

JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION SITE PROFILE

THE YOUTH COUNCIL
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Court Approved Diversion Program*
 Community Resource

Organization Description:	We offer best-practice programs to 1000 greater Nashua children and teens each year, and strive to strengthen families, improve risky decisions and reduce involvement with the juvenile justice system. Our mission is to build strong families- free from abuse, addiction, and court involvement.	
Program Aim:	This early intervention program offers a vital service to police who otherwise would warn youth or fully prosecute them in court, gives youth an opportunity to earn a second chance while being held accountable, ensures parent involvement through participation in a family assessment and follow-up, addresses underlying issues that may have led to the arrest, such as substance use, anger management and school difficulties, enables Courts to focus on youth seriously in need of court intervention, and keeps first-time offenders from becoming a financial burden to taxpayers.	
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Towns Served:	Nashua, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack. Also able to serve Amherst, Brookline, Lyndeborough, Milford, Mont Vernon, Wilton.	
Type of Organization:	<input type="checkbox"/> County Government <input type="checkbox"/> City/Town Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Age Served:	10-17	
Year Established:	1982	
Court Approved Diversion Program: <i>(per RSA 169-B:10)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → Year court approved: <u>2011</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No → Was this program ever court approved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Year court approved: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Most Common Violations in the past 5 years: <i>(Types of violations)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Threatening/Assault <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disorderly/Reckless Conduct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possession of Drugs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possession of Alcohol <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoplifting/Theft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trespass/Mischief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weapons Offenses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Vandalism</u>

Program Length: (average number of months in program or contract)	4 month program. 3 month contract with families.	
Program Fee: (yes/no)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → Contact program coordinator for more information <input type="checkbox"/> No fee	
Referral Sources: (who refers youth to the program)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Police Department <input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Program Structure: (Participant Experience)	Traditional Diversion utilizing teen and adult volunteers.	
Services:	Services Provided by Program: (Services available to participant in-house)	Community-Based Services: (Services available to participant outside of program)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alcohol and Other Drug Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anger Management Classes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restitution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family/Participant Educational Classes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Reparation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim Participation	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol and Other Drug Education <input type="checkbox"/> Anger Management Classes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mediation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Participant Educational Classes <input type="checkbox"/> Community Reparation <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Participation
Evidence Based Practices (EBPs):	<input type="checkbox"/> First-time Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment (FAST) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHALLENGE <input type="checkbox"/> Take Control <input type="checkbox"/> Third Millennium	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Education for Shoplifters (YES) <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Fire Setters Prevention Course <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Bullying (OLWEYUS)
Assessment Tool(s) Utilized:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SASSI <input type="checkbox"/> MAYSII/MAYSII-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Interview (Psych/Social) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Child Behavior Checklist</u>
5-Year Average	Number Served: 144	Completion Rate:98%
Community Partners:	Area police departments, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua, Girls Incorporated, Nashua Soup Kitchen, Police Athletic League, Rivier University, Souhegan Valley Rotary Club, Southern NH University and the YMCA.	
Unique Features/ Strengths of Program:	This program engages the community through a volunteer committee comprised of area teens and adults, which designs creative contracts of consequences for each youth, addressing the illegal behaviors as well as any other problems taking place in the family. Outcomes over the past six years show that an average of 98% of youth successfully complete the program and 93% remain arrest-free one year after program completion. In addition, 94% of families report improvements in family functioning.	