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## **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, the Community Supervision Resource Connection (CSRC) Program and Wraparound Delaware.*

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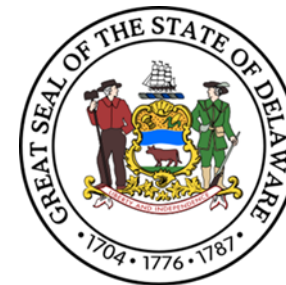
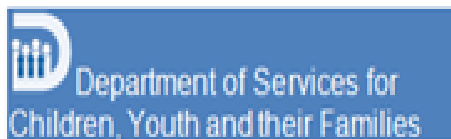
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# *Juvenile Civil Citation Program*

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# Program Details

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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 record or diversion program participation
- ◆ Youth and their parent/guardian agree to the program requirements

## 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)

## Program Requirements:

- ◆ Youth and their parent/guardian consent to program participation and completion, typically takes 90 days\*
- ◆ Complete the 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
- ◆ Complete a Letter of Apology / 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.