

YOUTH DIVERSION

WHAT IS YOUTH DIVERSION?

Diversion directs youth away from formal processing in the juvenile justice system, while still holding them accountable for their actions.

WHY SHOULD WE DIVERT YOUNG PEOPLE?

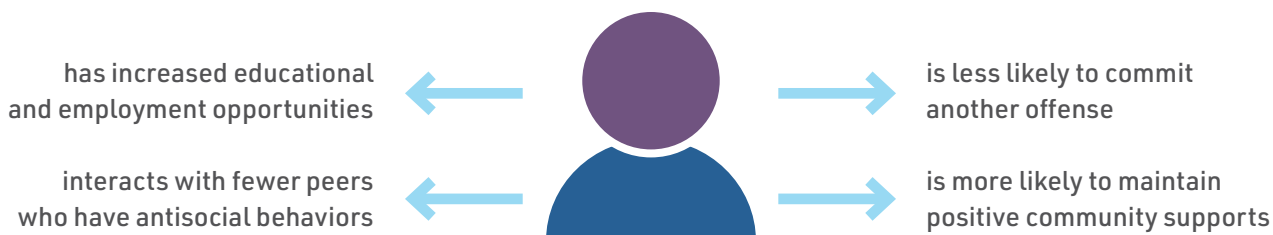
Diversion offers young people a chance to be defined by more than their mistakes. Research shows diversion reduces recidivism, thereby improving public safety, and it reduces costs by keeping children in their communities and out of the juvenile justice system.

Terminology, definitions, and terms differ across jurisdictions.

WHO CAN DIVERT YOUNG PEOPLE?



A young person with less involvement in the juvenile justice system:



DIVERTING YOUNG PEOPLE DEMONSTRATES BELIEF IN THEIR POTENTIAL.