



The following Youth Diversion Plan is adopted in accordance with Subchapter E and Article 45.306 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

A. Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Diversion Plan is to provide structured alternatives to formal judicial proceedings for youth offenders. The Municipal Court of the City of Levelland prioritizes individualized justice, with a focus on accountability and positive development. The Court seeks to balance the interest of the community with unique circumstances of each child to advance the following objectives:

1. Reduce recidivism and occurrence of problem behaviors through intervention without having to criminally adjudicate children.
2. Identify at-risk youth, including youth with mental health needs, substance use disorders, or intellectual developmental disabilities.
3. Authorized diversion of children charged with certain offenses punishable by imposition of a fine from criminal adjudication that emphasizes accountability and responsibility of the parent and the child for the child's conduct while also promoting community safety.
4. Increase collaboration between governmental, educational, and non-profit organizations.

B. Philosophy

The Court is committed to individual justice in individual cases. Recognizing that every child's situation is different, the Court will evaluate each case on its merits, considering the best interests of the child and the community.

C. Strategies

Aiming to foster personal responsibility and repair harm, the Court will utilize community service, participation in school-related programs, participation in education programs such as alcohol/tobacco awareness courses, academic monitoring or tutoring, writing reports, and when appropriate, restitution as core diversion strategies. Any cost incurred for any classes ordered by the Judge will be the responsibility of the child/parent/guardian.

D. Public Inspection:

This order shall be maintained on file for public inspection.



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