

Juvenile Review Board Rocky Hill Youth Services Bureau

The Juvenile Review Board (JRB) offers alternatives to the criminal court system for first time offenders or Family with Service Needs (FWSN) cases, and consists of professionals such as police, licensed clinical staff, and community members.

The purpose of the JRB is to:

- Promote responsible behavior by youth
- Help families solve problems that may be at the root of inappropriate behaviors
- Considers the needs of the victim

The JRB:

- Is not a court
- There is no presumption of innocence
- No right to remain silent or have a trial
- Will notify the victim of the outcome
- Failure to comply could result in referral to court
- Is optional and can only be used once

Possible outcomes:

- Restitution, apology or community service
- Counseling, individual and/or family
- Education: alcohol or drug workshops etc.
- Positive youth activity
- After school activities, job programs

The family must agree to:

- Participate in the JRB process
- Waive confidentiality to the JRB and the victim
- That the child is responsible for the act and no legal defenses are being raised
- Family background information will be gathered along with school academic and conduct records
- Diversion contract will be in writing and signed by all

If the JRB outcome is completed successfully the youth will not have a juvenile record.

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