

What are the benefits of participating in the OCYDP?

- Successful completion of assigned goals results in no further action being taken by police/courts.
- Youth are held accountable for actions through meaningful consequences.
- Evidence-based practice targets risks/needs that lead to conflict with the law.
- Emphasis on community engagement and access to resources.



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OTTAWA COMMUNITY YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM

**A community-
based program
for youth in conflict
with the law.**



What is the Ottawa Community Youth Diversion Program (OCYDP)?

The OCYDP was developed in order to meet the requirements of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) that youth aged 12 to 17 years in conflict with the law be diverted from the formal justice system whenever possible.

The OCYDP is available to youth:

- Who are between the ages of 12 and 17 years
- Who have committed a criminal offence and are referred to complete an **extrajudicial measure (EJM)** or an **extrajudicial sanction (EJS)**.

Participation is optional. The youth and/or parent(s)/legal guardian(s) can choose to withdraw from the program at any time.

What happens once a young person has been referred to the OCYDP?

- 1** A Diversion caseworker will contact the youth and/or parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and schedule an intake interview.
- 2** Once the intake is completed, the Diversion caseworker will outline 1 to 3 goals that the youth is expected to complete.
- 3** The youth will have roughly 3 months to complete their goals, after which time the file will be closed.



What are OCYDP goals?



Examples of goals include:

- Topical programs
- Mental health supports
- School-based supports
- Restorative justice programming
- Job search skills
- Recreational activities
- Culturally relevant programming
- Counselling/Therapy

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