

# Juvenile Drug Court

As the only provider for Juvenile Drug Court, a diversion program, in Seminole County, **IMPOWER** is able to offer an alternative to the normal judicial process for delinquency cases.

The mission of the Seminole County Juvenile Drug Court is to reduce substance abuse and juvenile crime, and increase public safety by providing an alternative to the normal judicial process in delinquency cases. The process is initiated through the juvenile judicial process in collaboration with the State Attorney's Office.

**IMPOWER** then intervenes in cases and offers services to help the youth transition into a healthy lifestyle and greatly reduce the chance of a youth re-entering the system!

The Juvenile Drug Court Program is a program of IMPOWER; a Central-Florida based non-profit mental health, substance misuse and child well-being organization dedicated to the mission of

“changing lives by protecting, counseling, teaching and inspiring individuals and families to reach their full potential.”

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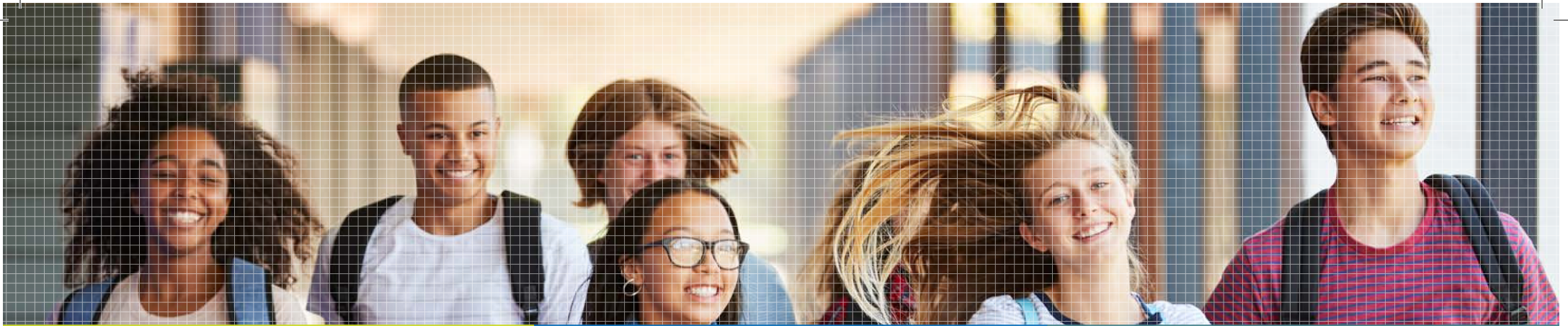


## Change Your Choices

### JUVENILE DRUG COURT AT IMPOWER

*A Diversion Program in partnership with the Eighteen Judicial Court and the Seminole County State Attorney's Office*

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## The Drug Court Program

## Who is Eligible?

## How Does a Youth Enroll?

### PHASE 1

- Attend group three hours a week
- Individual sessions weekly
- Family session monthly
- Random urinalysis testing weekly

### PHASE 2

- Attend group two hours a week
- Individual session's bi-weekly
- Family session monthly
- Random urinalysis testing weekly

### PHASE 3

- Attend group one hour weekly
- Individual counseling sessions monthly
- Family session monthly
- Random urinalysis testing weekly

### PHASE 4

- Attend group one hour bi-weekly
- One family session monthly
- Random weekly urinalysis

Adolescent youth located in Seminole County who have been arrested for a drug related infraction are considered eligible to participate.

Youth are identified by the State Attorney's Office and referred to the Juvenile Drug Court Program offered at **IMPOWER**.

All effort is made to keep youth out of the juvenile court system via referrals to the most appropriate diversion programs.

## POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS

- 1st time offenders
- Repeat offenders where other programs did not yield positive results
- Identified substance use problem

Once identified by the juvenile court system as a potential candidate for the program:

- Youth and family will meet with a counselor on site at the Seminole County Courthouse the day of Docket Sounding
- If in agreement to participate, youth and family will sign a Drug Court Agreement and be scheduled for an intake appointment
- Intake documents will be completed on site at our administrative offices

## PARENT PARTICIPATION

Parent or guardian participation is a key component to the youth's success. Caregivers are required to participate in intake and monthly family sessions.