

*REFERRAL SOURCES FOR
THE CIVIL CITATIONS
PARTICIPANTS:*

SWFAS

LUTHEREN SERVICES

FORT MYERS YOUTHBUILD

*AND OTHER COMMUNITY
SITES*



Community Service Worksites for the
Civil Citation Program:

- American Red Cross
- Boy's & Girls Club of Lee County
- Elderly Care Services
- Goodwill Services
- Lee County Public Library
- Ronald McDonald House
- Lee County Parks and Recreation
- American Cancer Society
- Dr. Piper Center for Social Services
- Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast of Florida
- Harry Chapin Food Bank
- Non-Profit Organization Ministries
- Habitat for Humanity
- Humane Society
- Any Non-Profit Organization
Worksite

**Lee County Sheriff's Office
Civil Citation Program**

A component of the Juvenile
Assessment Center (JAC)

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WHAT IS THE CIVIL CITATION PROGRAM?

Under the guidance of Florida State Statute 985.12, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Chief Judge of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, the State Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office, has established the Lee County Civil Citation Program. The Civil Citation Program provides an efficient and innovative alternative to custodial arrests for children who have committed misdemeanor crimes. The program ensures that juvenile offenders receive swift and appropriate consequences for their actions. The focus of the Civil Citation Program is to offer sanctions designed to curtail future criminal offenses.

WHY CIVIL CITATION?

In lieu of arrest, at the discretion of the officer, juveniles who have allegedly committed a misdemeanor crime will be eligible for the Civil Citation Program. The Civil Citation Program allows juveniles the opportunity to attain and complete targeted programs without the baggage of an arrest

which includes but is not limited to community service hours, and any additional sanctions assigned by the Civil Citation Coordinator.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

All juveniles between the ages of 8-17 who do not have a previous arrest record for more than one misdemeanor or any felony crime is eligible for the Civil Citation Program.

CAN A JUVENILE AND PARENT REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CIVIL CITATION PROGRAM?

The Civil Citation Program is a voluntary program and both juvenile and parent must agree to participate.



CIVIL CITATION VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY.

The Civil Citation Program of Lee County, which began in January 2007, has served over 300 juveniles with a success rate of 99%.

WHAT EFFECT DOES THE CIVIL CITATION PROGRAM HAVE ON THE JUVENILE RECORD?

Upon successful completion of the Civil Citation Program, the juvenile's record will be closed out of the Juvenile Justice Information System and will reflect only a record of a Civil Citation Program completed.

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