

Civil Citation Network

Juvenile Civil Citation

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Juvenile Civil Citation Model Program Components

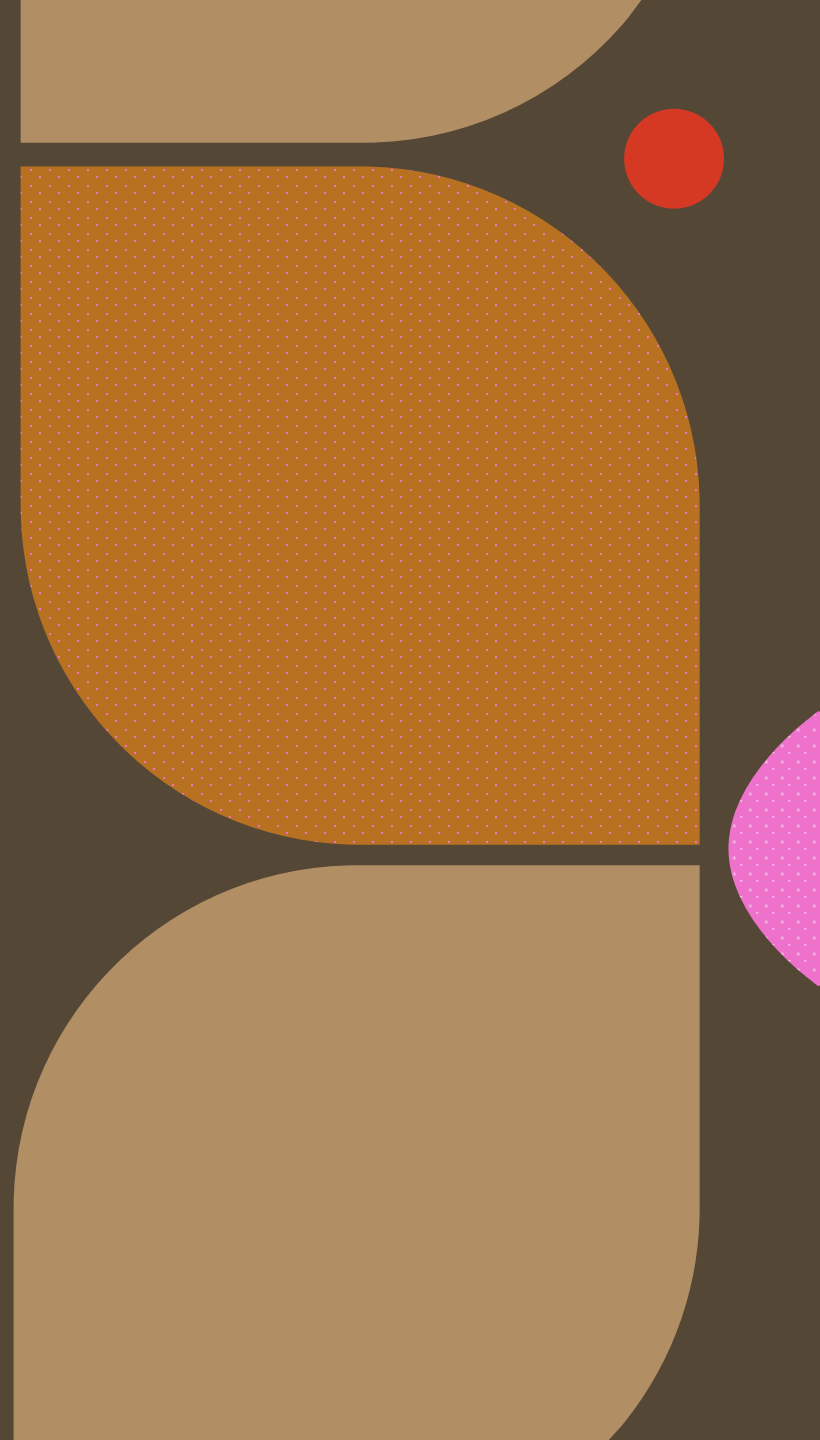
- Enhance public safety and law enforcement engagement
- Ensure equitable justice
- Build connection to resources –wraparound approach including and especially SAMH
- Collaborate on community efforts for a successful program
- Share data collection, analyzation and reporting
- Increase cost efficiency (short and long term)
- Provide assessments
- Provide accountability
- Allow for no arrest record –can access employment, education, housing

Juvenile Deflection Programs Nationwide

Juvenile Civil Citation

- Florida (Statewide)
- Maryland (Statewide)
- New Jersey (Statewide)
- Washington, DC
- Las Cruces, New Mexico

Forty-five states total have some version of deflection type programs, e.g., school based, or are in progress, such as Michigan



Model Replication Start Up

- Gather your champions, all relevant community partners and agencies (think outside the box!) and meet informally and formally to educate as to the benefits and outcomes.
 - Utilize an objective leader who can facilitate solution-oriented processes by engaging and motivating others
 - Be open minded, actively listen, engage all participants
 - Address "What's in it for me?" early
 - Come prepared to answer questions
- Don't reinvent the wheel.
 - There are successful programs and data to draw from.
- Tailor to community needs and allow flexibility to grow the program

Model Replication: Benefits

- Lower recidivism rates
 - 2% recidivism FL Juvenile Civil Citation
 - Other data shows similar low recidivism rates between traditional processing and deflection processes
- Cost efficient
 - Less costly than traditional processing
 - Sarasota Co, FL \$5000 traditional, \$400 Juvenile Civil Citation
 - Other data shows similar results (e.g., Miami: Jan 2023)
 - Allows ways to leverage resources, partner on grants, training and technical assistance
 - Long term savings when youth are housed, educated, employed

Model Replication Considerations

- Engage the youth's family
- Implement legislation
- Consider restorative justice component
- Ensure equitable access to the program
- Ongoing community partnering and communication
- Use of, reporting and sharing of data to make system enhancements
- Determine through risk and needs assessments which resources to connect youth to for efficiency
 - Overloading unnecessary resources is costly
 - High risk services to low-risk individuals can be harmful
- Address barriers collaboratively

More Considerations

- Change takes time, be persistent, professional and focus on the outcomes rather than individuals in the group-don't take things personally
- Consider system mapping community resources for gaps and opportunities
- Through ongoing communication and partnering, work to understand the perspectives of each organization as they have different training, legal requirements, values, perspectives and ways of doing business.
 - Focus on how you can work together recognizing the differences
- Determine the best agency for operating the program- police, mental health and substance abuse providers, community organizations, clerk of the courts, youth services programs, etc.
- Get stakeholder buy-in up front and keep your champions engaged

Resources

- www.CivilCitation.com
 - <https://civilcitation.com/resources/juvenile-model-program>
 - <https://civilcitation.com/resources/juvenile-resources>
- <https://www.djj.state.fl.us/contact-us/research-data-integrity>
- <https://kids.delaware.gov/youth-rehabilitative-services/juvenile-civil-citation/>
- <https://www.lascruces.gov/1455/Juvenile-Citation-Program>
- <https://mdcourts.gov/legalhelp/juvenilecitations>
- <https://dhs.dc.gov/page/alternatives-court-experience-ace-diversion-program>

Resources

- <https://www.flsenate.gov/laws/statutes/2018/985.12>
- <https://legislativeanalysis.org/deflection-programs-summary-of-state-laws/>
- <https://civilcitation.com//uploads/resources/Benefits-of-Deflection-Final-7.pdf>
- https://civilcitation.com//uploads/resources/Barriers-Solutions_AK-pd3.pdf

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