

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**REACH OUT TO FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.** Youth for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade for Christ, local churches, and synagogues. **Possible activities:** Respondents can assist with fundraising activities (do NOT allow respondents to solicit); help plan an implement a pancake breakfast; assist with mass mailings; help set up public facilities for weekly events, etc.

**PARTNER WITH LOCAL AND NATIONAL SERVICE CLUBS.** Kiwanis, Lions International, Rotary club, Sertoma Club, Exchange Club, Optimist International, Altrusa Club, Cosmopolitan Club, Quota Club. These clubs often sponsor activities for kids in the community. **Possible activities:** Respondents can assist with fundraising activities (do NOT allow respondents to solicit) and can help with delivery of products purchased as part of fundraising efforts, e.g., Girl Scout cookie sales drives. Respondents could help set up events fairs, concerts, ball games, etc. When these organizations give to kids, it is helpful to see kids give back to the organizations with volunteer work.

**NURSING HOMES AND HOSPITALS.** Youth could read to residents, play them music (guitar or piano), play cards or bingo, assist with daily chores. Helps bridge the generation gap.

**SUPPORT YMCA, YWCA, AND OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITY FACILITIES.** Many youth facilities stage seasonal activities for kids in the community—Pumpkin patch in October, Sleigh Rides and Santa’s Village in the winter, an Eggstravangza during Easter, etc. These events can feature a carnival theme, raise money with sales of arts and crafts, and can be held outdoors or indoors and are usually completely run by volunteers, creating a good opportunity for youth court community service.

**CONSULT LOCAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS, BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAMS.** Respondents can work with other kids, tutoring and mentoring, and participating in social and recreational skill-building and leadership activities

**PLACE RESPONDENTS IN SCHOOLS AND AREA SPORTS ARENAS.** Have kids do projects at a local school. **Possible activities:** Respondents can paint bathrooms, set up/tear down for sporting events, school plays.

**RESPOND WITH PERSONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE.** Depending on the disposition, some youth courts allow respondents to interact directly with victims. Respondents can do personal service for the victims of their offenses—wash a car, fix a fence, plant or weed a garden, etc. **Important!** Many victims do not want to interact with respondents or have service performed for them. In this case, ask victims if they have a favorite charity where the respondent could work.

**PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.** Contact your local park district. They would have dozens of activities youth could participate in. **Examples:** Set up for a community theatre or outdoor summer concert, plant trees in the park, other beautifying activities.

## COMMUNITY SITES

### **LOCAL FOOD BANK, SALVATION**

**ARMY.** Each city has many facilities that are dependent upon volunteers to offer their service to the community. One just needs to look at their communities' needs, facilities and current programs. Load a truck with food or clothing and deliver it to needy families in the community.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.** Help build a house a for a family.

### **HALFWAY HOMES OR HOMELESS**

**SHELTERS.** Youth may help with various projects.(see Done in a Day Project #12)

**Note:** Proper adult supervision is important at these sites.

**CIVIC OR COMMUNITY CENTERS, MUSEUMS.** Civic auditoriums, senior citizen centers, Meals on Wheels programs.

### **VARIOUS PUBLIC SERVICES**

**CAMPAIGNS.** Organize a booth, make posters, assist in a weekly or daily campaign in some way (MADD Safe and Sober week, Breast Cancer Awareness HIV, etc.). Contact your public health departments for information. See page 83 for more information on the National Youth Court Center's 12-Month Public Awareness and Service Campaign.

**Projects suggested by:** Cass County Youth Court, (701) 271-3253;  
Winnebago County Teen Court, (920) 236-1119

# NATIONAL YOUTH COURT CENTER

## 12-MONTH PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SERVICE CAMPAIGN

### PURPOSE OF THE 12-MONTH CAMPAIGN

The community service-learning activities and project suggestions on the preceding pages help respondents make meaningful contributions to their community and develop citizenship skills while holding them accountable for their actions. Another closely linked method for youth courts to implement these goals and objectives is the 12-Month Public Awareness and Service Campaign, sponsored by the National Youth Court Center.

Activities or projects that youth courts participate in as part of the 12-Month Public Awareness and Service Campaign are not, and should not, be limited to just youth court respondents. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the National Youth Court Center (NYCC) designed the 12-Month Public Awareness and Service Campaign to encourage youth courts from across the country to engage their staff, youth (volunteers and respondents), and adult volunteers in activities around a common issue and to become involved in their communities. The benefits to youth courts that participate in some (or all) of the campaigns include, but are not limited to, the ability to:

- Educate youth involved in the program on important social/societal issues.
- Supervise more meaningful and educational community service options for youth respondents.
- Provide thoughtful and valuable service to the local community.
- Share a common experience with other youth courts from across the country.

- Increase the youth court program's exposure to other local community agencies and groups.
- Showcase the great work that your program does on the National Youth Court Center's web site.

### PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND RECOGNITION

We are excited about this initiative and want you to get involved so you can showcase how responsive youth courts are to community needs, locally and nationally. We recognize that it will be difficult for most programs to be involved every month. Therefore, OJJDP and NYCC will recognize youth courts that participate in a minimum of four campaigns throughout the calendar year with a special certificate of merit.

While we hope that you will choose to participate in the featured monthly campaigns, we understand that not all selected campaigns may be of interest to each youth court and some public awareness campaigns or projects that are of interest to a particular youth court may be organized locally during different times of the year (e.g., The Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Alzheimer's Memory Walk sponsored by Alzheimer's Association, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross blood drives). OJJDP and NYCC want to encourage youth courts to participate in any public awareness campaigns that may be of local interest. Some suggested alternative campaigns and project ideas are highlighted in the Alternative Campaigns section of this package; however, as long as you participate in a campaign of local interest that is designed to meet a community need, it would qualify as an alternative within the context of the 12-Month Public Awareness and Service Campaign. In order to receive

formal recognition from OJJDP and the NYCC for participating in the 12-Month Public Awareness and Service Campaign, youth courts should adhere to the following conditions:

- Programs must participate in a minimum of four or more public awareness campaigns in different months (see chart below for more details).
- Programs are encouraged to involve respondents and adults and youth volunteers in events.
- Participation in events should not focus on fundraising (i.e., collecting money from door-to-door) but be an activity that emphasizes the involvement of the program in the community activity or event.
- Programs are encouraged to partner with another community agency or program in the selected activity.
- Programs must complete and return the campaign evaluation “Tell the National Youth Court Center About Your Event” that describes their involvement in the chosen campaign.

We also want to post information on the National Youth Court Center’s web site to showcase the great work that youth courts are doing to help their communities. Send us photos or stories written by those who were involved or benefited from the efforts of your events/activities. With your help, youth courts can make an even bigger impact on their communities. At the end of the year, we will highlight the white, red, and blue recognition award winners on our web site and in our quarterly newsletter, *In Session*.

## **ORGANIZING YOUR PROJECT/ACTIVITY**

Helping others is rewarding and simple. Once you have identified the campaigns that you want to participate in, you may want to consider the suggestions below when organizing your projects or activities. You can (and are encouraged to) conduct more than one activity or project related to the campaign in a given month. Think of all the different ways your program can be involved (e.g., through community service that respondents perform, special projects with all youth court representatives, educational classes for respondents, in-service training opportunities for youth volunteers).

- Designate a project coordinator. This may be a staff member, adult volunteer, or a youth volunteer. The project coordinator is someone from the youth court, who knows what is going on, who is doing what, and when.
- Where appropriate, contact possible community partners to determine how you might work together on a project or activity.
- Determine what kind of project or activities your program wants to do. Solicit ideas from your respondents, youth volunteers, adult volunteers, and staff. In selecting the projects or activities for your campaign, consider the following:
- Can your program accomplish this volunteer project in one day?
- Does the activity support participation from adult and youth, volunteer and respondent?
- Will inclement weather derail your project, or can it be brought inside?
- Does the project serve a real need in the community?

- Assign individuals certain tasks (and deadlines) associated with planning and/or participating in the youth court's part of the project or activity.
- Notify those who will be involved in the event or activity about the date, time, and location of project or activity.
- Involve local media. Let the media know what you are doing. Educate them on the campaign and help get the word out about the issue that you are focusing on that month.
- Make sure someone documents your event, takes pictures, and coordinates stories to share your experiences with others.
- Follow up after events. Send information on what your program did to the local media and to the local, state or national organization that is sponsoring the campaign that you participated in. Don't forget to let the National Youth Court Center know what you did too.
- Send a thank you note to everyone who helped you with the project or activity.

## **CONCLUSION**

We hope you will help us mobilize youth and adults in your community to utilize their talents to help raise the public's awareness of issues of national concern. Have fun while making a valuable contribution to your community. For more information, contact the National Youth Court Center at (859) 244-8193, e-mail: [nycc@csg.org](mailto:nycc@csg.org) or visit the web site at [www.youthcourt.net](http://www.youthcourt.net).

# RESOURCES

## ORGANIZATIONS

### National Youth Court Center

The National Youth Court Center, created by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is a central point of contact for youth courts in the United States. The National Youth Court Center, operated by the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), provides training, technical assistance, and resource materials to developing and existing youth courts.

For more information, contact:

National Youth Court Center  
c/o American Probation and Parole Association  
PO Box 11910  
Lexington, KY 40578-1910  
Phone: (859) 244-8193  
Fax: (859) 244-8001  
E-mail: [nycc@csg.org](mailto:nycc@csg.org)  
Web site: [www.youthcourt.net](http://www.youthcourt.net)

### Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U.S. Department of Justice, provides national leadership, direction, and resources to assist the juvenile justice community in preventing and controlling delinquency throughout the country. The Special Emphasis Division provides discretionary funds to replicate tested approaches to delinquency and juvenile drug abuse prevention, treatment, and control. The Research and Program Development Division provides demonstration programs. The States Relations and Assistance Division manages OJJDP's Formula Grants, Title V Delinquency Prevention, and State Challenge Grant programs, which provide direct support to state and local governments to prevent and treat delinquency, including drug abuse, and improve their juvenile justice systems. A list of the juvenile justice specialists, who administer OJJDP funds on a state level, and other state resources of OJJDP, may be found on the following link on OJJDP's web site:

[www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/resources/asp/search\\_states.asp](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/resources/asp/search_states.asp). For more information, contact:

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
U.S. Dept. of Justice  
800 K. St., NW  
Washington, DC 20531  
Phone: (202) 616-2368  
Fax: (202) 353-9095  
E-mail: [peterston@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:peterston@ojp.usdoj.gov)  
Web site: [www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org)

**American Bar Association/Division of Public Education**

The ABA Division for Public Education's mission is to promote public understanding of the law and its role in society. The division conducts conferences; sponsors youth programs; publishes periodicals, books, and other resources; sponsors national awards programs; serves as a national law related education information clearinghouse; and provides assistance to educators, lawyers, students, and others. For more information, contact:

American Bar Association  
Division of Public Education  
541 North Fairbanks Court  
Chicago, IL 60611-3314  
(312) 988-5735  
Web site: [www.abanet.org/publiced](http://www.abanet.org/publiced)

**American Bar Association/Office of Justice Initiatives**

The ABA's Justice Initiatives Program works to improve public trust and confidence in our justice system by encouraging bar associations and courts at the state and local levels to reach out and involve the non-lawyer community in justice improvement projects. For more information, contact:

American Bar Association/Office of Justice Initiatives  
750 N. Lake Shore Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60611-4497  
Phone: (312) 988-6138  
Web site: [www.abanet.org/justice](http://www.abanet.org/justice)

**Center for Civic Education**

The Center for Civic Education is a non-profit, nonpartisan educational corporation dedicated to fostering the development of informed, responsible participation in civic life by citizens committed to values and principles fundamental to American constitutional democracy. The Center specializes in civic/citizenship education, law-related education, and international educational exchange programs for developing democracies.

Programs focus on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights; American political traditions and institutions at the federal, state, and local levels; constitutionalism; civic participation; and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. For more information, contact:

Center for Civic Education  
5146 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA,  
91302-1467  
Phone: 818-591-9321  
E-mail: [cce@civiced.org](mailto:cce@civiced.org)  
Web site: [www.civiced.org](http://www.civiced.org)

**Close Up Foundation**

The Close Up Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, informs, inspires, and empowers people to exercise the rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. The Close Up message of citizen participation reaches millions annually through publications, video productions, and national television programming. For more information, contact:

Close Up Foundation  
44 Canal Center Plaza  
Alexandria, VA 22314-1592  
Phone: (800) CLOSE UP  
Web site: [www.closeup.org](http://www.closeup.org)

### **Constitutional Rights Foundation**

Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) is a non-profit, non-partisan, community-based organization dedicated to educating America's young people about the importance of civic participation in a democratic society. Under the guidance of a Board of Directors chosen from the worlds of law, business, government, education, the media, and the community, CRF develops, produces, and distributes programs and materials to teachers, students, and public-minded citizens all across the nation. For more information, contact:

Constitutional Rights Foundation  
601 South Kingsley Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90005  
Phone: (213) 487-5590  
E-Mail: [crf@crf-usa.org](mailto:crf@crf-usa.org)  
Web site: [www.crf-usa.org](http://www.crf-usa.org)

### **Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago**

The Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRFC) helps schools foster critical thinking skills and responsible civic action in students. Non-profit and non-partisan, CRFC has been a national leader in the design and implementation of quality law-related education (LRE) programs for elementary and secondary school students and their teachers. Founded in 1974 as part of the Constitutional Rights Foundation in Los Angeles, the Chicago office established itself as an independent 501(c)(3) organization in 1990. For more information, contact:

Constitutional Rights Foundation  
Chicago  
407 South Dearborn, Ste. 1700  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Phone: (312) 663-9057  
E-mail: [crfc@crfc.org](mailto:crfc@crfc.org)  
Web site: [www.crfc.org](http://www.crfc.org)

### **Corporation for National and Community Service**

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and

backgrounds to engage in service that addresses the nation's educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results and to encourage all Americans to engage in such service. In doing so, the Corporation will foster civic responsibility, strengthen the ties that bind us together as a people, and provide educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service. For more information, contact:

Corporation for National and Community Service  
1201 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20525  
Phone: (202) 606-5000  
E-mail: [webmaster@cns.gov](mailto:webmaster@cns.gov)  
Web site: [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org)

### **Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (National Criminal Justice Reference Service)**

OJJDP's information center, the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (JJC), provides information and services to juvenile justice professionals and policymakers, produces and distributes the agency's publications, and prepares customized responses to information requests. The Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse is one of the specialized information centers for the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS). NCJRS serves as a national and international clearinghouse for the exchange of information in the criminal justice area. For more information, contact:

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (toll-free):  
1-800-638-8736  
or  
National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)  
P.O. Box 6000  
Rockville, MD 20849-6000  
Phone: (800) 851-3420 or (301) 519-5500  
TTY Service for the Hearing Impaired (toll free): (877) 712-9279; local: (301) 947-8374  
E-mail: [askncjrs@ncjrs.org](mailto:askncjrs@ncjrs.org)  
Web site: [www.ncjrs.org](http://www.ncjrs.org)

### **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), an agency of the U. S. Department of Transportation, seeks ways to reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities and to improve highway safety programs in the United States. Each state has a Governor's Highway Safety Representative who is responsible for administering federal dollars allocated to the state to dispense locally for programs that address highway safety concerns, such as underage drinking and impaired driving. For more information, contact:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 7th Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20590  
Phone: (202) 366-9588  
Fax: (202) 366-2766  
Web site: [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

### **National Service-Learning Exchange**

The National Service-Learning Exchange supports high quality service-learning programs in schools, colleges and universities, and community organizations. The Exchange has developed a network of over 450 volunteer Peer Mentors who have experience in service-learning in different settings and who have volunteered to assist others. The Exchange provides the "people connection" while the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse (see below) gathers and disseminates information and materials. For more information, contact:  
National Service-Learning Exchange  
c/o National Youth Leadership Council  
1667 Snelling Avenue N, Suite D300  
Saint Paul, MN 55108  
Phone: (877) 572-3924  
E-mail: [exchange@nylc.org](mailto:exchange@nylc.org)  
Web site: [www.nslexchange.org](http://www.nslexchange.org)

### **National Service-Learning Clearinghouse**

The National Service-Learning Clearinghouse (NSLC) is funded by the Department of Service-Learning at the Corporation for National Service. The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to collect and disseminate information and materials related to service-learning for Learn and Serve America grantees and other programs involved in service-learning. The Clearinghouse also operates a variety of listserves for discussion & information on service-learning; a web site and information database; a toll-free information phone line; and maintains a collection of publications on service-learning. For more information, contact:

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse  
ETR Associates  
PO Box 1830  
Santa Cruz, CA 95061  
Phone: (866) 245-SERV (7378)  
Web site: [www.servicelearning.org](http://www.servicelearning.org)  
E-mail: [info@servicelearning.org](mailto:info@servicelearning.org)

### **Street Law, Inc.**

Street Law, Inc. provides practical, participatory education about law, democracy and human rights. Through its philosophy and programs, Street Law empowers people to transform democratic ideals into citizen action. Street Law's programs do not end at the door of the classroom. Each student gains essential lessons that can be used for life. For more information, contact:  
Street Law, Inc.  
1600 K Street, NW, Ste. 602  
Washington, DC 20006-2801  
Phone: (202) 293-0088  
Web site: [www.streetlaw.org](http://www.streetlaw.org)

## Urban Institute

The Urban Institute is a nonprofit policy research organization established in Washington, D.C., in 1968. The Institute's goals are to sharpen thinking about society's problems and efforts to solve them, improve government decisions and their implementation, and increase citizens' awareness about important public choices. For more information, contact:

Urban Institute  
2100 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
Phone: (202) 833-7200  
Web site: [www.urban.org](http://www.urban.org)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Active Citizenship Today

Constitutional Rights Foundation and the Close Up Foundation has developed *Active Citizenship Today* (ACT), a step-by-step guide for teaching citizenship through service learning. The ACT curriculum consists of a *Handbook for Teachers* and a *Field Guide* that takes students through five units of study: Defining and Assessing Your Community, Choosing and Researching a Problem, Examining Policy, Exploring Options, Taking Action. Available through Constitutional Rights Foundation, (800) 488-4CRF or visit the web site at [www.crf-usa.org](http://www.crf-usa.org).

### Corrections Today

By Scott B. Peterson and Michael J. Elmendorf II, *Juvenile Corrections Annual Journal*, December, 2001. American Correctional Association, 4380 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706. Phone: (301) 918-1800

### Giving Back: A Community Service-Learning Manual for Youth Courts

The Constitutional Rights Foundation/Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRF/CRFC) has developed *Giving Back: A Community Service-Learning Manual for Youth Courts*. The manual provides youth court coordinators with information on how to

plan and implement meaningful community service projects to be used as sentencing options in their youth court programs. Included within the manual are twenty-six examples of projects that can be done in a day. Available through the National Youth Court Center, (859) 244-8193 or on the web site: [www.youthcourt.net](http://www.youthcourt.net); Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, (312) 663-9057; or Constitutional Rights Foundation in Los Angeles at (800) 488-4CRF.

### In Session

*In Session*, the National Youth Court Center Quarterly Newsletter provides timely articles and other information that is of interest to youth court programs. Contact the National Youth Court Center at (859) 244-8193 for a free copy or view *In Session* online at <http://www.youthcourt.net>.

### National Youth Court Guidelines

The *National Youth Court Guidelines* are designed to give youth courts direction for developing and operating effective programs for the ultimate purpose of increasing program accountability and integrity of the "youth court field." Guidelines have been developed in the following program areas:

- Program Planning and Community Mobilization
- Program Staffing and Funding
- Legal Issues
- Identified Respondent Population and Referral Process
- Program Services and Sentencing Options
- Volunteer Recruitment and Management
- Volunteer Training
- Youth Court Operations and Case Management
- Program Evaluation

Each chapter begins with a brief overview of the guidelines that are recommended for that particular program

area. Afterwards, each guideline is discussed in more detail. A rationale for each guideline, as well as tips for implementing each guideline, is included. At the conclusion of each chapter there is a section that identifies some outcomes youth court programs might reasonably expect if they adhere to the recommendations made in the guidelines.

Limited quantities of the *National Youth Court Guidelines* are available by calling (859) 244-8193, or you can download a copy of the *National Youth Court Guidelines* on the National Youth Court Center's web site [www.youthcourt.net/guidelines.pdf](http://www.youthcourt.net/guidelines.pdf).

### **Peer Justice and Youth Empowerment: An Implementation Guide for Teen Court Programs**

This manual, published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), provides program organizers with baseline information on developing, implementing, and enhancing teen court programs within their jurisdictions. Rather than endorsing one particular model of teen court, this manual provides program organizers with a general overview of issues to consider and guides them through a decision-making process for the implementation of a teen court program that fits local needs. Sample forms and other helpful resources also are included as supplementary materials. This document is available free by calling the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at 1-800-638-8736. Portions of the document are available at the following web site:

[www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/PUBS/peerhome.htm](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/PUBS/peerhome.htm).

### **Roadmap—Youth Courts: Young People Delivering Justice**

This document, developed by the American Bar Association Office of Justice Initiatives, is designed to educate the pub-

lic and the legal community about youth court. To order, call 800-285-2221 and ask for product code number 3460012. For more information, contact the American Bar Association Office of Justice Initiatives at 312-988-5450. Information on ordering this publication will also be available on the NYCC web site at [www.youthcourt.net](http://www.youthcourt.net).

### **The Role of Restorative Justice in Teen Courts: A Preliminary Look**

The National Youth Court Center convened a focus group in March 2000 to examine and discuss the role of restorative justice in teen court programs. This publication addresses the key issues that serve as a promising foundation from which teen courts can begin to move toward integrating more restorative justice-based practices within their programs. Contact the National Youth Court Center at (859) 244-8193 for a free copy of this publication or view it online at [www.youthcourt.net/article1.pdf](http://www.youthcourt.net/article1.pdf).

### **Youth court: The Colonie, New York Experience**

by Patrice Lockart, William Pericak, and Scott Peterson

Journal for Juvenile Justice and Detention Service, Vol. 11, No. 2, Fall 1996. Available through the National Juvenile Detention Association, Eastern Kentucky University, 301 Perkins Building, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475-3102 Phone: (859) 622-6259 FAX: (859) 622-2333

### **Youth Court Youth Volunteer Training Package**

The American Bar Association has developed a training package to assist youth court programs in the training of youth volunteers. This training package outlines a course of instruction to prepare youth to serve as prosecutor, defense attorney, jurors and other court roles. The full set of the Training Package includes four volunteer training manuals based on each of the four models of youth court (i.e., peer jury, adult judge, tribunal and youth judge models), 1 instructor's guide, 1 video, and a CD-

ROM. Contact the American Bar Association Division for Public Education at (800) 285-2221 (PC#4970104P) or [abapubed@abanet.org](mailto:abapubed@abanet.org) for more information. The full set costs \$45. Individual items can also be ordered.

## **VIDEOTAPES**

### ***Beaverton Youth Peer Court (1996 - 16 minutes)***

This video, written and produced by youth volunteers and staff of the Beaverton Youth Peer Court, highlights their program. To order, contact Beaverton Youth Peer Court, Beaverton Police Department, Attn: Gary Dodson, P.O. Box 4755, Beaverton, OR 97076. Phone: (503) 526-2267; email: [gdodson@ci.beaverton.or.us](mailto:gdodson@ci.beaverton.or.us). No cost, limited quantities.

### ***Changing Lives: America's Youth Court***

Developed by the American Bar Association Division for Public Education, this short video introduces the concept of youth courts. To order contact the ABA Division for Public Education at (800) 285-2221. Specify product code number 4970206. Cost \$25.00.

### ***Getting the Most Out of the Deliberation Process***

Developed by the National Youth Court Center, this video features two 20-minute scenarios designed to help educate youth court volunteers, especially new jurors and judge panels on issues they should consider when determining a fair, appropriate, and restorative disposition for respondents. The video includes a supervisor guide with a lesson plan for trainings on deliberation techniques. Copies are free of charge. For more information, contact the Youth Court Center, (859) 244-8193.

***How Teen Court Gave Me Another Chance (1998 - 26 minutes)*** Describes the Knox County Teen Court (Adult Judge Model) and documents how two high school students created their award win-

ning teen court Web site ([library.thinkquest.org/2640](http://library.thinkquest.org/2640)). To order, contact Knox County Teen Court, 55 W. Tompkins St., Galesburg, IL 61201. Cost \$25.

### ***Kentucky Teen Court (1993 - 13 minutes)***

This video gives an overview of the teen court system in Kentucky as operated by the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts. To order, contact Teen Court Program Manager, 100 Millcreek Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 573-2350. Cost: \$5.

### ***Odessa Teen Court (1993 - 11 minutes)***

Describes the Adult Judge Model teen court used in Odessa, Texas. To order, contact Odessa Teen Court, Municipal Court, 201 N. Grant Ave., Odessa, TX 79761. Phone: (915) 335-3352. Cost \$25.

### ***World in Action: Boys and Girls of the Jury (1996 - 25 minutes)***

A British television program that examines an Adult Judge Model teen court in Sarasota, Florida, and considers whether teen courts would be effective in Great Britain. To order, contact Sarasota Teen Court, PO Box 48927, Sarasota, FL 34230. Phone: (941) 951-4278. Cost \$12.

### ***Youth Court: A National Movement (1988 - 2 hours)***

Hosted by former OJJDP Administrator Shay Bilchik, this tape of a satellite video-conference provides an overview of the teen court concept and examines three teen court programs: Colonie Youth Court, Latham, NY; Odessa Teen Court, Odessa, TX; and Donald P. McCullum Youth Court, Oakland, CA. To order call OJJDP's Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at (800) 638-8736 (reference NCJ #171149). Cost \$17.

OJJDP's National Youth Court Center web site ([www.youthcourt.net](http://www.youthcourt.net)) contains a current list of youth court programs nationwide, downloadable resource information, training announcements, the quarterly Youth Court newsletter, bulleting boards for discussion, and much more.

Log on to  
[www.youthcourt.net](http://www.youthcourt.net).