

ADVANTAGES OF PARTICIPATING IN THE CIVIL CITATION

- No arrest record
- Youth are held accountable
- Youth learn the consequences of their actions
- Youth “pay back” the community
- Youth are given a second chance
- Youth receive immediate intervention

REFERRAL SOURCES FOR CIVIL CITATION CLIENTS

Referrals may be made to any local agency that offers services to assist clients.



Making A Difference Together

SERVICES OFFERED

- Children of Value (COVE) - a free after school program featuring academic tutoring, mentorship, group talk, arts activities and education about the benefits of living healthy. Participants receive transportation to LSI, nutritious snacks and a safe, supervised environment. COVE meets four times weekly.
- Children of Inmates - Children of Inmates-Living Stones International is a collaborative partner in the Service Network for Children of Inmates, which provides wrap around and bonding services for children throughout the state impacted by parental incarceration. LSI coordinates quarterly special bonding visits for children and families in correctional institutions in the greater-Tallahassee region.
- Growing Together - a gardening program created in partnership with Florida A & M University. Growing together combines family-time with healthy nutrition and outdoor exercise
- Parents Engaged for Life - helps parents to understand that health family environments lead to healthy, productive children. LSI utilizes a number of curricula that will aid parents with tips, better communications, setting boundaries, and providing the level of support their children and families need to thrive and survive.
- LSI delivers a comprehensive, multicomponent, program developed to address the effects of parents. LSI builds on protective factors by improving family relationships, parenting skills and the children’s social and life skills



Civil Citation Program



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WHAT IS THE CIVIL CITATION

The Civil Citation Program, derived from Florida Statutes 985.12 (2011), is administered by Living Stones International Inc. (LSI). In April 1996, this program was implemented offering early intervention, counseling, other appropriate community resources, and education to divert qualified juvenile misdemeanor offenders from the juvenile justice system. The Civil Citation Program works with other Community Partners in the effort to reduce juvenile crime, and to provide services for at-risk youth.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Any juvenile who commits a misdemeanor or violates a county or municipal ordinance and has no prior arrests or juvenile sanctions is eligible for the Civil Citation Program. Youth must reside in Circuit 2. Both the child and the parent/legal guardian must agree to participate in the program and abide by the rules of the supervision process. **The Law Enforcement Officer has the discretion of issuing a civil citation or arresting the child.**

WHO IS INELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

The juvenile is not eligible when they have had a previous arrest history, is charged with a felony or has previously completed juvenile sanctions; if the current offense requires restitution; or if they reside outside of Circuit 2.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS

The Law Enforcement Officer issues the Civil Citation at the scene, giving the juvenile seven (7) calendar days to contact the program office to schedule an appointment for the initial assessment. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child to the assessment.

The issuing officer will designate the number of community service hours to be completed, which will not exceed 50 hours. The Intervention Coordinator/Case Manager will assist in determining where the juvenile will complete the hours and set a due date. The Law Enforcement Officer will also inform the client that additional sanctions and/or services may be assigned by the Civil Citation Program. The client must complete the hours and any additional sanctions/services to be considered successful.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PROGRAM

- Treatment Recommendations and Referrals
- Case Management Services
- Youth Education Shoplifting Packet
- Anger Management Group
- Life Skills Group
- Choices Group
- Teen Intervention

WHAT HAPPENS IF A JUVENILE DOES NOT ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE PROGRAM?

If the juvenile fails to successfully complete their assigned sanctions/services for any reason, or if they are charged with another crime while they are in the program, he/she will be arrested for the original offense and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center for processing. The State Attorney's Office will then evaluate the need to pursue further legal action to address the initial Civil Citation.



WHAT WILL THE JUVENILE'S LEGAL RECORD BE AFTERWARDS

Upon successful completion of the Civil Citation Program, the juvenile's record will be closed out of the Juvenile Justice Information System Prevention Web. The citation will remain on the Prevention Web as a Civil Citation.