

Juvenile Diversion Programs Court Approval- The Presiding Judge of each judicial circuit shall approve any diversion program operating within the judicial circuit. The approval shall be documented in writing and the Chief Court Services Officer shall maintain a list of all court-approved diversion programs in the judicial circuit. The Director of Court Services shall be notified of all court-approved diversion programs.

In determining whether a diversion program should be court approved the Presiding Judge shall consider the following:

- a. Structure including person(s) monitoring diversion completion
- b. Target audience
- c. Educational components to address antisocial behavior
- d. Rehabilitative components to address underlying needs of the youth
- e. Length of time does not exceed 120 days,
- f. An in-person site visit to the program has been completed by a Court Services Officer, and
- g. Cost, if any, of the program.

For programs with a cost, if the youth/family are unable to pay, this should not preclude participation in the diversion program. The above criteria shall be considered annually for any approved program. A court-approved program should provide outcome data on diversion completion rates to the court on an annual basis as a condition of court-approval.