



Judge Zachary Carter
Justice of the Peace Bastrop County Precinct 2

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Youth Diversion Plan

Effective January 1, 2025

1. Contact the court

Youth and Parent/Guardian contact the court/Youth Diversion Coordinator to schedule the intake process for criminal charges (non-traffic offenses only).

2. Eligibility

Coordinator meets with youth and parent/guardian to determine eligibility for diversion.

3. Questions

After eligibility is established, youth will complete a basic questionnaire to help identify the best diversion strategies. May be followed up with an additional questionnaire.

4. Strategies

The coordinator will determine the best diversion strategies, based on information from the questionnaire, the offense, and what is in the best interest of the child.

5. Agreement

The diversion coordinator will document the written strategy and explain the details with both the youth and the parent/guardian. If the youth and parent/guardian agree to the terms they will sign the Youth Diversion agreement.

6. Tools and Resources

The Coordinator will provide to the youth and parent/guardian, the necessary tools and resources to assist them with successfully completing the terms of the written Youth Diversion Agreement.

7. Successful Completion

The Youth will show proof of successful completion of the terms of the agreement, and if successful the court will file dismissal of the charge pursuant to the agreement.

8. Unsuccessful Diversion

If the youth was unsuccessful to complete the terms of the Youth Diversion agreement, the court will file for a hearing and non-compliance of the agreement.