



Stratford JRB Process Overview

The Stratford Juvenile Review Board (JRB) is a partnership between the Police Department, Public Schools, Community Services, and Juvenile Court. This program is voluntary and free for Stratford residents.

The Purpose

- Allow youth who have committed non-serious offenses an alternative to court so that they do not have a juvenile record.
- Promote responsible behavior.
- Help families solve problems that may be at the root of problem behaviors.
- Connect youth to school and community activities.

The Process (on average takes 8 to 12 weeks)

Step 1: Meet with JRB counselor for initial appointment to review and sign documents, including contract to participate in JRB activities.

Step 2: After several meetings with the JRB counselor, finalize a restorative action plan to repair the harm caused by the incident and demonstrate accountability and responsibility.

Step 3: Meet weekly with JRB counselor and complete restorative action plan that may include community service, letter of apology, or if indicated individual and/or family counseling. There is a fee for counseling based on family income and size.

Weekly appointments with the JRB counselor typically last 30-50 minutes, at least one parent/guardian attends all meetings with the youth, and 24-hour notice of cancellation is required.

FAILURE TO KEEP APPOINTMENTS AND ANY OTHER NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE JRB REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN A REFERRAL BACK TO THE ORIGINAL REFERRAL SOURCE, SUCH AS POLICE, JUVENILE COURT OR SCHOOL.

The Conclusion

The youth with their parent/guardian meet with the JRB panel approximately 8 weeks from the first appointment with Community Services. Panel members include professionals such as police, licensed clinical staff and other community members. This is a non-punitive discussion to assess what the youth has learned from the experience. If the panel is satisfied that the youth has the ability to move forward with success, the JRB case is closed. If the panel is concerned that the youth has barriers to success, additional recommendations are made and the case remains open. **If the panel does not see adequate participation in the JRB process, the case is referred back to the original referral source such as Police, Juvenile Court or School.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Youth

Date