

YONKERS YOUTH COURT

A collaboration with the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Police Department

- A voluntarily alternative option for youth to avoid the Family Court Justice System
- The responsibility of a trained group of local peers to determine effective resolutions for at-risk peers
- A Court Hearing comprised of students presenting in all levels and roles of the Juvenile Criminal Justice proceedings
- Provides Supervision, Support, and Alternatives for both first time offenders and at-risk youth



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CONTACT

- Interested in Becoming a Youth Court Member
- Refer a possible at-risk youth
- Becoming a Guest Speaker providing professional experience and knowledge to the Youth Court Members

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CANDIDATES/ CASES ACCEPTED

- First Time Offenders that have committed misdemeanors or violations
- Referrals for potentially at-risk youth
- 7 – 18 Years of Age

REFERRALS

- Yonkers Police Department Community Affairs Division during time of arrest
- Probation Departments
- Schools
- Parent/Guardian

SENTENCING POSSIBILITIES

- Community Service within the Yonkers Police Department
- Collaborations with local Community Based Organizations
- Yonkers Youth Police Initiative Program
- Educational Workshops
- Monitoring and Opportunity for additional support services with the Police Department's Youth Advisor

BENEFITS

- Providing Accountability to at-risk youth and their family
- Monitoring of young offenders with the goal of preventing further involvement within the criminal justice system
- Potentially avoiding and removing their current criminal charge on their history



YOUTH COURT MEMBERSHIP

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- A Yonkers Resident
- 13 – 18 Years of Age
- Student in Good Standing
- Application Review Selection Process
- Minimum of a Two Year Commitment
- Evening Availability based on weekly Youth Court dates; during the calendar School year

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Contributing to the growing relationship between the Yonkers Police Department, local youth and community
- Providing peers a second chance and opportunity to make amends for their mistakes
- A Social Outlet combined with meeting new peers and connecting with community professionals
- Learning the stages and process of the juvenile criminal justice and law department along with building a resume with community involvement experience