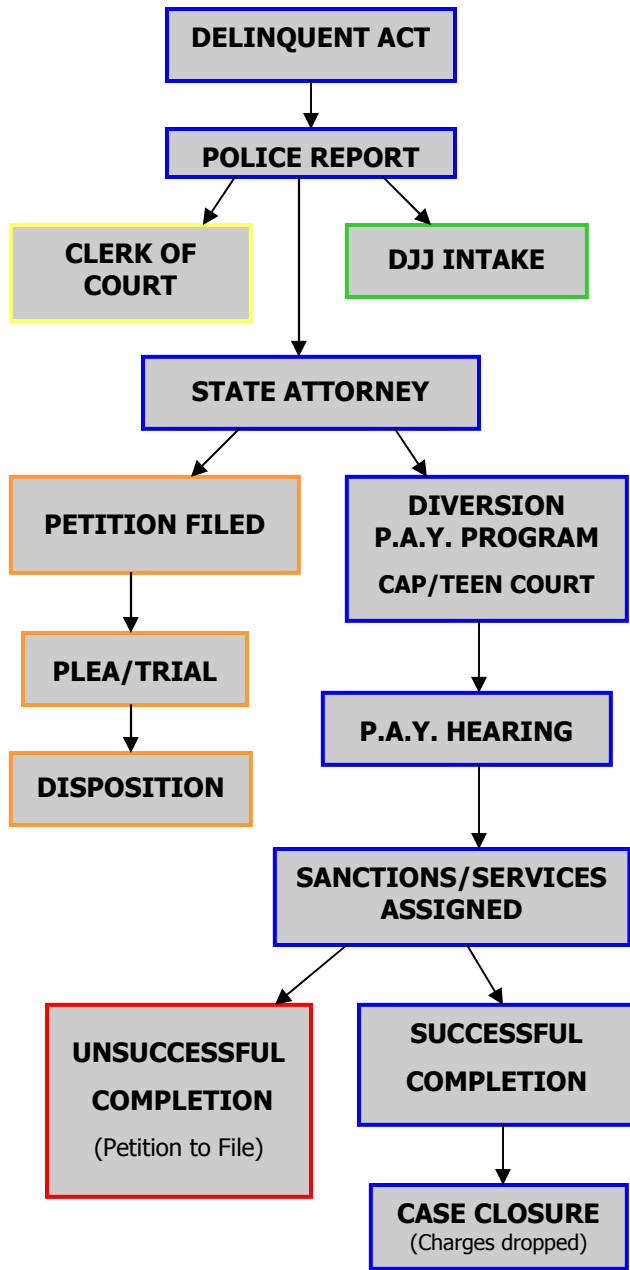


**THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
IN BREVARD COUNTY**



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PROSECUTION
ALTERNATIVES FOR
YOUTH



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PAY OF BREVARD

Prosecution Alternatives for Youth (PAY) is a juvenile diversion program which offers an alternative to prosecution through the formal Juvenile Justice System. Participation in the PAY Program is a privilege. The program is designed to provide early intervention and rehabilitation for youth. Those who successfully complete the program will not be convicted of their pending charges. However, a youth failing to complete his/her assigned sanctions will result in their case being returned to the Juvenile Division of the State Attorney's Office for formal prosecution.

PURPOSE

The PAY of Brevard Program meets several needs of the community. These include:

- ◆ Emphasizing the youth's awareness of his/her responsibility to obey the laws of society; offering education and counseling needed to achieve accountability.
- ◆ Providing early intervention and rehabilitation for juveniles to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency.
- ◆ Reducing the court caseload by removing cases for intervention, rehabilitation, and prevention of recidivism.
- ◆ Providing an effective option to formal prosecution with sanctions and services tailored to the conduct and needs of the youth.

PROGRAMS

A member of the PAY Program will meet with the defendant and their parents/guardians for a hearing. At that time, the PAY staff member will decide which program the defendant will participate in. These programs include:

COMMUNITY ARBITRATION PROGRAM

Cases are heard by a trained arbitrator or case manager. At that time, appropriate sanctions are immediately assigned based upon the offense and the needs of the defendant.

TEEN COURT

Defendants have their case heard before a jury of their peers for a sentencing hearing. Teen volunteers participate in the roles of defense and prosecuting attorneys, bailiff, clerk and jurors. After the case is heard, jurors deliberate and assign appropriate sanctions.

SERVICES

Sanctions and services are assigned as appropriate to meet each participants needs and a case manager will be assigned to monitor progress. Sanctions and services include, but are not limited to:

Apology Letters

Community Service Work

Counseling Services

Curfew

Educational Videos

Essays

Fire Safety Class

Observing AA & NA Meetings

Outward Bound

Teen Court Jury Duty

Random Drug Testing

Restitution