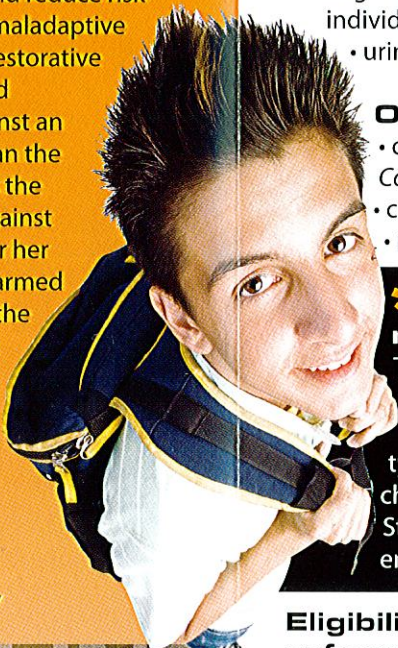


* What is the Community Justice Program?

The **Community Justice Program** is a voluntary diversion program established to provide pre and post arrest options for juvenile offenders who reside in Broward County. The program provides highly-structured diversion alternatives that decrease the likelihood of re-offending by incorporating accountability activities, counseling, family support services and competency development activities that strengthen protective factors and reduce risk factors that lead to delinquent and maladaptive behavior. The program is based on restorative justice principles that view crime and wrongdoing as acts committed against an individual or a community rather than the state. In restorative justice processes the person who has committed harm against another takes responsibility for his or her actions. The person who has been harmed may choose to take a central role in the process, in many instances receiving an apology and reparation from the person who has caused the harm. In all cases the emphasis is on:

- **Accountability**
- **Competency Development**
- **Community Safety**



Program requirements:

- participation in a restorative justice conference
- community service
- victim empathy and goal-setting groups
- daily school attendance (excused only due to illness)
- remain law-abiding and arrest free
- must maintain weekly contact with diversion counselor

Other possible program elements:

- restitution payments to the victim
- apology letters
- gender specific groups and projects for girls
- anger management, substance abuse and individual or family counseling
- urinalysis testing

Other services provided:

- caretaker workshops based on *Staying Connected with Your Teen* curriculum
- case management services
- referral recommendations and linkage

* Program length and referral sources:

The Community Justice Program is a 45 to 90 day juvenile diversion program. The program length is determined by the type of offense and the risk level of the child. Juveniles may be referred by the State Attorney's Office Circuit 17 or a law enforcement officer (Civil Citation).

Eligibility guidelines for referrals from SAO:

- age 7-17 (on the date of the offense)
- first or second time juvenile misdemeanants
- non-violent juvenile offenders charged with up to a third degree felony
- juvenile offenders under 12 years of age regardless of charge, depending on seriousness of crime
- other specific cases identified by the SAO, as appropriate

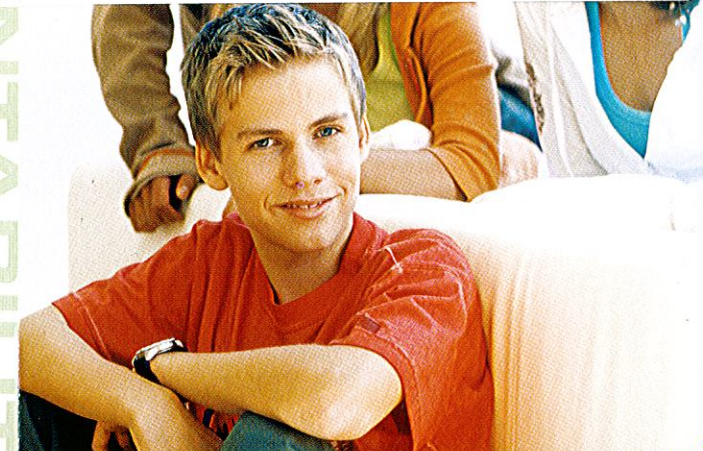


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* Civil Citation

Civil Citation is a pre-arrest option for eligible juvenile offenders. Civil Citation, as provided by Florida State Statute 985.12, was established to provide an efficient and innovative alternative to custody of children who commit non-serious delinquent acts and to ensure swift and appropriate consequences. Eligible youths may be referred by any law enforcement officer in Broward County.

Eligibility guidelines for civil citations:

- age 17 or under on the date of offense
- referred by a law enforcement officer for an arrestable misdemeanor offense
- can have no prior offenses
- parent and juvenile must sign a Waiver of Speedy Trial (required by the State Attorney's Office)
- the victim must be willing to sign a waiver of prosecution

COUNSELING



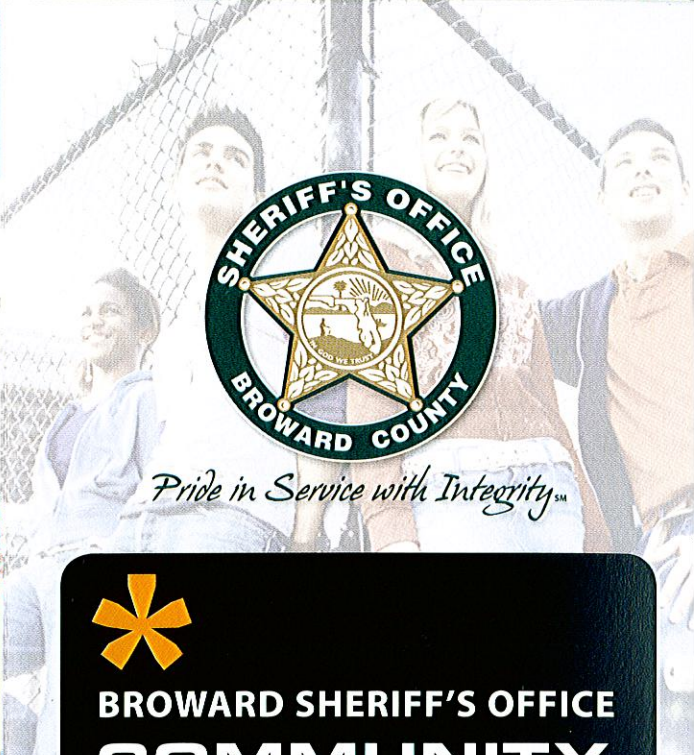
DEVELOPMENT

ACCOUNTABILITY

REPARATION

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are committed to a restorative and balanced approach to crime and conflict that promotes justice and resolution for victims, reparation for the community, and accountability; personal development and re-integration of the juvenile into a more productive community life, with respectful consideration of all involved.



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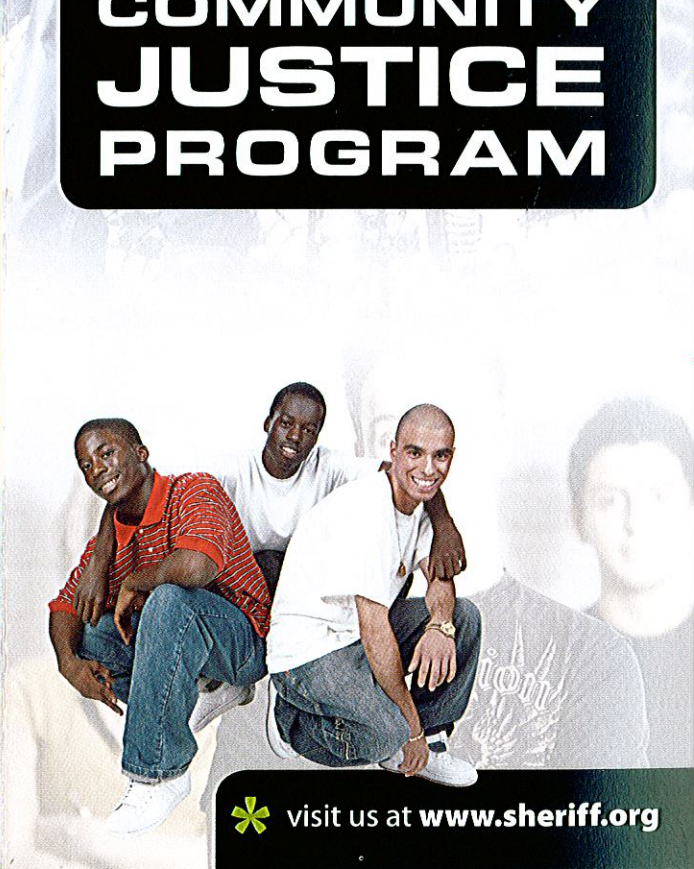
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