
Program Partnerships

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 a partnership between the Delaware Children's Department, and the YMCA's Back on Track Program.

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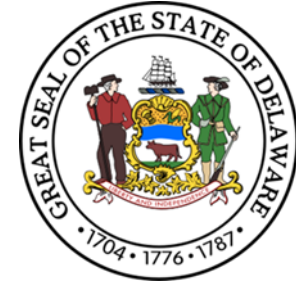
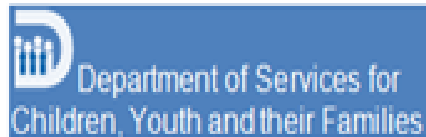
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Program Details

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 parent/guardian agree to the program requirements
- ◆ Youth may be eligible for a second civil citation based on legislative defined criteria

Eligible Misdemeanor Offenses:

- ◆ DISORDERLY CONDUCT
- ◆ LOITERING
- ◆ SHOPLIFTING
- ◆ TITLE IV ALCOHOL OFFENSES (underage consumption)
- ◆ CRIMINAL TRESPASS-3rd
- ◆ POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA (possession of less than an ounce)
- ◆ POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA (***Marijuana Related Only**)

Program Requirements:

- ◆ Youth and their parent/guardian consent to program participation and completion
- ◆ Complete the Pre-Screen Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) Assessment process and other evaluations recommended based on PACT results
- ◆ 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 coordinator.*