

FULTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

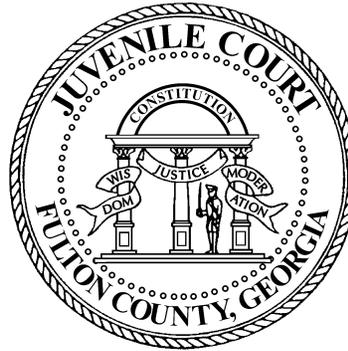
MISSION

FIRST:

To protect children
and the community in matters
brought before the court,
To rehabilitate children, and
To restore families; and

SECOND:

To create opportunities
for the community, partners,
and stakeholders to actively
engage in this mission.



PRESIDING JUDGES

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Volunteer Opportunities

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CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL

The Citizen Review Panel program utilizes volunteers to conduct legally mandated reviews of the status and welfare of children placed by the Juvenile Court in the legal custody of Fulton County DFACS to ensure that reasonable efforts are being made to reunify the family or otherwise provide permanency for a child.

The program utilizes volunteers and staff to review dependency cases and to ensure all case plans are appropriate for the family's needs.

***Prospective Volunteers should contact
Pat Howard: 404-613-4643***

COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE BOARDS

Community Restorative Boards exercise a prevention strategy to divert first-time non-violent minor offenders from the formal court process. Sworn citizen volunteers sit on seven Restorative Boards that serve five Atlanta neighborhoods and North and South Fulton County.

The nature of the offense and its negative consequences are discussed and sanctions to hold the offender accountable are addressed. If the youth completes all sanctions and does not reoffend, the case is dismissed and the youth's record is sealed.

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CHOICES

FULTON COUNTY JUVENILE DRUG COURT

Choices is a highly structured, non-adversarial accountability and intervention program, targeting court-involved youth who use alcohol and other drugs.

Choices impacts that juvenile court system by reducing the number of youth in detention facilities for violations of the current conditions of their probation or supervision.

This intervention focuses on intensive substance abuse treatment and probation supervision, with frequent court appearances, educational support, random drug testing, mentoring and individual group and family counseling. The Court awards incentives for compliant behavior and imposes graduated sanctions for negative behavior.

Using the framework identified by *Juvenile Drug Court: Strategies in Practice*, Choices is divided into an individualized 4 phase treatment, education, probation and civic awareness program.

After completing all phases, participants will graduate. The Court, with the permission and support of the District Attorney's Office, dismisses the case against the participants, who then begin their drug free and crime free lives.

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THE LEARNING CLUB

The Learning Club is an educational program that serves students within the court system (ages 11-17) who have been charged with misdemeanors.

This program provides an opportunity for assessment and mentorship, thought provoking discussion, experience with cultural activities and exposure to college and career opportunities.

Often times, juveniles are burdened by factors that might impede the learning process. The Learning Club seeks to serve as a protective factor among the many "risk factors" these students face daily.

Education is the program's first primary component. Students are encouraged to engage in roundtable discussions every Saturday. Cultural engagement is the program's second component. Each Saturday we present a different activity focusing on the importance of balance and wellness, sport and physical activity, art and culture, and college and career learning. The third component is service learning. We encourage students to develop empathy and think of others as they think of themselves.

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