Juvenile Civil Citation has been made possible through the collaboration of partner agencies including the Department of Justice, Office of Defense Service, Family Court, and state law enforcement agencies.

The Juvenile Civil Citation Program is located in The Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families- Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services.

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Juvenile Civil Citation is an alternative to custody that provides swift and appropriate consequences for youth with eligible minor misdemeanor delinquent acts.

Benefits of this approach include:

- Holding youth accountable for their actions in a manner consistent with their offense
- Helping families identify and address youth needs through service referrals and skills development
- Diverting youth from the juvenile justice system and preventing them from having a criminal history
- Promoting public safety by allowing law enforcement agencies to focus on serious and violent offenders

Youth Eligibility Requirements:

- Youth who have committed an eligible misdemeanor offense
- Under 18 years of age
- No prior criminal adjudication, or prior diversion program participation
- Youth and their parents/guardians agree to the program requirements
- Youth may be eligible for a second civil citation based on legislative defined criteria

Eligible Misdemeanor Offenses:

Any act of delinquency classified as a misdemeanor is eligible for disposition pursuant to a civil citation, except any Title 21 misdemeanor, unlawful sexual contact in violation of §767 of Title 11, and unlawful imprisonment second degree in violation of §781 of Title 11.

Program Requirements:

- Youth and their parent/guardian consent to program participation and completion
- Complete Formal Needs Assessment
- Complete 5 hours of Service to the Community
- Pay any restitution (if applicable)
- Complete a Community Impact Statement

* Failure to complete program requirements and/or committing a delinquent act will result in formal court processing of the civilly cited offense.

* Program extensions will be approved based on individual needs following review by the community providers and civil citation director.