

# **City of Brady Municipal Court Youth Diversion Plan**

## **Youth Diversion Coordinator: Valerie K. Gonzalez**

If child is eligible for diversion, coordinator will collect \$50 fee on a case-by-case basis

1. Youth and Parent/Guardian contacts the court to schedule the in-take process.
2. In-Take Process and eligibility determination checklist: During the in-take process, youth and parent/guardian will meet with coordinator to determine eligibility for diversion. Coordinator determines diversion eligibility using the checklist.
3. Questionnaires for Early identification: Once diversion eligibility has been established, youth will complete a basic questionnaire to determine where the child may be struggling and to identify remorse and the willingness to accept responsibility/accountability for their actions. An advanced questionnaire will be administered based on the findings of the basic questionnaire. The advanced questionnaire is used to help identify Mental Health issues or Drug Abuse issues. An optional Parent/Guardian questionnaire is available with an observation tool.
4. Determining Strategy: Coordinator will determine the best diversion strategy based on information gathered from questionnaire and the offense, and what is the best approach for the child. The diversion strategy will be added to the agreement.
5. Diversion Agreement: Diversion coordinator will document the written diversion strategy and go over the details with both the youth and the guardian. Once youth and guardian understand the plan and what is required of them to be successful, they will sign the agreement.
6. Resources, Referrals and Service Provider Forms: Coordinator will provide, to the child and parent, the necessary tools and resources including the list of service providers who can assist in helping them successfully complete the items on the written TX Youth Diversion Agreement.
7. SUCCESSFUL Completion of Diversion: Youth will show proof the diversion items were completed on the diversion agreement and if successful, court will file Dismissal of Charge Pursuant to Diversion Agreement.
8. UNSUCCESSFUL Diversion: If youth was unsuccessful on their agreed upon diversion plan, the court will file 'Referral to Court for Hearing', Non-Compliance with Diversion Agreement.
9. MOUs Signed by Service Providers available upon request.