



*You can get to Pima County Juvenile Court at the corner of East Ajo Way and North Kino Parkway by taking Sun Tran. To plan a trip, call 520-792-9222.*



## PIMA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CENTER



### **Pima County Juvenile Court Diversion Program**

Pima County Juvenile Court

2225 E. Ajo Way

Tucson, Ariz. 85713

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520-724-5040

“Now that my son went through Diversion and had Teen Court he sees kids who are heading in the wrong direction and he’s realized this is not where he wants to be in life. He’s made a 180 degree turn. He’s pulling down As and Bs instead of straight Fs,” Scott T.

“Diversion was a positive experience for my son. He had to really look within himself to think about what he’d done. He had to do some community service at the Pima Air Museum, write an essay and write letters of apology. He’s doing great today,” Tracy M.

# WHAT IS DIVERSION?



When children and teens are arrested for breaking the law, they are referred to the juvenile court. If you have been arrested for a misdemeanor you may be eligible for the Diversion program. Diversion is a way for you to show you understand what you did was wrong. If you admit you broke the law, you may not have to see a judge or be placed on probation.

## You may be eligible if:

- This is your first or second misdemeanor referral.
- You admit you broke the law.

## What's next?

If you have been arrested (referred) you can meet with a member of our free Legal Clinic if you want to. Legal Clinic attorneys do not work for the court.

The attorney will:

- Meet with you and your parents to talk about what you are accused of.
- Talk about the evidence prosecutors will use to prove their case.
- Explain the court process and your options.
- Give you information that will help you decide if you want to go through Diversion or go through the normal court process.

You must also meet with a probation officer.

The officer will:

- Ask you and your family questions.
- Tell you if you can go through Diversion instead of going to court.



## Benefits of Diversion

- The Diversion program is usually only 90 days.
- When you are successful at Diversion, you will not have to pay for a lawyer.
- When you are successful at Diversion, you will not have a conviction (adjudication) on your record.
- There are no probation fees.