

# PRE-ARREST DIVERSION RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1. Civil Citations are the default tool for common youth misbehavior.

- Evidenced by strong usage.
- Officers provide justification and/or to seek supervisor approval when making a civil citation eligible arrest.
- Officers are trained to issue civil citations and the process is simpler than an arrest.

## 2. Policies are in place to minimize implicit bias and increase fairness.

- Evidenced by no racial or gender disparity in usage rates.
- A second officer, the State Attorney's Office or an employee of the JAC reviews arrests affidavits before filing to ensure eligible youth are diverted.

## 3. Policies recognize youth rights and biology.

- Law enforcement is not required to get youth to admit guilt in order to issue a civil citation
- Flexibility in limits on the number of times youth may participate in pre-arrest diversion.

## 4. Civil Citation Program is accessible and effective.

- Evidenced by high completion rates, low recidivism rates and low youth refusal rates.
- Program fees are low and hardship waivers are available.
- Rehabilitative interventions and restorative justice requirements are prioritized over punitive sanctions.
- Sanctions are reasonable and accomplishable.



JUVENILE CIVIL CITATIONS INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES, AND SAVE TAXPAYER MONEY.