

# FACTSHEET: Pre-arrest Diversion is the Best Tool for Juvenile Delinquency

## PRE-ARREST DIVERSION IS:

### EFFECTIVE

- Swift Fair Consequences
- Individualized Intervention
- Community-Based Treatment

### YOUTH ARE LESS LIKELY TO OFFEND

	Pre-Arrest Diversion	Prevention	Post-Arrest Diversion	DJJ Probation
Reoffend within a year	4%	5%	11%	19%

### YOUTH TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS

- Community Service
- Restitution

### YOUTH GET HELP FOR ANY UNMET NEEDS

- Family Counseling
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Mental Health Treatment



### EFFICIENT

For law enforcement:

- Law Enforcement Processing Time
- Civil citations – 24.2 minutes
- Arrest – 85.8 minutes

For tax payers:

- Cost to taxpayers
- Civil Citation - \$386
- Arrest - \$5,000

For victims:

- Resolution and restitution within days to weeks vs. months to years.
- Avoids adversarial process

For youth, their families and community:

- Fewer days missed of school and work
- Lower court costs
- Fewer cases in the justice system

### EMPOWERING

- Instead of being pushed out and labeled as a bad kid, youth get a chance to learn from their mistakes and build deeper connections to their community.