



# PROGRAM FACT SHEET

**180° Juvenile Diversion provides a valuable program opportunity for positive change in the lives of young adults who have had contact with law enforcement and the legal system. The agency offers a voluntary alternative to the criminal justice system for individuals ages 14-20, and their families. Through the completion of an intensive 9-month program, young offenders will learn to take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, make positive changes in their lives, and develop goals with a plan to get there.**

## PROGRAM ADVANTAGE

Young adults ages 14-20 make up a significant portion of the cases prosecuted by the Waukesha County Office of the District Attorney. The volume and complexity of these cases have been increasing every year, resulting in greater court costs, decreased property values and overcrowded jail populations.

The success of 180° Juvenile Diversion means fewer caseloads within the criminal justice system, saving taxpayer money. It also means that the troubled young people of Waukesha County will be better prepared to become healthy, positive and productive members of our society.

### 180° Juvenile Diversion Savings Example:

Low-level misdemeanor: \$2000 Minimal Attorney Fees  
 Low-level Felony: \$4000 Minimal Attorney Fees  
 Court Costs: \$500+  
 Probation/Supervision: \$20-\$60/month (Minimum 1 yr)

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180° Juvenile Diversion Program Cost: \$1,000  
 Clean Record & Expungement: Priceless

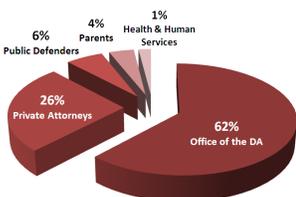
## MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS

- 127 young adults have participated in the program since January 2008.
- 89% have successfully completed or are in good standing with the program with elimination or reduction in their charges
- Through an extensive recidivism tracking process, 60% of the dismissed / non-compliant clients have reoffended as compared to only 12% of successful 180 graduates have been reported to reoffend.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

- Private Attorneys
- State Public Defender
- Lake Country Auto Spa
- Waukesha State Bank
- Wells Fargo
- Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)
- WonderSpirit Coaching
- UW-Waukesha
- La Casa de Esperanza
- Waukesha Co. UW-Extension
- Office of the District Attorney
- Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC)
- Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
- Addiction Resource Council
- Carroll University
- CORE Strength Academy
- Drug Free Communities Coalition (DFC)
- Sheriff's Department

## REFERRALS



Office of the DA	62%
Private Attorneys	26%
Public Defenders	6%
Parents	4%
Health & Human Services	1%
Media	1%