

WHO BENEFITS FROM TEEN COURT?

JUVENILE OFFENDERS:

Youth who successfully complete Teen Court can have the charge removed from their record. Youth are given the opportunity for a chance to prove that mistakes can be turned into positive choices.

PARENTS OF OFFENDERS:

Parents are no longer held totally accountable. The juvenile becomes responsible for his/her actions. Peers will be delivering the message that the behavior of the offender is not acceptable.

COMMUNITY:

The community receives the benefits from projects and community service work. Citizens are able to see teens being held accountable for their actions.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:

Youth gain a sense of responsibility as they encourage peers to stop behaviors that reflect on all teens. Volunteers also get a chance to participate in the juvenile justice system and examine possible career opportunities.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS:

Adults who choose to become involved with the Teen Court process are given a chance to help make a difference in the lives of young people.

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AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM



WHY TEEN COURT?

Teen Court offers eligible youth an opportunity to receive a meaningful sentence from a jury of their peers. This experience provides youth with an alternative to appearing in court and paying a fine. Teens will also be required to return to Teen Court to serve on the jury for other youth who have violated the law. The Teen Court experience will provide a more lasting impression for the youth involved.

Teens who successfully complete the program will have the charge dismissed. Nation-wide, 80% of all youth participating in Teen Court Programs have successfully completed their sentences.



WHO QUALIFIES FOR TEEN COURT?

Youth who are eligible for Teen Court must be between the ages of 11 and 17. They must admit to the offense they have been charged with. They also must have a parent or adult who will accompany the youth to the Teen Court Proceedings.

HOW CAN I SIGN UP?

1. You must have committed a misdemeanor crime or ordinance violation such as:
 - Petty theft, shoplifting, retail theft
 - Disorderly Conduct
 - Receiving or concealing stolen property
 - Trespassing
 - Criminal Damage to Property
 - Obstructing
 - Possession of marijuana
 - Other offenses as appropriate
2. You must admit to committing the offense you have been charged with. You must be willing to participate in Teen Court.
3. You must have a parent or adult who is willing to accompany you to Teen Court.
4. You must pay a mandatory fee of \$10.00.

If you would like to participate in Teen Court, you have 5 days from the day you receive your citation to notify the Teen Court Case Manager. You may send in the form on this brochure or you can also call the Human Services Clinical Diversion Office at (920) 236-4776.

Complete the following form or call the Teen Court Coordinator.

I have received a copy of the Teen Court brochure and have read it completely. I admit that I have committed the violation charged on citation # _____ issued by _____.

Offense _____

Date _____

Name (please print clearly) _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone number _____

Birth date _____

Signature of juvenile _____

Parent or guardian: _____

I am the parent or guardian of the above name juvenile. I have read this form and understand and agree to its terms. I consent to the juvenile's appearances before the Teen Court.

Name of parent/guardian _____

Signature (include address/phone number if different from juvenile's) _____

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