Increasing Public Safety

Improving Youth Outcomes

Saving Taxpayer Money
Civil Citation Statutory Process

Section 985.12, Florida Statutes

**Judge, SAO, PD, LE**
- Concurs
- Identifies Operating Entity

**LEO**
- Cites
- Assigns service hours
- Notifies

**Operating Entity**
- Assesses
- Assigns interventions
- Reports Outcomes

**Service Hour Monitor**
- Reports hours to operating entity

**Child**
- Admits
- Reports, or
- Refuses

**DJJ**
- Assists
- Analyzes
- Reports unsuccessful outcomes

Statutory Responsibilities
Section 985.12, Florida Statutes, Civil Citation

- Mandates local civil citation
- Limits eligibility to first-time, nonviolent misdemeanants
- Requires the concurrence of the chief judge, state attorney, public defender, and law enforcement
- Provides that youth are assessed for services
- Authorizes DJJ to assist in implementing or improving civil citation
- Requires civil citation data be provided to DJJ
- Stipulates that youth must admit guilt and can refuse participation
- Provides that a similar diversion program may serve civil citation youth under the provisions of this statute
Process

- Law enforcement may deliver a youth to a juvenile assessment center or issue a field citation
- DJJ determines eligibility for civil citation
- Youth and parents contact the local Civil Citation coordinator within seven days
- Youth is assessed to determine service needs
- Youth is assigned sanctions and services
- Youth data is entered into the Juvenile Justice Information System Prevention Web
- The local civil citation operating entity provides case management
- Successful youth have no arrest record
- If unsuccessful, the original delinquent act is reported to the state attorney
Sanctions and Services may include:

- Up to 50 community service hours
- Restitution
- Letter of apology
- School progress monitoring
- Intervention services
- Substance abuse or mental health services
- Youth and Family Counseling
- Urinalysis Monitoring
- Teen Court
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Benefits

- Youth is held accountable with swift and effective sanctions
- Services are provided to the youth and family that specifically address behavior
- Youth who receive civil citations are less likely to offend in the future
- Disproportionate minority contact and school arrests are reduced
- The cost of processing youth in various systems is reduced
- Keeps youth that pose no real threat to public safety out of the juvenile justice system
- Frees up limited resources to focus on more serious, violent offenders
- Successful youth have no arrest record to impede military, educational, or employment opportunities
Typical Offenses

- Petit Theft
- Larceny
- Shoplifting
- Battery
- Marijuana Possession
- Trespassing
- Vandalism
- Alcohol Possession
- Resisting Arrest
- Loitering or Prowling
- Fish or Game Violations
- Disorderly Conduct
- Disturbing the Peace
- Property Damage
Florida’s Fiscal Year 2011-12

- 58,173 youth referred to FDJJ
- 30,715 (53%) misdemeanors
- 26,210 (45%) first time misdemeanors
- 6,964 (26%) of eligible youth received a civil citation

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Florida’s Fiscal Year 2012-13

- 50,803 youth referred to FDJJ
- 26,372 (52%) misdemeanors
- 24,364 (48%) first time misdemeanors
- 7,289 (30%) of eligible youth received a civil citation
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Increases Public Safety

Communities are safest when low-risk youth are diverted from the juvenile justice system entirely, and re-arrest rates are much higher for youth committed to residential than for youth supervised on probation.

A recent study found that low-risk youth are much more likely to re-offend if they are committed to residential programs or placed in intensive interventions designed for high-risk youth.
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Improves Youth Outcomes

FY 2011-12

12-Month Recidivism Rate

- Civil Citation: 4%
- Prevention: 11%
- Diversion: 13%
- Probation: 17%
- Residential: 42%
“The right combination of services and sanctions, in the right place, at the right time, to care for each youth and keep the public safe.”

_DJJ Roadmap to System Excellence_
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Our Website
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