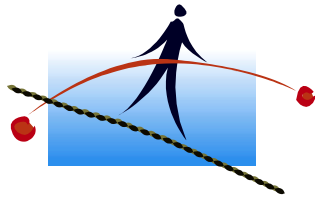




COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY BOARDS



*A Balanced Approach to
Juvenile justice*

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WHAT IS THE JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM?

In the State of Washington, the Juvenile Justice Act of 1977 mandated diversion services for minor and first time juvenile offenders. The intent of the legislature is to hold youth accountable for their offenses, involve local citi-



zens in the process, provide for the victim, and save the more expensive court services for chronic and repeat

offenders.

Diversion is an alternative to the formal Juvenile Court process. Youth, under the age of 18 years old, who are arrested for minor offenses may be eligible for participation in the Diversion program.

The program allows eligible youth to take responsibility for their actions and receive expedited sanctions imposed by Community Accountability Board Members, as set forth by law.

**COMMUNITY
ACCOUNTABILITY
BOARD MEMBERS
(CAB)**

Volunteers from local communities within the county are screened and trained by Snohomish County Juvenile Court Diversion Program staff. Upon acceptance into the program, the applicant is appointed to a CAB in their work or residence community.

CAB members review the file and conduct an informal hearing to gather additional information about the youth referred, their situation and the underlying offense. The CAB members determine the terms and conditions of a Diversion Agreement which the youth is then offered based on the following factors:



- The type of offense committed;
- The victim's desired response;
- The circumstances surrounding the offense;
- The communities resources;
- And the youth's particular situation and attitude.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The Snohomish County Juvenile Court is looking for volunteers throughout the county for appointment to Community Accountability Boards.

Do you:

- Possess an interest in youth and a commitment to the welfare of others.
- Have a non-judgmental attitude.
- Treat youth and families with dignity and respect.
- Have the ability to hold confidences and respect others' privacy.
- Have the ability to communicate effectively.
- Have the ability to work and problem solve with other volunteers.
- Have experience with youth.



Call for an application today!

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OBJECTIVES

- To hold the youth accountable for their actions.
- To foster change in the youth's attitudes and behaviors so that they conform to the law and community standards.
- To impress upon the youth that the community is concerned with their conduct.
- To increase the youth's awareness of the relationship between the offense committed and all the people impacted by such behavior.
- To stimulate and maximize the opportunities for victim and citizen participation in the Juvenile Justice System.



Snohomish County Superior Court

**Are you interested in
applying for a
Community Accountability
Board position?**

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