

DIVERSION PROGRAM

- A special unit at Juvenile Court that successfully resolves cases before they are petitioned and go to trial.
- The program promotes offender accountability, public safety, and victim restoration.
- Diversion is a voluntary program that children participate in along with their parents.
- Most diversion cases are misdemeanor or low-level felony offenses.
- Children and their families must comply with an individual case plan that addresses the issues which brought the child before the court.
- A Probation Officer monitors the child's progress in the program.
- Cases are closed by informally adjusting them after completion of the case plan.
- Cases that are not successfully resolved proceed to court.

Teen Court, Teen Drug Court and The Restorative Boards are specific diversionary programs facilitated by the Juvenile Court.

VICTIM SERVICES

- Provides victim notification regarding upcoming hearing dates and the status of court cases on behalf of **The Office of District Attorney**
- Promotes and implements the Crime Victims Bill of Rights through advocacy services
- Provides personal support throughout the process of adjudication
- Assists in the preparation and presentation of Victim Impact Statements at disposition
- Informs victims about Crime Victims Compensation and social services available to assist in recovery from victimization

Visiting Juvenile Court

Fulton County Juvenile Court is located in the Judge Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center at 395 Pryor Street SW in Atlanta, GA 30312. The court is open Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Parking & Public Transportation

Parking is available in the lot located in front of the Juvenile Justice Center. The lot is accessible from Pryor Street SW, Fulton Street SW and Formwalt Street SW. The Juvenile Justice Center can also be reached by public transportation via MARTA Bus Route 49.

Entering Juvenile Court

The Judge Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center is a secure facility. All persons entering the building will be required to pass through a metal detector and have hand-carried objects scanned. Weapons of any kind, cameras and cell phones with cameras are not permitted into the building.

When you enter the Juvenile Justice Center, you must pass through security. In order to facilitate the process, please:

- Take off all coats, jackets and hats
- Remove steel toed boots (other shoes are okay)
- Remove cell phones from pockets, purses and bags and place in the bottom of the bin
- Remove laptops from bags - after passing through security, you will have to turn them to show that they work
- Walk through the metal detector with your hands at your sides. If the metal detector beeps, you will be checked with a hand-held wand before you may retrieve your belongings.

