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GRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN LANCASTER

Grant County Teen Court



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GRANT COUNTY
TEEN COURT:
WHERE INTEGRITY,
COMMITMENT AND
JUSTICE MATTER.



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WHAT IS TEEN COURT?



GRANT COUNTY TEEN COURT (GCTC) OFFERS ELIGIBLE YOUTH AN ALTERNATIVE TO JUVENILE COURT WHERE THEY

RECEIVE SANCTIONS FROM THEIR PEERS. IT PROVIDES POSITIVE PEER PRESSURE WITH COMMUNITY BASED CONSEQUENCES. YOUTH ARE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

When Juvenile offenders successfully complete their Teen Court sanctions, no citation(s) will be filed concerning the incident and no conviction will appear on their record. This is a real second chance to prove that mistakes can be turned into positive choices. At GCTC:

- The juvenile becomes responsible for his/her actions.
- The community is able to see teens being held accountable for their actions.
- Volunteers are given a chance to make a difference in the lives of young people.
- Youth learn about the justice system.

BENEFITS OF TEEN COURT

Benefits to Juvenile Offenders

- **Accountability:** GCTC is a second chance to repair damage caused to individuals and the community
- **Leadership:** Teen Court prepares youth to assume leadership roles while addressing juvenile crime in their community.
- **Education:** Teen Court youth volunteers and offenders learn court procedure, basic criminal law, and coping skills such as listening, problem solving, cooperation and conflict resolution.
- **Positive Peer Influence:** Through positive interaction with peers, youth learn to work together toward a common goal and work toward the positive impact youth can have on communities.

I HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO TEEN COURT. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

1. You will meet with the Teen Court Coordinator. She will explain what Grant County Teen Court is all about and answer any questions.
2. You will appear at a hearing and have a chance to tell the jury of your peers what happened. An adult volunteer will help you tell your story. The youth jury will decide on sanctions and you will receive a written document that explains those sanctions. A week later you will receive a letter explaining how to complete those sanctions in more detail.
3. You will meet with the jury 30 days after your hearing to explain your progress in completing the sanctions.
4. You will meet with the jury 90 days after your hearing to talk about the completion of the sanctions. When you complete your sanctions, no citations will be issued or filed regarding this incident.