

2010 Youth Court Interest Form



Name: _____

Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Are you a resident of Clinton County?

Yes No

Are you between 13 and 18 years old?

Yes No

Do you have transportation to get to and from Youth Court trainings, hearings and other program activities?

Yes No

Youth's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

To be considered for the 2010 training return by December 1, 2009.
A Youth Court application will be mailed to you prior to the start of the first training date.



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**FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION
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Introduction to Clinton County



YOUTH COURT



Program offered by the Clinton County Youth Bureau

WHAT IS YOUTH COURT?

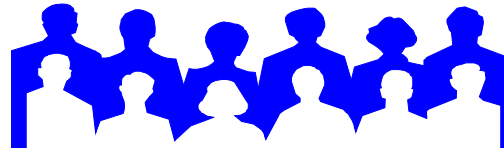
- ◆ Clinton County Youth Court is a free program. This program provides an opportunity for youth ages 13 to 18 to serve as members of a court for young people who have committed offenses in our community.
- ◆ The goal of Youth Court is to prevent delinquency through positive peer influence.
- ◆ Offenders will be held accountable by their peers and sentenced to services that will benefit both the community and themselves.

WHO PARTICIPATES

- ◆ Youth Court involves an offender, judge, prosecutor, defender, clerk/bailiff, jury foreperson, victim advocate and a jury.
- ◆ The judge, prosecutor, defender, clerk/bailiff, victim advocate, jury foreperson and jury are *Court Members* who have volunteered to make a one year commitment to the program.

TYPE OF CASES

- ◆ Typical cases include shoplifting, criminal mischief, vandalism, and other low level offenses.
- ◆ Offenders will have been arrested or charged with an offense and may volunteer to be referred to Youth Court.



COURT MEMBERS

Judge:

Presides over the sentencing hearing and sentences the offender in accordance with the jury's verdict.

Prosecutor:

Represents the interest of the community. Investigates the circumstances of the offense, presents evidence, and makes a recommendation for sentencing.

Defender:

Represents the interests of the offender. Investigates circumstances of the offense, presents any mitigating factors and makes a recommendation for sentencing.

Clerk/Bailiff:

Maintains accurate records of court proceedings and administers oaths.

Victim Advocate:

Supports the victim during the hearing and ensures that the victim's views are presented in court.

Jury Foreperson:

Leads deliberation of the jury, ensures participation of all jurors, and announces the jury's verdict to the court.

Jurors:

Listen to evidence, deliberate, and hand down a fair sentence.

MEMBERSHIP

- Any Clinton County resident age 13 to 18 who is willing to make a voluntary commitment for one year.
- Each member must successfully complete a law related training course.
- The training will cover a wide array of topics and each member will be prepared to assume all of the Youth Court roles.
- Training of new Youth Court members occurs once a year.

