



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF TALLMADGE

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Dear Parent,

I would like to help you understand the Tallmadge Police Department Diversion Program and how it can benefit you. The Summit County Juvenile Court allows local police jurisdictions to operate Diversion programs. This is a voluntary program on your part and on ours. It helps to ease the caseload at the Juvenile Court.

The court has established certain requirements that must be met in order to participate in the Diversion program. These will be set forth in a contract you and your child complete at our initial hearing. Based upon several factors, such as your child's age, type of offense, current grades, social group, etc., I will decide what criteria must be in the contract for successful completion. Typically, there will be community service that is supervised by Police personnel. Your child will be on a probationary status for a 6 month period. They will be required to obey home rules, school rules, and all state and local laws. They will also be subject to random drug testing if this is an issue. In certain cases, there are mandatory counseling assessments for drugs and alcohol. I will allow parents to add restrictions to the contract if they are reasonable.

Restitution may be required in some cases. Things such as grades are routinely addressed. If they fail to follow the rules set forth in the contract or if they become involved in further criminal behavior, they could be subject to termination from the program and their case would be sent to the Juvenile Court for adjudication. The results of the program have been much more positive than sending a child to Dan Street. There will be no permanent record that could affect future job prospects or scholarships.

I will do everything possible to help your child make it through this program if you decide to take advantage of this opportunity. Please review the other documents in this package and insure that you bring all the listed items to the hearing.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacey Hurley".

Stacey Hurley
Juvenile Detective
Tallmadge Police Department



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JUVENILE HEARINGS

Please bring the following to your scheduled hearing:

1. \$10.00 to cover the maintenance and expense of the community service supplies, T-shirts, shop towels, Etc.
2. Your child's most recent report card and your user ID and password for progress book, (Tallmadge School Children only).
3. Your child's most recent school photo
4. Have your child make a list of their 5 closest friends.
5. Your child must write a 1 page essay on why they would like to participate in the Tallmadge Diversion Program. This must include the reason they are coming to the hearing.
6. I would request that both parents make every effort to attend the hearing. Regardless of your current marital status. It would be beneficial to list any behavioral problems you are currently experiencing. List any prescription medications your child is taking. I would also like your input on suggested restrictions or punishments you feel would help improve your child.

I must have these at the time of the hearing, failure to provide any of the above will necessitate rescheduling the hearing date.

Diversion can be a valuable tool for parents, just remember you will get out of it what you put into it. Feel free to call or e-mail me whenever you are experiencing problems.

Ensure your child completes all required obligations in the contract we complete. It is their responsibility but they may need some motivation from you.