

Services provided through Circuit and Municipal Court
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Albany County

Circuit Court

- Juvenile Court takes place in District Court therefore, Circuit Court does not provide services. Although, Circuit Court does place juveniles on unsupervised probation at times and most often requires them to participate in counseling, community service, etc.

Municipal Court

- Since Juvenile cases are heard in District Court, there is a limited number of youth cases heard in Municipal Court. When it does occur, there has most often been a fine issued. First offenders are given a six month trial period, if the offender remains violation free the case is dismissed.

Big Horn County

Circuit Court

- Supervised probation is provided by Youth Services
- Youth Services also provides Tobacco classes and Corrective Thinking

Municipal Court

- Information unavailable at time of submission

Campbell County

Circuit Court

- Supervised probation is provided by the Campbell County Juvenile Probation
- Community Service Hours
- Intensive Supervised Probation (ISP)
- Urinalysis

Municipal Court

- Campbell County Juvenile Probation supervises municipal cases as well. The youth is placed on probation with Campbell County Juvenile Probation however, County Probation only supervises the community service hours.

Carbon County

Circuit Court

- Supervised probation
- Urinalysis
- Ankle Monitoring
- Community Service tracking
- Tracks the payment of fines to the courts
- Insight- substance abuse group
- Peace Talks
- Resolving Conflicts
- Making Parenting a Pleasure
- Sex Smart

Municipal Court

- Information unavailable at time of submission

Converse County

Circuit Court

- Circuit Court places the majority of youthful offenders on probation with the Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections uses the Solutions for Life Mental Health Center for both counseling and as a form of multi systemic therapy, known as Successful Families.
- For placement activities, youth convicted in Circuit Court are either placed in a short term drug rehabilitation center or in the Jeffery C. Wardell Academy operated by Frontier Corrections. Placement of adjudicated youth in Circuit Court is known to be rare.
- Circuit also assesses fines and community service to youth within that system.

Municipal Court

- Majority of the cases in Municipal Court are misdemeanor cases such as Minor In Possession offenses. The Converse County Attorney advised that it is much less expensive and much faster to convict in Circuit Court rather than to adjudicate

in Juvenile Court. The decision to send a juvenile to Municipal Court resides with the Douglas Police Department. In situations where a municipal ordinance is violated, the officers will cite the juvenile into municipal court first. The Department of Family Services is rarely aware of these citations and the subsequent judgment of the youth, unless the juvenile informs the probation officer of the offense.

Crook County

- Information unavailable at time of submission

Fremont County

Circuit Court and Municipal Court

- Circuit Court and Municipal Court provide the same services. The services provided are through Youth Services of Fremont County.
- Limited supervision while on probation can be provided.
- Diversion program
- Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) group
- VOICES- a group for female offenders
- Limited Urinalyses
- Juvenile Detention placements for violations of circuit and municipal court orders of probation.
- Make referrals to Juvenile Drug Court and District Court.

Goshen County

Circuit and Municipal Courts

- Youth Alternative offers probation services, anger management classes, substance abuse education, community service supervision, and 48- hour hold services.

Hot Springs County

Circuit and Municipal Courts

- Hot Springs Youth Alternative provides the following services; probation supervision for low risk cases, community service, diversion program for first time offenders, after school tutoring, GED coordination, and MIP Program for tobacco and alcohol.

Johnson County

Circuit and Municipal Courts

- Probation related services including; supervision, case planning, urinalyses, ankle monitors and some criminal thinking groups.
- Drug Court is also utilized which includes the following services; supervision, case planning, urinalyses, ankle monitors, some criminal thinking groups, and treatment for substance abuse.
- Both courts use the local group homes and the detention center in Casper for major infractions and violations.

Laramie County

Circuit Court

- Similar to Municipal Court, Youth Alternative is the primary judicial body handling of juvenile misdemeanor offenses.
- Youth Alternatives offers supervised probation, family crisis intervention, work alternatives, electronic monitoring, home detention, juvenile alcohol and drug intervention project, weekend jail alternatives, career development, tutoring and reading support.

Municipal Court

- Municipal Court is the primary judicial body handling of juvenile misdemeanor offenses. The Court partners with Youth Alternatives to provide preventive and corrective services to juvenile offenders and their families.
- Youth Alternatives offers supervised probation, family crisis intervention, work alternatives, electronic monitoring, home detention, juvenile alcohol and drug intervention project, weekend jail alternatives, career development, tutoring and reading support.

Lincoln County

Circuit and Municipal Courts

- No services are provided you youth through Circuit or Municipal Courts.

Natrona County

Circuit Courts

- Circuit court youth are supervised by the Department of Corrections and the services offered are minimal. They provide services as directed by the court. They can refer youth to services but have no financial means to pay for anything. The Department of Corrections does offer a Thinking for a Change group at no cost.

Municipal Courts

- Municipal court services are minimal. They can provide probation supervision as directed by the court but also have no financial means to help with services and do not conduct any groups.

Niobrara County

- Information unavailable at time of submission

Park County

Circuit and Municipal Courts

- Youth Services provides supervised and unsupervised probation for lower risk cases.
- Youth Services also provides the following services; shoplifting class, urinalyses collection and community service opportunities.

Platte County

Circuit Court

- Circuit Court typically handles misdemeanor offenses. In these cases the juvenile is usually ordered to pay a fine and be on a period of unsupervised probation. Depending on the nature of the offense and the history of the juvenile, the county attorney may dismiss the citation and file an appropriate petition in District Court in order to utilize the Department of Family Services probation.
- Juveniles can also be placed on probation and supervised by the Department of Corrections. This typically occurs with juveniles that are close their eighteenth birthday.

Municipal Court

- In Municipal Court, juveniles are typically ordered to pay a fine or complete community service hours.

Sheridan County

Circuit and Municipal Courts

- Sheridan County Justice Office is used for probation related services. Including; supervision, case planning, urinalyses, ankle monitors and some criminal thinking groups.
- Drug Court is also utilized which includes the following services; supervision, case planning, urinalyses, ankle monitors, some criminal thinking groups, and treatment for substance abuse.
- Both courts use the local group homes and the detention center in Casper for major infractions and violations.

Sublette County

- Information unavailable at time of submission

Sweetwater County

Circuit Courts

- Supervised probation- youth are supervised by Sweetwater County Probation with little or no services.

Municipal Courts

- Fines and restitution work.

Teton County

Circuit and Municipal Courts

- No services are provided to youth through Circuit or Municipal Courts.

Uinta County

Circuit

- No services are provided to youth through Circuit or Municipal Courts.

Municipal

- Youth are referred to the Youth Drug Court which is ran out of City Court.

Washakie County

Circuit and Municipal Courts

- **Diversion Program-** This program enables youth who are first time offenders to avoid a Court Disposition, or a court record, by successfully completing the program. The Diversions Program encourages youth to make better choices, maintain good grades and learn how the judicial system works. In order to help youth become more aware of the causes for anti-social behavior, the Diversions Program addresses the attitudes, beliefs, values, expectations, thinking patterns and other related cognitive structures of youth.
- **Minor in Possession of Alcohol and/or Controlled Substances-** The M.I.P. Program works to educate youth about the consequences of alcohol and/or substance abuse. The program is designed to encourage youth to be accountable for their choices and actions as well as to educate youth on the realities and consequences of engaging in high-risk behavior.
- **Prevention Program-** The Prevention Program works with aggressive or violent youth using intervention strategies that will teach youth to work through conflict and seek positive solutions to problems.
- **Y.E.S. Program-** preventing future acts of shoplifting and other serious criminal activity.
- **Minor in Possession of Tobacco Product-** illustrating many of the dangers of tobacco usage, as well as understanding the influence of peer-pressure and self-esteem.
- **Parenting Classes-** sessions include topics such as anger management, discipline and better parenting skills. Community resources for parents are explored, including child health and safety issues. (Back IN Control (for teens) and Common Sense Parenting (for younger children))
- **Risk Assessments-** Court ordered risk assessments are provided by youth alternatives. Assessments are done in cooperation with the Department of Family Services, law enforcement, schools, and any other agencies that have been in contact with the juvenile. Assessments assist the Courts and County Attorney to make informed dispositions in the best interest of the juvenile.
- **GED and Tutoring Program-** available for all juveniles wishing to complete their GED.

- Electronic Monitoring
- Community Service Program
- 48 hour hold- supervision while awaiting transportation to detention or court.

Weston County

- Information unavailable at time of submission