Pre-Arrest Support Services Program (PASS)

PASS Overview

- Collaboration between the City of Cleveland Community Relations Board, Cleveland Division of Police and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.
- PASS is a police led diversion program for youth under the age of 18.
- Offers an alternative to filing official charges with the Prosecutor's Office by connecting youth to resources/services.
- The goal is to prevent youth from entering the justice system by providing early interventions and expanding diversion opportunities for law enforcement.

Eligibility

01 Youth who are 18 years old and under at the time of offense

02 Offense(s) took place in First, Third or Fifth Police Districts

03 Referrals made by CPD Officers

04 Youth who commit misdemeanors, unruly or status offenses ornonviolent low -level felonies.

Referral Process

When a youth encounters CPD Officers for an eligible offense. The officer will contact Juvenile Court Officials to screen youth for past involvement and open warrants.

The officer will complete the Smartsheet Link which generates the referral to the PASS Program.

The officer will notify the parent/guardian of the pending referral to the program. They will provide the parent/guardian with an informational postcard.

The officer will complete any required internal reports. However, a police report is not submitted through the Prosecutor's Portal to generate official charges.

When PASS receives the referral

Step 01

•The PASS Specialist will make contact with the family within 48 hours.

Step 02

•Once contact is made, an intake form will be completed, and program participation forms will be signed by the youth and parent/guardian.

Step 3

•The PASS Specialist will then schedule a face-to-face meeting with the youth and parent/guardian to begin building rapport and refer the youth and family to services and programming.

Step 4

•The PASS Specialist will maintain contact with youth/family and monitor the youth's progress.

Step 5

•The youth's case will be closed 30 days after the intake appointment.

Benefits of PASS Program

- Addressing behaviors early, before a youth enters the justice system, rather than after involvement has occurred.
- Provide youth and parent/guardian with support.
- Youth will not have a record with Juvenile Court.
- It holds youth accountable, without criminalizing their behavior(s).
- Youth without Juvenile Court contact have better outcomes.
- Provides interventions to address root causes of delinquencies.
- Addresses the underlying factors contributing to delinquent behavior(s).

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