

CENTER POINT

Day Treatment Program at the Diakon Wilderness Center

Based at the Diakon Wilderness Center's 170-acre wooded campus in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, the Center Point Day Program strives to nurture change and growth in a challenging and supportive environment. The safe, community-based program features individualized programming for students who struggle in the traditional school environment. The goal of the program is for every student to be a successful graduate and a positive and contributing member of their community.

Participating students choose from either a career and academic approach or a school-based focus. Both offer training and experience in vocational training and employment; evidence-based family and competency development emphases, on-site drug and alcohol/mental health counseling; and therapeutic leadership development through adventure-based activities and restorative practices.

A recognized Pennsylvania Academic Career Technical Training (PACTT) affiliate, Center Point emphasizes instruction in career assessment, development and job placement through practice job interviews, development of a positive work ethic through community service initiatives, attaining work permits and needed identifications and even transportation to interviews and scheduled work shifts when able. Students are able to receive field-recognized certifications on-site through Center Point's vocational offerings, and complete off-site work place internships are available through established community partners.



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92% successfully returned to the home school district at or above grade level and/or who obtained their GED/diploma

99% successfully acquired career preparation and work-based experiences

99% of youth had families that were engaged in the program, as measured by reaching a family-based goal

98% students demonstrating positive academic progress as measured by improved attendance and passing grades (*includes credit recovery if part of academic plan)

2021 Juvenile Court Judges Commission Community-Based Program of the year

2022 Distinguished Program for Pennsylvania Department of Education