

Teen Court and Civil Citation Comparison¹

Service Component	Teen Court ²	Civil Citation ³
Serves first time misdemeanants	Yes	Yes
Serves youth with priors	Yes	No
Assessment ⁴	Informal	Recognized tool
Community service hours	Yes	Yes
Jail tour	Yes	No ⁵
Parent participation	Yes	Yes
Continuing education/academic monitoring	Yes	Yes
Restitution	Yes	Yes
Written apology	Yes	Yes
Curfew	Yes	Yes
Essay	Yes	Yes
Contact with program for a certain period of time	Yes	No
Post-completion evaluation	Yes	No
Counseling	Yes	Yes
Unsuccessful completions referred to law enforcement on original charge	Yes	Yes
Funding	\$3 traffic violation fee; up to ¼ of \$65 criminal and traffic offense fees	Limited federal grants ⁶
Referral Source	Law enforcement, DJJ, state attorney, court, CINS/FINS, public defenders, traffic court, school	Law enforcement
Participating counties	51	51 ⁷
Youth records securely held	Yes for prearrest youth	Yes
Law enforcement involvement	Involvement limited to initial violation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct referral • Offense documents 	Involvement limited to initial violation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field citation or take youth to JAC for processing • Citation documents • Assign youth Service hours⁸
Assesses youth fees	Varies by county	No except for 1 county
Youth served	About 20,000 annually	7,320 in FY 2012-13
	Youth served data is reported to the County	Youth served data is reported to DJJ for statewide eligibility confirmation and data analysis
Performance measures	Locally held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Citation Public Dashboard Database • Annual Comprehensive Accountability Report

¹ Sanctions and process may vary by program

² Sanction, funding, and county participation as stated in House of Representatives Bill Analysis, 2005 HB 1511, Teen Courts

³ S. 985.12, Florida Statutes, DJJ Model Plan, DJJ data

⁴ Teen Court utilizes an informal assessment; Civil Citation utilizes recognized assessment tools

⁵ Scared Straight Jail Tours have been shown to increase recidivism, [http://www.djj.state.fl.us/docs/research2/myth-fact-2013-\(scared-straight\)-mg_mb-update-08-08-13.pdf?sfvrsn=0](http://www.djj.state.fl.us/docs/research2/myth-fact-2013-(scared-straight)-mg_mb-update-08-08-13.pdf?sfvrsn=0)

⁶ Funds 15 rate agreement contracts

⁷ December 2013

⁸ In many counties, law enforcement agree to a matrix of service hours to be assigned by operating entity