

Youth Justice Committee Program Information

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The **Youth Justice Committee Program** is designed to provide young people with the opportunity to be held accountable for their actions and have the charges against them withdrawn/dismissed upon their successful completion.

Rebound Child & Youth Services Northumberland is the agency that facilitates the **Youth Justice Committee Program** in Northumberland County.

- Once you have received this sheet, you have **48 hours (2 days)** to contact **Rebound** and arrange an intake appointment. Please contact YJC Coordinator, Brandy, at 905-372-0007 ex 222 (Call is prefer but if necessary text: 905-269-5537). Once an intake has been scheduled, you will meet with your assigned Case Worker, who will determine whether or not you fit **Youth Justice Committee Program** criteria.
- If you are deemed appropriate for the program, a contract will be created for you outlining the assignments (sanctions) that you will need to complete.
- A contract will be created for you at the time of your scheduled **Youth Justice Committee Meeting**, which will be facilitated by 2-3 trained community volunteers and could also include the victim and police participation.
- **Sanctions** can be, but are not limited to, letters of apology to the persons harmed, community service work, restitution, an essay or attending specific programming via referral.
- If a young person **completes** all of his/her sanctions by their assigned termination date, their file will be closed as successful, and no further action will be taken against them. The charge(s) will then be withdrawn/dismissed in court. (New charges can result in diversion being revoked-Crown's discretion)
- If a young person **does not** complete all of their sanctions, their file will be closed as unsuccessful, and their charge(s) will continue to be addressed by the formal court system.

The Office of the Crown Attorney may indicate a preference or recommendation for the following programs/services as part of the referral: Life Skills, Drug Education and Substance Abuse Programming, Tutoring, Employment/Vocational support, Crisis Intervention, Anger Management, etc.



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