

INTENSIVE JUVENILE DIVERSION SERVICES

Program Description	<p>The purpose of Intensive Juvenile Diversion Services (IJDS) is to divert youth (1) who have previously completed a standard Juvenile Diversion Services (JDS) program, and (2) who have committed another law violation(s), from involvement in formal juvenile or criminal justice proceedings. As with JDS, IJDS requires an acceptance of responsibility for the offense. After enrolling in the IJDS program, youth participants should acknowledge their mistake, learn from it, and be able to move on from the experience. Youth participants should have a vision for their future and see goal setting and consistent work toward the accomplishment of these goals as essential. They need to have the necessary self-confidence to know it is within their control to achieve these goals. Youth participants should embrace education as an essential part of their future and actively engage in their educational experience. By the time youth participants graduate from the IJDS program they should (a) understand the circumstances of their law violation, (b) understand the consequences of repeated law violations, (c) use the skills they have learned, and (d) understand that participation in IJDS is a learning experience and opportunity intended to assist them with behavior change consistent with being a successful member of the community. Youth participants should fully understand the impact of their behavior on themselves, their families and the community, and be committed to change. The cost of the program is \$100.</p>
Compliance	<p>IJDS youth participants must be willing to strictly comply with all of the IJDS requirements throughout the duration of the program.</p>
Requirements	<p>An individualized diversion plan will be developed and may include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 25 hours of community service; • Up to 6 hours of education; • One face to face contact with the IJDS Officer per month, with parents present, as well a weekly phone contact; • Drug and alcohol testing; • Restitution, as applicable; • Truancy monitoring; • Parent attendance at family support meetings, as requested.
Referral Criteria	<p>The IJDS referral criteria are based on the juvenile's ability to complete the IJDS requirements, as well as the standard JDS program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth ages 11-17; • Minimum of a three-month time lapse between the date of successful completion of regular diversion and the date of a new offense which involves misdemeanor-grade theft or misdemeanor grade possession of marijuana or alcohol. Minimum of six-months for all other eligible new offenses; • Youth must not have had any criminal convictions (except for underage tobacco use, littering or minor traffic offenses) or been adjudicated as delinquent, truant or ungovernable in this or any other state; • Youth who receive another citation before they sign the IJDS plan are not eligible; • Youth must be able to adhere to all requirements by attending the classes offered and scheduled monthly meetings with the IJDS Officer; • Referral and acceptance or rejection, by offense, are on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the County Attorney, in consultation with the IJDS Officer; • Youth will not have a right to appeal denial of IJDS; • Parents must be cooperative and willing to assist the youth participant to successful completion of the program.
Program Standards	<p>The guidelines, policies, operating principles and philosophy of IJDS are the same as the JDS program. Program requirements and supervision however will necessarily be more intensive.</p>