

PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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The Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency Clinician works in collaboration and agreement with the local Police Departments as well as the high school's administration and Dean's office.

- The Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency Clinician receives referrals from the local Police Department, and the school's Dean's office.
- Referrals from the Dean's are usually students who have been involved in disciplinary infractions that do not warrant Police involvement. These students have either demonstrated a pattern of troublesome behavior or their behavior is assessed to be stemming from issues that might be helped by counseling versus punishment.
- Police Department referrals are a result of students who are going through the *Stationhouse Adjustment Program*.
- The Columbia High School Juvenile Delinquency Clinician meets with the Sergeant of the Youth Aide Bureau at Maplewood Police Department twice within a month to discuss recent events and referrals.

Stationhouse Adjustment Program

The December 7, 2005 NJ Attorney General Directive mandates the availability of the Stationhouse Adjustment Process as a method of handling minor juvenile delinquency offenses and first time offenders within all jurisdictions in the State of New Jersey.

- Provides immediate consequences: Community Service or Restitution.
- Prompt and convenient resolution for the victim, while at the same time benefiting the juvenile by avoiding the stigma of a formal juvenile delinquency record.

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