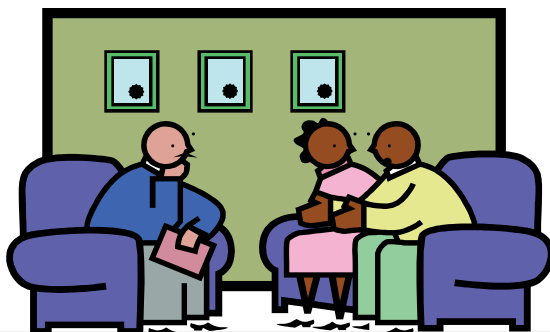


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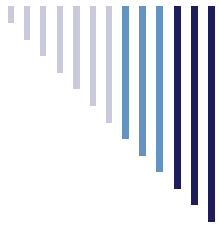
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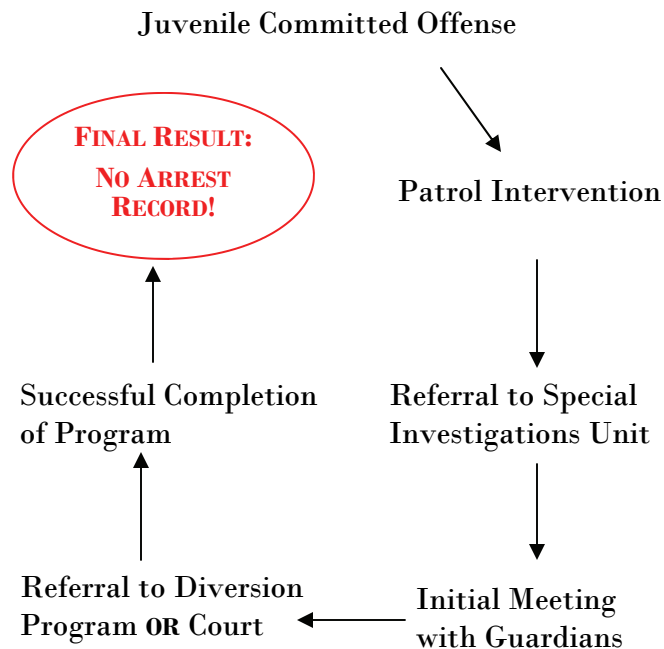
Mission Statement

The program is designed to divert Milford juveniles who have committed a first-time, non-violent offense, away from the Juvenile Justice System and afford them an opportunity to develop personal awareness and accountability, increase problem resolution skills, strengthen familial relationships, while promoting positive citizenship.

Eligibility for Program

- Individuals under the age of seventeen who are committed to addressing the issues that led to their original offense and developing valuable life skills
- Milford resident
- First time offender
- Committed a non-violent offense
- Accepted in the program after successful interview process

Focus of Program



- The program consists of 5 mandatory scheduled meetings.
- The first 4 meetings consist of group work with youth, which explores the present challenges in their lives, responsibilities, and healthy solutions.
- The final meeting is to be scheduled at Milford Youth and Family Services for a one-session Family Assessment with a Certified Family Therapist.
- Upon successful completion of the program, the arrest of the juvenile will be cleared and no referral to the court will be made.
- Continued therapeutic services will be available for further support.

Group Work and Assessment

- Consequences of Criminal Offenses
- Personal Responsibility and Healthy Boundaries
- Repairing Family Relationships and Strengthening Communication Skills
- Character Building and Positive Decision Making Strategies
- Restitution and Positive Connections in the Community

