

Court Night

Youth Attorneys, Bailiffs, and Clerks apply their knowledge and skills to ensure youth offenders receive a meaningful hearing and sentence. Volunteer Adult Attorneys and Judges serve as Judges for Youth Court

Court is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at:

Probation Center, 400 Broadway

Oakland Ca. 94612

Juror Service

Youth from different communities, including Youth Offenders perform Community Service by sitting on a jury as peers to hear each case and deliberate a just sentence for the youth on trial. A brief jury training is provided.



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"Redefining the relationship between youth and the law"



Centerforce Youth Court carries forward Donald P. McCullum's endeavor to serve social and racial justice in an effort to ensure the world tomorrow for our children and our children's children.

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What is Youth Court?



Overview

Youth Court is a youth driven organization that gives first time youth offenders a second chance to avoid entering the juvenile correction system by utilizing Restorative Justice Practices.

Youth Offenders are defended and prosecuted by Youth Attorney's and heard by Youth Jurors. Youth-deliberated sentences hold youth offenders accountable in a meaningful way under California Penal Code.

Referrals to community based services, as well as Youth Court workshops are offered and provided to participants. All services are age appropriate.

Fulfilling your Sentence

Case Managers support Youth Offenders in fulfilling their sentences by setting goals for success after sentence completion and actively maintaining contact with youth and their support systems in an effort to ensure completion of the program and their goals. Appropriate referrals are provided as needed.

After your Sentence Completion

Successful graduates of the Youth Offender Program are invited to participate in the Law & Justice Program at Youth Court. There they can become Bailiff's, Clerks and Attorney's of the Law & Justice Program.

Youth Law Program

Youth Court's Law Program includes several key components that apply youth's development principals to legal education and legal practices for middle school and high school students so that they are able to experience the justice system as empowering.

Basic Law Training

Youth participate in an intense 20-30 hour Restorative Justice legal training which includes special workshops and mock court every Thursday with their peers & adult attorneys. This includes ongoing bi-weekly after school Law training and support. Youth attorneys represent either the community or youth offenders as prosecutors or defense attorneys at Court. Our primary service areas are Oakland and North Alameda County.

Law & Justice Leadership Program

Train to become BAILIFFS and CLERKS

Bailiff's & Clerks master rules of the Court room and provide leadership in the Courtroom.

LEAD ATTORNEYS

Youth Attorneys defend and prosecute 1st time-offenders who've committed misdemeanors in a real court of law.

Youth Offender Program

Youth Court provides restorative justice diversion workshops for Youth Offenders ages 13-17 referred by local law enforcement, schools, and the ALCO Probation Dept. Upon receipt of a case:

- Confidential review of the case is done by a Case Manager.
- Preparation for the court hearing is done by a Case Manager and Youth Attorney
- Guidance towards successful completion of sentence is provided by Case Managers and trained peers. Appropriate referrals are provided if needed.

REQUIRED PARTICIPATION:

- Youth Court Juror (3-9 hours)
- Community Service (15-50 hours)
- 8- 12 Week Workshops

OTHER SENTENCE COMPONENTS MAY INCLUDE:

- Youth Development Workshops
- Healthy Boundaries Workshops (Substance Awareness)
- Gender Specific Workshops
- Individual Counseling
- Anger Management
- Letter of Apology