



Livingston County
Juvenile Court Probation
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Livingston County Youth Assistance Programs Descriptions

The purpose of the Youth Assistance Programs offered through the Family Court is to assist the public in navigating through the system by creating programming designed for success. Most programs are free to the participants.

Juvenile Diversion:

To assist first time youthful offenders or otherwise appropriate juveniles in successfully diverting through the criminal justice system. Upon successful completion, the youth will have no criminal record. Additionally, by not sending qualified youth through the traditional court system, thousands of dollars are saved, the fee is \$75 per youth.

J.A.G. (Juvenile Awareness Group):

A jail tour for adjudicated youth. During this tour, the juveniles are introduced to the entire booking process as well as entering each pod. During each tour, inmates are selected to speak with the juveniles, which includes a question/answer period. This is free for participants.

Court Watch:

Diverted, non-adjudicated and adjudicated youth observe the sentencing process in either the district or circuit court. During this process they complete an assignment that reflects on what they witness and their reactions. This is free for participants.

Victim Impact Panel (VIP):

Adjudicated and non-adjudicated juveniles are ordered to attend an evening listening to victims of crimes tell their story and how being a victim of crime has affected them and/or their families. This is free for participants.

AORO (Adult Offenders Reaching Out):

Younger Adult offenders are court ordered by an adult judge to speak to at risk youth. This can be in lieu of community service or just a term of probation. This is free for participants.

Community Service:

All Livingston County court ordered persons are eligible to participate. Locations are throughout Livingston County and are offered evenings and weekends to accommodate work and school schedules. This community service is supervised by a Youth Assistance Programs official. This is free for participants.

Restorative Justice:

This program offers victims of crimes and defendants to sit down and discuss the event which took place. The victim is part of the team which decides the terms the youth will have in their Diversion agreement. The purpose is for the victim to feel heard and allow the defendant to hear exactly from the victim what impact this crime has had on them. This program is highly effective in neighborhood disputes. This is free for participants.

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P.A.M. (Prevention/Accountability/Mentoring):

This program targets youth that have been either adjudicated or non-adjudicated in Livingston County. Brighton business owners, along with the President of the Chamber introduce juveniles to business ownership and the cost of vandalism or theft in the community. Open to all youth of Livingston County. This is free for participants.

Homework Group:

Open to all adjudicated or non-adjudicated youth who are struggling in school and need assistance in either academics, organization, or study techniques. This group is offered one day per week after school for an hour. This is free for participants.

Youth Council:

This group is in the development process. The purpose for this group is to let the juveniles in the county have a say in what programs are needed for prevention. It is important for the Livingston County Youth Assistance Programs to have the youth participate in the development and implementation of new programs. If the youth are a part of the planning they will have a stake in the outcome. A board of teens will be assembled and meet at least twice monthly. This puts the youth in a leadership position in which they will take their own notes and assist in future programming. This is free for participants.

Internship:

The Livingston County Youth Assistance Program has developed a relationship with Saginaw Valley State University for having a Bachelor's level Social Work Intern. The purpose for the program is to assist developing the best future professionals while giving students a hands on experience. Additionally, with this growing department, college students gain knowledge of the court system without a cost to the tax payers.

Mitchel's Hope:

Mitchel's Hope is a one time, education prevention program for all people and is open to the public. There are two speakers from two different perspectives. One parent of an addicted person and one speaker who is in recovery. Both share their stories honestly, using realistic approaches, with "hope" of reaching out to families. This program is designed for parents to attend with their teenagers to prevent substance use.

Pending Programs:

Bent Yoga

Stress relief with a focus on physical and mental health. Free for participants.

Shoplifters Awareness Group

This is free for participants.



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COUNSELING BASED SERVICES

- **Intensive In home Counseling:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court contracts with private, licensed therapists/agencies that have extensive experience working with juveniles to provide individual and family counseling in the home. This service is provided 1 -2 times weekly for 90 days with a one-time extension for up to an additional 90 days if needed. **(CONSENT OR FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Wrap Around Services:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court partners with Livingston County Community Mental Health who provide an evidenced based service that is a family focused, team approach which identifies the strengths and needs of the family. A Wrap Around facilitator from Livingston County Community Mental Health is assigned to each family to assist with treatment planning, crisis planning, safety planning, and advocating for the needs of the family. Referrals for this service are taken through Livingston County Community Mental Health **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION, NON COURT INVOLVED JUVENILES)**
- **Private Counseling:** The juvenile and family may access counseling services through their private insurance. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION, NON COURT INVOLVED JUVENILES)**
- **Family Assessment:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court contracts with a Master's level therapist to provide a comprehensive assessment of the juvenile and family to assist in making appropriate recommendations for services. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **The Connection Youth Services:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court may refer a juvenile and family to this service to access counseling services, life skills groups, substance abuse groups, positive activities, temporary shelter/respice, etc. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION, NON COURT INVOLVED YOUTH)**
- **Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST):** MST is an intensive family and community based treatment program that focuses on addressing all environmental systems that impact chronic and violent offenders – their homes and families, schools and teachers, neighborhoods and friends. MST recognizes that each system plays a critical role in a youth's world and each system requires attention when effective change is needed to improve the quality of life for youth and their families. MST works with the toughest offenders ages 12 through 17 who have a long history of offending. MST clinicians go to where the child is and are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They work intensely with the parents and caregivers to put them in control. The clinician meets with the parents or caregivers 3 – 4 times per week during a 4 – 5 month time period. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**

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- **Sex Offender Risk Assessments and Counseling Services:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court contracts with a Master's Level therapist to provide Sex Offender Risk Assessments for juvenile offenders. The therapist utilizes the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol II (J-SOAP), Child and Adolescent Function Assessment Scale, Juvenile Sex Offense Specific Treatment Needs and Progress Scale, Risk Assessment / Interviewing Protocol for Adolescent Sex Offenders, along with self-reports from the juvenile and other information gathered from professionals to conduct a thorough assessment and provide the Court with appropriate recommendations. The therapist may also provide Sex Offender Specific counseling for the juvenile and family when appropriate. The length and intensity of this service will vary depending on the risk level of the offender. The Sex Offender Risk Assessment typically is completed during the Preliminary Inquiry stage or Pre-Trial Stage of the Court proceedings and provides treatment recommendations for the juvenile. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Status Offender Program:** Many youth in Livingston County are brought to the attention of the Juvenile Court due to incorrigible behavior, non-attendance at school, curfew violations, and/or running away from home. These offenses are known as status offenses and their offense would not be criminal if committed by a person less than 17 years of age. The Court receives requests for assistance with these youth from parents, caregivers, police agencies, and schools. Through a collaborative effort with the Connection Youth Services, the Juvenile Court offers a program that will allow these youth to be diverted from the formal Court process while still providing adequate services to the youth and family to prevent the youth's further involvement in the juvenile justice system. Through this program, youth and families receive crisis intervention, individual and/or family counseling, and case management services as well as emergency shelter services for the youth as needed. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT)**
- **Psychological and Psychiatric Evaluations and Assessments:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court may require the juvenile to participate in psychiatric and/or psychological assessments and follow all recommendations. This can be done utilizing private insurance or through a Court contract. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Other Assessments:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court may require the juvenile and family to participate in other assessments such as Trauma assessments, risk assessments, etc. and follow all recommendations. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

- **Substance Abuse Assessments:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court contracts with local substance abuse agencies to provide substance abuse assessments for juveniles who are charged with a substance abuse related offense and/or who have a documented history of substance use/abuse. The assessments provide treatment recommendations for the juvenile and family. Families may also utilize private insurance to access substance abuse assessments. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION, NON COURT INVOLVED JUVENILES)**
- **Random Drug Testing:** Juveniles may be subject to random drug and alcohol testing as directed by the probation department. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Intensive In home Substance Abuse Counseling:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court contracts with private, licensed therapists/agencies that have extensive experience working with juveniles with substance abuse/use issues to provide individual and family counseling in the home. This service is provided 1 -2 times weekly for 90 days with a one-time extension for up to 90 additional days if needed. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Private Substance Abuse Counseling:** The juvenile and family may access substance abuse counseling services through their private insurance. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court:** The Livingston County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program is an intensive, court-supervised, counseling and treatment program for eligible minors who have law violations and substance abuse/use issues. It is designed to reduce delinquent conduct and substance use, and to give the juvenile an opportunity to take responsibility for his/her actions and to change their lives in a positive manner. The program is designed to be 9-12 months in length with weekly substance abuse group counseling, twice per month review hearings, intensive probation services, and random drug testing. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

- **Intensive Probation:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court offers an Intensive Probation program for juveniles under the Court's jurisdiction. The program is designed to work with youth who are at risk of out of home placement, and those whose rehabilitation needs require more Court supervision and support than typically offered through traditional probation. The Intensive Probation program implores more frequent probation contacts, multiple system involvement, and creative community based means to try and avoid long term out of home placement whenever possible. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**

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- **Victim Impact Panel:** The Juvenile Court offers a bi-monthly program in which juveniles are given the opportunity to listen and interact with victims of crimes and to gain an understanding of how their actions affect others as well as the community as a whole. This program is offered to juvenile offenders in which a victim was involved in the crime. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION, NON COURT INVOLVED JUVENILES)**
- **Youth Arts Alliance (YAA!):** The Livingston County Juvenile Court has entered into a 4 county collaborative with Washtenaw County, Jackson County, and Monroe County to offer a program that will enrich the community through the creative talents of youth by providing increased access to arts opportunities within the community. The program currently offers Visual Arts, Creative Writing, and Theater workshops to the youth in our county. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION, NON COURT INVOLVED JUVENILES)**
- **Study Hall/Homework Group:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court offers a study hall program to juveniles under the Court's jurisdiction that is designed to offer them an opportunity to complete schoolwork in a quiet, structured setting for up to 2 hours per week. The juveniles are also provided information regarding the status of their credits towards graduation and grade point averages from the probation officer/intern who facilitates the program. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Juvenile Awareness Group (J.A.G.):** The Livingston County Juvenile Court, in conjunction with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, offers a program which provides education to older juveniles under the court's jurisdiction regarding the consequences of breaking the law as an adult. This program consists of a tour through the Livingston County Jail and intake process as well as a group discussion with deputies. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Court Watch (Criminal and Drug Court):** The Livingston County Juvenile Court offers juveniles under this Court's jurisdiction an opportunity to observe sentencing hearings and adult drug court hearings in District and Circuit Courts. The juveniles complete a written assignment of what they observed in court. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Offense Booklet:** This is a writing assignment which consists of 5 essays and cover page (illustrated by the juvenile) regarding the offense that brought the juvenile to the Court's attention, the sanctions for the offense, and the impact that this experience has had on the juveniles and their families. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Drawing Assignment:** This is a series of 12 drawings that the juvenile is required to complete which consists of topics surrounding the juveniles likes/dislikes, family, and goals. This assignment is typically used for the younger offenders. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**

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- **Letter of Apology:** This assignment consists of the juvenile writing a letter to the victim of their crime or to their parent apologizing for their behaviors and how those behaviors negatively impacted that individual. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Community Service:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court may require juveniles to complete a specified number of hours of community service. This is typically completed at any non-profit agency in the community. The idea behind this program is to assist the juveniles in gaining some type of ownership within their own communities and to repay the community for their negative behaviors. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Youth Education Shoplifting (Y.E.S.) Program:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court offers an online correspondence program through a private agency for those juveniles charged with a shoplifting offense. This program is intended to provide education and increase understanding of the impact shoplifting has on the community. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **House arrest:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court may require a juvenile to abide by a period of home confinement. This is monitored through conversations with the juvenile and parent, as well as random home checks. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Electronic Monitoring:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court may require a juvenile to wear a GPS electronic monitoring device on their ankle for a period of home confinement. This device allows the juvenile to remain in the home rather than being placed in a juvenile detention facility. The juvenile is able to be out of the home during specified time periods to attend school, counseling appointments, court related appointments, etc. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Night Checks/Weekend Checks:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court provides random night checks for juveniles under the court's jurisdiction who may need additional monitoring and accountability. **(CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**
- **Juvenile Court Girls Group:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court has partnered with the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan to provide a twice monthly group for girls ages 12-17 who are at risk that will focus on issues impacting girls as well as positive activities within their community. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION, NON COURT INVOLVED JUVENILES)**
- **Parenting Classes/Programming:** The Livingston County Juvenile Court may require parents to participate in parenting classes through LACASA such as Creating Lasting Family Connections and other programming relating to effective parenting styles. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**

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- **Sports Leadership Opportunity (SLO):** The Livingston County Juvenile Court has partnered with 3 local attorneys through a grant from Livingston County Community Alliance (LCCA) to provide a running/exercise program for juveniles 12-17 years of age. The juveniles meet at the Juvenile Court twice per week to learn about healthy lifestyle choices and receive mentoring from positive role models, in addition to running. The juvenile will typically run/walk 3 miles each session and will participate in a 5K road race at least once during each cycle. This is a “challenge by choice” program and juveniles are encouraged to participate at their own level with individual goals to achieve. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION, NON COURT INVOLVED JUVENILES)**
- **Mixed Martial Arts (MMA):** The Livingston County Juvenile Court has partnered with Scorpion Fighting Systems in Brighton to offer classes twice per week to juveniles 12-17 years of age. These classes focus on teaching the juveniles discipline, self-respect, and assists in instilling confidence in the participants through the use of MMA techniques. The class is supervised by trained adults who also offer positive mentorship to the juveniles involved. **(DIVERSION, CONSENT, FORMAL PROBATION)**