## **DIVERSION PROGRAM**



The Diversion Program is a statewide option designed to deal with the minor/first offender. Diversion also offers an alternative to the formal Juvenile court setting by affording certain youth an opportunity to account for their crime(s) in an informal setting.

Youth who agree to the Diversion process sign contracts for up to six months. These contracts can provide for community service hours, fines, educational courses and counseling. Youth referred to the Diversion Program who subsequently plead not guilty or who break the original contract, may be referred to the Prosecutor's Office for possible filing of charges in Juvenile Court.

The Diversion Program may be a positive first contact experience for the more youthful offender. It is significantly less costly while impacting and holding the youth accountable.

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