

DIRECTIONS

From Yellow Springs: Take 68 South into Xenia, turn Right onto 35 West; turn Right onto Progress Drive, turn Left onto Greene Way Boulevard.

From Fairborn: Take 235 South to 68 South; follow directions from Yellow Springs.

From Beavercreek: Take 35 East to Progress Drive; turn Left; turn Left onto Green Way Boulevard.

From Cedarville: Take 42 West to 35 West; turn Right onto Progress Drive, turn Left onto Greene Way Boulevard.

From Jamestown: Take 35 By-Pass; take 35 Business Exit (W. Main Street); turn Left onto Progress Drive, turn Left onto Greene Way Boulevard.

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Monday through Friday

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

DIVERSION PROGRAM



GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

2100 Greene Way Boulevard

Xenia, Ohio 45385

Judge Robert W. Hutcheson

The Greene County Juvenile Court Diversion Program is an informal court alternative offered to unruly and/or minor delinquent involved youth. Diversion focuses on holding youth accountable for their behavior. Success in Diversion is dependent on having a strong working relationship with the child, the parent, and often the school.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Diversion Program is to prevent formal court involvement for those youth who have had no previous court history. The Diversion Program is based on a widely accepted belief that not all cases are best handled through the formal court.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Youth charged with a misdemeanor who are first time offenders.
- Youth who display unruly behaviors at home.
- Youth who are truant from school.
- Youth at risk of being adjudicated unruly or delinquent as a result of a complaint filed with this Court.

GOAL

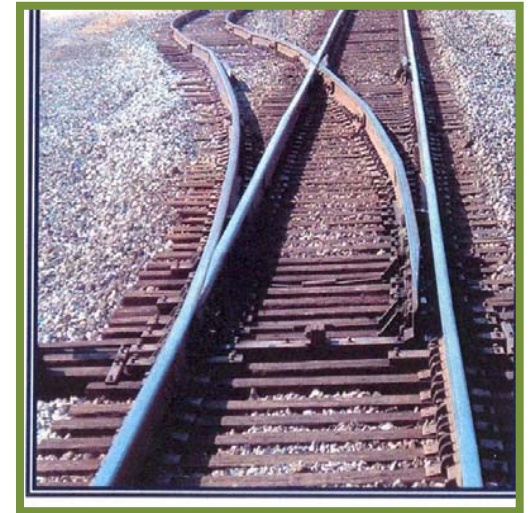
The goal is to address present acting out behavior by providing short-term, intensive court intervention for youth and their families. The target population is youth aged 8 through 17. The diversion program focus is on behavioral ownership through self-discipline, individual and family empowerment and victim awareness. The Program aims at reducing recidivism by improving the youth's decision making skills, strengthening the family relationships, as well as enhancing the child's self-esteem.

PROCESS

- 1) The diversion hearing will take place in a diversion counselor's office.
- 2) Youth will be expected to admit or deny the alleged behavior at the onset of the diversion hearing. An admission will result in the hearing officer developing a diversion contract that the youth and parent/guardian must complete.

Clear guidelines will be established. A denial will be transferred to the formal court process.

- 3) Youth will be monitored by diversion staff over a 2-4 month period through home, school and/or office visits.
- 4) Successful completion of the program results in dismissal of the complaint. **There will be no official court record.** Unsuccessful completion will result in formal court involvement.



"Your true character is revealed by the path you choose. The path you travel defines who you are, and who you are . . . you are forever."