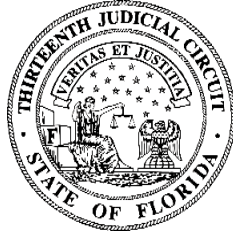


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JUVENILE DRUG COURT Information Sheet for

Hillsborough County School Officials

The Juvenile Drug Court Program is a court pretrial diversion program which allows a student who successfully completes the program to have the charges dismissed. The Program requires:

- The State Attorney's Office and the (JAC) Juvenile Assessment Center to receive notification of student being a Zero-Tolerance Hillsborough County school referral.
- Students must enroll and begin a substance abuse treatment program which the appropriate level of treatment will be determined by the student's level of drug involvement. The exact length is determined by the treatment, services needed and compliance. They will be required to participate in random urinalysis, drug education classes as well as group and individual counseling. Students who test positive during treatment may be referred to DETOX, which three to five days is a standard evaluation period. Furthermore, attendance of NA/AA meetings may be required. **EACH STUDENT REFERRED BY HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE EVALUATED AND COMPLETE ALL RECOMMENDED TREATMENT.**
- Parent(s) must attend an orientation and participate in the treatment program as required.
- Student and parent(s) must sign a contract with the State Attorney's Office agreeing to participate in Juvenile Drug Court.
- Student and parent(s) will attend regular court status reviews for the purpose of judicial supervision. **UPON SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM COMPLETION, CHARGES WILL BE DISMISSED.** The student will receive a certificate of completion and order of dismissal from the Court.

Pending charges may take up to 90 days for official filing. If the student charge(s) are officially filed in another court division other than Juvenile Drug Court or not officially filed by Office of the State Attorney, students are still required to continue and successfully complete treatment as recommended.

REFERRAL PROCEDURE:

The Juvenile Drug Court Referral form must be **FAXED within 24-48 hours of arrest to the Drug Court Programs Office for program registration and case management purposes.** Please provide any additional data that can benefit the assessment process such as a school discipline referral and/or incident report and communicate with the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) with pertinent information and potential JDC referral status.

Instructions for the student:

The student/parent should be given the instructions form and the Juvenile Drug Court brochure informing them to contact the Drug Court Programs Office for registration, to obtain an immediate referral for an evaluation, and to receive other pertinent program information. They simply need to call 813-272-6179 and speak to the Drug Court Specialist. The student will be given three working days upon being referred to make this call.

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