



# South Coast Youth Courts 2015 FACT SHEET

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## SOUTH COAST YOUTH COURTS ...

- ... served **1749** respondents (juvenile offenders) in 13 years.
- ... Trained **473 Youth Lawyers** who have completed the 16-hour youth court lawyer training,
- ... Volunteered a total of **26,890** hours
- ... **92%** of the volunteers have gone on to at least a 4 year college program.
- ... **3,826 Youth** ages 12-18 have participated in Youth Court by serving Jury Duty, serving **15,304** hours of service.

### SOUTH COAST YOUTH COURTS STATS AND FACTS

- Youth Court respondents are 3 times less likely to re-offend after completion of youth court, than if they were processed through tradition court.
- South Coast Youth Courts have an average 92% compliance rate.
- South Coast Youth Courts have an average of 81% non-recidivism rate one year post youth court completion and a 69% non-recidivism rate three years post youth court completion.

*75,573 hours* of valuable community service learning experiences have been completed by respondents giving back to **91** different community venues including schools, non-profit agencies, senior centers, needy families and the disabled.

*"As a student leader there are many things I am passionate about; my school, student body, athletics, etc., but there is one thing I hold superior passion for - This is, without a doubt, Youth Court." Justin, Volunteer Lawyer, age 17*

**90%** of respondents are sanctioned to afterschool programs, homework clubs, self-help groups, mentors, etc. to assist with their positive reconnection and successful completion.

After completing their 120-day sanction period, **65%** have chosen to continue going to their program.

New Bedford Youth Court is one of more than 1,100 Youth Courts nationally supported as a promising practice by both the Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the American Bar Association (ABA). NBYC is a program of Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc. (PAACA), a grass roots community based non-profit agency in Southeastern Massachusetts.

