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YOUNG ADULT
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YACC Steps for the Defendant

- ✓ Receive non-traffic citation
- ✓ Choose/receive 'Guilty' disposition
- ✓ Accept YACC as alternative sentence
- ✓ Speak with YACC facilitator
- ✓ Participate in YACC session
- ✓ Create sentencing contract
- ✓ Fulfill contract terms
- ✓ Provide proof of completion
- ✓ Receive credit towards fines & costs

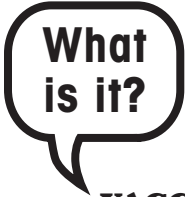
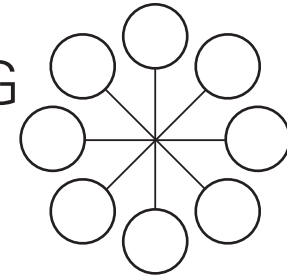


What is YACC?

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A Guide for Defendants

YOUNG ADULT **COMMUNITY** CONFERENCING



YACC is a unique, comprehensive Community Service program designed as a sentencing alternative for 18–24 year olds charged with summary-level “quality of life” offenses such as noise violations, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, and underage drinking.

YACC is a structured forum in which the young adult offender and trained representatives of the victimized community meet together to determine a meaningful, appropriate consequence that benefits the community.

YACC is a circle process rooted in restorative justice practices. It seeks to address victim needs, offender competencies, and community responsibility in repairing the harm done by crime.

Restorative justice involves victims and community in the criminal justice system. Offenders achieve accountability through taking responsibility and making amends.



You may be given an opportunity to participate in the YACC program in exchange for some portion of your fines and costs...

- if you are 18–24 years old, and
- if you are cited for a non-traffic crime, and
- if you have pled or been found guilty of that crime

Community Representatives invited to participate are trained volunteers who have been negatively impacted by the types of behavior for which you have been cited.

Victim(s), if any are identified, will be invited to participate.

Support person(s) for you, whether invited by you or appointed on your behalf, will also participate in the program. Victim support will also be included, to establish a safe environment for all participants.

A **facilitator**, trained in community conferencing, will lead the group process.



- Your sentence is performed largely through activity that benefits both you and your community.
- Your sentencing contract is determined by means of a process in which you participate.
- You have the opportunity to both speak with and to hear from your community.
- You manage your consequences on your own, without dependence on family or friends.
- You are able to fulfill your sentence without borrowing money or going on a long-term payment plan.
- You have the opportunity to create something positive for yourself and your community out of an experience that otherwise may be a negative one.

Note: Participation in the YACC program is not a right. This alternative sentencing option is offered to defendants at the discretion of the court. If the terms of the contract created at a YACC session are not fulfilled, or if the offender does not cooperate with the program, fines and costs sentenced by the court remain due.