

The evaluation of the program's success is measured based on recidivism over a 3 year period. For the purposes of Teen Court, recidivism is measured in terms of new delinquency adjudications. It is the most accurate measure of whether the program is effective in diverting youth from formal involvement in the Juvenile Court system for criminal behavior, which is the goal of the program.

	PROGRAM COMPLETION	RECIDIVISM
SUCCESSFUL	<p>81% successfully completed the program.</p> <p>15 year olds were the most successful with 80% of 15 year olds successfully completing the program.</p> <p>72% of 17/18 year olds (if offense committed at 17 but going through Teen Court at 18), successfully completed the program.</p>	<p>77% of those who successfully completed the program did not recidivate.</p> <p>Of this group: 72% of 12 year olds did not recidivate.</p> <p>74% of 13 year olds did not recidivate.</p> <p>79% of 14 year olds did not recidivate.</p> <p>82% of 15 year olds did not recidivate.</p> <p>71% of 16 year olds did not recidivate.</p>
UNSUCCESSFUL	<p>23% of 16 year olds in the program failed to complete, making them the group least likely to successfully complete the program.</p>	<p>46% of 17/18 year olds did recidivate (if offense committed at 17 but going through Teen Court at 18), and were thus the group most likely to recidivate.</p>