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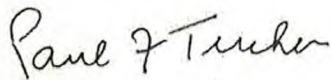
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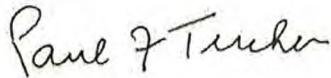
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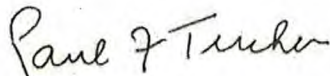


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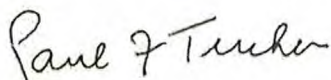
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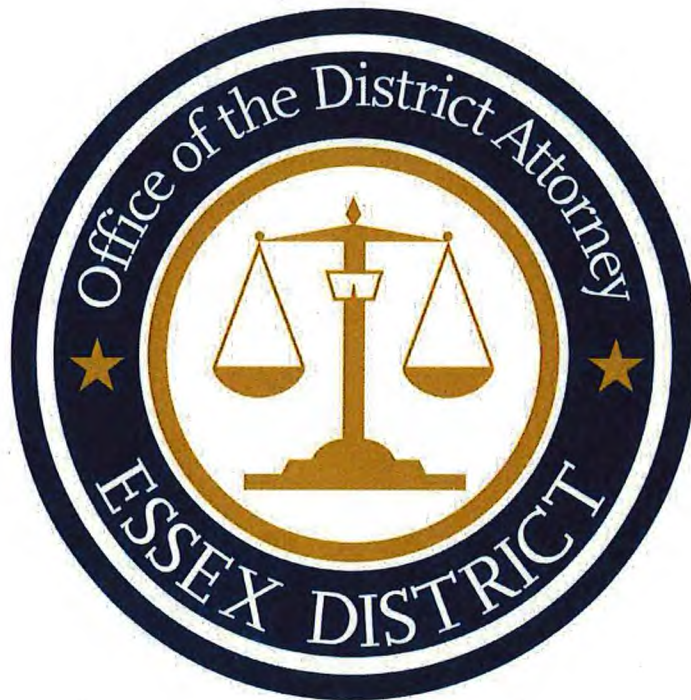
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The Community Collaborative Initiative meetings, as mandated by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 221 of the Acts of 2004, are regularly held in all school districts in Essex County. These meetings bring together schools, police, probation, and other state agencies to address youth violence and provide appropriate prevention and intervention resources.

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### **VI. Conferences and Initiatives for Schools, Police, and Community Agencies**

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# The Juvenile Diversion Program



The District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program is a national model that works with certain first-time juvenile offenders aged 12 to 17, and their families, by offering an alternative to the juvenile court system. Started in 1981, the program has effectively addressed juvenile delinquent behavior while allowing participants a second chance. The program provides first-time nonviolent offenders the opportunity to receive services in lieu of being prosecuted through the traditional court process.

A juvenile's participation in the Juvenile Diversion Program is voluntary. If the juvenile chooses not to participate in the program, the case will go forward through the court system.

Cases are referred to the Juvenile Diversion Program before the juvenile is arraigned in court. If a juvenile is appropriate for the program, the Juvenile Justice Coordinator will meet with the juvenile and his or her parents or guardian and execute a signed agreement for their participation in the program.

Once accepted into the program, the juvenile participates in appropriate counseling, education, and community service projects. If a case involves property damage, the juvenile may also be held responsible for restitution.

The juvenile's case is monitored by the District Attorney's Juvenile Justice Staff. The Juvenile Justice Coordinator is responsible for supervising the case and monitoring counseling, community service and restitution.

If the juvenile successfully completes the program, the District Attorney will dismiss the charges, and the juvenile will not have a delinquency record. If the juvenile does not successfully complete the program or voluntarily withdraws from the program, the case will go forward in court for prosecution.

## **Major components of the Juvenile Diversion Program**

### ***Counseling***

The Juvenile Diversion Program is designed to identify and address high-risk behavior and to prevent further involvement of a youth in the juvenile justice system.

As part of his or her involvement in the Juvenile Diversion Program, a juvenile is required to participate in a counseling program. The Diversion Program requires a juvenile to receive a counseling evaluation from a licensed professional and attend recommended individual or group counseling. If, for any reason, counseling is not warranted, the juvenile would be required to participate in an education group, which may cover important topics including decision-making, high-risk behavior, and alcohol and substance abuse education. The number of sessions that are required will be determined by the counselor.

A list of counseling agencies that work with the program will be provided to families. However, families may choose an individual counselor by speaking to their primary care physician or health insurance provider.



Once a counselor has been chosen, the family must contact this office within one week with the counselor's name, address, and phone contact information and a referral will be sent to the appropriate agency. A Juvenile Justice Coordinator will also contact the counselor and provide them with information pertinent to the Diversion Program and the program's requirements. A Juvenile Justice Coordinator will maintain contact with the counselor until the juvenile has completed the program.

### ***Community Service***

As part of the Juvenile Diversion Program, juveniles are required to volunteer at a community agency or non-profit organization. Community service can provide juveniles with the opportunity to "give back" to the community.

Community Service has a value to the community and can also provide a juvenile with the understanding that it is important to be an active citizen.

During the intake, the Juvenile Justice Coordinator will discuss any potential volunteer experience and skills to help determine a potential community service site for the juvenile to perform their community service hours.

Juveniles are required to contact the Juvenile Justice Coordinator regarding their chosen community service site.

### ***Restitution***

The Juvenile Diversion Program follows the state guidelines and collects any out-of-pocket expenses and the replacement cost of damaged or stolen property. If this component is applicable, the Juvenile Justice Coordinator will inform the juvenile of how much money they will need to pay for restitution and where to send the bank check or money orders.

### ***Preparing for the future***

All cases entering Juvenile Diversion are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and sometimes require additional components. These additional components or conditions may include online educational programs, enrollment in GED, technical or college programs and access to job and career training.

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## **Standards and Procedures for Acceptance to the Essex District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program**

The District Attorney's Juvenile Justice Program, established in 1981, is intended to balance appropriate prevention services with strong prosecution, thereby providing an effective response to each and every incident of juvenile crime in Essex County. Accordingly, Juvenile Justice Staff in each district court reviews all juvenile cases. In reviewing cases, all available information is taken into account including input from the arresting officer or police liaison and specific community needs and concerns. Based on a review by Juvenile Justice Coordinators and Assistant District Attorneys, juvenile cases are referred for Juvenile Diversion, Juvenile Prosecution, or Indictment as a Youthful Offender.

The Juvenile Diversion Program is offered to first-time, nonviolent juvenile offenders. Participants in the Juvenile Diversion Program are required to attend appropriate individual counseling or educational group, perform community service, and in certain cases pay restitution. Juveniles who complete the program successfully will not have a court record as a result of the incident. Those who fail to complete the program successfully will be prosecuted. The majority of cases referred to the Juvenile Diversion Program are referred at the pre-arraignment stage. However, occasionally there are cases that are accepted post-arraignment.

The ultimate decision of whether to divert a case, either at the pre-arraignment or post-arraignment level, or prosecute, shall be determined by the Juvenile Justice Coordinator in conjunction with an Assistant District Attorney ("ADA") who has prosecutorial discretion. No singular factor, in itself, is determinative of whether the juvenile is diverted, either pre-arraignment or post-arraignment, or prosecuted.

### **Standards for Acceptance to the Juvenile Diversion Program**

- A juvenile, age **12 to 17**, may be referred.
- **First Offenses**, in most cases, may be eligible for the program. Prior involvement with the police and prior court involvement are considered and may be a basis for denial of entry into the program.
- **Delinquent acts of violence**, generally, are not referable. However, assaultive crimes may be eligible in certain circumstances. Victim input is considered in these matters. The ADA and JJ Coordinator will consult with supervisory staff regarding possible diversion.
- Crimes of a **group activity**, which may be gang related, are not referable. Crimes of a **group activity**, which are occasional, situational, and temporary, may be eligible.
- **Drug Offenses:** Referrals can be made on "possession" and "use" cases. Cases in which the District Attorney's Office would prosecute for "sale" are not eligible.

- **JOL:** Any offenses that violate the Junior Operators Law may be eligible for Juvenile Diversion but require Main Office approval.
- The following crimes will **NOT** be diverted unless there are exceptional and mitigating circumstances and **with the approval of the Main Office.**
  - Any/all major felonies
  - Any sexual assault or sexual related offense
  - Any serious drug cases alleging:
    - Possession w/intent to distribute
    - Distributing a controlled substance
  - Misdemeanors or felonies identified by the District Attorney's Office, the police, schools, or community in general, which have been determined to be of particular concern to that community.
- **Restitution** is determined pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Victim Witness Assistance Program. Indigent juveniles will not be excluded from participation in the Juvenile Diversion Program solely because of an inability to pay restitution. The program will attempt to make longer payment schedules when appropriate. The juvenile and parent(s) or guardian(s) are informed that fulfillment of the restitution component of the Juvenile Diversion Program contract does NOT render them immune from civil action.
- The juvenile must acknowledge responsibility for their behavior in the offense.
- The juvenile and parent/guardian must be **amenable to all the terms and conditions of the contract and treatment program** established by the JJ Coordinator and ADA. Juveniles who do not agree to attend counseling and complete community service projects shall be denied entry into the program.
- The juvenile and parent/guardian are informed that their **participation in the program is voluntary** and that the case may be brought forward in court at any time upon their request.

### **Standards for Compliance**

Upon termination for non-compliance, the case will be brought forward, and the usual juvenile court process shall resume in a non-prejudiced manner. The following conditions are in violation of a juvenile's contract with the Diversion Program and may result in the termination from the program for non-compliance:

- Failure of the juvenile to attend counseling on a regular basis.
- Failure of the juvenile to complete assigned community service projects.
- Commission of a subsequent offense.
- Failure to pay restitution.

## **Successful Program Completion**

When a client successfully completes the goals of the Juvenile Diversion Program, the termination process begins. The JJ Coordinator will monitor the follow-up procedure for each client that successfully completes the program.

- The JJ Coordinator will contact each family by letter within a sixty (60) day period after program completion.
- If additional services are requested, the JJ Coordinator will assist in securing the needed services.

## **Juvenile Diversion Post-Complaint Procedure**

- Juvenile is arraigned on delinquent charges.
- ADA informs the court that the case may be accepted into the Juvenile Diversion Program and requests a status date. At this point, the JJ Coordinator and ADA review facts and discuss with police. Where appropriate, the Victim Witness Advocate ("VWA") becomes involved.
- If a case is to be accepted to the Juvenile Diversion Program post-arraignment, the juvenile must appear before the Court and declare their intention to enter the program.
- The ADA shall ask for a 4-month status/review date.
- At the review date, the JJ Coordinator shall report to the Court. If the juvenile has completed the program successfully, then the ADA requests that the case be dismissed.
- In the event that the JJ Coordinator requests the case be brought forward, the Coordinator will inform the juvenile by written correspondence and the case will proceed through the usual court process.

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**Essex County Juvenile Diversion Program Contract**

**TO:** Paul F. Tucker, District Attorney for the Eastern District

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** Voluntary request for acceptance into Juvenile Diversion Program

1. I have been informed that the police of \_\_\_\_\_, **Essex County**, have sufficient evidence to seek a complaint against me on charges of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I have been informed that the court process against me will be suspended if I agree to participate in and successfully complete the District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program. Successful completion of the Juvenile Diversion Program requires that I agree to the following:
  - A. That I acknowledge responsibility for my behavior in this offense.
  - B. That I will be truthful and cooperative with the Juvenile Diversion Program.
  - C. That I fully participate in recommended counseling services.
    - i. That I meet with a qualified counselor approved by the Juvenile Diversion Program for a specialized assessment. Based on the assessment, I will be referred to appropriate counseling.
    - ii. If, as a result of the specialized assessment, individual counseling is found not to be necessary, I will be referred to an educational group dealing with high-risk behavior.
    - iii. That I will follow through with any additional treatment recommendations made by the counselor during the course of this Program.
    - iv. The length of time involved is a minimum of 4-6 months.
    - v. I will assume all costs incurred for counseling.
  - D. That I keep all scheduled appointments.
  - E. That I will not commit other offenses. In addition, any further involvement with the police, whether or not it rises to the level of a criminal offense, may result in expulsion from the Juvenile Diversion Program.
  - F. That I will make appropriate restitution for any property damage.

- G. That I will participate in community service or complete an equivalent project if deemed necessary.
3. I understand that acceptance and participation in the Juvenile Diversion Program, including restitution, if deemed appropriate, does not render me immune from civil action.
  4. I understand that any information I release to personnel involved in my treatment program, contract, or the Juvenile Diversion Program in general cannot be used against me in court as evidence of guilt for this offense.
  5. I understand that I may be expelled from the program if I fail to complete the program successfully as determined by the District Attorney's Office or commit a subsequent offense. Additionally, I understand that I may voluntarily withdraw from the program at any time. **Should I be expelled or voluntarily withdraw, I understand it may result in prosecution of existing charges and/or new charges as deemed appropriate by the Essex County District Attorney's Office.**
  6. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY REQUESTING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM, I WILLINGLY AND KNOWINGLY SUSPEND MY RIGHTS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE A CLERK MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE, TO HAVE A SPEEDY TRIAL, TO CONFRONT MY ACCUSERS, AND TO HAVE MY GUILT OR INNOCENCE DETERMINED IN COURT. SUCH RIGHTS MAY BE REASSERTED AT ANY TIME BY MY VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL, OR IF I AM UNSUCCESSFULLY TERMINATED FROM THE PROGRAM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY. THE JUVENILE COURT WILL APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO ME AT NO COST SHOULD I DECIDE THAT I WISH TO SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR I MAY HIRE MY OWN ATTORNEY.
  7. Information concerning this offense may be shared with the school.
  8. If I successfully complete my contract, I understand I will not be prosecuted for the offense set out herein. **I have been advised, however, that if I am charged with a subsequent 6-month misdemeanor, this case may be used only to establish that I previously committed another offense.**
  9. In consideration for my acceptance into the Juvenile Diversion Program, I agree to abide by the general provisions of the Juvenile Diversion Program outlined in paragraphs 1-8 above, in particular sub-paragraph 2, A through G, and the specific provisions of my contract.
  10. Formal and final acceptance into the Juvenile Diversion Program will be granted only after an Assistant District Attorney has reviewed all intake forms, including this contract, which have been filled out and signed by the Juvenile, his/her parent or guardian, and the Juvenile Justice Program Coordinator.

Client: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Office of the Essex District Attorney Protocol for Juvenile Fire Safety Program**

All juvenile cases involving arson, burning of personal property, burning of woods and other fire-related offenses are reviewed to determine eligibility for the Fire Safety Program. The Fire Safety Program, a component of the Juvenile Diversion Program, is offered to certain first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders aged 12 to 17 charged with a fire setting offense.

Juveniles and their parent(s)/guardian(s) meet with a Juvenile Justice Coordinator for an intake. The juvenile will sign a contract to:

1. Agree to an assessment by a counseling professional specially trained in the treatment of fire setters;
2. Participate in appropriate counseling and community service; and,
3. Successfully complete a Fire Safety School targeted at juvenile fire setters.

The Juvenile Justice Coordinator will:

1. Collect restitution, if applicable;
2. Provide the referring police department with monthly updates on the progress of the juvenile; and
3. Monitor the case for six months to one year.

If a juvenile fails to complete the Fire Safety Program requirements, the case will be brought forward for prosecution.

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**Juvenile Diversion Contract  
 Juvenile Fire Safety Program**

**TO:** Paul F. Tucker, District Attorney for the Essex District

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** Voluntary request for acceptance into the Juvenile Diversion/Fire Setter's Program

1. I have been informed that the police of \_\_\_\_\_, Essex County, have sufficient evidence to seek a complaint against me on charges of \_\_\_\_\_

2. I have been informed that the court process against me will be suspended if I agree to participate in and successfully complete the District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program. Successful completion of the Juvenile Diversion/Fire Setter's Program requires that I agree to the following:

- A. That I acknowledge responsibility for my behavior in this offense.
- B. That I will be truthful and cooperative with the Juvenile Diversion Program.
- C. That I fully participate in recommended counseling services.
  - That I meet with a qualified counselor approved by the Juvenile Diversion Program for a specialized assessment. Based on the assessment I will be referred to appropriate counseling.
  - If, as a result of the specialized assessment, individual counseling is found not to be necessary, I will be referred to an educational group dealing with high-risk behavior.
  - That I will follow through with any additional treatment recommendations made by the counselor during the course of this Program.
  - The length of time involved is 6 months to a year.
  - I will assume all costs incurred for counseling.



- D. That I will keep all scheduled appointments.
  - E. That I will not commit other offenses. In addition, any further involvement with the police, whether or not it rises to the level of a criminal offense, may result in expulsion from the Juvenile Diversion Program.
  - F. That I will make appropriate restitution for any property damage.
  - G. That I will participate in community service or complete an equivalent project if deemed necessary.
  - H. Specific conditions:  
Attend Fire Safety Program at:
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3. I understand that acceptance and participation in the Juvenile Diversion Program, including restitution, if deemed appropriate, does not render me immune from civil action.

4. I understand that any information I release to personnel involved in my treatment program, contract, or the Juvenile Diversion Program in general cannot be used against me in court as evidence of guilt for this offense.

5. I understand that I may be expelled from the program if I fail to complete the program successfully as determined by the District Attorney's Office or commit a subsequent offense. Additionally, I understand that I may voluntarily withdraw from the program at any time.  
**Should I be expelled or voluntarily withdraw, I understand it may result in prosecution of existing charges and/or new charges as deemed appropriate by the Essex District Attorney.**

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY REQUESTING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM/FIRESETTER'S PROGRAM, I WILLINGLY AND KNOWINGLY SUSPEND MY RIGHTS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE A CLERK-MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE, TO HAVE A SPEEDY TRIAL, TO CONFRONT MY ACCUSERS, AND TO HAVE MY GUILT OR INNOCENCE DETERMINED IN COURT. SUCH RIGHTS MAY BE REASSERTED AT ANY TIME BY MY VOLUNARY WITHDRAWAL, OR IF I AM UNSUCCESSFULLY TERMINATED FROM THE PROGRAM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY. THE JUVENILE COURT WILL APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO ME AT NO COST SHOULD I DECIDE THAT I WISH TO SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR I MAY HIRE MY OWN ATTORNEY.

7. Information concerning this offense may be shared with the school.

8. If I successfully complete my contract, I understand I will not be prosecuted for the offense set out herein. **I have been advised, however, that if I am charged with a subsequent six (6) month misdemeanor, this case may be used only to establish that I previously committed another offense.**

**9.** In consideration for my acceptance into the Juvenile Diversion Program, I agree to abide by the general provisions of the Juvenile Diversion Program outlined in paragraphs 1-8 above, in particular sub-paragraph 2, A through H, and the specific provisions of my contract.

**10.** Formal and final acceptance into the Juvenile Diversion Program will be granted only after an Assistant District Attorney has reviewed all intake forms, including this contract, which have been filled out and signed by the youth, his/her parent or guardian and the Juvenile Justice Coordinator.

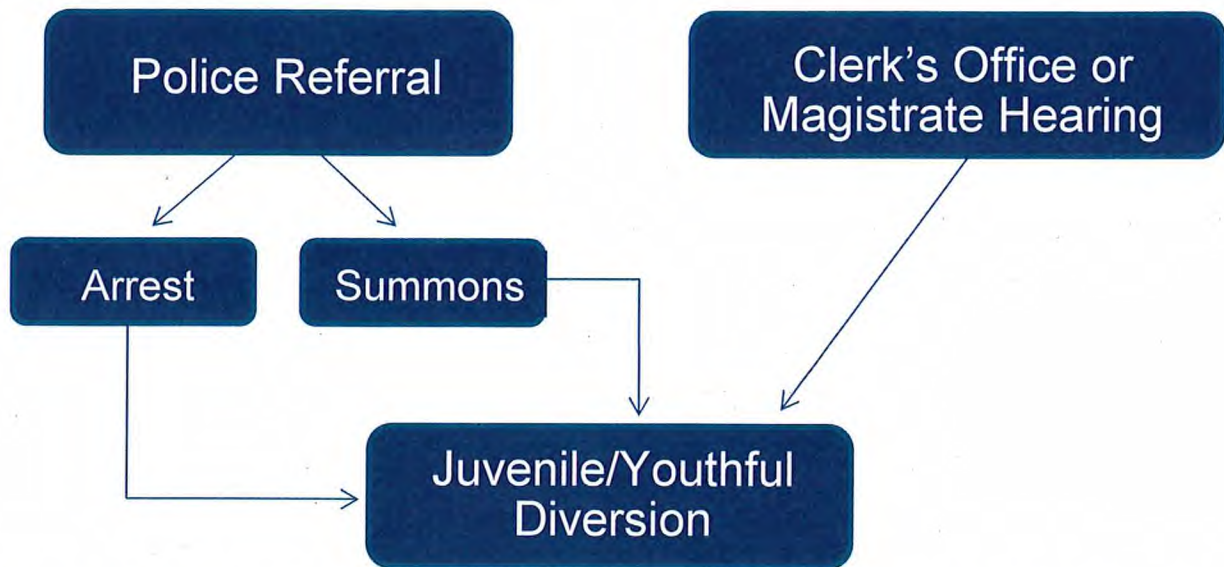
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**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

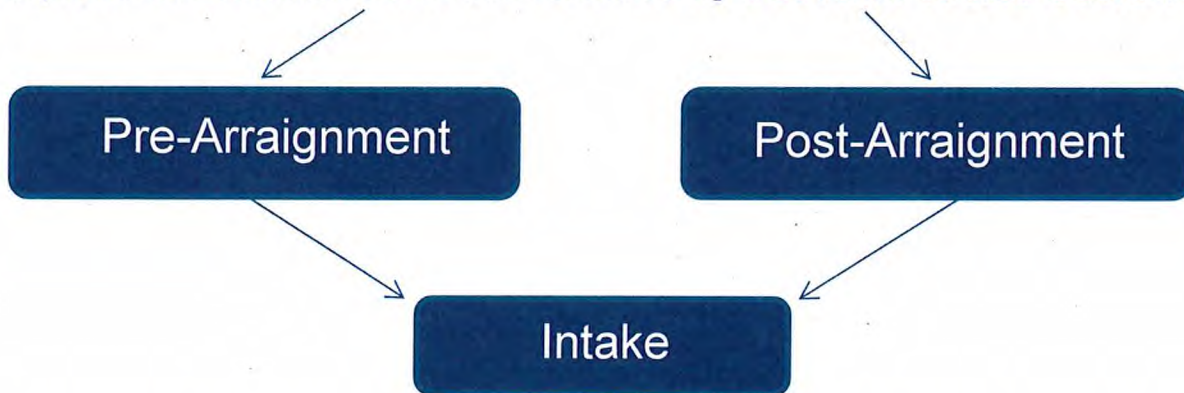
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**Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Diversion Flow Chart



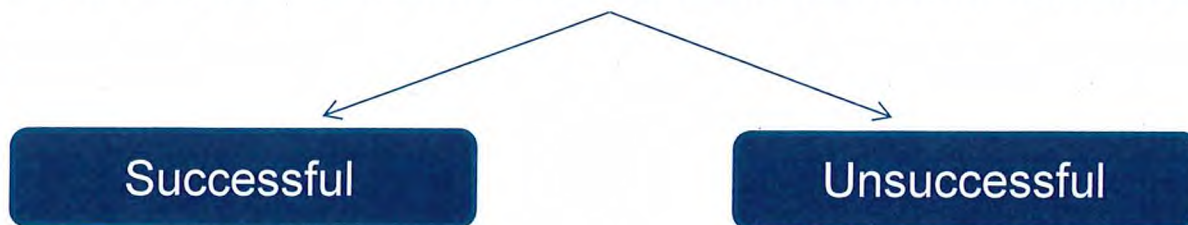
*All potential Diversion cases are screened by a Juvenile Justice Coordinator.*



*A contract is signed by the youth and a parent (if under 18) that outlines the requirements and expectations of the Diversion Program.*



*The Juvenile Justice Coordinator monitors the case and receives updates from service providers. The youth must provide documentation once requirements are complete.*



*Case dismissed, not prosecuted.*

*Case brought forward for prosecution.*

# Youthful Diversion Program



The District Attorney's Youthful Diversion Program offers first-time nonviolent offenders aged 18 to 21 services in lieu of being prosecuted through the traditional court process. Started in 1995, the Youthful Diversion program is based on the same principles of our Juvenile Diversion Program.

Cases are referred to the Youthful Diversion Program before the youth is arraigned in court. If a youth is appropriate for the program, the Juvenile Justice Coordinator will meet with the youth and execute a signed agreement for their participation in the Program. Participation in the Youthful Diversion Program is voluntary. If the youth chooses not to participate in the program, the case will go forward through the court system.

Once accepted into the Program, the youth participates in appropriate counseling/education and community service projects. If a case involves property damage or theft, the youth may also be held responsible for restitution.

Each case is supervised by the District Attorney's Juvenile Justice Staff. The Juvenile Justice Staff is responsible for monitoring counseling, community service, and restitution.

If the youth successfully completes the program, the District Attorney will dismiss the charges, and the youth will not have a court record. If the youth does not successfully complete the program or voluntarily withdraws from the program, the case will go forward in court for prosecution.

## Major Components of the Youthful Diversion Program

### *Counseling*

The Youthful Diversion Program is designed to identify and address high-risk behavior and to prevent further involvement of a youth in the criminal justice system.

As part of the involvement in the Youthful Diversion Program, a youth is required to participate in a counseling program. The Diversion Program requires a youth to receive a counseling evaluation from a licensed professional and attend recommended individual or group counseling. If, for any reason, counseling is not warranted, the youth would be required to participate in an education group, which may cover important topics including decision-making, high-risk behavior, and alcohol and substance abuse education. The number of sessions that are required will be determined by the counselor.

A list of counseling agencies that work with the program will be provided to the youth. However, the youth may choose an individual counselor by speaking to their primary care physician or health insurance provider.

Once a counselor has been chosen, the youth must contact the District Attorney's Office with the counselor's name, address, and phone contact information and a referral will be sent to the appropriate agency. A Juvenile Justice Coordinator will also contact the counselor and provide them with information pertinent to the Diversion Program and the program's requirements. A Juvenile Justice Coordinator will maintain contact with the counselor until the youth has completed the program.

### ***Community Service***

As part of the Youthful Diversion Program, participants are required to volunteer at a community agency or non-profit organization. Community service provides participants with the opportunity to "give back" to the community.

A list of community service sites will be offered. However, the youth may choose another site or project, subject to approval by the Juvenile Justice Coordinator.

### ***Restitution***

The Youthful Diversion Program follows the state guidelines and collects any out-of-pocket expenses and/or replacement cost of damaged or stolen property. If this component is applicable, the Juvenile Justice Coordinator will inform the youth of how much money they owe for restitution and where to send the bank check or money orders.

### ***Preparing for the future***

All cases entering Youthful Diversion are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and sometimes require additional components. These additional components or conditions may include online educational programs, enrollment in GED, technical or college programs and access to job and career training.

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## **Standards for Acceptance to the Essex District Attorney's Youthful Diversion Program**

In 1995, the District Attorney's Office expanded the diversion concept to include youth (aged 18 to 21). Cases are reviewed by Juvenile Justice Coordinators to determine eligibility. In this way, young people who have committed non-violent offenses are offered a second chance. By intervening and providing services the first time a young person is charged, it is hoped that they will have no further involvement in the criminal justice system.

Youthful Diversion requires first-time offenders to participate in an educational group and/or counseling, perform community service, and pay any applicable restitution in lieu of going through the court system. Successful completion of the Program will result in the youth not having a court record for the offense which brought the youth to the attention of the court.

Most participants in the Youthful Diversion Program are referred pre-arraignment by a police officer, a Clerk Magistrate, or a probation officer. The program also accepts cases referred post-arraignment. Eligibility is determined by a Juvenile Justice Coordinator on a case-by-case basis following certain basic criteria. However, the ultimate decision of whether or not to divert a case at the pre-complaint level shall be determined by the Assistant District Attorney. No singular factor in itself is determinative of whether the youth is prosecuted or diverted.

### **Standards for Acceptance**

- A first-time offender, aged 18 to 21, may be referred.
- Eligible offenses to the Youthful Diversion Program may include:
  - Minor in possession of alcohol
  - Disorderly conduct
  - Public drinking
  - Disturbing the peace
  - Minor purchasing or attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages
  - Shoplifting
  - Trespassing
- Drug Offenses: Referrals can be made on "possession" and "use" cases. Cases in which the District Attorney's Office would prosecute for "sale" are not eligible.
- Youth charged with OUI are NOT eligible for the program. These cases must be docketed and go through the regular court process.
- The youth must acknowledge responsibility for his/her behavior in the offense. The youth must successfully complete counseling and perform community service.
- The youth is informed that participation in the program is voluntary and that the case may be brought forward in court at any time at the youth's request.

## **Standards for Compliance**

Upon termination for non-compliance or voluntary withdrawal, the complaint will be issued against the youth and the usual court process shall resume. The following conditions are in violation of the client's contract with the Youthful Diversion Program and may result in termination from the Program for non-compliance:

- Failure to attend educational groups and/or counseling.
- Failure to complete assigned community service projects.
- Commission of a subsequent offense.

## **Successful Program Completion**

When a youth successfully completes the requirements of the Youthful Diversion Program, the case will be closed and not prosecuted.

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**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SUBJECT:** Voluntary request for acceptance into the Youthful Diversion Program

1. I have been informed that the police of \_\_\_\_\_, **Essex County**, have sufficient evidence to seek a complaint against me on the charges of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I have been informed that if I do not wish to go through the court process, the District Attorney's Youthful Diversion Program requires that I agree to the following:
  - A. That I acknowledge responsibility for my behavior in this offense.
  - B. That I meet with a qualified counselor for an initial assessment. Based on that assessment, I will be referred to an educational group and/or appropriate counseling services. I agree to follow through with any additional treatment recommendations made by the counselor during the course of this program.
  - C. The length of time involved is a minimum of 4-6 months.
  - D. That I keep all scheduled appointments.
  - E. That I will not commit other offenses. In addition, any further involvement with the police, whether or not it rises to the level of a criminal offense, may result in expulsion from the Youthful Diversion Program.
  - F. That I will make appropriate restitution for any property damage.
  - G. That I will participate in community service.
3. I understand that acceptance and participation in the Youthful Diversion Program, including restitution, if deemed appropriate, does not render me immune from civil action.
4. I understand that any information I release to personnel involved in my treatment program, contract, or the Youthful Diversion Program in general cannot be used against me in court as evidence of guilt for this offense.



5. I understand that I may voluntarily withdraw from the program at any time, and that I may be expelled from the program if I fail to complete the program successfully or commit a subsequent offense. Should I voluntarily withdraw or be expelled, I understand that the Police Department or the District Attorney may seek to have a complaint issued, and may prosecute me for the offense specified herein, and on new charges, as deemed appropriate.
6. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY REQUESTING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE YOUTHFUL DIVERSION PROGRAM, I WILLINGLY AND KNOWINGLY SUSPEND MY RIGHTS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE, TO HAVE A SPEEDY TRIAL, TO CONFRONT MY ACCUSERS, AND TO HAVE MY GUILT OR INNOCENCE DETERMINED IN COURT. SUCH RIGHTS MAY BE REASSERTED AT ANY TIME BY MY VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL, OR IF I AM UNSUCCESSFULLY TERMINATED FROM THE PROGRAM.
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Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile Justice Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Drug Diversion Program



Established in 2006, the Essex District Attorney's Drug Diversion Program is designed for non-violent offenders with substance use disorder. This program seeks to address substance use and improve public safety by offering evaluation, treatment, and intensive case management. This program is currently operating in all Essex County District Courts

The program provides eligible candidates the opportunity to receive comprehensive substance abuse treatment services in lieu of being prosecuted through the traditional court process.

Bridgwell clinicians conduct all evaluations develop and manage individualized treatment plans. Treatment options include a range of inpatient and outpatient services, and support designed to help participants maintain sobriety. No one is denied services based on an inability to pay. When available, a participant's insurance will be billed.

Offenders identified by the District Attorney's Office as eligible to enter the Essex County Drug Diversion Program will:

- Obtain a clinical evaluation followed by immediate access to treatment.
- Receive intensive treatment planning and treatment options, based on the clinical evaluation.
- Be subject to strong case management and follow up.

Compliance is recognized as consistent and confirmed participation in appropriate treatment modalities, weekly case management with a Diversion Clinical Case Manager, and the consistent maintenance of sobriety from all illicit, non-prescribed substances and alcohol. If a participant fails to adhere to their treatment plan, they will be prosecuted. However, in the event of a relapse, the participant is offered an amended treatment plan that provides needed support to allow them to continue in recovery.

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# **Essex District Attorney's Drug Diversion Program**

## **The Philosophy of Diversion**

The Essex District Attorney's Drug Diversion Program is a pre-arraignment and post-arraignment program for non-violent offenders with substance use disorders. The program provides eligible offenders the opportunity to receive comprehensive substance abuse treatment services in lieu of being prosecuted through the traditional court process. Cases involving possession of drugs may be eligible; however, offenders charged with possession with intent to distribute, distribution of controlled substances, or drug trafficking will be prosecuted and are not eligible for the program.

The clinical evaluations and treatment plans are administered by Bridgewell. Treatment includes appropriate inpatient and outpatient services, and support designed to help maintain sobriety.

Offenders identified by the District Attorney's Office as eligible to enter the Essex District Attorney's Drug Diversion Program will:

- Obtain a thorough clinical evaluation.
- Receive intensive treatment planning and treatment options.
- Be subject to strong case management, including drug screening when applicable.

Compliance is recognized as consistent and confirmed participation in appropriate treatment modalities, weekly case management with a Diversion Clinical Case Manager, and the consistent maintenance of sobriety from all illicit, non-prescribed substances and alcohol. If a participant fails to adhere to their treatment plan, they will be prosecuted. However, in the event of a relapse, the participant is offered an amended treatment plan that provides needed support to allow them to continue in recovery.

## **Role of the Clinical Intake and Assessment Coordinator**

The Clinical Intake and Assessment Coordinators conduct intakes at the district courts throughout Essex County for clients referred by the District Attorney's Office. The Clinical Intake Coordinator is responsible for assessing and implementing the immediate safety needs of newly referred clients, including the coordination and referral to a medical detox, emergency psychiatric evaluation, an intensive outpatient program, or residential program. Other services may include addressing homelessness, an unsafe home life, and/or any other concerns impacting immediate safety needs. Following the initial intake, the case is assigned to a Clinical Case Manager.

## **Initial Intake to Case Management**

The Clinical Case Manager will contact the client the same day and support the client in their treatment program. An initial case management session will be scheduled within a

week of the clinical intake. A client's ongoing treatment plan is developed and implemented by the Clinical Case Manager; however, a client's input is also part of the process to determine what could be most beneficial to their recovery. Relapse is not always a basis for returning a client to court for prosecution and a treatment plan may be amended at any time based on an enhanced level of care needed. All treatment plans are based on the needs of the individual.

### **Role of the Clinical Case Manager**

The Clinical Case Manager provides weekly clinical case management for clients referred by the District Attorney's Office. The Clinical Case Manager is responsible for implementing individualized treatment plans based on a client's addiction and mental health needs. They also are responsible for coordinating and securing treatment modality appointments for the client. Based on a client's needs, this may also include enrolling for MassHealth, identifying a Primary Care Physician, securing services through the Department of Transitional Assistance, accessing job placement services, and other supportive services that could contribute to stability.

The Clinical Case Manager will provide support and supervision for participants, and will act as the liaison among the client, treatment providers, and the District Attorney's Office. Treatment plans may be amended and enhanced at any time based on a shift in the client's needs. If a client struggles to follow their treatment plan, they may be allowed to remain in the program if they are willing to recommit to their recovery and sobriety. The Clinical Case Manager will work to secure appropriate services so that a client will meet treatment goals and, when appropriate, will work with a client's family to better understand the disease of addiction, and support the client in a therapeutic way.

### **Client Need**

The needs of all clients are complex and unique. Therefore, success cannot be measured in the same manner for all. For some, maintaining sobriety even for one day is a success. The needs of opiate dependent clients are often the most complex. Many of the heroin dependent clients face similar challenges in confronting their addiction.

These challenges include:

- The chronicity of their disease. Many clients have been heroin dependent for over a year. Some may have been sporadically involved in treatment and some clients may have received no treatment at all. As a result, these clients must become educated about the disease of addiction and must accept that it can successfully be managed long-term.
- The illegal behaviors that brought the clients to the attention of the court system. In many cases, these illegal offenses are acts of desperation to support their addiction.

The Essex District Attorney's Drug Diversion Program seeks to support all clients to achieve their goals of recovery and sobriety. Completing Diversion requires participation

in a continuum of treatment interventions and case management for a period of at least six months consistent with these program goals.

### **Clinical Interventions**

Research shows that with appropriate clinical interventions and treatment, recovery is possible. The comprehensive interventions utilized may include:

- Intensive outpatient (IOP) day programming
- Professionally facilitated groups including Early Recovery and Relapse Prevention
- Opiate replacement therapy
- Individual therapy to address addiction and/or mental health needs
- Psychiatric evaluations
- Long and short-term residential treatment
- Detoxification and maintenance
- Self-Help: Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings/identifying a sponsor
- Vocational and rehabilitation services
- AIDS/HIV testing and support

The longer a client is involved in ongoing treatment, the greater the chance of that client being able to maintain long-term sobriety and recovery.

### **After-care**

Clients are provided with a continuum of care. When a Diversion client completes the program, they can expect to have their housing, employment, and educational needs addressed with a concrete plan of continued addiction and mental health treatment. The Clinical Case Manager will make recommendations and referrals to meet a client's anticipated needs for the six months following Diversion. Bridgewell is always available to former clients should they need additional support after leaving the program.

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## **Standards for Acceptance to the Essex District Attorney's Drug Diversion Program**

- A non-violent offender of any age may be referred. A full review of an offender's criminal history will be necessary to determine potential eligibility.
- Crimes of a group activity that may be gang related are not referable.
- Crimes of violence are not referable.
- Sexual assaults are not referable.
- Operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs is not referable.
- Drug Offenses: Referrals can be made on "possession" and "use" cases. Distribution or intent to distribute and/or trafficking are not referable.
- Offenders who have cases still pending in court or in diversion or have lengthy records must be sent to the Main Office for referral.
- The ultimate decision and approval of a candidate for the Essex District Attorney's Diversion Program rests within the sole discretion of the Essex District Attorney's Office.
- The offender must be amenable to all the terms and conditions of the contract and treatment program established by the District Attorney's Office.
- The offender is informed that their participation in the program is voluntary and that the case may be brought forward in court at any time upon their request.
- Upon termination due to failure to successfully complete the program, or voluntary withdrawal, the complaint will be issued, and the offender will be prosecuted.

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**Essex County Drug Diversion Program Contract**

**TO:** Paul F. Tucker, District Attorney for the Eastern District  
**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SUBJECT:** Voluntary request for acceptance into the Drug Diversion Program

1. I have been informed that the police of \_\_\_\_\_, **Essex County**, have sufficient evidence and have obtained a complaint against me on the charges of: \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. I have been informed that if I do not wish to go through the court process, the District Attorney's Drug Diversion Program requires that I agree to the following:
  - A. That I acknowledge responsibility for my behavior in this offense.
  - B. That I meet with a qualified Case Manager from Bridgewell for an initial assessment. Based on that assessment, I will be referred for appropriate treatment and counseling services which may include random testing for drugs and alcohol, and inpatient and/or outpatient treatment. The type and length of treatment will be determined by the Case Manager. I agree to follow through with any additional treatment recommendations made by the Case Manager during the course of this program.
  - C. That I keep all scheduled appointments.
  - D. That I will not commit other offenses.
  - E. That I will make appropriate restitution for any property damage.
  - F. The length of time involved is a minimum of 6 months.
  
3. I understand that acceptance and participation in the Drug Diversion Program, including restitution, if deemed appropriate, does not render me immune from civil action.
  
4. I understand that any information I release to personnel involved in my treatment program, contract, or the Drug Diversion Program in general cannot be used against me in court as evidence of guilt for this offense.

5. I understand that I may voluntarily withdraw from the program at any time. Further, I understand I may be expelled from the program if I fail to complete the program successfully, or commit a subsequent offense, as determined by the District Attorney's Office.

Should I voluntarily withdraw or be expelled, I understand that the Police Department or the District Attorney will seek to have a complaint issued and will prosecute me for the offense specified herein, and on new charges, as deemed appropriate. If I have already been arraigned (formally charged before the court), I understand that the prosecution of my case will continue.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY REQUESTING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE DRUG DIVERSION PROGRAM, I WILLINGLY AND KNOWINGLY SUSPEND MY RIGHTS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE, TO HAVE A SPEEDY TRIAL, TO CONFRONT MY ACCUSERS, AND TO HAVE MY GUILT OR INNOCENCE DETERMINED IN COURT. SUCH RIGHTS MAY BE REASSERTED AT ANY TIME BY MY VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL, OR IF I AM TERMINATED DUE TO MY FAILURE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE PROGRAM.
7. If I successfully complete my contract obligations, I understand I will not be prosecuted for the offense set out herein and/or the District Attorney's Office may seek to have the charges against me dismissed.

Special Conditions: **Comply with Bridgewell**

8. In consideration for my acceptance into the Drug Diversion Program, I agree to abide by the general provisions of the Drug Diversion Program outlined in paragraphs 1-6 above, in particular sub-paragraph 2, A through F, and the specific provisions of my contract.

Client: \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile Justice Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Chapter 221 of the Acts of 2004

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a pilot program in Essex and Hampshire counties, subject to appropriation, to establish a community based juvenile/youthful justice program for the purposes of insuring the safety and security of the public and private schools of said counties, addressing the problems of juvenile and youthful violence, improving the services available to school-aged youth, insuring the effective use of resources by state and local law enforcement and social service agencies, and promoting collaboration among schools, local and state law enforcement agencies, private industry, municipalities, the probation department, and the departments of social services\*, youth services, mental health and public health. Said program shall assist in the development of school and community based programs that are designed to prevent violence and delinquency, develop techniques for the early identification of at-risk youth, divert non-violent youthful offenders from the juvenile or criminal justice system, and insure the availability of and access to community based rehabilitative services including, but not limited to, substance abuse services for youthful offenders when appropriate.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of establishing, implementing, or carrying out said pilot program, employees and representatives of the following agencies and departments may discuss and exchange information concerning court records, investigations, court proceedings, and care, custody, education and treatment plans of juveniles and school-aged persons under the age of 21 who attend elementary, junior high, or high schools in Essex or Hampshire county, public or private school systems designated by the superintendent of schools including but not limited to registered nurses employed by the schools, the probation department, the office of the district attorney, state or local police departments, the office of the sheriff, the department of youth services, the department of social services, the department of mental health, the department of public health, and other social service providers. In no instance shall any aspect of an individual's confidential communications with a sexual assault counselor, as defined in section 20J of chapter 233 of the General Laws or otherwise, be shared among the aforementioned parties. Employees and representatives of the department of social services, the department of mental health, and the department of public health may share information regarding the existence of services, treatment plans, and the identity of providers; but said employees and representatives shall share privileged information only when authorized by order of the juvenile court in requests involving a child under the age of 18\* and the district court for requests concerning adults. Finally, any privileged communication made to a psychotherapist, as defined in section 20B of said chapter 233, or the results of a court-

ordered psychiatric examination shall be shared only when authorized by order of the juvenile court in requests involving a child under the age of 17\*\* and the district court for requests concerning adults. The appropriate court shall notify the parent or guardian of a person whose privileged information is requested of his right to appear at the hearing regarding the request for access to said privileged information. Any agency or employee or representative thereof who, without authority, discloses or disseminates such information or uses such information for purposes not described in this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5000.

\*In 2008, the Department of Social Services was renamed the Department of Children and Families.

\*\*Effective September 18, 2013, the Legislature extended the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court to include those up to their eighteenth (18th) birthday.

### School Districts...

Amesbury	Lawrence	Peabody
Andover	Lynn	Pentucket
Beverly	Lynnfield	Rockport
Danvers	Manchester-	Salem
Georgetown	Essex	Saugus
Gloucester	Marblehead	Swampscott/
Hamilton-	Masconomet	Nahant
Wenham	Methuen	Triton
Haverhill	Newburyport	Whittier
Ipswich	N. Andover	



## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE (CCI)

### Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 221 of the Acts of 2004

Reducing youth violence and crime requires a multifaceted, multidisciplinary, and coordinated approach that views prevention and early intervention as critical components.

A partnership comprised of schools, police and state agencies, whose function is to address violence prevention and school violence, is mandated by MGL Chapter 221 of the Acts of 2004.

The Juvenile Justice Staff from the District Attorney's Office coordinate this Community Collaborative Initiative and facilitate meetings in all school districts in Essex County.

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### **The Mission...**

- To facilitate communication among agencies concerning at-risk youth as well as those youth currently involved with the court system.
- To develop a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of all collaborating agencies.
- To develop innovative strategies for violence prevention and early intervention.
- To promote and implement intervention tools aimed at addressing and enhancing public safety.

At each meeting, CCI participants may provide suggestions and feedback on an appropriate course of action.

### **Who Attends...**

#### **The District Attorney's Office**

Juvenile Justice Coordinators facilitate the CCI meetings on behalf of the District Attorney's Office. The Juvenile Justice Coordinators provide information regarding ongoing cases of concern to the school and community and help coordinate prevention efforts.

#### **Essex County Juvenile Probation**

Certain youth discussed at CCI meetings are involved in the Juvenile Court system either through Child Requiring Assistance petitions or delinquency cases. A juvenile probation officer attends the CCI meetings on behalf of the Juvenile Court system.

#### **Department of Children and Families**

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) representative handles information or inquiries about specific cases, forwards that information to the proper caseworker, and then provides follow-up information at the next CCI meeting. The representative also informs CCI participants about available resources and programs in addition to instructing how to file 51A Reports, the investigation process, and possible outcomes.

#### **Department of Youth Services**

The Department of Youth Services (DYS) sends a representative to CCI meetings in the communities where youth have been committed to their custody. The DYS representative attends the CCI to share information with the other agencies in an effort to provide coordinated services to families of committed youth.

#### **Department of Mental Health**

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) sends a staff person to attend the CCI meetings. If mental health concerns about a youth are raised, the representative will explain the voluntary application process, eligibility criteria, and additional services available.

#### **Police**

The police representative attending CCI meetings may be a juvenile officer, a school resource officer, a truancy officer, or a court liaison. The police provide updates on serious cases and address any concerns raised at the meeting. In addition, the police provide information regarding community concerns such as group related activities, crime trends among youth, and safety issues.

#### **Schools**

Representatives consist of elementary, middle, and high school administrators, and guidance counselors. Concerns raised range from truancy issues, possible criminal conduct, substance abuse, family issues, and behavioral matters.



## **Overview of Participating Agencies and Schools**

M.G.L. Ch. 12, §32 mandates that District Attorney's Offices establish, implement and coordinate a partnership of schools, police and state agencies to address violence prevention and school violence. This initiative in Essex County is called the Community Collaborative Initiative (CCI). The following agencies participate in these meetings by sharing information to provide better services for youth. The goal of these meetings is for all agencies, schools and police to build stronger communities by fostering better communication and relationships. Agency representation, and the information shared, varies depending on the needs of the CCI participants and the community.

### **The District Attorney's Office**

Juvenile Justice Coordinators facilitate the CCI meetings on behalf of the District Attorney's Office. The Juvenile Justice Coordinators provide information regarding ongoing priority prosecution cases and diversion cases involving school-based incidents. Coordinators provide an overview of the court system and help plan prevention efforts.

### **Essex County Juvenile Probation**

Many youth discussed at CCI meetings are involved in the Juvenile Court system either through CRA applications or delinquency cases. A juvenile probation officer attends the CCI meetings on behalf of the Juvenile Court system. Often, the representative attending the meeting is assigned to that community and is familiar with the youth population and their families. In addition, probation officers provide information for interventions or about available resources in the community.

### **Department of Children and Families**

A supervisor or caseworker represents the Department of Children and Families (DCF) at the CCI meeting. The DCF representative records information or inquiries about specific cases, forwards that information to the proper caseworker, and then provides follow-up information at the next CCI meeting. The representative also informs CCI participants about available resources and intervention information in addition to instructing on when and how to file 51A Reports, the investigation process, and possible outcomes.

### **Department of Youth Services**

The Department of Youth Services (DYS) sends a representative to CCI meetings in the communities where youth have been committed to their custody. While the DYS representative typically communicates with the school department on a regular basis, it is important that they attend the CCI to share information with the other agencies in an effort to provide better services to families of committed youth. Oftentimes, a family may be involved with DCF or DMH, there may be younger siblings in surrounding school systems, or the police may have community concerns related to a committed youth.

### **Department of Mental Health**

Representatives from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) are invited to attend CCI meetings. If a name is raised with mental health concerns, the representative will explain the voluntary application process and eligibility criteria.

### **Police**

The police representative attending CCI meetings may be a juvenile officer, a school resource officer, a truancy officer, or a court liaison. The police representative is able to provide information regarding community concerns such as group related activities, crime trends among youth, and safety issues. The police serve in a reactive capacity when concerns may arise that lead to a criminal investigation.

### **Schools**

School representation at CCI meetings varies depending on the needs of the community. Representatives usually consist of elementary, middle and high school administrators, and sometimes guidance counselors. The majority of names raised at the meetings are by school representatives. Concerns range from truancy issues, possible criminal conduct, substance abuse, family issues, and behavioral matters. Depending on the issue, other participants are able to then provide feedback on a course of action, whether there is an ongoing matter with the youth, or whether any of the agencies present have any involvement with the youth or family.

## Summer Day Program

For over thirty years, the Essex District Attorney's Office, in conjunction with several local police departments, has participated in a summer program for in-coming fifth grade students. The twelve (12) participating police departments and the District Attorney have provided staff and support for the program.

The purpose of the Essex County Summer Day Program is to allow youth, police and peer leaders the opportunity to spend a week together engaging in anti-drug and violence prevention lessons, educational workshops and team-building activities. This year, over 400 students participated in the camp held at Higgins Middle School in Peabody. The two (2) one-week sessions were July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The workshops provide education regarding decision-making and goal setting. Activities consist of field trips and presentations that focus on appropriate alternatives to drugs and violence. Highlights include a K-9 demonstration, a fire safety presentation by the Peabody Fire Department, and a laser show addressing bullying and the importance of teamwork. We, again, offered two (2) educational programs addressing increased concerns over mental health and anti-semetic and racist ideologies. Changing Minds: Stories Over Stigma was presented by the non-profit mental health foundation, Minding your Mind to further enhance mental health education. Additionally, the Anti-Defamation League and Melrose High School Peer Leaders worked to engage campers in inclusivity exercises which aim to strive for a more just society.

The importance of the camp is paramount; not only do youth learn important life skills, but they also develop positive relationships with police officers from their community and engage with high school mentors.

Participating police departments include Beverly, Danvers, Georgetown, Gloucester, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Peabody, Salem, Saugus, and Swampscott.



**You are cordially invited to**

# **ROCA CIRCLE TRAINING**

**for leaders and aspiring leaders of  
the Lynn and surrounding  
communities!**

## **WHEN**

**Monday, June 24, 2024**

**4pm – 8pm with dinner provided**

**Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

**4pm – 8pm with dinner provided**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

**9am – 4pm with breakfast & lunch provided**

## **WHERE**

**330 Lynnway, Suite 110 Lynn, MA 01901**

**For more info please contact **Emily Fish:** [emily\\_fish@rocainc.com](mailto:emily_fish@rocainc.com) 617-529-9097 or **Claudia Lent:** [claudia\\_lent@rocainc.com](mailto:claudia_lent@rocainc.com)**

## **CIRCLE KEEPERS**

**Emily Fish**

**Roca Lynn Assistant  
Director**

**Claudia Lent**

**Roca Chelsea Assistant  
Director**

## **Peacemaking Circles:**

The peacemaking circle is a process that brings together individuals who wish to engage in conflict resolution, healing, support, decision making or other activities in which honest communications, relationship development, and community building are core desired outcomes.

## **ATTENDEES**

**Community leaders  
from all around  
Essex County!**



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Center for Restorative Justice

## **Introduction to Restorative Justice for the Criminal-Legal System**

This two-day transformative workshop engages participants using small group work, mini-lectures, video presentations, readings, and other activities to provide an experience-based introduction to restorative justice in criminal-legal involved settings. Designed to be highly interactive, the workshop explores topics such as concepts of justice, indigenous roots of restorative practice, along with principles and implementation strategies. Participants will engage in discussions surrounding individual, relational and systemic ways to implement restorative practices and processes to obtain more just outcomes for those who are system involved. This training is designed for those working in and/or partnering with criminal-legal institutions.

November 14-15, 2024



Finding common ground  
through mediation

The Resolution Center (TRC) is a non-profit organization that has been providing conflict resolution and training services locally since 1994. The Essex County District Attorney's Office, in partnership with TRC, is offering people who are involved in the Diversion Program an option to participate in a Restorative Justice Session. **Restorative Justice** is a philosophy and a theory of justice that emphasizes bringing together everyone affected by an incident to address everyone's needs and responsibilities, provide accountability, and heal the impact of the incident on all involved.

### **What is a Restorative Justice Session?**

Restorative Justice Sessions are led by trained, neutral facilitators who create a safe, confidential space for participants to discuss the effects of a young person's action and opportunities for repair. These sessions allow people to speak face-to-face about the impact of an incident in their community. The goal of these sessions is not to blame or shame anyone. The purpose is to offer an opportunity for the responsible person to take accountability while providing a high level of support to everyone who has been impacted. These sessions center around impact and moving forward by identifying: the needs and responsibilities of all impacted, discussing accountability, and what is needed to repair the impact and heal from the incident. All individuals have a role in repairing the impact and working toward positive outcomes.

### **Referral Process**

Restorative sessions are voluntary for all participants. Cases that the DA's Office determines are appropriate for Restorative Justice Sessions will be sent to TRC for "intake" conversations. We conduct intake calls with the impacted person/people to hear about the situation, and separately with the young person who is responsible for the impact. In these calls we describe the process and answer any questions, as well as identify any support people that those most directly involved would like to bring to the session so that they can also participate in intake calls and be included in the session.

Location: Restorative Sessions will happen at Essex County DA's office at 51 Federal Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Salem, MA at a date/time that works for everyone involved.

Contact Information: Please contact Anya McDavitt at The Resolution Center for scheduling and/or any questions you may have regarding participation in a Restorative Justice Session. She can be reached at 978-232-0002 or [anya@resolutionnorthshore.org](mailto:anya@resolutionnorthshore.org).





## 2024 ESSEX COUNTY SUBSTANCE-FREE GRANT

Prom and graduation season brings concerns about whether students are making safe choices. Keeping that as a goal in mind, the Essex County District Attorney's Office offered a total of \$25,000 in grants in the spring of 2024 to support alcohol and substance-free post-prom and post-graduation events.

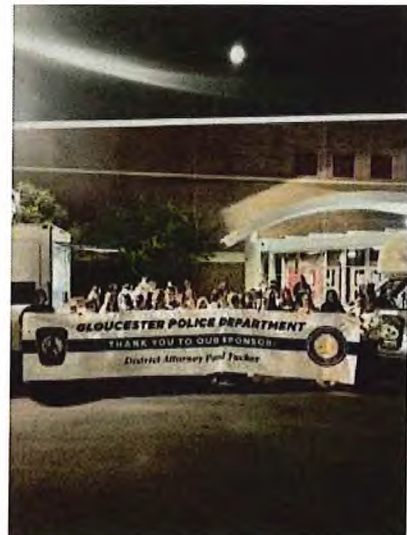
The grants were aimed at underwriting or boosting programs designed to keep students safe following these landmark high school events.

Any school or school-sanctioned group in the 34 cities and towns in Essex County, Massachusetts, were invited to apply.

District Attorney Tucker personally reviewed and approved all grant requests.

Grants were awarded to all applicants:

1. Amesbury High – \$2,000
2. Haverhill High – \$2,500
3. Gloucester High – \$1,500
4. Lynnfield High – \$1,800
5. North Andover High – \$2,500
6. Pentucket Regional High – \$2,500
7. Salem High – \$2,500
8. Tri-Town Council - \$2,500



With the help of a Safer Communities Grant to address gang violence, illegal firearms, and narcotics distribution which impacts the quality of life for Lynn and Lawrence residents, we were able to partner with local organizations to bring programming to the youth of Lynn and Lawrence.

## Flag Football Camp & Sports Clinic

In partnership with the City of Lynn and facilitated by RECK Fitness and Massflag champs, we hosted two (2) free flag football and sports clinics the week of February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lynn Vocational Technical Field House and the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> at Manning Field in Lynn. 200 kids engaged in a week-long skills and drills session, that included custom flags and uniform shirts. The kids were treated to custom water bottles, a daily snack, and lunch. A great time was had by all participants.



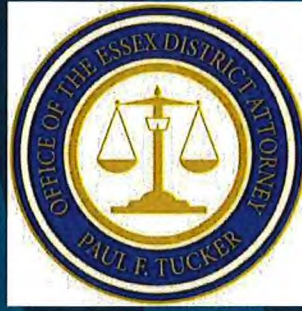
## Change the Play, Inc.

We also partnered with Rise Academy in Lawrence and Change the Play, Inc., an Educational/Charitable Organization that creates programming for at-risk youth focusing on Education, Healthy Lifestyle Choices, and Identity. They provide education in marketing, branding and entrepreneurship, music production, DJ'ing, and podcasting instruction to youth through hands-on workshops. Through teaching the Arts and promoting alternative careers/entrepreneurial options in sports, music, fashion, and entertainment, they seek to help youth become leaders and positive agents for change in their communities.



FEBRUARY  
19-23,  
2024

9:00 A.M – 3:00 P.M.



LYNN  
VOCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL  
FIELDHOUSE



**FLAG FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLINIC**

**LYNN BOYS &  
GIRLS AGES  
11-18**



**FREE**

Come enjoy a week-long skills program sponsored by the Essex County District Attorney's Office in partnership with the City of Lynn and facilitated by RECKFitness and Massflag champs.

The program includes daily snack, and lunch.



To sign up visit:  
<http://tinyurl.com/DACampLynn>





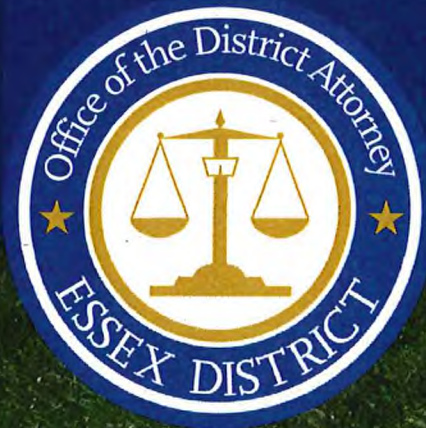
# FREE APRIL BREAK

## Flag Football & Sports Clinic

Sponsored by

**MANNING  
FIELD  
LYNN, MA**

**APRIL  
16th-18th  
11am-3pm**



Come enjoy a few days of Spring Break with a flag football & sports clinic program sponsored by the Essex County District Attorney's Office and facilitated by the staff and coaches from RECK Fitness.

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF ESSEX COUNTY AGES 8-17  
Lunch Included

TO REGISTER VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/AprilDACamp>

or visit the Lynn, MA My Rec homepage





## Gloucester Police Community Impact Unit Kops 'N' Kids Youth Angler Program

This Summer, the DA's Office supported the Kops 'N' Kids Youth Angler Program lead by the Gloucester Police Community Impact Unit.

By uniting Gloucester youngsters with police officers to share in the splendors of saltwater fishing, the hope is to break down barriers between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.



## Saturday Swim Program

Due to concerns surrounding drownings in Essex County and with an emphasis on the importance of water safety, the District Attorney's Office partnered with Mayor Nicholson and the Parks & Recreation Department in Lynn to provide a swim program to youth ages 5 to 14 years old. Two (2), free, 4-week sessions were held throughout May, June, and July, at the Lynn Vocation Technical Institute pool. Formal swimming lessons and education on water safety can help to reduce the number of drownings.





CITY OF LYNN

# SATURDAY SWIM PROGRAM



## EVERY SATURDAY

Session One:  
May 18th, May 25th,  
June 1st, & June 8th

Session Two:  
June 15th, June 22nd,  
June 29th, & July 6th

30-minute classes

Open to youth ages  
5-14 (16 youth per  
class, classes are  
divided by age  
group)



Lynn Vocational Technical  
Institute Pool



To learn more or to apply,  
visit [LynnMa.MyRec.com](http://LynnMa.MyRec.com)

**FREE ENTRY FOR ALL LYNN YOUTH**

This program is sponsored by Mayor Nicholson, the District Attorney's  
Office, and the Parks & Recreation Department



# LEAP for Education, Inc.

Leap for Education runs free, after-school and summer programs designed to empower underserved students in Essex County. The hope is to achieve social and economic mobility by cultivating personal, educational, and career growth.

As a former Chief of Police and now District Attorney, I know firsthand the importance of programs like those offered by LEAP for Education. LEAP offers students more than a safe place to go when school is out but also supports student in preparing an education and career plan for their future. For these reasons, our office has made a grant in furtherance of LEAP's objectives.

LEAP is a welcome addition to programming services for those juveniles involved in our diversion program.





**LYSOA, Inc.**  
**Lynn Youth Street Outreach Advocacy, Inc.**

In the communities of Lynn and Lawrence, Lynn Youth Street Outreach Advocacy, Inc. (LYSOA) seeks to empower high-risk youth by guiding them in their search for a positive purpose in life. LYSOA provides advocacy and outreach services to high-risk youth, young adults, and their families. In an effort to attain the goal of helping high-risk youth avoid violence, LYSOA encourages involvement in community development, assists with job searches, and provides case management and guidance through the juvenile court system. To further their mission, our office granted funds for a mental health clinician and outreach worker in Lawrence.

Juveniles involved in our diversion program engage in LYSOA's services.



# MASSACHUSETTS 3rd ANNUAL EMERGING ADULT SUMMIT

**REGISTER NOW!**



**October 16 & 17, 2024**

**Four Points by Sheraton, Norwood, MA**

\*A block of rooms are reserved at the hotel.

Call (781) 769-7900 to book a room and reference EA Summit.

## **PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- ✓ Programming and services for women, housing initiatives, and voices from our first Emerging Adult Leadership Academy cohort
- ✓ Facilitated Emerging Adult (EA) working groups to discuss the current landscape of EA programs with local colleagues
- ✓ Making impactful connections through networking and resource-gathering to continue or expand EA work in your community
- ✓ Overview of recent federal act expanding services for justice-involved Emerging Adults

## **HOSTS:**



**Executive Office of  
Public Safety and Security**



**Municipal Police  
Training Committee**



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CONSULTING

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## Juvenile Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

Males (Age)	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Salem	Total
Twelve			7	5	2	3	17
Thirteen	4	1	13	3	4	9	34
Fourteen	7		15	7	3	5	37
Fifteen	5	1	15	2	2	13	38
Sixteen	5		14	7	4	7	37
Seventeen	6		12	3	3	11	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>198</b>

Females (Age)	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Salem	Total
Twelve		1	1	2		3	7
Thirteen	2		6	6	1	4	19
Fourteen	8	1	3	3	2	5	22
Fifteen	5	2	4	6	1	4	22
Sixteen	2	1	7	4		9	23
Seventeen	2		4	5	6	5	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>115</b>

Opted Not to Answer Gender	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Salem	Total
Fifteen						4	4

Month of Intake	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Salem	Total
January	6		9	6	3	5	29
February	4	1	5	9	2	3	24
March	3	1	17	2	3	3	29
April	5		5	2		11	23
May	8		19	4	2	6	39
June	2	1	8	10	1	12	34
July	3	1	11	7	7	11	40
August	9		7	5	2	8	31
September	2		3	3		4	12
October	2	1	12	4	5	5	29
November	0	1	4		2	9	16
December	1	1	1	1	1	5	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>316</b>

## Juvenile Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

Offense	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Salem	Total
Affray	1		2				3
Animal cruelty				1			1
Assault		5		1	9	2	17
Assault and Battery	19	1	61	23		33	137
Assault and Battery on Ambulance Worker						2	2
Assault and Battery on Police Officer	1		4			1	6
Assault and Battery on Public Employee	1			1			2
Assault and Battery Household Member						3	3
Assault and Battery on +60/Disabled Person	1	1			3	5	10
Assault and Battery w/ Dangerous Weapon	3		6	5		8	22
Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon	2		1	3		1	7
Attempt to Burn Building		1			2		3
Bomb Threat			3			5	8
Breaking and Entering	3		2			3	8
Carrying Dangerous Weapon on School Grounds			11	3		3	17
Criminal Harassment			1				1
Disorderly Conduct	1						1
Dissemination Photo Unsuspect Person in Nude	1		1				2
Dissemination of Material - Child in State of Nudity			1		1		2
Dissemination of Obscene Matter			2				2
Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minor						1	1
Distribution Class D Substance				1			1
Disturbing the Peace			1				1
Failure to Stop for a Police Officer						1	1
False Fire Alarm						1	1
Identification Fraud				1			1
Indecent Assault & Battery	1		2				3
Junior Operator Violations						1	1
Larceny from a Person			1				1
Larceny from a Building			2	1		1	4
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle			4				4
Larceny Over \$1,200				2			2
Larceny Under \$1,200	6		2	5	3	2	18
Leaving the Scene of Personal Injury			1				1
Leaving the Scene of Property Damage	2		1	2		1	6
Malicious Dest of Motor Vehicle			2				2
Malicious Dest of Prop Over \$1,200	1		4		2		7
Malicious Dest of Prop Under \$1,200	2		3			1	6
Miscellaneous Municipal Ordinance					2		2
Motor Vehicle Infractions (Civil)	4		6	7	1		18

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Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle	1		1	3		3	8
Open and Gross Lewdness	2						2
Operating Motor Vehicle After Suspension					1		1
Photographing Unsuspecting Person in Nude	1		1				2
Possession Burglariious Tools				2	1	2	5
Possession of Class C Substance			1				1
Possession to Distribute Class D Substance				1			1
Receiving Stolen Motor Vehicle			2	2		3	7
Receiving Stolen Property Over \$1200				1	1	1	3
Receiving Stolen Property Under \$1,200			1	2		2	5
Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle			2			1	3
Resisting Arrest	1			3			4
Shoplifting				1		5	6
Tagging/Defacing Property			1		1	5	7
Threat to Commit Crime				1			1
Trespassing				2	1		3
Unarmed robbery				1			1
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	2		1	1			4
Uninsured MV					4	1	5
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle	1			1		1	3
Utter False Check					5		5
Vandalism	1		4	3	4	5	17
Wanton Destruction of Property	3		1			5	9
Witness Intimidation				1	1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>440</b>

## Juvenile Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

City of Referral	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Salem	Total
Amesbury					10		10
Andover			7				7
Beverly						10	10
Boxford							0
Danvers						3	3
Essex							0
Georgetown							0
Gloucester						6	6
Groveland	2						2
Hamilton							0
Haverhill	40						40
Ipswich		5					5
Lawrence			63				63
Lynn				38			38
Lynnfield						3	3
Manchester							0
Marblehead				3			3
Merrimac					1		1
Methuen			29				29
Middleton						1	1
Nahant				1			1
Newbury					5		5
Newburyport					2		2
North Andover			2				2
Peabody						23	23
Rockport						5	5
Rowley							0
Salem						31	31
Salisbury					10		10
Saugus				7			7
Swampscott				2			2
Topsfield		1					1
Wenham		1					1
West Newbury							0
State Police	3			2			5
Merrimack College							0
Salem State University							0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>316</b>

## Juvenile Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

City of Residence	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Salem	Total
Amesbury	1				8		9
Andover			4			1	5
Beverly	1					9	10
Boxford							0
Byfield							0
Danvers				1		4	5
Essex							0
Georgetown							0
Gloucester				1		8	9
Groveland	1						1
Hamilton							0
Haverhill	38		1		3		42
Ipswich		5					5
Lawrence	1		64				65
Lynn			2	38		7	47
Lynnfield						3	3
Manchester						1	1
Marblehead				2			2
Merrimac					2		2
Methuen	1		23		1		25
Middleton	1						1
Nahant							0
Newbury							0
Newburyport					4		4
North Andover			2				2
Peabody		1		1		20	22
Rockport						4	4
Rowley					2		2
Salem				2		23	25
Salisbury					5		5
Saugus				1		1	2
Swampscott			1	1			2
Topsfield		1					1
Wenham							0
West Newbury							0
Out of County	1		2	6	2		11
Out of State			2		1		3
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>315</b>

## Youthful Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

Males (Age)	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Eighteen	2	2		4	2	2	2	1	15
Nineteen		2	3	4					9
Twenty	1	1		1	1			1	5
Twenty-One				2	1				3
Twenty-Two		1							1
Twenty-Three*								1	1
Twenty-Four*								1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>

Females (Age)	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Eighteen		1	1	3	4	1			10
Nineteen		1		0		3		1	5
Twenty				3	1				4
Twenty-One		1			2				3
Twenty-Two		1			2			1	4
Twenty-Four*								1	1
Thirty-Four*				1	1				2
Forty- Four*				1					1
Fifty-Four*								1	1
Fifty- Six*				1					1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>

\*Pilot program to expand age eligibility.

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Month of Intake	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
January		1	2	1		2			6
February		2		1	2				5
March		1		6	1			2	10
April		2		4	2			2	10
May		1		0	2				3
June		0	1	0	1				2
July		1		1		1			3
August		2		0	1			1	4
September		1	1	1		1		1	5
October	2	0		3	1	1			7
November		0		3	3	1			7
December	1	0		0	1		2	2	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>



## Youthful Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

Offense	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Affray		1							1
Assault and Battery				8	10	1			19
Assault and Battery Dangerous Weapon				1					1
Assault and Battery on Police Officer		2		2		1			5
Assault Dangerous Weapon					1				1
Attempt to Commit a Crime				1				1	2
Bomb Threat						2			2
Carrying Dangerous Weapon (DW)				1					1
Carrying DW on School Grounds			2						2
Deface Property								1	1
Disturbing the Peace		2		2		1			5
Disorderly Conduct		1		4				2	7
Failure to Return Leased Property								1	1
False ID		1							1
Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21		1							1
Interference with Police Dog			1						1
Larceny Over \$1,200				1					1
Larceny Under \$1,200	1			5	2			1	9
Larceny from a Building			3			1			4
Malicious Damage to Motor Vehicle				1				1	2
Malicious Dest of Prop Over \$1,200				1					1
Malicious Dest of Prop Under \$1,200	1	2		2					5
Minor in Possession of Alcohol				3					3
Municipal Law or Order Violation					1			1	2
Negligent Operation Motor Vehicle				2					2
Open Container							2		2
Resist Arrest				2	1			1	4
Shoplifting		6						4	10
Threats to Commit Crime	1	1		1					3
Unlawful Removal of Theft Detection								1	1
Utter False Check				4					4
Wanton Destruction Property +\$1200					1				1
Witness Intimidation					1				1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>106</b>

## Youthful Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

City of Referral	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Amesbury						2			2
Andover				2					2
Beverly								2	2
Boxford									0
Danvers								3	3
Essex									0
Georgetown									0
Gloucester	2								2
Groveland									0
Hamilton									0
Haverhill		11							11
Ipswich									0
Lawrence				11					11
Lynn					11				11
Lynnfield									0
Manchester									0
Marblehead					1				1
Merrimac									0
Methuen				4					4
Middleton									0
Nahant									0
Newbury						2			2
Newburyport						1			1
North Andover				1					1
Peabody									0
Rockport	1								1
Rowley									0
Salem								2	2
Salisbury						1			1
Saugus									0
Swampscott					1				1
Topsfield			3						3
Wenham			1						1
West Newbury							2		2
State Police					1				1
Merrimack College				2					2
Salem State University								1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>

## Youthful Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

City of Residence	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Amesbury									0
Andover					1			2	3
Beverly									0
Boxford									0
Byfield									0
Danvers									0
Essex									0
Georgetown		1							1
Gloucester	2								2
Groveland									0
Hamilton									0
Haverhill		3							3
Ipswich			1						1
Lawrence		2	1	10	10				22
Lynn								1	1
Lynnfield									0
Manchester									0
Marblehead								1	1
Merrimac									0
Methuen		2		4		2			8
Middleton			2						2
Nahant									0
Newbury									0
Newburyport						1			1
North Andover				1					1
Peabody									0
Rockport	1								1
Rowley									0
Salem				1					1
Salisbury						1			1
Saugus									0
Swampscott									0
Topsfield									0
Wenham			1						1
West Newbury					3		2		5
Out of County				2		2		2	6
Out of State		3	4	2				2	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>

## Drug Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

Males (Age)	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
13-17	1							2	3
18-21	1	2		1			2		6
22-30						4		1	5
31-40		1		2	1			1	5
41-50	1			1		1	2		5
51-64									0
65 and older									0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>

Females (Age)	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
13-17									0
18-21				1					1
22-30						1		1	2
31-40				2	1	1			4
41-50				2					2
51-64				2					2
65 and older									0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>

Month of Intake	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
January				2					2
February				2	1		1	1	5
March		2				1	1		4
April							1		1
May	1			1	1	1		1	5
June				1		1			2
July				2		1			3
August	2					1		2	5
September								1	1
October		1				1			2
November				2		1			3
December				1			1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>

## Drug Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

Offense	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Assault	1								1
Assault and Battery	1					1			2
Assault and Battery-Ambulance Attendant								1	1
Attempt to Commit Crime				1					1
Carrying Dangerous Weapon								1	1
Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws		1							1
Creating a false sales receipt	1								1
Larceny Under \$1200						1			1
Minor in Possession of Alcohol		2							2
Possession of Class A Substance				4	3	2	1	2	12
Possession of Class B Substance	1	1		10		2	3	1	18
Possession of Class C Substance						2			2
Possession of Class D Substance				1					1
Possession of Class E Substance				1		5		1	7
Possession with Intent Class C						1			1
Possession with Intent Class D						1			1
Shoplifting								2	2
Trespassing				1					1
Unlicensed Operation Motor Vehicle				2	1				3
Unregistered Motor Vehicle					1				1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>60</b>

## Drug Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

Status	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Completed Successfully				3	1	1	3	1	9
Ongoing	2			7		3	1	2	15
Prosecuted - Opted Out						1			1
Prosecuted - New Arrest	1	1			1				3
Prosecuted - Continued Use						1			1
Prosecuted - Noncompliance		2		1		1		2	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>

<b>Defendants Refused Program</b>		7		15					22
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Cases Continued from 2023 through 2024**	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Completed Successfully	3	1		12	2	2	3		23
Ongoing				1					1
Prosecuted - Opted Out									0
Prosecuted - New Arrest					1				1
Prosecuted - Continued Use	2								2
Prosecuted - Noncompliance									0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

\*\* Intakes from late 2023. Additionally, some cases are extended beyond the 6 month period in order to allow the participant to succeed in the program.

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City of Referral	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Amesbury						4			4
Andover				1					1
Beverly								1	1
Boxford									0
Danvers							1	2	3
Essex									0
Georgetown									0
Gloucester	3								3
Groveland									0
Hamilton									0
Haverhill		3							3
Ipswich									0
Lawrence				7					7
Lynn					2				2
Lynnfield									0
Manchester									0
Marblehead									0
Merrimac									0
Methuen				2					2
Middleton									0
Nahant									0
Newbury									0
Newburyport						1			1
North Andover									0
Peabody							2	1	3
Rockport									0
Rowley						1			1
Salem								1	1
Salisbury						1			1
Saugus									0
Swampscott									0
Topsfield									0
Wenham									0
West Newbury									0
State Police				1			1		2
Merrimack College									0
Salem State College									0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>

## Drug Diversion 2024 Yearly Statistics

City of Residence	Gloucester	Haverhill	Ipswich	Lawrence	Lynn	Newburyport	Peabody	Salem	Total
Amesbury						1			1
Andover				1					1
Beverly									0
Boxford									0
Danvers									0
Essex									0
Georgetown									0
Gloucester	3							1	4
Groveland									0
Hamilton									0
Haverhill		2				1			3
Ipswich						2			2
Lawrence				2					2
Lynn					1			1	2
Lynnfield									0
Manchester									0
Marblehead									0
Merrimac									0
Methuen				3					3
Middleton									0
Nahant									0
Newbury							1		1
Newburyport									0
North Andover									0
Peabody							2	3	5
Rockport									0
Rowley				1		1			2
Salem							1		1
Salisbury						1			1
Saugus									0
Swampscott									0
Topsfield									0
Wenham									0
West Newbury									0
Out of County		1		1	1				3
Out of State				3		1			4
Homeless									0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>