

Panola County Youth Diversion Plan

For Justice of the Peace and Municipal Courts

Youth Diversion Coordinator: Chief JPO Tracy Anderson

If child is eligible for diversion, coordinator will collect \$50 on case by case basis.

1. The Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court will determine eligibility , complete the diversion agreement and Email the referral to Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Tracy Anderson – tanderson@co.panola.tx.us. Office #(903-693-0352)
2. An intake will be scheduled with youth and parent/guardian
3. At intake, the coordinator, youth and guardians will sign the diversion agreement and go over the program expectations, court orders and goals.
4. The program is up to 12 weeks. (possible extension)
5. Once the program is complete, the coordinator will submit completion certificate to the referring court. The case is then closed without further prosecution.
6. If the youth fails to participate or comply with the program expectations, the coordinator will return the referral to the sending court as unsuccessful.
7. If unsuccessful, the referring court could hold the youth in contempt and refer to the Juvenile Court to handle.

Strategies offered:

~drug & alcohol intervention: 903-234-9200/ prev-net@communityhealthcore.co

~ Family & Youth Services (FAYS) 903-753-9744 <https://www.getparentingtips.com>

~Community Service (not more than 20 hours)

~Restitution (not more than \$100)

~online courses: courseforcourt.com as determined at in-take