

APPENDIX A

UNITED STATES TEEN COURTS STATE SURVEY

Abstract

This study is an evaluation and a directory of specific information for teen courts across the United States, as revealed by a search starting with the information from the National Association of Youth Courts, then incorporating the information provided publicly by each particular teen court, and any third party or outside information or media on that court. This research provided general information, specific facts, available statistics, real and perceived court results, and measured outcomes from which an analysis was developed of each teen court. This report contains information regarding the structure, model and funding of youth courts. This data is intended to be a resource as a directory of information for researchers, government leaders, community partners, program directors and community members interested in developing youth courts or exploring alternative forms of juvenile justice.

Methodology

The report is comprised of data related to Youth Courts across the United States. While it captures most youth courts in the U.S., it is not an exhaustive list. This study was completed through exploratory research by five members of the Center for Global Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law at Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Virginia, over the 2012-2013 academic year. Students gathered the data by researching each youth court listed on the National Association of Youth Court's webpage. Students divided the States and researched each state and local youth court according to a specific framework, which details the composition of the youth court. The framework includes relevant information according to the court's (1) state, (2) umbrella structure (organization or entity having legal responsibility and oversight), (3) the types of cases heard at the court, (4) potential sanctions or sentences, (5) annual budget, (6) court model (youth only, youth-adult, adult only), (7) funding, (8) volunteer source, (9) staff and (10) an objective or subjective evaluation of the court, as well as other relevant information found on the youth court's website. Information about teen court budgets was found only in public records. Data was compiled and analyzed in the framework previously noted.

ALABAMA

Teen Court of Jefferson County

Umbrella Structure: This program is one branch of the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education, (ACLCE), a 501(c) (3) founded in June of 1990.

Cases Heard: This program accepts the cases of misdemeanor offenders between the ages of 13 and 17. Possible offenses include: Minor in possession, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, giving false information, theft, or assault.

Sentences: A letter of apology, one time service as a juror on the court, and a worksheet corresponding with the offense. Additionally, an offender may be sentenced to community service, or the writing of an essay.

Budget: The total revenue for the ACLCE in 2010 was \$414,311 and expenses totaled \$473,926. The specific budget for the year was as follows:

- **Compensation officers/directors:** \$72,000
- **Other salaries/wages:** \$121,301
- **Pension plan contributions:** \$2,293
- **Other employee benefits:** \$15,659
- **Payroll taxes:** \$16,109
- **Office expenses:** \$8,015
- **Information technology:** \$5,357
- **Occupancy:** \$9,498
- **Legal:** \$15,000
- **Accounting:** \$14,445
- **Travel:** \$29,225
- **Conferences, conventions, and meetings:** \$34,817

Model: This program uses an adult judge model, and all other participants, such as attorneys, judges, and bailiffs, are teens. Participants undergo about 20 hours of training before being allowed to serve on teen court, and teen attorneys are required to undergo even more training. Training usually takes place 1-2 Saturdays in August.

Funding: This program receives funding predominately from Jefferson County; however, some funding also comes from Junior League of Birmingham, Service League, and private donors.

Volunteers: This program pulls volunteers from Junior League, Service League, and the Alabama Bar Association.

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Notes: This organization seems very well run, generates revenue, and only has three staff members. The sentences in this program seem very weak, with the harshest being one time service on a teen jury. Sentences like that don't offer much to keep a teen from reoffending. Follow-up in this program also seems very weak, with no mentoring or community support opportunities. Additionally, I saw nothing encouraging parental/guardian involvement in this program.

ALASKA

Mat-Su Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: This program falls under the umbrella of the Wasilla, AK Police Department.

Cases Heard: This program hears misdemeanor cases, with the most common offense being shoplifting.

Sentences: This program has several potential sentences including: Community service hours, an essay, a letter of apology, viewing an adult arraignment, a tour of the Mat-Su Pretrial Facility, a drug/alcohol assessment, or a Juvenile Anti-Shoplifting class.

Budget: No information available.

Model: This program takes cases referred from the Juvenile Justice Youth Corrections office in Palmer, Alaska. The program in Wasilla is modeled after the larger and highly successful Anchorage Youth Court. This model is all teen, with teen attorneys, clerks, judges, and bailiffs.

Teens are assisted by a program staff (which is not listed) and a legal advisor. This court meets twice per week and a three judge panel hands down the sentences.

Funding: This program relies on state and federal grants, contributions from both the city and the borough, fundraising, and charitable donations from the community.

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: Not listed

Notes: This program is modeled after another program in Anchorage which was/is highly successful. A couple notable differences in this model from most others I have encountered. First, this program uses ALL teenagers, including the judge. The teens are guided by a legal advisor, but aside from that, the teens are solely responsible for the work of the court. Second, this program uses a three judge panel, as opposed to a single judge.

ARIZONA

Fountain Hills Community Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program represents a partnership between the Fountain Hills Municipal Court, the Maricopa County Juvenile Court Probation Office, the Fountain Hills High School, and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

Cases Heard: This program hears misdemeanor, status offenses, and traffic violations of offenders 17 and under.

Sentences: "Constructive consequences"

Budget: No information available.

Model: This program uses the presiding judge of the Fountain Hills Municipal Court and all other participants, such as attorneys, bailiffs, and clerks, are teens.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: Presiding Judge Mitchell Eisenberg (480) 816-5103; Fountain Hills High School Teen Court Facilitator John Burnett (480) 664-5500.

Notes: It is worth noting that this program is one of 81 active teen court programs in the state of Arizona which make up the Arizona Teen Court Association. The website for this association contains a wealth of information on youth court summit meetings and other pertinent things, but because so many programs exist, information for budget, training and program model specifics are not listed. Only a few of the programs listed on the teen court association website have independent websites or information, however, the website for the Arizona Teen Court Association lists all of the active courts and their facilitators. Arizona might definitely be a place I would recommend a site visit if we thought one could be made, simply because of the number of active programs, some of which are even in middle schools. The website for the Arizona Teen Court Association is: <http://www.azteencourt.org/AZTeenCourts.cfm>

ARIZONA

Pima County Teen Court- Tucson

Umbrella Structure: Uncertain, but assumed to be under the umbrella of the Arizona Teen Court Association.

Cases Heard: This program hears cases of offenders between the ages of 12 and 17 who have admitted guilt. The most commonly heard offenses are Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol, Marijuana, Tobacco, or other Dangerous Drugs, Shoplifting or Theft, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Assault or Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Trespass or Damage, Interfering with the Peace at School, False Reporting to an Officer, Possession of a Weapon, Felony offenses (if approved by CA Office).(County Attorney's Office?) Unlike all other programs encountered previously, this program accepts 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offenses.

Sentences: A mandatory basic training workshop focusing on decision making skills, accountability and laws relating to juveniles, a letter of apology, and service on a future teen jury, and mandatory community service. Additionally, an offender may attend workshops specific to his/her offense.

Budget: No information available

Model: This program uses an adult judge model, that is, all participants in the process are teens with the exception of the judge. This program also hears beyond the 1st offense, and actually charges a \$35 service fee that can be waived in the event of family hardship. Additionally, the Pima County program stresses parental involvement, and requires it throughout the teen court process. A parent/guardian must attend the initial court hearing (2 hours) the basic training workshop (4 hours), and the wrap up appointment (30 minutes), additionally, if an offender is assigned a substance abuse prevention workshop, A parent is required to attend that as well. After the initial hearing, teens and parents attend an exit interview where a sentence completion date is given. The date of expected completion is generally 30-45 days from the initial hearing.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: No information available

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Recidivism Rate: Since its inception in early 1995, this program has heard over 5,000 cases with a recidivism rate of 18-28% compared to the Pima County Juvenile Court's recidivism rate of 45-60%.

Notes: This program stresses parental involvement, which is encouraging. Additionally, the recidivism rate for this program is much lower than the county juvenile court. Two very interesting points are worthy of note with this program, First is the fact that it deals with second and third offenses as well as first offenses. This is unlike any program previously encountered; as most of them only allow the offender one chance to appear before teen court. Second, this court will accept cases of felony offenders with approval from what I assume to be the County Attorney's office. Every other teen court program previously encountered has accepted only misdemeanors. No 990 for the court, but found on for "Our Family Services, Inc." This organization popped up when I typed the court's name, but I found no reference to the court.

CALIFORNIA

Calabasas Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program is under Volunteer's for Youth, a non-profit organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 13 to 17, who commit misdemeanor offenses. Referrals are made by local law enforcement, Department of Juvenile Justice, and the States Attorney's office.

Possible offenses include: petty theft, possession of alcohol, criminal mischief, cyber bullying, and many other misdemeanor offenses

Sentences: Community Service

Budget: No information available

Model: This program uses a youth-adult model. Youth, ages 13 to 17, play roles of attorney, clerk, bailiff, and jurors and are required to participate in a training program before volunteering. A local volunteer judge or attorney presides as Judge over the hearings.

Funding: The Calabasas Teen Court operates out of the local library, although no other funding information was available.

Volunteers: This program pulls volunteers from the community, and anyone can volunteer.

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Notes: N/A

CALIFORNIA

East Palo Alto Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: This program is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first or second-time offender cases of youth under age 18, who commit misdemeanor offenses or certain other violations.

Sentences: Community service and future jury service are mandatory; the jury may also require other efforts to both make amends and restore the relationship between the youth offender and the community. Youth may also receive counseling and be matched with mentors.

Budget: Total Expenses for the Non-Profit as a whole in 2010 was \$60,996.

Revenue

- Contributions and Grants: \$109,900
- Total: \$66,263

Expenditures in 2010 were \$65,757

- Professional Fees and Contractors: \$45,475
- Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, and Maintenance: \$6,052
- Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping: \$1,393
- Other: \$12,837
 - Twice weekly training sessions
 - Regional Conferences for Youth Court Members

Model: This program uses a youth model. At an EPAYC hearing, youth attorneys explain to a youth jury the circumstances surrounding the offense. The offender addresses the jury and all Youth Court participants ask questions. The jury deliberates and returns an appropriate sentence

Funding: Government, Foreign grants

Volunteers: This program pulls volunteers from the community for three roles:

1. Provide a project, large or small, where an appropriate young offender may work alongside other volunteer community members to accomplish a meaningful task.
2. Work alongside a young offender, not as a supervisor or boss, but as a community coworker. Engage them in conversation, work with them, and encourage and commend good work.
3. Give of yourself. You are the greatest asset this community has to address crime in an effective and meaningful way. Holding offenders accountable, by having them contribute service of value, and thereby drawing these offenders into the fabric of the community, is one of our most effective long-term crime prevention responses. No one can do that job better than you, the people of East Palo Alto.

Staff:

Toni Stone, Executive Director

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Alejandro Andrade, Program Assistant

Notes: This program partners with community organizations including the Mural Music & Arts Project (MMAP), Stanford Street Law, Collective Roots, Stanford Undergraduate Program, 1-800-JC Project, and Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto

- The program established a partnership with Adolescent Counseling Services to provide counseling to the youth respondents and their families. Providing counseling services to youth respondents and their families will encourage accountability, strengthen our community, ensure successful completion of East Palo Alto Youth Court, and promote responsibility and reparation. We look forward to referring all of our youth respondents to Adolescent Counseling Services for evaluation and treatment.

CALIFORNIA

McCullum Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: This program is run under the Donald P McCullum Youth Court, Inc., a non-profit organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 10 to 17, who commit misdemeanor offenses and admit guilt. Class
Possible offenses include: Anger management, Theft, Vandalism, Drug use, Oppositional behaviors

Sentences: Mandatory- MYC Juror Service (3 - 9 hours); Community Service (12 - 60 hours); and Age-appropriate, gender specific workshops (dependent upon offense). Other sentences- Anger Management Classes, Healthy Risks, Healthy Boundaries and Positive Self Expression, Substance Abuse Counseling, Individual Counseling & Family Counseling, Letters of Apology, special projects

Budget: Total Expenses for the Non-Profit as a whole in 2010 was \$446,723.

Revenue

- Contributions and Grants: \$124,391
- Program Service Revenue: \$135,110
- Investment Income: \$606
- Special Events: \$5,410
- Other: \$70
- Total: \$265,587

Expenditures in 2010 were \$446,723

- Salaries: \$310,745
- Payroll taxes: \$23,731
- Accounting: \$7,610
- Advertising and Promotion: \$2,542
- Office expenses: \$1,181
- Information Technology: \$1,310
- Occupancy: \$5,890
- Conferences and Meetings: \$1,726
- Depreciation, Depletion, Amortization: \$1,734
- Insurance: \$6,187
- Mediation Programs: \$20,700
- Equipment Rental: \$8,950
- Payroll Processing fees: \$3,465
- Program Services: \$9,574
- Telephone: \$5,133
- Other: \$6,966

Model: This program uses a youth-adult model. Cases are confidentially reviewed by a Youth Court Case Manager and a Youth Attorney, who also prepares the youth offender for the hearing. Trained volunteer youth help guide the offender toward successful sentence completion. An adult serves as a judge during the hearing to mentor and guide the youth volunteers.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: After completing our three-to-six month training program, youth can get involved in our peer court as an attorney, bailiff or court clerk (also known as Youth Advocates), and may then continue on to mentor others and build further leadership skills by joining our Youth In Leadership Program. It's a great start on a stronger future.

Staff: No information available

Notes: McCullum Youth Court represents an interagency collaboration between:

- Alameda County District Attorney's Office;
- Alameda County Department of Probation;
- Police Departments in the cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont;
- other law enforcement agencies such as BART Police, the Sheriff's Department, etc.; and the Alameda County Superior Court.

A range of formal and informal partnerships exist with:

- the City of Oakland's Safe Passages,
- Berkeley Youth Alternatives,
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay,
- Center for Family Counseling,
- East Oakland Youth Development Center,
- the Native American Health Center,
- OASIS High School (for "dropouts"),
- Seneca Center,
- Alameda Family Services,
- YEP (Youth Employment Partnership),
- the YMCA of the East Bay,
- Boys & Girls Club

CALIFORNIA

Shasta County Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the Youth Violence Prevention Council, a non-profit organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 12 to 18 who live in the county. Respondents are referred to the Youth/Peer Court by the Shasta County Probation Department's Juvenile Assessment Center and by the School Resource Officers or administrators of various high school and middle school campuses in the county. Possible offenses include theft, vandalism, drug and alcohol offenses, assault and battery, cyber-related crimes and school based offences.

Sentences: apologies, essays, educational classes, counseling, community service, juvenile court work days, jury service, and restitution. Educational classes that are available include: Youth Educational Shoplifting program, Drug and Alcohol, Anger Management, Victim Impact, ATOD Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs class, Life Skills, and Choices for Life Coroner's Tour.

Budget: Total Expenses for the Non-Profit as a whole in 2010 was \$195,909

- **Revenue**

- Contributions and Grants: \$70,655
- Program Service Revenue: \$155,217
- Investment Income: \$1,248
- Other: \$10,230
- Total: \$237,350

- **Expenditures** in 2010 were \$446,723

- Salaries: \$146,252
 - Other: \$49,657 (Training, Leadership Councils, Contract services, Telephone, Workers Comp Insurance)

Model: This program is a youth-adult model. The Shasta County Youth/Peer Court uses adult judges from the federal and county courts who volunteer their time to oversee the court proceedings. The sentences are decided by the jury, which is comprised of middle and high school students ages 12 to 18. The judges review those decisions to ensure they are appropriate for the offense and for the respondent. Student attorneys work in pairs as a Prosecution Team or a Defense Team, and are coached by adult attorneys from the community who volunteer their time to mentor the students and then observe them in court in order to provide constructive feedback to the students. It uses two types of court trials: Attorney Trials and Master Juries. During an attorney trial, the respondent is appointed a pair of youth defense attorneys. A pair of prosecution attorneys is also appointed to the case. Both teams of attorneys are given copies of the police report, copies of any pertinent evidence, and access to witnesses. Each team is coached by an adult attorney who guides them through the court process. Defense attorneys also meet or talk to the respondent prior to the trial in order to discuss the case. Each set of attorneys are responsible for opening statements, closing arguments, and the questioning of the respondent and any witnesses. They are allowed to make objections and enter any relevant material into evidence. After their presentation, they hand the case over to the jury to decide the sentence. In the Master Juries, the jurors read the police reports, ask both prepared and spontaneous questions of the respondent, and make the final decisions about sentencing. There are no attorneys in the master jury process.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: This program allows anyone to volunteer. Thus far, they have over 100 student volunteers in the program each year and sixty or more adult volunteers.

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COLORADO

Colorado Springs Teen Court, Inc.

Umbrella Structure: Colorado Springs Teen Court, Inc. is an independent non-profit organization.

Cases Heard: This program hears cases of offenders between the ages of 10 and 18.

Sentences: The website for this program isn't clear about which sentences are mandatory or discretionary, or even what all possible sentences are, but some include the writing of an essay, a letter of apology, and community service hours.

Budget: Total revenue reported on the 2011 990 for Colorado Springs Teen Court, Inc. was \$197,753 and total functional expenses were \$214,385.

Specifically, the budget breakdown for the organization was/is as follows:

- **Grants and assistance to individuals in the U.S.:** \$9,293
- **Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees:** \$45,099
- **Other salaries and wages:** \$96,355
- **Other employee benefits:** \$12,192
- **Payroll taxes:** \$10,822
- **Accounting:** \$4,820
- **Office expenses:** \$690
- **Depreciation, depletion, and amortization:** \$567
- **Insurance:** \$1,442
- **Contract labor:** \$10,007
- **Donated supplies:** \$5,520
- **Training:** \$5,435
- **Supplies:** \$3,388
- **Telephone:** \$3,112
- **Other expenses:** \$5,643

Model: This program is distinct in that it essentially has two levels of operation. Offenders who are younger, or those who have committed lesser offenses, will have their cases heard by a peer panel. The peer panel conducts separate interviews with the offender and at least one parent/guardian to determine an appropriate sentence for the offender. During the interviews the parent(s) and the offender are also able to discuss financial or other family concerns which might affect the peer panel's sentencing decision. Peer panel meets on Tuesdays at 3:30. For older offenders or those who have committed more serious crimes are given a formal trial presided over by a District or Municipal Court judge. The bailiffs and all the attorneys in these proceedings are all teens, and the jurors are also teens, but the juries are composed entirely of former offenders. Trials are held on Tuesdays at 5:30.

Funding: No information available **Volunteers:** No information available

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This program also has an extensive Board of Directors, and a Student Advisory Board.

Notes: This program is notable because it employs two separate structures based on offense or age of offender. Younger offenders or those who have committed lesser offenses go to an interview before a peer panel (with a parent or guardian), and the panel offers a sentence. For older offenders, or more serious offenses, a judge presides and hands down a sentence. This programs dichotomy of operational structure is very interesting.

DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA

Time Dollar Youth Court, Inc.

Umbrella Structure: This program is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Cases Heard: Youth Court hears cases of first-time, non-violent offenders ages 13 to 17 who live in the District of Columbia. Referrals are made by Metropolitan Police Department, Metropolitan Transit Police Department, Court Social Services, Other youth-serving organizations, and/or Parental/Guardian referrals.

Possible offenses include Destruction of Property, Disorderly Conduct, Failure to Pay Metro Fare, Gambling Offenses, Possession of Marijuana, Receiving Stolen Property, Simple Assault and/or Threats, Shoplifting, Theft, Truancy, Unlawful Entry, Possession of Marijuana

Sentences: Attend Jury Duty (7 sessions, which includes Jury Training); Attend Youth Court Girls Group Sessions, or Boy's Focus (explanation in "Notes"); Perform Community Service; Pay restitution for damage to property; Write sincere letters of apology to the victim and/or their own family; Write essays on subjects considered important to the offense; Actively participate in outside services, such as counseling, mentoring, or drug abuse programs; and/or shoplifting education

Budget: The total expenditure in 2010 was \$ 494,333.

Revenue

- Contributions and Grants: \$470,786
- Government Fees and Contracts: \$3,025
- Investment Income: \$18
- Total: \$473,829

Expenditures in 2010 were \$494,333.

- Occupancy, Rent Utilities, and Maintenance: \$1,954
- Salaries, Other Compensation, and Employee Benefits: \$278,849
- Professional Fees and Independent Contractors: \$136,277
- Printing, Publications, Postage, Shipping: \$6,674
- Other: \$70,579

Model: This youth court model is based on an all peer youth jury. There are no prosecutors or judges. The jury gets to ask any questions that help them understanding the offender and his reasons for his actions. Jury is guided and advised by youth court staff and law students.

Funding: The Youth Court receives funding from Justice Grants Administration, Department of Mental Health, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, DC Superior Court; Former- Children and Youth Investment trust Corporation, Center for Neighborhood Excellence, Southwest/ West of the River Collaborative and US Dream Academy, Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, Citywide Coordinating Council on Youth Violence.

Volunteers: Volunteers are gathered in the community. Law students from UDC and Georgetown Law also assist. Jury training is provided law students from Howard University School of Law. Volunteers are asked to commit for 6 weeks.

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Notes: Over 16 years of service to youth in the DC area, the youth court has diverted over 6, 595 youth away from the juvenile justice system. The recidivism rate is at 9%, versus 20% for the overall juvenile justice system. A recent survey indicated that 70% of youth court participants finish high school and go on the some type of higher education. Approx \$540 is spent per youth, and about 92% of funds goes to direct funds.

- **Boy's Focus - Youth Court Focus** enables Youth Court to specifically address the violence that our male youth have experienced. Youth Court recognizes that these youth have used negative behavior as an outlet for their emotions. With the **Focus Program**, Youth Court seeks to provide youth with a positive channel for their feelings. Youth also meet weekly with the Focus Team Leader to “focus” on self-awareness and advocacy, personal development, and manhood.
- **Youth Court Girls** – YCG is part of a citywide effort to discourage gang/crew participation. This **all-female group** meets twice weekly to discuss violence. The main focus of the group is to discuss gang intervention and violence. Their sessions also branch into personal talks about drug abuse, the importance of education, self-worth, and making good decisions.
- **Mentoring/Coaching**
All youth that participate in Youth Court receive mentoring or coaching from a staff person while enrolled in the program. Saturday volunteers also provide coaching. Youth are consistently encouraged to make good decisions by analyzing situations before acting and engage in positive activities in school and the community. Youth also check in with the leaders of the Boys and Girls Group at least once a week with problems that they are experiencing and the decisions that they made with respect to that problem
- **Youth Educational Shoplifters Program (YES)** – The YES Program is an “offense specific” home-study educational program for juveniles charged with theft and shoplifting, designed to prevent their further penetration into the criminal justice system.
- **Stay in School Effort**
Youth Court encourages our participants to stay in school by becoming an Advocate for our youth. Services consist of regularly visiting schools to check on students, collecting report cards, helping parents resolve school issues, coordinating other school meetings when needed, and curfew checks

DELAWARE

Sussex Teen Court, Inc.

Umbrella Structure: Sussex Teen Court, Inc. is a non-profit sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary

Cases Heard: This program hears misdemeanor cases of offenders between the ages of 9 and 17 referred by the Attorney General's office. Some common offenses are: shoplifting, criminal mischief, loitering, vandalism, harassment, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening, and possession/consumption of alcohol.

Sentences: This program tailors sentences to fit offenses. Some potential sentences are: a written or oral apology, Teen Court jury duty (minimum of 1, maximum of 4 times), community service, a research paper, shoplifter's anonymous, anger management/conflict resolution counseling, juvenile fire-setters intervention program, restitution, or another fitting sentence.

Budget: No information available

Model: Typical adult judge model using teen jurors and attorneys. Meets one evening a month in Sussex County Family Court.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: Lisa B. Venables- Teen Court Coordinator

Notes: This program is very basic and doesn't have anything unique except that it accepts offenders who are 9 years old, the youngest so far encountered.

FLORIDA

Broward County Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program is operated under the Court Mediation and Arbitration Program of the 17th Judicial Circuit Trial Court Administration.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 11 to 17, who commit misdemeanor offenses and admit guilt. Parents must consent to the referral. Referrals are made by the States Attorney's office and law enforcement agencies.

Possible offenses include retail theft, petit theft, possession of alcohol by a person under age 21, possession of marijuana or drug paraphernalia, criminal mischief, battery, trespassing, etc.

Sentences: Community service, mandated attendance in a self-improvement community program, Teen Court jury duty, restitution, counseling, drug treatment, letters of apology, writing essays, etc.

Budget: This total expenditure for this teen court estimated for 2012 was \$159,310, in the County Budget records. Itemized expenditures were not available.

Model: This program uses a youth-adult model. Youth, who are high school volunteers, fill roles of jury, bailiff, clerk, and advocate. All youth must attend training. The judge role is filled by an adult.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: This program is staffed by the Court Mediation and Arbitration Program of the Circuit Court Administration.

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Notes: Parental participation is mandatory for the initial interview and hearing.

- Florida courts operate the same way; however the Fourth Judicial Circuit Teen Court (Jacksonville) imposes written essay/book report sanctions on the following topics: Job Interview Skills, What You Should Know about Teen, Parenthood, Developing Workplace Skills, How to Develop Your Decision-Making Skills, Your Attitude and You, Learn About Bullying, Curfew, as well as teen circles of previous youth offenders.
- Also, the Leon County Teen Court (2nd Circuit) involves law student volunteers to help the youth attorneys prepare their cases and critique performances. The Law students help the teens develop strategy, ask the defendant any questions the youth volunteers missed, take notes for the youth, and present critiques. The Teen Court also has a "Rap Session," which is a counselor-guided peer circle that occurs before each hearing.

Performance Measures for Leon County	FY2010	FY2011
Cases Referred to Teen Court ¹	100	97
# of Hours Active Officers Have Served	1,728	1,335
# of Hours Teen Volunteers Have Served as Jurors	3,616	2,314
# of Volunteer Service Hours Contributed ²	4,105	4,414
# of Successful Completions	80	82
% of Re-Offenders (Recidivism)	11%	9.3%

FLORIDA

Manatee County Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program is under the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 14 to 17 (Teen Court) and ages 10 to 14 (Teen Court too), who commit misdemeanor offenses and admit guilt. Parents must consent to the referral. Referrals are made by the States Attorney's office and law enforcement agencies.

Sentences: Community service hours, jury duties to attend, letters of apologies, essays, counseling sessions, and drug screens (for substance abuse charges).

Budget: This total expenditure for this teen court estimated for 2012 was \$700,000, in the County Budget records. Itemized expenditures were not available.

Model: This program uses a youth-adult model. Youth, who are high school volunteers, fill roles of jury, bailiff, clerk, and advocate. All youth must attend training. The judge role is filled by a FL bar member. Adults volunteer also acts as contract writers, jury room monitors, and mentors. This court also has a "Teen Court too," a separate teen court for younger teens, ages 10 to 14.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: This program pulls volunteers from the community and will train anyone who is willing to help.

Staff: Sue Locklear-Teen Court Supervisor
(941) 741-4027
Sue.locklear@manateeclerk.com

Notes: N/A

IDAHO

Youth Court of the 3rd Judicial District

Umbrella Structure: This court got its start when a judge in the district saw a need for a change in the juvenile court system. He called upon the community, attorneys, school employees, and colleagues in the court, and together they formed a committee which wrote a grant to the Department of Health and Welfare. The department approved the grant and the court hired a full time administrator in 1997.

Cases Heard: This court hears cases of first time offenders ages 13 to 18 who are in school. The offender must enter a plea of guilty on offenses of: Minor in possession of/consumption of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or drug paraphernalia. Curfew violations may also be heard by this court, but, only if they are brought at the same time as one of the other offenses.

Sentences: Possible sentences imposed under this model include: community service, drug and alcohol education classes, self-esteem classes, or writing an essay.

Budget: Total revenue for the 3rd District Youth Court in 2010 was \$47,725. The budget was as follows:

- **Salary/Benefits:** \$32,295
- **Occupancy/Rent/Utilities/Maintenance:** \$2,299
- **Printing, Publications, Postage, and Spending:** \$262
- **Other Expenses:** \$3,312

Model: Teens are tried by juries consisting of peers (fellow teens), and a successful completion of the court imposed sentence allows the offender to come away with a clean record. This program takes place one evening a month at the local county courthouses in the district.

Funding: This organization received its most recently recorded funding from a fund called the Idaho Millennium Fund, and two of the counties in the district, Canyon and Gem County.

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: Stephanie R. Breach- Teen Court Administrator

(No contact listed)

Notes: This program seems very efficient for such a small endeavor. My one thought would be sentencing and follow up. Some of these sentences seem incredibly light and have (seemingly) little follow up in terms of deterring teens from offending. I see nothing in this program with regard to mentoring or follow up which might allow for these teens to be nurtured after their sentence so that they may be encouraged not to reoffend.

ILLINOIS

Aurora Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: Listed on the website for the City of Aurora, but umbrella structure is uncertain.

Cases Heard: Shoplifting, curfew violations, alcohol use, causing disturbances, other misdemeanors.

Sentences: This program first requires that both the offender and his/her parents appear before the court. The teen must appear before a group called the Three Fires Council on three consecutive Wednesdays (6:30-8:30 PM) for instruction on making wiser choices and better decisions. Additionally, the teen must schedule two counseling sessions with an Aurora Police Department Social Work Representative, and Youth and Senior Services for at least one hour for optional sentencing activities. The program estimates that the offender will be involved in roughly 10-13 hours of sentencing in the month after sentencing is handed down.

Budget: No information available

Model: This court serves first time offenders and all cases are referred to the program from the Aurora Police Department. Teens are tried by juries consisting of peers (fellow teens), who must be in 9th - 12th grade. This model requires parental/guardian involvement at nearly every phase of the youth court process and parents may be asked to participate where their participation is not required.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: Site lists Alfred Morales as Youth Court Director, but no email or contact for him is listed.

Notes: This program makes a point of encouraging, and even requiring parental involvement in most of the teen court process. Also, this program makes a point of making sentencing a process that brings a great many people on board to truly reconcile the offender to a better and more productive way of living after appearing before the court. This program seems to place true emphasis preventing a second offense. However, I'm not even certain the program is still active, the only seemingly relevant 990 came from 2006, but didn't really even match. The website for the City of Aurora is copyrighted through 2011, so I assume the program was active to the end of that year. Additionally, this is the only Illinois program which afforded me any seemingly pertinent information. However, Illinois is one of the states that has a Youth Court Association. The site has lots of documents, and lists all of the courts in the state (there are many.) The website for this association is: <http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/communities/youthadvocacy/iyca.html>

MARYLAND

Maryland Teen Court Association

Budget: Overall revenue for the 2010 fiscal year was \$281,868 and the overall expenses were \$314,588 the budget breakdown was as follows:

- **Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits:** \$137,621
- **Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors:** \$49,349
- **Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance:** \$20,349
- **Printing, publications, postage, and shipping:** \$8,588
- **Attrition:** \$3,447
- **Bank charges:** \$65
- **Equipment:** \$3,485
- **Insurance:** \$1,200
- **Other:** \$11,874
- **Reception:** \$6,222
- **Training and conferences:** \$18,714
- **Travel and lodging:** \$15,695
- **Annual conference:** \$37,894
- **Property taxes:** \$60

Members: Maryland's Teen Court Association has eight members, where many other states have a great deal more, like Arizona, with 81. The members are: Anne Arundel County Teen Court, Baltimore City Teen Court, Caroline County Teen Court, Charles County Sheriff's Teen Court, Montgomery County Teen Court, Queen Anne's County Teen Court, St. Mary's County Teen Court, and Talbot County Teen Court.

Stats for the 2010 Fiscal Year:

Cases Adjudicated: 1,080

Successful Completions: 963

Completion Rate: 89.17%

Community Service Hours Completed: 27,386

Total Youth Volunteers: 1,173 (178 former respondents)

Adult Volunteers: 126

Notes: This Teen Court is an association. Some teen court associations really only the form of a court. This one, however, had statistics for each of its members, and a statistic chart for the statewide success of the programs, which are very relevant. The Form 990 is out of Baltimore, but was listed as "National Association of Youth Courts, Inc." Included here are the statewide statistics, and the budget from that 990.

NEW YORK

Association of New York State Youth Courts

Umbrella Structure: This program is an incorporated Association of Member State youth courts and has 501(c)(3) status. This association coordinates youth courts across counties. It helps teen courts stay accountable and provides a source of information, training, and funding for individual teen courts.

Cases Heard: Not Applicable to the Association.

Sentences: Not Applicable to the Association.

Budget: The total revenue in 2003 was \$45,979. The Association was exempt from training and education.

Revenue-

- Program services revenue including government fees and contract: \$31, 741
- Membership Dues and Assessments: \$14,200
- Investment Income: \$38
- Total: \$45,979

Expenditures-

- Occupancy, Rent Utilities, and Maintenance: \$4,760
- Printing, Publications, Postage, Shipping: \$7,425
- Other (State Conference Consultant and State Conference): \$29,935

Model: The Association is composed of regional representatives who report on the regions activities and inform their regions of Association business. The Association is inclusive of about 60% of NYS Teen Court programs.

Funding: The Association receives funding from New York State Division of Criminal Justice System, New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Staff:

•**Co-President:** Deb Holland

Ontario County Youth Court

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•**Co-President:** Cookie Waller

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•**Past President:** Michael Torrillo

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•**Past President:** Judy Wolfe

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•**Vice-President:** Dawn Metott

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Livingston County Youth Court

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•**Secretary-** Katrina Charland

Bethlehem Youth Court

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NEW YORK

Jefferson County Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the Resolution Center of Jefferson County, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts cases of youth offenders between 7 to 15 years old, who voluntarily accept responsibility for their crimes.

Possible offenses include: petit larceny, criminal mischief, harassment, vandalism, disorderly conduct, public lewdness, and some alcohol or marijuana violations that were determined by law enforcement officials to be appropriate for referral.

Sentences: Up to 50 hours of community service, attendance in law related educational classes and an essay on what the offender learned, letters of apology, jail tour, alcohol and drug abuse counseling, and anything creative the Members of the Court come up with.

Budget: The total for the Youth Court in 2011 was \$23,250. However, the 990 document did not include a list of expenditures.

Model: This program uses an all teen court model, where youth perform roles of Judge, Defender, Prosecutor, Clerk, and Bailiff. Members of the Youth Court are Jefferson county students between 15 to 19 years old, who are trained to conduct “sentence hearings” of their peers while serving any role of the court. The training goals include: Individual & group decision making skills; Public speaking & presentation skills; Critical and strategic thinking skills; An understanding of their civic responsibilities; Knowledge of the criminal & juvenile justice systems; Awareness of their responsibility to the community & accountability for their actions; Awareness of their obligation to act in a pro-social manner; Awareness of their own abilities to make choices that will affect their lives.

Funding: This agency receives funding from Office of Court Administration, United Way of Northern NY, the Office of Children and Family Services, Jefferson County Youth Bureau, and the Foundation and Individual Donations. However, the United Way specifically supports the Youth Court program.

Volunteers: No information available

Staff:

Kelly L. Sova, Director- Youth Court of Jefferson County
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Watertown, NY 13601
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Notes: This program includes the parents if they wish to participate, but they are not required to do so. The student members of the court seem to gain a great amount of experience and training before participating in the process. This program operates closely with the Teen Court Association of New York. This program was established by law enforcement agencies and the probation department in Jefferson County.

NEW YORK

Oneida County Youth Courts

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the county government.

Cases Heard: This program accepts cases from first-time offenders who are 11 to 17 years old and admit guilt. Cases are referred by police officers, judges, Probation Department, and schools. Possible offenses include: Vandalism, Criminal Mischief, Petit Larceny, Burglary, Insubordination, Truancy, and Forgery.

Sentences: Community Service, Jury Sentences, Letters of Apology, Essay, Jail Tour, and Mediation.

Budget: \$49,000 from State Aid. (County 2012 proposed budget)

Model: This program uses an all teen court model, where youth, in grades 7 to 12, participate as judge, prosecution, defense, clerk, bailiff, and juror. Students must complete a training course and pass an exam and mock hearing regarding criminal justice system, operation of youth court, penal law, sentencing issues, rules of evidence, and disposition options.

Funding: No information available.

Volunteers: This program operates under a volunteer Advisory Board, who makes the initial contacts within each community, are responsible for establishing a strong reputation for the youth court program, works with the Director to develop a list of community service options for the offender and to publicize the program to the community. This program also has a volunteer Court Supervisor, who is over 18 years old. Volunteer interns, 16 years or older, are also utilize to work on administrative office assignments as well as "field work," (traveling to various schools, courts, organizations, etc.).

Staff: The only staff member is a director.

Notes: This program operates four tee court programs throughout the county. Evidence of Youth Court Success:

- Delaware County officials determined that sending youthful offenders through Youth Court saved the county over \$75,000 in probation and court costs.
- Oneida County Youth Court is also following in the footsteps of Syracuse, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cattaraugus County and Yonkers youth courts in hearing school violations that may lead to the filing of PINS petitions.
- Onondaga County Youth Court, which began in 2003, has seven regional youth courts at an estimated savings of \$780,000 compared to the cost of traditional juvenile adjudication methods.
- Colonie, New York's Youth Court is a nationally renowned model. From 1995-2003, the program heard 716 cases, with a 99% completion rate. They heard 400 cases involving petit larceny, the majority from a shopping mall. Oneida County Youth Court has the potential for similar success on a smaller level, especially with Sangertown Mall as well as local commercial hubs such as Wal-Mart and Consumer Square.

NEW YORK

Bethlehem Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: This program is a non-profit organization, which is overseen by a board of directors.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 10 to 19, who commit low level crimes.

Sentences: Information not listed.

Budget: Total Expenses for the youth court in 2009 was \$38,346.

- Salaries, Compensation, Employee Benefits: \$28,100
 - Director: \$26,000
 - Payroll taxes: \$2,100
- Other: \$10,246
 - Accounting: \$300
 - Office Expenses: \$1,237
 - Conferences, Conventions, Meetings: \$794
 - Insurance: \$2,850
 - Payroll service fee: \$676
 - Postage: \$455
 - Training: \$1,209
 - Awards, Scholarship membership exp, Restitution: \$500
 - Other: \$148

Model: This program uses an all youth court model, where youth in grades 9 through 12 perform roles of the judge, prosecution, defense, clerk, bailiff, and jury. Youth volunteers must commit to one year of service and be a resident of the town.

Funding: This program receives funding through the Town of Bethlehem, Grants, and Private Donations from the New York Bar Foundation, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, State Employee Federal Appeal (SEFA), and the Stewarts Holiday Match.

Volunteers: This program pulls volunteers from the Bethlehem Town government, Bethlehem Town Board, law school faculty members, federal defenders, police department detectives, policy researchers, college professors, and probation supervisors, and members of the U.S. Attorney's office.

Staff: No information available

Notes: Teen volunteers are trained and mentored by attorneys and adult volunteers.

NORTH CAROLINA

Capital Area Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under ReEntry, Inc. a private, non-profit organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 9 to 17, who commit misdemeanors. Cases are referred by School Resource Officers, School Administrators, Community Police, Detectives, Magistrates, Juvenile Court Intake, and Assistant District Attorney (in Juvenile Court and District Court).

Possible Offenses include: larceny, simple assault, affray, property damage, drug possession, alcohol possession

Prohibited Offenses: Offenses with serious injury, driving while impaired, Class A1 misdemeanors, assaults with weapon, controlled substance offenses, sexual offenses

Sentences: Community Service, jury duty, monetary restitution, written or verbal apologies or essays, skills groups that focus on various topics: making appropriate choices, peer-pressure, and the effects of stealing on the community. Offenders must complete sanctions within 90 days.

Budget: Total Expenses for the Non-Profit in 2011 was \$185,43.
An itemized expenditure for the Teen Court was not available.

Model: This program uses a youth-adult model. Youth perform roles of prosecutor, defense attorney, clerk, bailiff and juror. Youth attorneys must attend training, which is held at Campbell University School of Law. The judge role is played by a licensed attorney or actual presiding district court judge, and an adult (Jury Monitor) helps facilitate jury deliberations to deter any inappropriate behavior.

Funding: This program receives funding through the Juvenile Crime and Prevention Council and partners with the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Volunteers: This program pulls volunteers from colleges and law schools.

Staff: Lamont Middleton-Outreach Coordinator
(919) 664-5569
Lamont.middleton@wakegov.com

Notes: The Teen Court Coordinator is responsible for a lot of oversight regarding referrals from outside, determining which cases should be heard, and communicating with the parents and youth about the offenses and sanctions. Also, the group sessions mandated by the court are led by two trained counseling professionals and extend over twelve weeks.

NORTH CAROLINA

Dare County Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program is under the County Government, and executed by a Teen Court Advisory Board.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth in grades 7 to 12, who commit low level crimes.

Sentences: Supervised community services and restitution.

Budget: Total Expenses for the youth court were projected at \$17,782 in 2011

- **Contracted services:** \$14,116
- **Supplies:** \$2,552
- **Travel:** \$1,114

Model: This program uses a youth-adult model. Youth serve in roles as prosecutor, defense attorney, clerk, bailiff, and jury, and are supervised by adults. Student Leadership Team is a special group of students serve as defense attorney, prosecutor, and jury foreperson. The Youth Leadership Team meets more frequently than the other Youth members of the Court.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: Elizabeth Spruill
(252)475-5689

Notes: Teen Court program is connected with the Juvenile Services Psych Program, which provides psychological assessments to juvenile offenders for treatment decisions. It is also connected with the Youth Accountability and Counseling Services, which provides skills building, counseling, and case-manage for the youth and their families, particularly for youth involved in substance abuse and violence. These mental health counselors have Master's degrees in social work or counseling and have at least 5 years of counseling experience.

NORTH CAROLINA

Orange County Teen Courts

Umbrella Structure: This program is under Volunteer's for Youth, a non-profit organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 11 to 17, who commit misdemeanor offenses. Referrals are made by law enforcement, school resource officers, judges, and court counselors.

Possible offenses include assault, affray, underage possession/consumption of drugs, alcohol and/or drug paraphernalia, vandalism, disorderly conduct, larceny, and shoplifting

Prohibited offenses include sexual offenses, firearms, hate crimes, motor vehicle violations, or offenses that resulted in serious injury.

Sentences: No information available

- **Budget:** Total expenses for the youth court in 2011 Report included the organization's full range of programs, without itemizing the cost for the youth court.
 - **Salaries and Wages:** \$150,338
 - **Pensions:** \$4,496
 - **Employment benefits:** \$11,23
 - **Payroll:** \$11,789
 - **Accounting:** \$3,900
 - **Advertising/Promotion:** \$1,166
 - **Office Expenses:** \$11,113
 - **Information Technology:** \$2,577
 - **Occupancy:** \$27,216
 - **Travel:** \$1,397
 - **Insurance:** \$3,600
 - **Special Events:** \$11,844
 - **Restitution:** \$2,878
 - **Group Activity:** \$1,067
 - **Bank Fees:** \$976
 - **Repairs and Maintenance:** \$654

Model: This program uses a youth-adult model. Youth play roles of attorney, clerk, bailiff, and jurors and are required to participate in a training program before volunteering.

Funding: Primary funding for the programs of Volunteers for Youth comes from the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, United Way of the Greater Triangle, the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, private donations, and the revenue raised through the annual Hubert Davis Golf Tournament.

Volunteers: This program pulls volunteers from the community, and anyone can volunteer.

Staff: Amy Fischer, Program Coordinator
(919)967-4511
awf@volunteersforyouth.org

Notes: This program seems to be a part of a larger organization that works with children in a variety of settings. The larger non-profit serves youth in the community through mentoring and community service opportunities.

OREGON

Cottage Grove Peer Court

Umbrella Structure: This program is under the Police Department.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first or second-time offender cases of youth under age 18, who commit misdemeanor offenses or certain other violations. Parents must consent to the referral. Referrals are made by police officers, Department of Youth Services, Municipal Court, and local schools. Possible offenses include: Possession of alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana, littering, criminal trespass, theft, criminal mischief, reckless burning, assault IV, disorderly conduct, harassment, carrying a concealed weapon.

Sentences: Community service hours (0-40), essays (max word count- 500), verbal or letter of apology, restitution, must sit as a juror in at least one future case, attend victims impact panel, attend anger management classes, attend drug/alcohol evaluation and follow recommendations. Restitution is required if monetary items are listed in the police report, or 2 written appraisals for replacements of damaged property are presented at the hearing.

Budget: : No information available

Model: This program uses a youth-adult model. Youth are middle school or high school students who fill roles as jury and case presenters. The role of the judge is filled by a local judge or attorney. Once the sanctions are completed, the offender can apply to the circuit court to have his record expunged. If the sanction is not completed, the case is referred to the Department of Youth Services.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: This program pulls volunteers from the community.

Staff: Staff: Al Jarvis - Peer Court Coordinator
(512)942-9145 (ext. 152)
al@cgpolicy.org

Notes: The local attorney or judge will ensure all legal requirements are met in the case. Peer Court Coordinator ensures the sanctions are completed. The Court has been active since 1997, has heard over 800 cases, and has a recidivism rate of 10%.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Mauldin High School Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the South Carolina Bar Association and the local high school.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth under age 19. Possible offenses include Simple assault, petit larceny, disturbing school, interfering with the operation of a school bus, public disorderly conduct, cigarette use, littering, truancy, and vandalism.

Sentences: Community service, counseling, restitution

Budget: No information available

Model: This program is a youth-adult model. Students who attend the local high school, have clean conduct records, and who are under 19 years of age fill the roles of attorney, clerk, bailiff, and jurors. A practicing attorney fills the role of the judge. The presiding judge approves or rejects the jury's punishment. If a punishment is deemed too severe, the judge will ask the jury to deliberate once more and decide on another punishment. The Teen court holds 25 Teen Court member positions. The high school holds preparation meetings before each trial.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: Mr. Dodgens (Principal) and Officer Floyd (School Resource Officer)
701 E. Butler Rd.
Mauldin, SC 29662
864-355-6500

Notes: South Carolina Bar Law Related Education (LRE) Division and the South Carolina Department of Education Office of Safe Schools and Youth Services (OSSYS) have full time staff available to assist communities and/or schools with the implementation, training and ongoing support of local Youth Courts.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Brown County Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the South Dakota Teen Court Association.

Cases Heard: This program accepts cases of youth ages 10 to 17, who is enrolled in an accredited school. Cases are referred by the States Attorney's office.

Sentences: The offender must attend all teen court hearings until his or her sentence is over. Sentences include incorporation of: Accountability- community service work to hold youth accountable; Education- education opportunities for youth to understand the effects of their choice; Community Involvement- encourage youth to be involved in the community; Same sanctions as addressed above in the Brookings County Teen Court; and Sanctions that will encourage family involvement.

Budget: No information available

Model: This program is a youth-adult model. Students who attend the local high school, have clean conduct records, and who are under 19 years of age fill the roles of attorney, clerk, bailiff, and jurors. A practicing attorney fills the role of the judge.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: No information available

Staff: Two paid part-time staff: Director and Coordinator

Notes: Youth offenders must pay a \$20 fee, unless they are unable. This program encourages family involvement at every level.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Pennington County Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the Pennington County States Attorney's Office

Cases Heard: This program accepts cases of youth ages 10 to 17, who is enrolled in an accredited school. Cases are referred by the States Attorney's office.

Possible offenses include disturbance of school, minor consumption or possession of alcohol, petty theft, simple assault, disorderly conduct, ingestion or possession of marijuana or drug paraphernalia.

Sentences: Two hour class focusing on the short and long-term effects of theft, referrals made to Lifeways Advisors or the City/Council Alcohol and Other Drug Program; Two hour class highlighting choices and consequences; jury duty; Volunteer hours performed for a non-profit organization or victim in the community; Verbal/written apologies, essays, artwork, counseling, restitution, mentoring, tours of facilities, research, interviews, etc.

Budget: Information is not available.

Model: This program is a youth-adult model. Youth fill the roles of attorney, clerk, bailiff, juror, and exit officers. Adult volunteers serve as judge and jury monitor.

Funding: Information is not available.

Volunteers: Adult volunteers also serve as volunteer recruiters and trainers, assist with publicity and assistance in overall programming.

Staff: Cody Raterman
3000 Kansas City St. Ste. 400
Rapid City, SD 57701
(605)394-6909

Notes: Youth offenders must pay a \$25 fee and complete the sentence within 90 days. A teen advisory committee provides feedback and assists staff in decision-making and program planning.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the Tennessee Bar Association.

Cases Heard: This program accepts cases of youth offenders between 11 to 17 years old, who commit low-level offenses and voluntarily accepts responsibility for their crimes. Possible offenses include assault, burglary and theft of property, vandalism, forgery, cruelty to animals, harassment, unauthorized use of a vehicle, disorderly conduct, runaway, violation of curfew, truancy, disorderly conduct, some traffic offenses, and criminal trespass

Sentences: Youth Court recommends dispositions to Juvenile Judges, some of which include: compensation for the victim, writing formal apologies, community service, limitation of driving privileges, participation as a teen/youth court member, curfew limitations, school attendance, writing essays or research or similar school projects. Tennessee Youth Courts may also recommend that the offender attend court-approved workshops designed to improve the offender's decision-making skills, enhance their victim awareness, and deter them from future delinquent acts.

Budget: No information available

Model: Tennessee youth courts use an adult/youth model. Youth act as jury, bailiff, and attorneys, while an adult volunteers acts as presiding judge.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: This program developed strategic partnerships with existing civic, educational, law enforcement, courts and faith sector organizations to expand existing youth courts and improve their sustainability.

Staff:

Denise Bentley, Youth Court Coordinator
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Notes: The State Legislature authorized Tennessee Youth Courts in 2000. Under the authorizing statute, Tennessee Youth Courts may hear juvenile cases involving assault, burglary and theft of property, vandalism, forgery, cruelty to animals, harassment, unauthorized use of a vehicle, disorderly conduct, runaways, violations of curfew, truancy, disorderly conduct, some traffic offenses, and criminal trespass.

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Midland Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates as a non-profit organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts cases of youth ages 10 to 18. Cases are referred by Possible offenses include: (Class C misdemeanors) traffic citations, Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Theft under \$50, Possession of Tobacco, Curfew Violation, etc. Other cases may be referred to Midland Teen Court as deemed appropriate.

Sentences: community service and jury duty. (See chart in "Notes")

Budget: Total Expenses for the Non-Profit as a whole in 2010 was \$153,298

Revenue

- Contributions and Grants: \$156,838
- Program Service Revenue: \$1,260
- Investment Income: \$610
- Total: \$158,708

Expenditures in 2010 were \$153,298

- Salaries: \$108,228
- Professional Fees and Independent contractors: \$4,200
- Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, and Maintenance: \$1,684
- Other: \$39,186

Model: This program is a youth-adult model. The jury is made up youth who are at least in 7th grade and other youth offenders serving as part of their sentence. Youth can serve as a juror for the traffic and non traffic cases. Youth in 8th grade and above may train to be a teen attorney in the non-traffic cases after receiving training. Adult volunteers serve as bailiffs, courtroom attendants, or community service assistants during the courtroom sessions or help with the training of our teen attorneys. Adults may also serve as Midland Teen Court board members. Local attorneys may also serve as a master jury judge during the court sessions.

Funding: Current funding comes from the City, the County, Midland Independent School District, and previously by the Junior League of Midland, Inc

Volunteers: This program takes youth and adult volunteers from the community.

Staff: Amanda Orona-Executive Director, aorona@midlandteencourt.org

Melissa Hernandez-Administrative Assistant, mhernandez@midlandteencourt.org

Notes: Sanctions are similar for all Texas Teen courts. I believe they are established by State statutes.

Rank 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5-10 hours of community service ■ 1-3 evenings of jury service ■ Seatbelt violations, speeding 14 mph or less over speed limit, etc.
Rank 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10-15 hours of community service ■ 2-3 evenings of jury service ■ Speeding 15-24 over speed limit or in a school or hospital zone, failure to yield or stop at a red light or sign, etc.
Rank 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 15-25 hours of community service ■ 3-4 evenings of jury service ■ Speeding greater than 24 mph over speed limit, Speeding 15 mph or greater in School Zone, No Driver's License, Curfew Violation, Tobacco Offenses, Use of Wireless device in a school zone, etc.
Rank 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 25-40 hours of community service ■ 3-5 evenings of jury service ■ Disorderly Conduct, D.U.I. (Minor), Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicles, Minor Consuming Alcohol, Minor in Possession, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Assault, Speeds greater than 80 mph, Theft under \$50, Violation of School Attendance Laws, etc.

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Irving Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the city government, City of Irving Municipal Courts.

Cases Heard: This program accepts cases of youth ages 10 to 17, who admit guilt, are enrolled in school full-time, and have not been in a teen court proceeding in Texas in the past two years. Offenders must pay a \$20 registration fee.

Possible offenses include: Class C misdemeanors

Sentences: community service, educational classes, jury service (See TX Statutory Sanction Guide.)

Budget: No information available

Model: This program has two methods, depending on the age of the child. Youth court volunteer members must be at least 14 years old and must attend all training.

10 to 13-Year-Olds: Counseling

The program for 10 to 13-year-olds consists of the youth and a parent/guardian attending counseling sessions held in the Youth and Family Counseling area of the Police Department.

- First-time offenders with either Assault or Fighting in Public citations are required to attend two Anger Management classes offered in both English and Spanish. For first-time offenders with other types of citations, one group counseling session (First Offender program) is required.
- If youths are not first-time offenders, a Subsequent Offender Program is available (it includes four counseling sessions on consecutive Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.). A parent is required to attend all programs. Enrollment is done through the Teen Court office. Upon notification of completion of the appropriate program, the cases are taken back to the judge for dismissal.

14 to 17-Year-Olds: Youth-Adult model

Fourteen through seventeen-year-olds and others still enrolled in high school will have their cases heard before a jury of their peers. A verdict will be rendered that includes community service hours (within a pre-established range on the discipline grid) and at least one jury term. In Teen Court, most non-traffic offenses are presented to a 6- member jury of teens. Teen defense attorneys and prosecutors ask questions of the defendant; argue the case before the jury, and then the jury returns a verdict. A master jury hears most traffic citations. The master jury functions more like a grand jury, with direct interaction between the jurors and the defendant.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: Adult volunteers assist with: checking-in of jurors, making jury assignments, overseeing the courtrooms, handling checkout of defendants. Local attorneys are welcome to apply to volunteer as Teen Court judges.

Staff: No information available

Notes: Sanction Guide

Class 1 Offenses Includes, but not limited to: Defective Lights, Equipment Violations, No Helmet, Seat Belt Violation, Stopping in Prohibited Area, Following Too Closely Failure to Signal, Improper Turns, Speeding 1-10 mph, Squealing Tires, Jaywalking/Crossed Roadway, Parking Violations (except disabled)	6-18 hours 1 jury term
Class 2 Includes, but not limited to: Driver's License Violations, Speeding 11-20 mph, Ran Red Light, Failure to Yield Right-of-Way, Wrong Side of Street, Impeding Traffic, Unsafe Lane Change, Disobey	15-30 hours 1 jury term

<p>Traffic Control Device, One-way Street, Exhibition of Acceleration, Riding Back of Pickup-u/18, Disabled Parking Cut Across Business, Clinging to Motor Vehicle, Failure to Use Restraint/Safety Seat, Anti-Noise Violations, Littering/Public or Private Property, Failure to Report Address Change</p>	
<p>Class 3 Includes, but not limited to: Speeding 21-25 mph, Speeding -- school zone 1-10 mph, Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility**, Registration-Display Unauthorized Temporary Tags, Cell Phone Prohibited - School Zone <u>NON-TRAFFIC OFFENSES</u> Failure to ID/Give Wrong, Name/Give False Report Curfew Violations, Abusive Language</p>	<p>6-18 hours 1 jury term</p>
<p>Class 4 Includes, but not limited to: Speeding 26+ MPH, Speeding - school zone 11+ MPH, Pass Stopped School Bus, Accident w/Damage, Leave Scene of Accident FMFR - Subsequent Offense** <u>NON-TRAFFIC OFFENSES</u> Theft, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Trespassing/Trespass School Grounds, Assault Smoking on School Grounds, Fighting in Public Fleeing an Officer/Evading Arrest, Reckless Damage Criminal Mischief, Disruption of Classes, Air Gun/BB Gun Violation, Offensive/Obscene Display, Urinating in Public/Exposure, Noxious Odor, Possession of/Discharge Fireworks, Abuse 911 Line, Loitering on School Grounds, JNA Fail-To-Appear</p>	<p>15-30 hours 1 jury term</p>
<p>NOTE: Jury decides whether hours assessed for multiple offenses run concurrently or consecutively; jury terms assessed are always for highest class offense.</p>	<p>28-46 hours 2 jury terms</p>
<p>Additional options for sentencing: (jury may require ONE) Letter of apology to victim or to parent/guardian; Attendance at one Life Skills or Anger Management class; Written essay (minimum 500 words) on a topic to be decided by the teen jury **ALL participants with an FMFR citation are required to attend the class—"What Is Insurance and Why Do I Need It?"—offered in both English and Spanish</p>	<p>42-60 hours 2 jury terms</p>

UTAH

Layton Youth Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under the Layton Community Action Council, a non-profit organization.

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth ages 10 to 17, who commit minor infractions, mostly class B and C misdemeanors and school violations.

Possible offenses include: underage alcohol consumption, underage tobacco use, truancy

Sentences: community service hours, peer counseling each week before teen court, "CHOICES" classes, oral or written reports, tutoring, letters of apology, and restitution. Youth may be referred to counseling programs for truancy, drug, alcohol, or tobacco abuse.

Budget: Total Expenses for the Non-Profit as a whole in 2010 was \$60,996.

Revenue

- Contributions and Grants: \$66,263
- Total: \$66,263

Expenditures

- Salaries: \$28,560
- Printing, Publications, Postage, and Shipping: \$1,895
- Professional Fees and Contracted Support: \$680
- Program Activities/Supplies: \$5,841
- Service Projects: \$1,090
- Uniforms: \$559
- Special Events/Activities: \$8,047
- Training Materials: \$1,030
- Insurance: \$1,737
- Office Expenses: \$1,219
- Communities that Care: \$5,518
- Literacy: \$1,200
- Misc.: \$3,620
- Total: \$60,996

Model: This program uses an all youth model. High school age youth are trained to be judges, clerks, and bailiffs.

Funding: No information available

Volunteers: This program accepts youth and adult volunteers and encourages anyone to apply. Youth Court members must go through training and serve for an entire year. The Youth Court Committee consists of volunteers representing the Layton City Council, the Mayor's Office, the Layton City Police Department, the Layton City Attorney's Office, Weber State University Criminal Justice Department, Davis County School District, Layton High Schools and Junior High Schools, and concerned citizens of Layton City.

Staff:

- President: Brad Floyd
- Vice President: Doug Ressler
- Vice President: Kaleey Sorsensen
- Historian: Stacey Merrill
- Activities Coordinator: Liberty Snow
- Peer Counseling Coordinator / CHOICES Expert / Chief Secretary: Parker Pratt
- Contact Coordinator: Amanda Ortiz

Notes: The youth are required to pay a \$30 program fee; \$10 will be retained upon completion of the sanctions, so that the court fee is \$20 in the end. Youth have 60 days to complete the sanctions. Some stakeholders in getting the project started included: The Mayor, city council members, the City Attorney, the City Manager, the Chief of Police

UTAH

Salt Lake City Peer Court

Umbrella Structure: Salt Lake Peer Court is a nonprofit group that's part of the Law Related Education Project under the Utah State Bar Association

Cases Heard: This program accepts first-time offender cases of youth in grades 7 to 12, who commit low level crimes. Cases are referred by the local police departments, while many work through local school districts.

Possible offenses include: truancy, fighting, disorderly conduct, theft, vandalism, bullying, and tobacco.

Sentences: essays, community service

Budget: Information is not available.

Model: This program uses an all youth/panel model. High school age youth serve on a panel and ask questions of the offender and take into evidence his/her school records, attendance, and other conduct related evidence. The youth are trained for about two months. Youth are also required to mentor the offenders until their sanctions are completed. Adult volunteers oversee the youth volunteers and the adjudication process.

Funding: Information is not available.

Volunteers: The peer court accepts adult and youth volunteers from the community. High school students from the Salt Lake City School District are asked to volunteer for one school year. Adult volunteers help oversee the proceedings, as well as greet offenders and families and help mediate between youth conflicts.

Staff:

Program Director: Kathleen Zeitlin

Program Coordinator: Iris Salazar

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Notes: This program operates in 3 steps: the peer court hearing, peer mentoring, and then mediation. As peer mentors, youth volunteers who are also on the sentencing panel call the offender about once a week to see how he/she is doing.

The Utah Youth Court Association also assists with various counseling programs:

COUNSELING / CLASSES

DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES - Youth & Family Counseling, Classes, Support Groups

INDIAN URBAN CENTER - Life Skills Classes, Counseling, Tutoring

ASIAN ASSOCIATION - For Refugees & Immigrants - Case Management

"OCHO PASOS" GANG INTERVENTION PROJECT - Hispanic youth support program

E.N.D Tobacco Program

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Teen Court Association

Umbrella Structure: This organization operates as a non-profit organization with Community Connections, Inc., overseeing each Teen Court in West Virginia.

Cases Heard: West Virginia programs accept first-time offender cases of youth ages 11 to 18. Offenders are not required to admit guilt. Cases are referred by the circuit courts. Possible offenses include delinquency acts considered misdemeanors if committed by an adult.

Sentences: Must serve at least 2 sessions as a juror; 16 to 40 hours of community service; restitution to the victim; letters of apology; remedial classes (theft, alcohol education, etc.); and essays. Sanctions shall be monitored by the county juvenile probation system for cases arising in the circuit court's jurisdiction.

Budget: No information available

Model: This program model is mandated by the West Virginia Code. Youth from grades 7 to 12 of the county schools fill roles as defense attorney, prosecuting attorney, court clerk, bailiff and jurors. The role of judge is filled by an acting or retired circuit court judge or an active member of the West Virginia State Bar, who serves on a voluntary basis.

Funding: The Association provides funding for teen court programs, who are members of the Association (Membership is free). It receives grants from the West Virginia Bureau of Behavioral Health and Health Facilities: Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Volunteers: : This program accepts volunteers from the community and allows any community to start its own Teen Court.

Staff: Representatives from each Teen Court in State.

Notes: Offenders are required to pay a mandatory fee up to \$5. Youth may only appear in Teen Court once within a two-year period. Parents must give consent to participation. This Association oversees all Teen Court programs and ensures they are operating under the West Virginia Code. This Association also provides stipends and financial assistance to local Teen Court programs.

WISCONSIN

Barron County Restorative Teen Court

Umbrella Structure: This program operates under a non-profit Barron County Restorative Justice Programs, Inc.

Cases Heard: This program accepts cases from first-time offenders who are 11 to 17 years old and admit guilt.

Possible offenses include theft, disorderly conduct, and damage to property

Sentences: Typical: Restitution to Victims; Hours of Community Service; Curfew: weeknights and/or weekends; Apology Letter(s) (sent through BCJRP); Workshops: know-alcohol, not-tobacco, parent-teen, anger-management, victim-impact-panel for alcohol/driving, shoplifting; Teen Court Jury Mentor; RJ Friend (Adult Mentor)

Other Options: Research Project, Empathy-Building Reading Assignment, Cookies & Careers (Job Skills Seminar), WITC College Tour (career assessment included), Fire Safety & Prevention Class

Budget: The total expenditure in 2010 was \$ 183,945

Revenue

- Contributions and Grants: \$290,459
- Program Service Revenue: \$29,451
- Investment Income: \$521
- Training Reimbursement: \$353
- Total: \$320,784

Expenditures in 2010 were \$332,061

- Advertising and Promotion: \$34
- Office Expenses: \$8,948
- Information Technology: \$1,249
- Conferences, Conventions, Meetings: \$846
- Insurance: \$2,932
- Contracted Support: \$303.823
- Workshops: \$7,720
- Rent: \$200
- Mileage: \$6,409

Model: This program uses an Adult judge model. Students in grades 8 through 12 represent the clerk, panelists, and jury hearing the cases. An actual judge volunteers to oversee the hearings.

Funding: Barron County school districts and federal grants.

Volunteers: This program takes youth volunteers and volunteer judges. No information is provided on what other volunteers are accepted. However, the 990 reports 100 volunteers in 2010.

Staff: Compensated Staff: President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer

- Judy Demers, President
- Linda Mikunda, Vice President
- Angela Beranek, Secretary
- Stephanie Schimdt, Treasurer
- Trina Woiak, Coordinator, (715)236-0940, bcjrp@chibardun.org

Notes: This program appears to operate about 3 youth courts. In BCRJP's Restorative Teen Court, an average of 90% of all youth offenders going through the program completed 100% of their sentenced sanctions. The remaining 10% finished the program with partial completion of sanctions.

- Victim Offender Conferencing – 99 cases with 148 offenders and 113 victims
- Teen Court- 52 Offenders
- Victim Impact Panel- 525 Offenders