

The Twelfth Judicial Circuit places a serious emphasis on prosecuting criminals; however, Juvenile Pretrial Intervention Program is an excellent opportunity for someone that meets the criteria of the program to have a second chance when charged with a crime.

This program is designed for a person who wants to make a serious effort to turn their situation around and repay the community.

Program requirements may include counseling, community service, restitution, Detention Center tour, Insider's Program as well as other sanctions deemed appropriate. Once the program is completed successfully, you may have the option to request for your record to be expunged.

Please contact our office for questions concerning the program at (843) 292-1630.

Juvenile Pretrial Intervention Program

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Your Second Chance

If you are under the age of 17 and have been charged with or detained for a crime, you may be eligible to avoid court through the Juvenile Pretrial Intervention program.

Twelfth Judicial Circuit



**FLORENCE AND MARION
COUNTIES**

E.L. Clements, III, Solicitor

What Is Juvenile Pretrial Intervention Program?

Juvenile Pretrial Intervention is a program designed for offenders 16 years of age and under who have been charged with a crime. These juveniles must participate in educational programs and tours as well as participate and comply with all requirements of the agreement that is entered into by parties involved in the hearing process. These requirements may include counseling, community service and other elements related to the crime. The goals of this program are to give offenders a second chance and educate them on future choices.

Who Is Eligible?

Juvenile Pretrial Intervention is appropriate where:

- Justice will be served by placing the offender in an intervention program
- The needs of the offender and state can best be met outside the traditional criminal justice process
- The offender poses no threat to the community
- The offender is unlikely to be involved in further criminal activity
- The offender is likely to respond quickly to rehabilitative treatment
- The offender has no significant criminal history

How Does Juvenile Pretrial Intervention Program Work?

Investigation- All parties involved in the case are contacted and a criminal history check is conducted.

Approval- The Solicitor makes the final decision regarding admission into the program. If admission into the program is denied, the case is returned to court.

Application – The parent/legal guardian must fill out a client information sheet and submit a non-refundable \$100 fee on the initial hearing date. The fee must be paid with cash or money order.

Participation – The offender pays a non-refundable \$100 participation fee and completes all requirements of the program.

Dismissal- Upon successful completion of the program, the expungement process is available for the destruction of the arrest record. You may obtain information on expungements by calling the Solicitor's office at (843) 665-3091.

If the offender does not comply and complete the program successfully, the case will be returned to the court for prosecution.

What Is Required of The Participant To Complete The Program Successfully?

- Participants must be enrolled in school, Adult Education, or a GED program if applicable.
- Participants will be required to attend an educational program and tours.
- Participants will be required to serve a minimum of 50 hours community service.
- All Fee's and Restitutions associated with the case and program must be paid in full.
- Participants must attend all counseling/educational sessions deemed appropriate and perform any drug screenings as required by the program.

Why Should You Participate In the Juvenile Pretrial Intervention Program?

If you are convicted of charges by entering a guilty plea, or because you are found guilty at trial, the conviction would remain on your criminal record. Juvenile Pretrial Intervention program will offer you the chance to clear the charges from your record.