North Carolina Juvenile Justice Process

Who is a juvenile in NC?

Undisciplined Juvenile

Any person who is at least 6 years of age while less than 18 years of age who is:

Regularly disobedient to parents

Runs away from home Unlawfully absent from school **Delinquent Juvenile**

Any person who is at least 6 years of age while less than 16 years who has committed a criminal offense under state law or under a local government including violations of the motor vehicle law.

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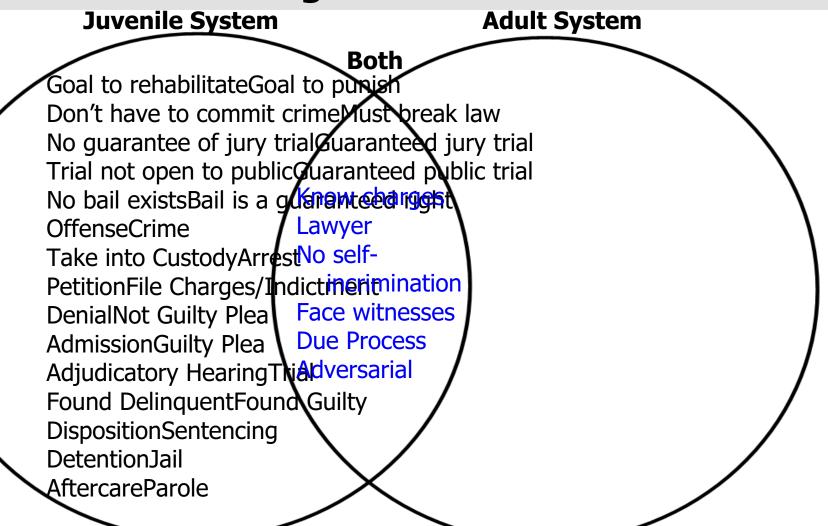
What are the causes of Juvenile Offenses?

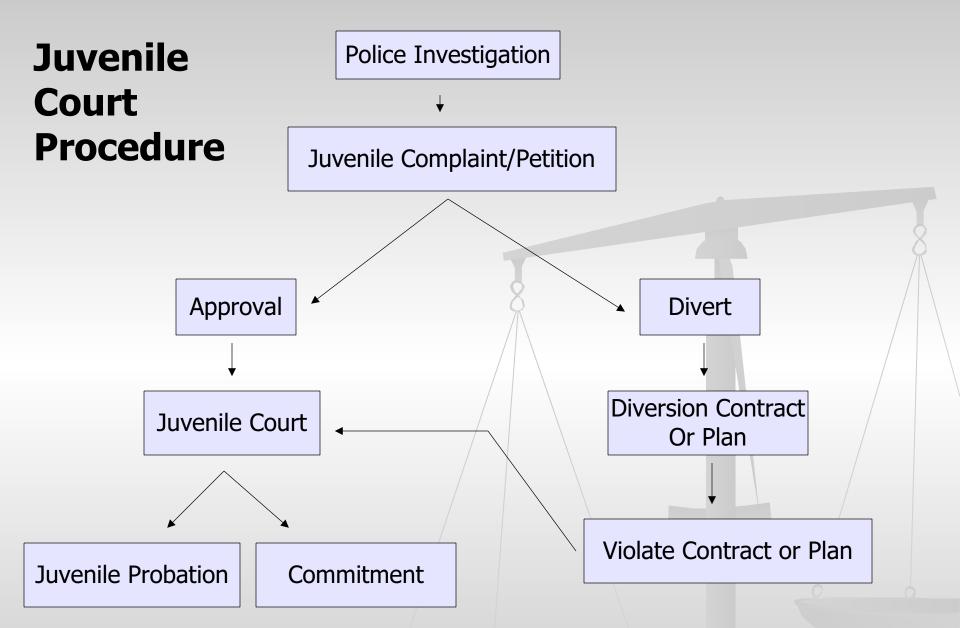
- Abuse & neglect by caregivers
- Poverty
- Exposure to criminal behavior
- Peer pressure

PROCEDURES AND PROCESS

- THE FOCUS ON OFFENDERS AND NOT OFFENSES, ON <u>rehabilitation and not</u> <u>punishment</u>, HAD SUBSTANTIAL PROCEDURAL IMPACT.
- AS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE TREATMENT MODEL WANED, DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS WERE INTRODUCED, MOST NOTABLY FROM THE CASE IN RE GAULT. READ CASE STUDY!
- SOME STRESS PUNISHMENT, BUT MOST WHEN SHOULD JUVENILES BE TRIED AS ADULT?

The juvenile justice system differs from the adult justice system, but there's common ground.





Juvenile District Court or Teen Court?

- AdjudicationHearing
- Judge decides responsibility and disposition
- Felonies may be sent to Superior Court as adult

- Choice of juv.
 Delinquent
- Only misdemeanors & 1 offense
- Must admit responsibility

Dispositional Hearing

- Supervised Probation
 - ■Level 1 and/or Level 2
- Commitment to a Detention Facility
 - ■Level 1 and/or Level 2
- Commitment to a Youth Development Center
 - ■Level 3

Conditions of Probation

- 1. Remain on good behavior
- Not violate any laws
- 3. Not violate any rules of parent
- 4. Attend school regularly
- 5. Be employed
- 6. Maintain passing grades
- 7. Not associate with.....
- 8. Not possess or consume alcohol or other drug
- 9. Submit to drug screens
- 10. Submit to warrant less searches
- 11. Abide by a curfew
- 12. Possess no weapons
- 13. other

Level 1 Conditions

- Cooperate with counseling
- Pay restitution up to \$500.00
- Fine
- Community service up to 100 hours
- Revoke or prohibit drivers license
- Spend (5) 24-hour periods in detention
- Cooperate in out-of-home placement

Level 2 Conditions

- Cooperate in out-of-home placement
- Intensive probation
- House arrest
- Spend (14-28) 24-hour periods in detention center
- Community service over 100 hours
- Cooperate in wilderness program
- Restitution over \$500.00

Level 3: Commitment

Commitment to Youth Development Center

- 1. C.A. Dillon-Butner
- 2. Stonewall Jackson-Concord
- 3. Dobbs-Kinston
- 4. Chatham-Siler City