

Wood County Community Resource Coordination Group
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The Wood County Community Resource Group (CRCG) is a function that is mandated by law that the local Juvenile Probation Department either participate in or facilitate. The Wood County Juvenile Probation Department was made an active charter in 2019. Kim Carpenter and Melanie Whitehurst are co-chairs of the group, designated by the Wood County Juvenile Board, annually.

The purpose of the Wood County CRCG is to gather members from the community to be ready and able to fill gaps in continuity of care for children. It is mandated that any child under the age of 13, that has committed a crime and referred to the juvenile probation department, be staffed by a CRCG to give them the best possible chance of not becoming a part of the juvenile system. Some of the members that participate in the Wood County CRCG include, but are not limited to: CPS, Law Enforcement, UT Health, Andrews Center, Wood County Juvenile Probation, school officials from the school district the child attends, and psychiatrists or psychologists. A meeting is scheduled, invitations are sent out, and we all gather to speak about the child. The services that are being offered are discussed and all participants in the meeting listen to the family member, or the person that called the meeting, to ensure all services are being offered to the child and the family, to give them the best possible chance of success. Family participation is mandatory for the meeting and any future services provided by the CRCG.

Any child that resides in Wood County is a candidate for staffing. We can also meet to conduct staffing on transitional living situations, people that are disabled, and other circumstances. The process of getting a child staffed at a CRCG is quite simple. You would email or call the Wood County Juvenile Probation Department and speak to Melanie Whitehurst or Kim Carpenter. You explain the situation and why you would like the child staffed. We will then send out notices of the meeting. You will have to get the consent forms signed by the parent/ guardian and sent back to the office 24 hours before the staffing is to take place. If the paperwork is not received within 24 hours of the staffing, this allows the probation department to cancel the meeting.

Attached you will find the forms necessary to staff a child and the consents that will need to be filled out by the parent and sent to the office 24 hours before the meeting occurs. We are always looking for new members of this process and would appreciate any and all contacts to include in the email/ mailing system to notify them of a meeting that they can participate in. The members of the team sign confidentiality agreements and are not allowed to speak about the meeting, for the safety and confidentiality of the person(s) being staffed.

Should you have any questions about the CRCG process, would like to be added to the mailings, or like to staff a case, please contact Wood County Juvenile Probation at (903)-763-5772 and speak to Kim Carpenter or Melanie Whitehurst. You may also email Kim Carpenter k.carpenter@mywoodcounty.com or Melanie Whitehurst mwhitehurst@mywoodcounty.com