

PARTICIPATION

To participate in the program, the parent/guardian must mail back the participation consent form along with a \$_____ nonrefundable program entry fee by personal check or money order to the City of Olmsted Falls.

Mail to:

Olmsted Falls Police/Juvenile Diversion
Detective Joseph D. Brewer
26100 Bagley Road
Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

The entry fee and participation consent form must be received before the assigned hearing date.

Both the child and legal guardian must appear on the assigned hearing date.

If you desire not to participate in CDP and would like the complaint filed with juvenile court and heard by a judge, please check the appropriate box on the CDP Participation Consent Form and mail to the above address. The complaint will be forwarded back to Cuyahoga Juvenile Court and formal court action will commence.

CONTACTS

For any questions regarding the Community Diversion Program, you may contact:

Olmsted Falls Police Department
Detective/Juvenile Officer
Joseph D. Brewer
(440) 427-2329

Olmsted Falls Community Diversion Program

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COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM (CDP)

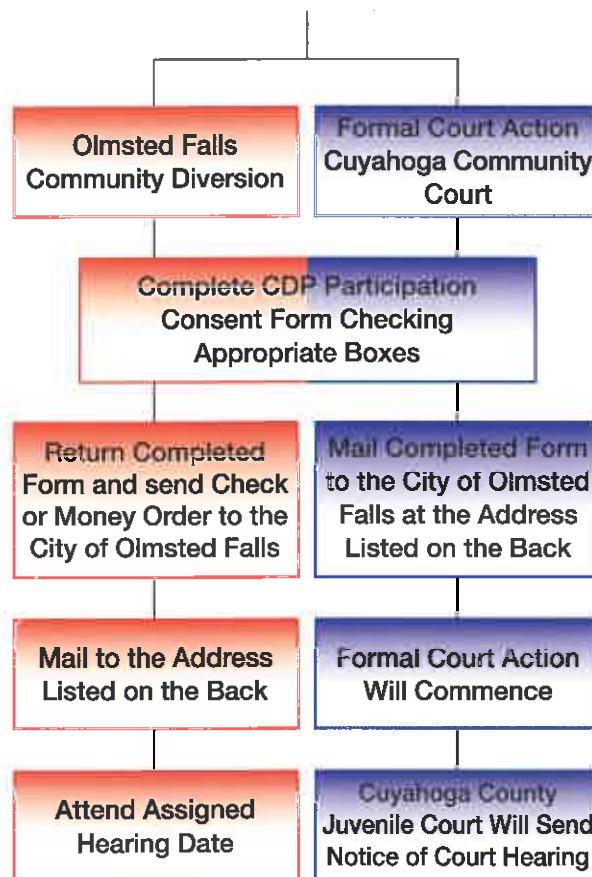
The Olmsted Falls Community Diversion Program has been developed for juveniles with first-time status offenses and misdemeanor crimes in order to avoid formal court action. Instead, the program creates a link between the community and the child, by utilizing community resources to address problems brought to the attention of the court.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM

1. Must be the child's first misdemeanor offense.
2. Offense was committed within the community of Olmsted Falls, or lives in the city of Olmsted Falls.
3. Child must be under the age of 18 years old.
4. Child must admit to allegation.
5. Child must agree to complete all sanctions and be involved with the program for a period of one year.

HOW CDP WORKS

- Referral is made to the local juvenile court.
- Juvenile court performs background check to determine eligibility for Community Diversion.
- Notice of hearing is sent to offender.
- Decision must be made if formal court action is desired to participate in the Community Diversion Program.



OUTCOMES

- No formal record will be forwarded to Juvenile Court.
- An informal record will be kept in a secure file at Olmsted Falls Police Department.
- After completing all sanctions issued at the hearing and pending no further delinquent activity for a period of one year, the informal record is then destroyed.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE HEARING

- Juveniles will appear and participate in a hearing held by a magistrate appointed by the court.
- The magistrate will prepare a disposition for the complaint.
- Dispositions may include community service, written reports, apologies to victims, drug and alcohol education and/or assessment, or any appropriate intervention services.
- Juvenile will be placed on probation for a period of one year from the date of hearing.