

TEEN COURT

Connecting Meaning with Behavior through Alternative Solutions

What is Teen Court?

All behavior has meaning, but how you behave is not always what you mean. Teen Court is a volunteer program for high school students, provided in partnership with local area police and sheriff departments. Through this program volunteers help referred youth with a criminal offense in Lake County accept responsibility, learn about their behavior, connect to resources, and complete alternative sentences as a solution and understanding of their behavior.

Volunteer Benefits

- Awareness of issues among their peers and within the community
- Leadership skills
- Responsible citizenship
- Critical thinking
- Community service hours
- Contribution to school and the community
- Great addition of skills for job applications and resumes
- Three college scholarships available

Referred Youth Benefits

- Provide social and life skills (TRACK classes)
- Connect to behavioral health services
- Link to family advocacy services
- Provide self-reflective opportunities
- Learn decision-making skills
- Community oriented services
- Assistance with alternative solutions
- Take responsibility for actions and understand their impact

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