

Blackstone Valley Youth Diversion Program

A DYS-funded MA Youth Diversion Program in partnership with 6 Local Police Departments: Northbridge, Sutton, Douglas, Uxbridge, Blackstone, Millville & more...

Who can Refer Youth to the MYDP?

- Police
- Clerk Magistrate
- District Attorney
- Juvenile Court Judges

FAQ

Q: Which youth can be referred to the MYDP?

A: Youth can be referred to the Diversion Program for any delinquency case an eligible referrer considers appropriate. The program is designed to work with youth who face a variety of risks and have a wide range of needs, including those who have significant needs or are in complex situations.

Q: Is there a cost associated?

A: No. The MYPD is paid for by the state. You make the referral- let us do the work from there!

Q: Is a youth required to participate in the MYDP?

A: No. A youth is offered diversion as an opportunity to receive services and avoid involvement with the juvenile justice system. However, participation is not required.

Q: What are the benefits of youth diversion?

A: Research has shown that by reducing a youth's on-going contact with the justice system and connecting them with services that address their development needs has been shown to decrease the likelihood that a youth will reoffend.

Q: What services will the diversion program provide?

A: Assessments of risk and need, case planning, linking youth to local services, ongoing monitoring and active case management support, and communication with original referrers to provide case updates.

What is Youth Diversion?

- The MYDP is a diversion program funded by the Department of Youth Services.
- Its goal is to provide police officers, court clerks, district attorneys and Juvenile Court judges with an alternative to arresting or arraigning a youth.
- The MYDP provides a comprehensive intake, works with the youth and their family to develop an evidence-based diversion agreement, connects the youth with services as appropriate, and manages the case until diversion is completed.

“The ultimate goal is to ensure that high quality diversion planning, case management and programming is available in every community, and to reduce the case management and tracking burden on referrers that choose to participate.”

Q: How can I refer?

A: Referrals can be made by securely sending our referral form to Araya Landry, Diversion Coordinator. Contact information listed below.

Where are we located:
Family Continuity, 76 Church St, Whitinsville, MA

How can you reach me:
Contact me at [978-857-3357](tel:978-857-3357) or
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