

# HAMILTON COUNTY YOUTH COURT



<h2>What?</h2>	<p>Youth Court in Hamilton County, Ohio, is a volunteer-run early intervention program for first-time juvenile offenders who have committed low-level misdemeanors. It serves as an opportunity for teens to have the chance to pay back the community for their mistakes.</p>
<h2>Who?</h2>	<p><b>The Volunteers:</b></p> <p>Local teens act as the jury.</p> <p>Law students from the University of Cincinnati Law School and Northern Kentucky University's Chase College of Law act as defense counsel, prosecutor, and bailiff.</p> <p>Area attorneys sit as judges.</p>
<h2>When?</h2>	<p>Wednesdays during the Fall and Spring semesters as well as Wednesdays during a Summer session, typically from around 5:00 pm to 7:45 pm.</p>
<h2>Where?</h2>	<p>The hearings take place at the Youth Center (2020 Auburn Avenue). During the pandemic, Youth Court has been held virtually using Zoom.</p>
<h2>Why?</h2>	<p>By participating in Youth Court, judges are serving a local diversion program of the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. Giving first time offender youth a chance to clear their records. Judges also influence the first time offender's in their conferences and delivery of sanctions. In addition, Judges have the opportunity to mentor and influence law students already on the path to becoming lawyers and high school students with an interest in law.</p>

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