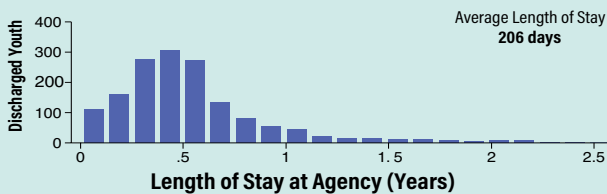
9 Staff

- 4 located in Eastern PA
- 3 located in Western PA
- 2 administrative staff



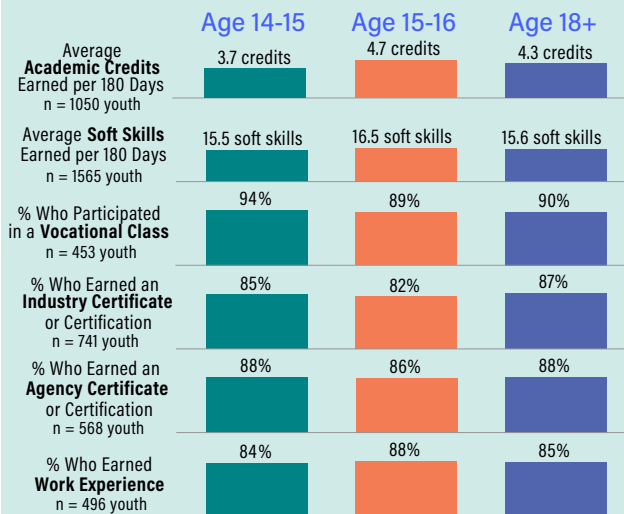
Youth Discharged from Affiliates in 2021

1,565 PA youth age 14+ at discharge



Outcomes for Youth Discharged in 2021

Each outcome is reported only for youth with the goal of participating in that programming.



High School Diplomas and GEDs in 2021

- Of 189 youth age 18+ with a goal of earning a high school diploma, 117 (62%) earned a diploma prior to discharge.
- Of 74 youth age 18+ with a goal of earning a GED, 47 (64%) earned a GED prior to discharge.

Youth Outcomes Available in Public Reports

PACTT began publishing public reports for each affiliate starting in July 2021. Each affiliate's public report describes the PACTT-related services received by youth discharged from their care during the previous twelve months. Public reports are tailored to the specific PACTT affiliations that each agency holds.

Public reports for agencies holding academic affiliation include academic outcomes such as percentage of academic transcripts received, average academic credits earned, and improvements in literacy and numeracy for discharged youth with academic goals.

Public reports for agencies holding work-related affiliation include youth outcomes such as the percentage of youth who completed career interest assessments and who participated in paid work-based learning experiences.

Public reports for agencies holding job skills training affiliation include youth outcomes such as the percentage who participated in a vocational program and the certifications and certificates earned by youth.

New public reports are published for each affiliate every six months and can be viewed at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/PACTT/Pages/PACTT.aspx>

Partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation

PACTT partnered with PA's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) in 2017 to provide workplace readiness training and job exploration and counseling to adjudicated youth with disabilities. Since 2017, the PACTT-OVR partnership has supported workplace readiness training for almost 4,000 youth, as well as instruction in self-advocacy, independent living skills training, and job exploration counseling for hundreds of youth.

PACTT and OVR have extended their partnership through 2026 with an expanded focus on developing summer programs for youth, collaborating with PA community colleges on career exploration programs, increasing accessibility to paid work experiences, and coordinating with juvenile probation officers on providing diversionary services to cohorts of youth.

Partners

- County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
- Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission
- Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers
- Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services
- Pennsylvania CareerLink