



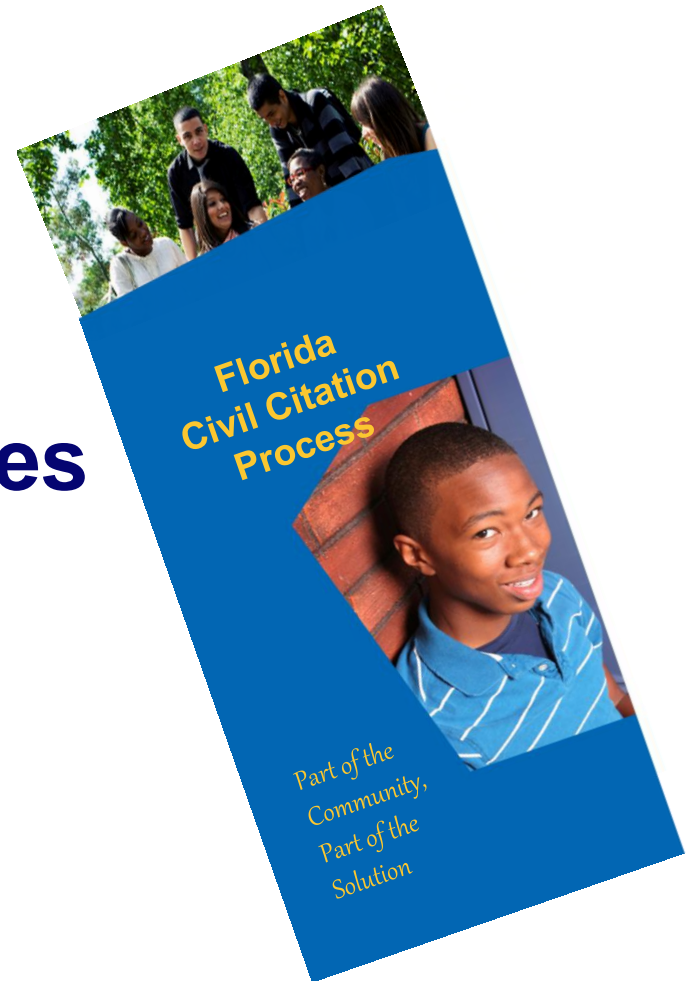
Florida's Civil Citation Initiative

Increasing Public Safety

Improving Youth Outcomes

And

Saving Taxpayer Money



Improving Communities and Our Children's Future



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Section 985.12, Florida Statutes, Civil Citation

- Mandates local civil citation
- Requires the concurrence of the chief judge, state attorney, public defender, and law enforcement
- Limits eligibility to first-time, nonviolent misdemeanants
- Authorizes DJJ to assist in implementing or improving civil citation
- Provides that youth are assessed for services
- Requires civil citation data be provided to DJJ
- Stipulates that youth must admit guilt and can refuse participation



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Process

- Law enforcement may deliver a youth to a juvenile assessment center or issue a field citation
- DJJ determines eligibility for civil citation
- Youth and parents contact the local coordinator within seven days
- Youth is assessed to determine service needs
- Youth data is entered into the Juvenile Justice Information System
- The local coordinator provides case management
- Successful youth have no arrest record
- If unsuccessful, the original delinquent act is reported to the state attorney



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Sanctions

- Up to 50 community service hours
- Restitution
- Letter of apology
- School progress monitoring
- Intervention services
- Substance abuse or mental health services
- Youth and Family Counseling
- Teen Court
- Urinalysis Monitoring



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Benefits

- Successful youth have no arrest record to impede military, educational, or employment opportunities
- Youth is held accountable with swift and effective sanctions
- Services are provided to the youth and family that specifically address behavior
- The cost of processing youth in various systems is reduced
- Youth outcomes are improved
- Disproportionate minority contact and school arrests are reduced
- Keeps youth that pose no real threat to public safety out of the juvenile justice system
- Frees up limited resources to focus on more serious, violent offenders



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Eligible Offenses

- ✓ **Petit Theft**
- ✓ **Battery**
Misdemeanor
- ✓ **Drug Misdemeanor**
- ✓ **Trespassing**
- ✓ **Vandalism**
- ✓ **Alcohol**
- ✓ **Resisting Arrest**
- ✓ **Loitering or**
Prowling
- ✓ **Game Laws**
- ✓ **Disorderly Conduct**



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Challenges

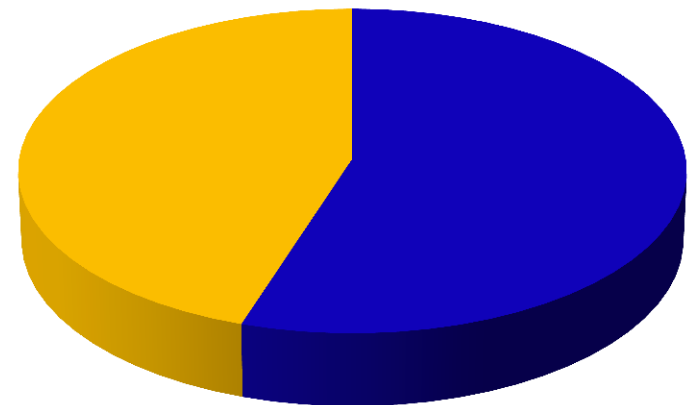
- Appearance of being soft on crime
- Perception of civil citation as a threat to existing diversion programs
- Law Enforcement buy-in
- Record confidentiality



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Florida's Fiscal Year 2011-12

- ❖ **58,173** youth were referred to FDJJ
- ❖ **30,715 (53%)** of those committed misdemeanors
- ❖ **26,210 (45%)** were first time misdemeanors
- ❖ **6,964 (26%)** of eligible youth received a civil citation



■ Youth who committed misdemeanors

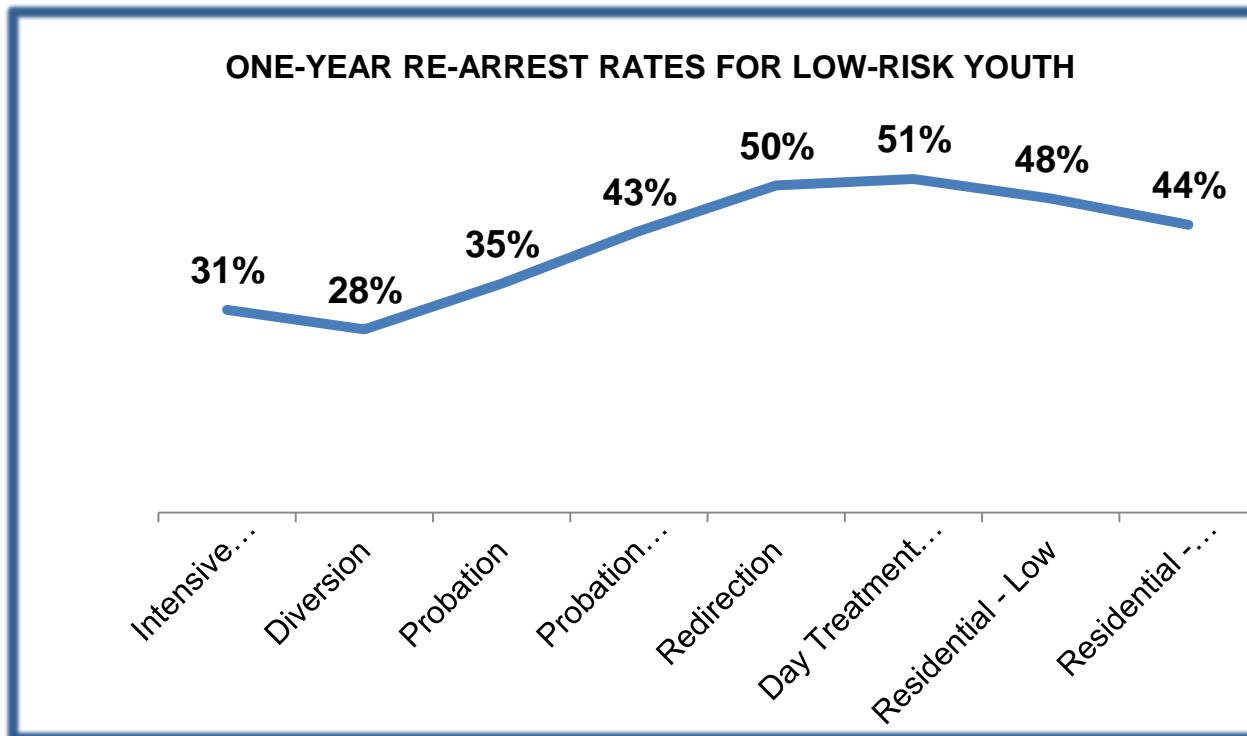
■ Youth who committed other offenses



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Increases Public Safety

Communities are safest when low-risk youth are diverted from the juvenile justice system entirely, and re-arrest rates are much higher for youth committed to residential than for youth supervised on probation.



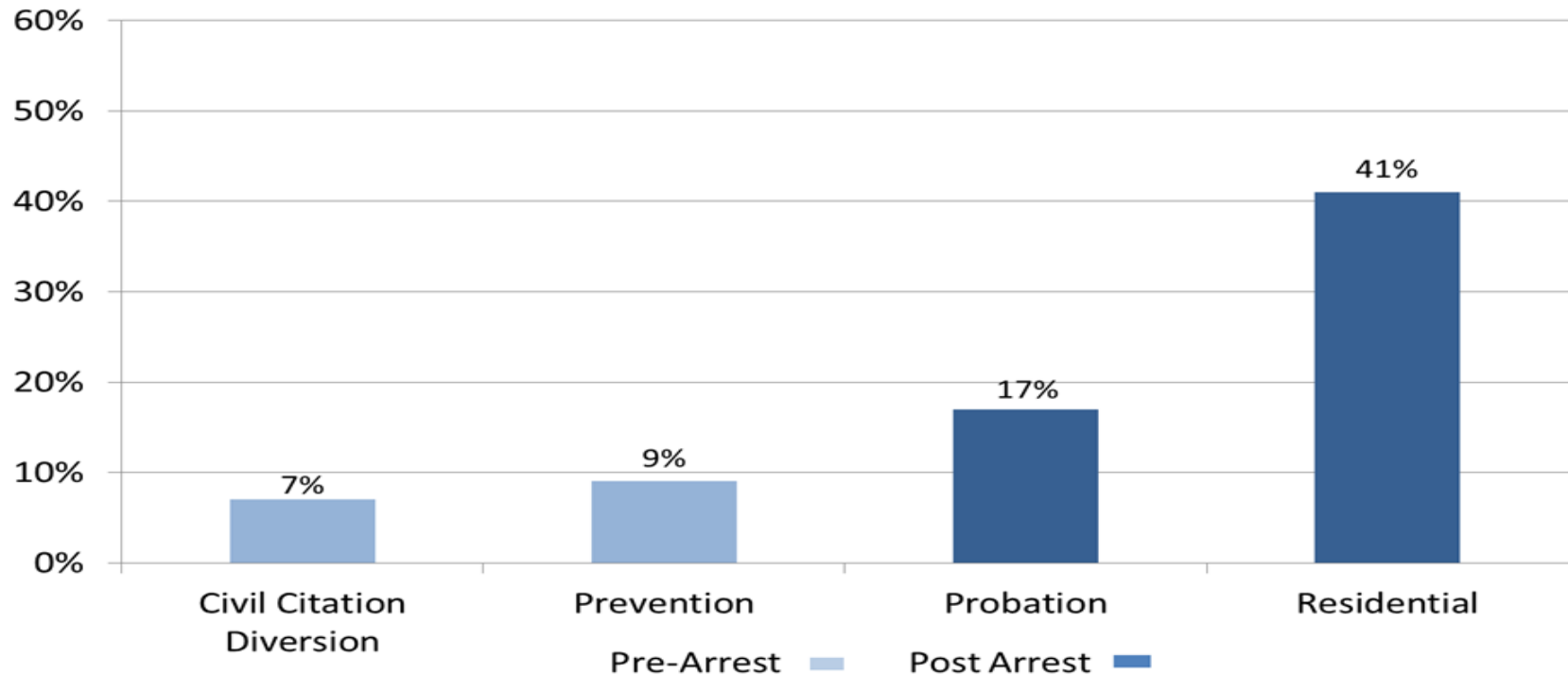
A recent study found that low-risk youth are much more likely to re-offend if they are committed to residential programs or placed in intensive interventions designed for high-risk youth.



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Improves Youth Outcomes

FY 2009-10 12-Month Recidivism Rate





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Saves Taxpayer Money

\$5,000

- The cost of processing one youth through Law Enforcement, the State Attorney, the Public Defender, juvenile probation, and the Court

\$386

- The cost to process a youth through a Juvenile Assessment Center

6,964

- Number of youth receiving a civil citation in 2011-12

\$32 M

- Estimated cost savings of implementing civil citation in FY 2011-12



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Correlation Between Youth Disposed Per Population 10-17 and Civil Citation Utilization Rate

| Circuit | Counties | Civil Citation Utilization Rate | % Youth Disposed Per Age 10-17 |
|---------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 11 | Miami-Dade | 95% | 1.80% |
| 16 | Monroe | 86% | 3.10% |
| 6 | Pasco, Pinellas | 79% | 3.10% |
| 2 | Leon, Gadsden, Franklin, Jefferson, Liberty, Wakulla | 67% | 2.70% |
| 5 | Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Sumter | 57% | 3.10% |
| 13 | Hillsborough | 47% | 3.30% |
| 8 | Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Union | 34% | 4.00% |
| 18 | Brevard, Seminole | 34% | 3.00% |
| 20 | Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee | 32% | 3.20% |
| 19 | Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie | 25% | 3.70% |
| 7 | Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, Volusia | 21% | 4.10% |
| 15 | Palm Beach | 19% | 2.80% |
| 14 | Bay, Gulf, Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Washington | 18% | 3.70% |
| 4 | Clay, Duval, Nassau | 14% | 3.00% |
| 3 | Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor | 9% | 3.30% |
| 17 | Broward | 7% | 3.20% |
| 1 | Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton | 5% | 3.80% |
| 9 | Orange, Osceola | 1% | 3.90% |
| 12 | Desoto, Manatee, Sarasota | 0% | 3.60% |
| 10 | Hardee, Highlands, Polk | 0% | 5.30% |
| State | | 35% | 3.30% |

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

*The right combination of services
and sanctions,
in the right place, at the right time,
to care for each youth and
keep the public safe.*

