

Real Life | Real Issues: Juvenile Justice

WITF FM has begun airing a special series looking at the Juvenile Justice System with a particular focus on Cumberland County. This series is the result of a partnership between the Cumberland County Bar Association, the Cumberland County Bar Foundation and WITF.

The series kicked off on Monday, May 22, with a SmartTalk radio broadcast. The remainder of this **week's SmartTalk session will focus on various aspects of the Juvenile Justice System and Cumberland County's efforts.** SmartTalk is broadcast on WITF FM 89.5 at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. Archives of each program will be posted on WITF's website at WITF.org.

New stories about Cumberland County's Juvenile Justice System will be broadcast beginning Tuesday, May 23 and continue each day through Friday, May 26. The stories will air locally on Morning Edition at 6:52a/8:52a and locally on All Things Considered at 4:52p. The stories will focus on the following topics:

- Tuesday – Story one will be an explainer of the Juvenile Justice System;
- Wednesday -- Story two will be a profile of juvenile offender, Brandi Keifer, who received probation in November for six months. It will also talk with her mother about Brandi's problems;
- Thursday – Story three will be a look at some of the support system available to Brandi. WITF sits in on her sessions with her mobile therapist and probation officer; and
- Friday – Story four will be a look at Brandi's progress (if any) six months later and whether she has completed the requirements of her probation. Her mom discusses any changes she's noticed in Brandi's behavior.

A special web page for Brandi's story with photos and audio will go live on WITF.org on Wednesday morning.

CCBA members are encouraged to listen into the news stories and the SmartTalk programs and to call in with your thoughts and comments.