



JUDGE CHARLES V. JOHNSON

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YOUTH AND LAW FORUM

JOURNEY TO
JUSTICE II

DISCOVER
YOUR INNER POWER!!

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October 21, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, Volunteers and Community Supporters,

We want to welcome you to this year's Annual Judge Charles V. Johnson Youth and Law Forum. For the past 33 years, we have sought to bring our communities together through this event. This event is for you. It is a place where we hope that you will learn about your legal rights, strengthen relationships and ties with key members of our legal community, and gain new insights and inspirations about the ways you too can impact our community through the legal system.

The theme of this year's event is Journey to Justice II: Discover YOUR Inner Power. We chose this theme because we wanted to you to know that you are already powerful. That we made it this far through these times are a testament to your resilience, and it is because of the strength that you already have. At the same time, we know that we must remain steadfast on our journey to justice. We recognize that while we have had great successes in these challenging times, we still have more work to do.

It is our pleasure to serve as the co-chairs for this year's event. We hope that you learn as much as you can, enjoy each other's company, laugh a little, and challenge yourselves to do more. This event is for you.

Thank you all for your participation in today's event. We hope that you have the very best day.

Sincerely,

The Charles V. Johnson Youth and Law Forum Co-Chairs

Erika J. Evans
Attorney

Noe Merfeld
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
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Christopher M. Sanders
Attorney
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SCHEDULE OF

9:00 - 9:55 AM

REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST & PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES

Featuring DJ Briana Nelson
Scavenger Hunt Kickoff

Banquet Hall & Lobby

10:00 - 10:40 AM

WELCOME

Introduction and Invocation
Greetings by Regional NAACP President Sheley Secrest
Youth Welcome & Speaker Introduction by Anaias Wandji/Kelyan Wandji

OPENING SPEAKER: DOUG BALDWIN JR.

10:40 - 10:50 AM

BREAK/RAFFLE

10:50 - 11:20 AM

MAKING AND CHANGING STATE AND LOCAL LAWS

with April Berg and Ed Prince

11:20 - 11:30 AM

BREAK/RAFFLE

11:30 - 12:10 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS PART I

Life Happens: What Do You Do When... ?

with Assistant Chief John Hayes (moderator),
Judge Edirin Okoloko, Sherrill Vaughn and Margaret Spearmon, PhD.

Adult, Social Hall

Keeping It Real: Inside the “Joint”

with Gideon Oyeleke and Kenny Wyatt

HS, Banquet Hall

Keeping It Real: Life Happens

w/Courtney Jones, Matt Sanders and Judge David Keenan

MS, Meeting Rm. A

Keeping Safe

with Derrick Dotson

Elem, Meeting Rm. B

ACTIVITIES

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE BANQUET HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

12:10 - 1:00 PM

LUNCH

Scavenger Hunt & Resource Tables

Banquet Hall & Lobby

1:00 - 1:15 PM

AFTERNOON SPEAKER: JUDGE ANDREA S. JARMON

Speaker Introduction by Markus Brooks



1:15 - 1:25 PM

BREAK/RAFFLE

1:25 - 2:05 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS PART II

Staying Safe at Home and in the Community
with Derrick Dotson and Rodney Mosley

Adult, Social Hall

Resilience for Youth

with Nicole Alston-Abel and Dr. Johnny Lake

HS & MS, Gym

Law & Justice Careers Showcase: What It Takes to Get There

with Nina Elnora, Consuelo Grumich, Jonathan Nomamiukor,
P. Diane Schneider, and Judge Lori Smith

Elem, Meeting Rm. B

2:05 - 2:15 PM

BREAK/RAFFLE

2:15 - 2:55 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS PART III

Critical Issues Facing Youth: Building Resilience
with Brooke Spearmon (moderator), Tamara Galbert,
Dr. Johnny Lake, and Dr. Bethanne Moore

Adult, Social Hall

Life Happens: What Do You Do When... ?

with Assistant Chief John Hayes (moderator), Derrick
Dotson, Andra Kranzler, and Judge Edirin Okoloko

HS & MS, Gym

Discovering and Using Your Inner Power

with Camille Moore-Jenkins

Elem, Meeting Rm. B

2:55 - 3:20 PM

FINAL RAFFLE & EVALUATIONS

3:20 - 3:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

IN 2022, THE CHARLES V. JOHNSON YOUTH AND LAW FORUM WAS FORTUNATE TO START A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. GENEROUSLY FUNDED BY OUR SPONSORS, THE YOUTH AND LAW FORUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXISTS TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE YOUTH AND LAW FORUM AND TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN A FIELD RELATED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE OR THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.



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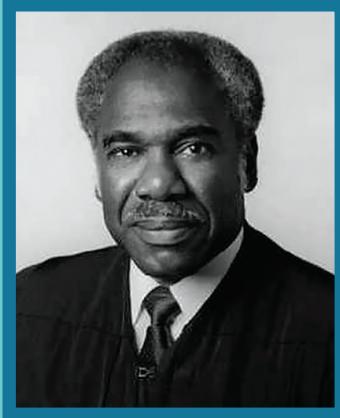


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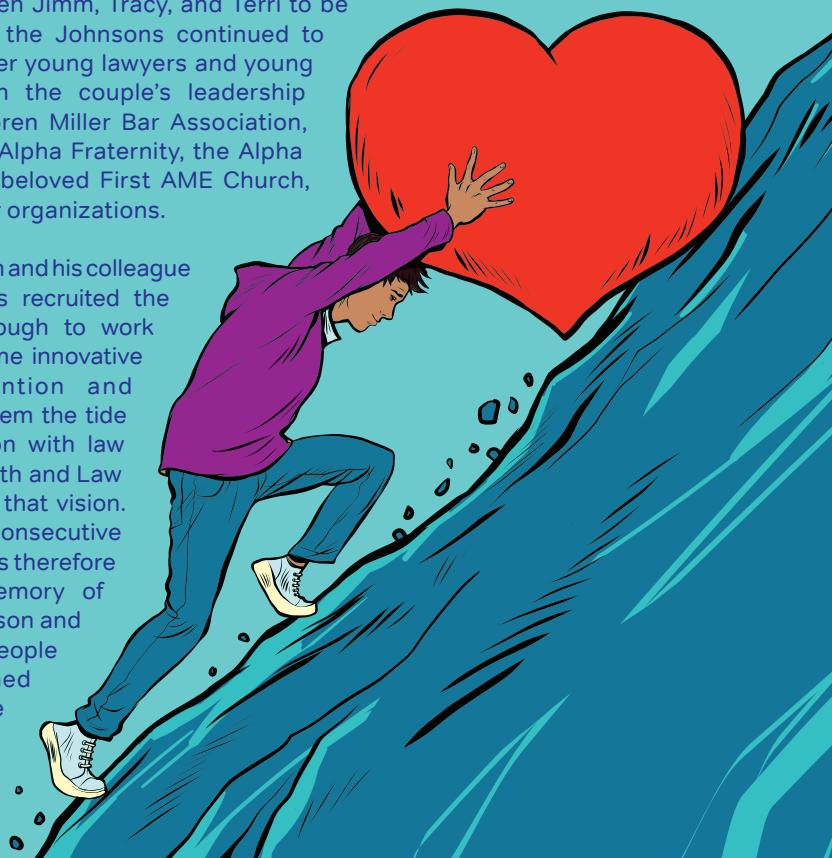
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CO-FOUNDER OF THE JUDGE CHARLES V. JOHNSON
YOUTH AND LAW FORUM

IN MEMORIA 1928-2020

Charles V. Johnson grew up in a segregated Arkansas. After hearing a well-dressed and confident attorney speak during a high school career day, the die was cast. He would be a lawyer. After serving in the U.S. Army, and after graduating from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 1954, a determined Charles Johnson and his young family relocated to Seattle where he would attend the UW Law School. Charles Johnson graduated in 1957 as the only African American in his law class. After a successful practice of law, Charles V. Johnson would continue making history as a beloved and effective judge in Seattle Municipal Court and as the first African American Presiding Judge of the King County Superior Court. While Judge Johnson and his wife Lazelle Johnson inspired their 3 children Jimm, Tracy, and Terri to be bold and successful, the Johnsons continued to mentor countless other young lawyers and young professionals through the couple's leadership in the NAACP, the Loren Miller Bar Association, the LINKS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Alpha Omicron Boulé, their beloved First AME Church, and in countless other organizations.

In 1990, Judge Johnson and his colleague Norma Smith Huggins recruited the young Judge McCullough to work with them to craft some innovative community intervention and program that would stem the tide of negative interaction with law enforcement. This Youth and Law Forum is the result of that vision. This 32nd annual and consecutive Youth and Law Forum is therefore dedicated to the memory of Judge Charles V. Johnson and to the resilient young people who are determined to make the justice system more just.



K EY IN O T E S P E A K E R S

DOUG BALDWIN JR. IS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF VAULT89 AND FOUNDER OF THE FAMILY FIRST COMMUNITY CENTER FOUNDATION. DOUG IS A PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVIST WITH A PASSION FOR CREATING EMPATHIC SOLUTIONS TO COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD AND THE PAUL G. ALLEN HUMANITARIAN AWARD, THE FORMER SUPER BOWL CHAMPION IS THE YOUNGEST EVER APPOINTEE TO THE WA STATE CLEMENCY AND PARSONS BOARD. MOST IMPORTANTLY, DOUG IS A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER.

SEAHAWKS LEGEND

DOUG BALDWIN



JUDGE ANDREA JARMON, KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, IS A GRADUATE FROM MIDDLE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (B.A. IN ENGLISH AND WOMEN'S STUDIES) AND UW SCHOOL OF LAW. HER OWN EXPERIENCE AS A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND NAVIGATING OUR COMPLICATED COURT SYSTEM AS A PRO SE LITIGANT MOTIVATED HER TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL.

AFTER LAW SCHOOL, SHE WORKED AS A PROSECUTOR IN THE SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND FOR THE CITY OF AUBURN. FOR THE WA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, SHE WORKED IN THE CRIMINAL, SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR, AND L&I DIVISIONS. IN MAY OF 2019, SHE WAS APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF PRO-TEMPORE COMMISSIONER FOR KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT'S DEPENDENCY AND BECCA CALENDAR, AND IN NOVEMBER OF 2020, SHE BEGAN WORK AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WITH THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE APPEALS, PRESIDING OVER HEARINGS INVOLVING INJURED WORKERS BENEFITS AND EMPLOYER SAFETY.

SPEAKERS & CONTRIBUTORS



Nicole Alston-Abel, PhD (Educational Psychology, School Psychology Area, University of Washington) is a nationally certified school psychologist with prior teaching experience. Nicole specializes in creating home-school partnerships, assessing patterns of strengths and weaknesses, and working with diverse student populations from racially, ethnically, and linguistically varied backgrounds.



April Berg is a former small business owner and planning commissioner, has worked in aerospace as a Boeing Project Manager, and has served on both the Edmonds and Everett School Boards. At the Legislature, she is the Chair of the Finance committee and serves on the Local Government and Appropriations committees.



Derrick Dotson is the founder and CEO of The Black Sanctuary, an education and empowerment platform created to equip private citizens with the knowledge and skills to interact with police safely. He is the author of "The Police and Me," an internationally recognized children's book that catalyzes conversations between parents, teachers, and kids about safe interactions with law enforcement. Derrick is a proud HBCU graduate from Norfolk State University with a bachelor's degree in Social Work.



Nina Elnore is a Mitigation Specialist Supervisor at The Defender Association Division (TDAD), one of the four divisions within King County Department of Public Defense. Nina has a background in community mental health and assessment and has worked extensively with youth and families. Nina holds an undergraduate degree in Sociology/Social Work from Seattle University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Washington with a concentration in community mental health/clinical social work.



Consuelo Grumich is Executive Vice President of a prominent litigation support firm, NAEGELI Deposition and Trial. Ms. Grumich received her Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga School of Law.



Deputy Chief John F. Hayes Jr has been in law enforcement for over 41 years. He retired from both the Seattle Police Department and recently retired from the Richmond Police Department in Richmond, Virginia. He has a bachelor's degree in Social Welfare, Women's Studies, and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Washington. In 2016, he completed the graduate level course of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.



Courtney Jones was admitted to the University of Washington at the age of 15 (B.A. - International Studies and Spanish). She graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2014. Since admission to the bar, Ms. Jones has worked in civil litigation, first as an associate at Nored Law PLLC. More recently, she became partner and owner of a law firm, and she specializes in family law.



Judge David Keenan has served at the King Superior Court since 2017. Judge Keenan brings a unique perspective to the court, having been raised in Seattle by his mother on public assistance and a Section 8 housing voucher, and having dropped out of high school at age 16. Judge Keenan and many members of his family have been juvenile respondents and defendants in criminal cases in the very court where he now serves.



Dr. Johnny Lake is an international consultant and trainer certified in programs respecting leadership, diversity, community-building, cross-cultural communication, equity and ethics. Dr. Lake served as an Associate Professor of Education and Counseling. He is an Administrator on Special Assignment with the Eugene 4J school district and an advocate for needs of at-risk youth. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Willamette University, a Masters degree in educational leadership and administration, and a Ph.D. in educational leadership, policy, management and organization.



Dr. Bethanne L. Moore MD is a child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist who practices in Maryland. She earned her medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine. Her expertise includes school consultation, foster care treatment, psychiatric evaluation, psychopharmacological treatment, insight-oriented psychotherapy, court evaluation, expert witness testimony, organizational consultation, and executive coaching.



Camille Moore-Jenkins has a background in education with a focus on early childhood and elementary education. She believes in caring for the whole child to create strong, intelligent, mentally healthy people. She also firmly believes in supporting parents to help them be effective in nurturing their children. She currently homeschools her son, after retiring from owning and operating a child development program that served children from birth through elementary school, from 2001-2015.



Rodney Moseley is a cyber security professional with expertise in defense protections, security compliance and threat mitigation. Rgraduated from Texas Tech University and completed his Masters degree in eBusiness at the University of Phoenix.



Jonathan Nomamiukor is a human rights attorney with Columbia Legal Services. He is a 2010 graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, and a 2014 Graduate of Harvard Law School.



Judge Edirin O. Okoloko serves on the Snohomish County Superior Court. Born in Nigeria, Judge Okoloko obtained his first law degree from the University of Benin in Nigeria in 1998 and a second law degree with honors from Seattle University in 2003. Judge Okoloko worked as a deputy prosecuting attorney in the Criminal Division of the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for 13 years before his appointment to the bench in 2018.



Gideon Oyeleke is newly appointed as President of a social welfare organization in America called (D.S.G.N) Diaspora Solution Group. Mr. Oyeleke earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice at UNLV Las Vegas, Nevada. Gideon spent several years as a Correction Officer and 25 years as a Probation Officer.



Matt Sanders, Esq. is a graduate of Seattle University School of Law, class of 2012. Matt joined the King County Department of Public Defense in 2013 as a staff attorney. Matt handled a major felony caseload and took dozens of cases to trial and verdict. Since 2020, Matt has been the juvenile supervising attorney for the King County Department of Public Defense.

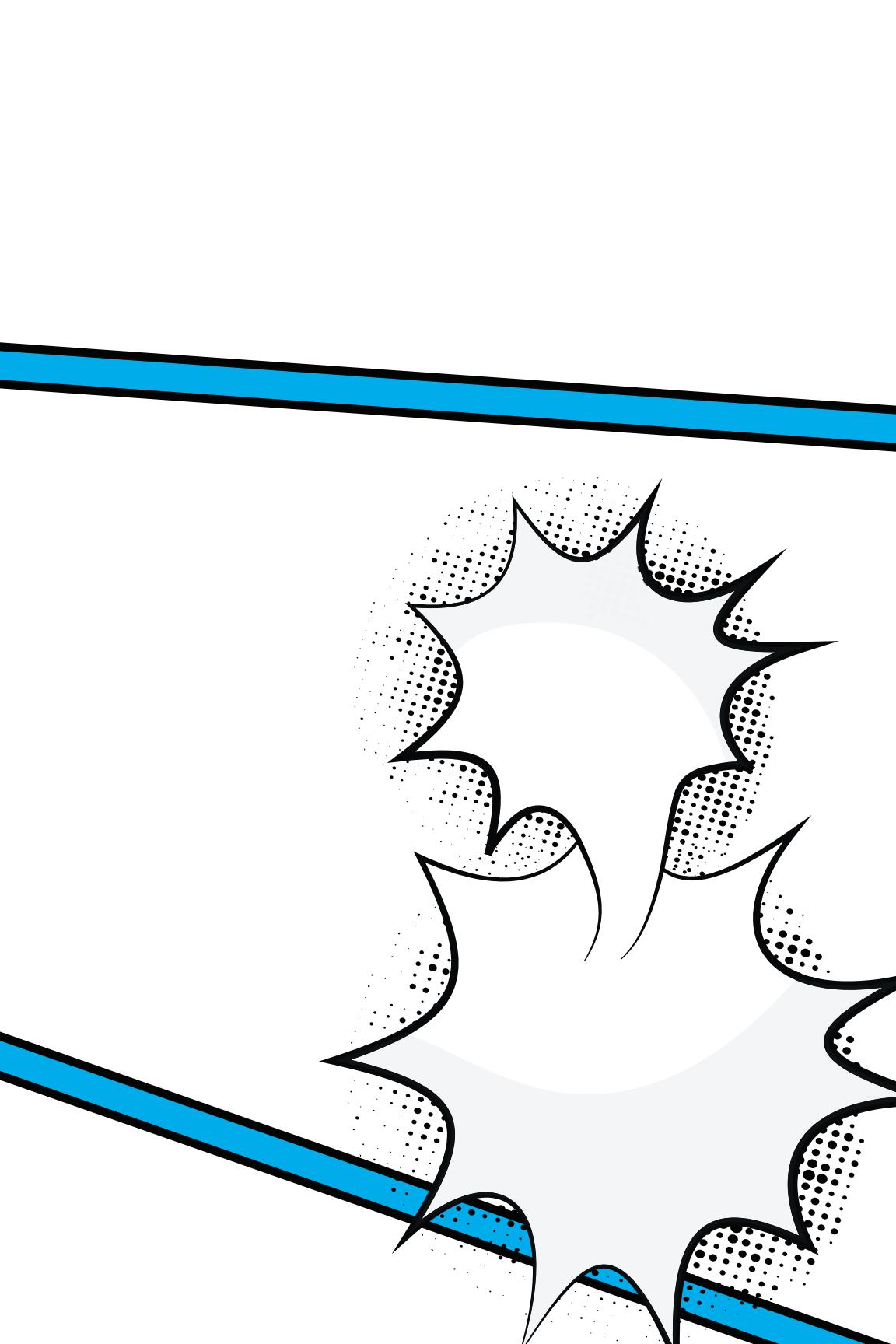


P. Diane Schneider, MPA, has served as Washington State Court Certified Spanish Interpreter since 1991. She received degrees from University of Washington (B.A. - Spanish) and Seattle University (MPA). She has volunteered as Commissioner with the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission since 1990 and is a Board Member for the Washington State Coalition for Language Access.



Chief Judge Lori K. Smith is the Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of Washington. She was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to the court in July 2018, the first African American/Black woman appointed to any appellate court in the State of Washington. Prior to her appointment, she served as a judge on King County Superior Court, a Family Law Commissioner, and a prosecutor.

NOTES...



GLOSSARY

OF LEGAL TERMS

ALLEGATION • A claim or assertion that someone has committed a criminal offense that has not been proven in court.

AT-RISK YOUTH • An At-Risk Youth (ARY) petition is a request from a child's parent or legal guardian to the Juvenile Court to assist the parent in maintaining the health and safety of their youth or the youth for whom they are legally responsible.

COMMUNITY SERVICE • Unpaid work in the community as a condition of supervision or diversion.

DEFERRED DISPOSITION • A way for a juvenile to get his or her criminal case dismissed upon compliance with a term of supervision and then sealed upon turning age 18. Juveniles only get one deferred disposition.

DEPENDENT • An abused or neglected child, or a child in need of proper parental care and control who has no parent or guardian willing and able to exercise care and control.

DETENTION • The temporary care of a juvenile who requires secure custody in a locked facility for the protection of the community and/or juvenile, or to ensure that the juvenile appears in court.

DISMISSAL • Formally ends a criminal prosecution.

DISPOSITION • A formal judgment of the juvenile court in electing what to do after the juvenile has been adjudicated.

DIVERSION • An option for handling a case outside the jurisdiction and services of the Juvenile Court

ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING • An event where a small monitoring device is attached to a juvenile's ankle that generates a daily computer report of the youth's whereabouts via telephone lines or satellite.

FACTFINDING HEARING • A formal fact finding by the court to determine a juvenile's innocence or guilt of crimes alleged in an Information.

JUVENILE • A person under the age of 18, particularly one alleged to have committed an act that is a violation, or that if done by an adult would constitute a crime.

JUVENILE REHABILITATION • State Institutions operated by DCYF where committed juveniles are incarcerated. Includes: Green Hill, Echo Glen, and Naselle.

JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER • A Juvenile Department employee with the authority of a peace officer while performing his/her court-related duties. These duties include supervising juveniles and monitoring compliance with conditions of probation or formal accountability agreements.

SEALING • Getting one's juvenile criminal history sealed so that it may not be disclosed upon a criminal background check. Once sealed, the case shall be treated as if it never occurred, and the subject of the records may reply accordingly to any inquiry about the events, records of which are sealed. Adult criminal history will unseal previously sealed juvenile history.

SUPERVISION • A disposition by the juvenile court whereby the juvenile is placed under the supervision of a probation officer who oversees the compliance with court ordered conditions. The juvenile remains in the community instead of being incarcerated.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT • The act of registering with the local sheriff's office as a sex or kidnapping offender. Certain crimes, such as sex and kidnapping, require registration. Failure to comply is a crime.

RELIEF FROM REGISTRATION • The act of getting the registration requirement removed though time or a court order.

RESTITUTION • Full, partial or nominal payment of monetary damages to a victim; can be court-ordered or agreed upon between parties.

REFERRAL • A written complaint by law enforcement official detailing the arrest of a juvenile for an alleged violation of the law or commission of a status offense. A referral may have multiple reasons.

RISK FACTORS • Elements that increase the likelihood of delinquency or other problematic adolescent behavior.

YOUTH OFFENDER • A person at least 12 and under 18 years of age found to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

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