

POLICE YOUTH DIVERSION

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STEP 1

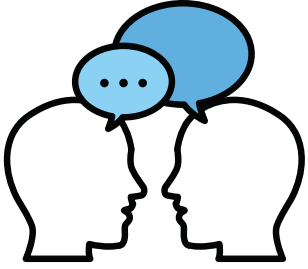


Contact with a Youth Offender (12-17)

Officer Discretion - If deemed appropriate, a youth caught committing a criminal offence can be diverted to the agency by completing the Extrajudicial Measures (EJM) referral form.

Diversions are not to be seen as a "weaker" punishment, but rather a chance to connect the youth to community supports and programming to prevent future offending.

STEP 2



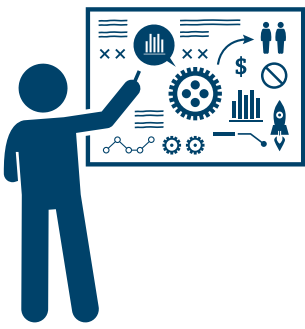
Diversion@jhsptbo.com
(705) 927-1511

Referring Officer Contacts the Diversion Coordinator

To complete the referral process, police officers must email the Diversion Coordinator with the following:

- 1.) EJM referral form
- 2.) Copy of the police report

STEP 3



Diversion Coordinator Connects with Youth

The Youth Diversion Coordinator initiates a comprehensive intake process with the youth and, if applicable, their guardian.

Following the intake, a personalized program plan is established to address the youth's specific needs and prevent re-offending. This plan may include psychoeducational programs, referrals to community support, and opportunities to repair harm with the victim and community through our Youth Justice Committee.

STEP 4



Status Report

Successful: The referring officer will receive a letter detailing the youth's completed programming plan and will be officially discharged.

Unsuccessful: The Youth Diversion Coordinator may connect with the referring officer to strategize how to engage the youth. Alternatively, the matter may be returned to the officer. At this point, the referring officer may use their discretion to charge the youth officially.