



Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Court Division

Legal Division Intake & Diversion Unit Overview of Diversion Options

➤ **Community Diversion Program (CDP)**

First time misdemeanor and status offenders. Exceptions permitted to allow alleged felony offenders in this program on a case-by-case basis. Operated within communities countywide where cases are heard by volunteer magistrates. Successful closure from the program is based upon completion of sanctions and no further court involvement for 12 months.

➤ **Court Unruly Program (CUP)**

Status offender program (incorrigible, truant, curfew violator, runaway/AWOL). Assessments and Case Management via court contracts with community agencies. Typically, a four-month program but may be extended based upon eligibility or necessity.

➤ **MED/INF – Mediation and/or Informal Inquiry/Conference**

Pursuant to Juvenile Rule 9 and Rule 16 of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence Informal Conferences and Mediation Sessions are conducted by an Intake & Diversion Officer based upon eligibility, or necessity under current unit guidelines, or as court ordered by a judge and/or magistrate.

➤ **Parental Advisory Letter (PAL)**

Utilized for misdemeanor and status offenses under specific criteria and Intake & Diversion Unit guidelines. Requires a call back from the parent/guardian acknowledging receipt of letter. During the communication with the parent/guardian, an assessment is made to determine if further court services/programs may be helpful and/ or necessary.

➤ **Referral to Worker (RTW)**

Some misdemeanor and status offenses are referred to a worker actively assigned to a child; such workers include Community Control Officer (CCO), Social Worker with DCFS, and Case Manager under contract with the Court. Only status offenses may be referred to the assigned prosecutor where there is a pending delinquency case. Copies of the entire file packet are forwarded to the assigned worker to address with the child and parent and/or jurist if referred to a prosecutor.

➤ **Disposed of at Intake (DOI)/No Probable Cause (NPC)/No Jurisdiction (NOJ)**

Cases where no further action can be taken for reasons such as no jurisdiction, no probable cause, unable to locate due to bad address, complaint withdrawn by complainant etc...