

Alaska Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Juvenile Justice  
Youth Courts/Community Panels Participant Surveys

Youth Defendant

- 1) Has your experience with Youth Court increased your understanding of the court system/laws?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being none, 5 being more than expected

None 1	2	Some 3	4	More Than Expected 5

- 2) Sentencing: Which of the following best describes your sentence for the offense you committed?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being too easy, 5 being too harsh

Too Easy 1	2	Fair & Appropriate 3	4	Too Harsh 5

- 3) Did you feel the Youth Court Director/student attorneys provided an accurate explanation of the Youth Court program/process and what was expected of you?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being did not understand, 5 being understood my rights & responsibilities

Did not understand 1	2	Some Understanding 3	4	Understood Clearly 5

- 4) Youth Court helped me understand that my actions and their consequences are my responsibility.

Scale of 1-5: 1 being I do not understand, 5 being I do understand

Did Not Understand 1	2	Some Understanding 3	4	Understand Clearly 5

- 5) Are you interested in becoming a member of the Youth Court as an attorney, bailiff, judge, or volunteer?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being no, 5 being yes

No 1	2	Maybe 3	4	Yes 5

- 6) Please rate your overall experience with Youth Court.

Scale of 1-5: 1 being negative, 5 being positive

Negative 1	2	Neutral 3	4	Positive 5

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Parent/Guardian of Defendant

- 1) What type of impact did the Youth Court have on your youth?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being negative, 5 being positive

Negative 1	2	Neutral 3	4	Positive 5

- 2) Do you think Youth Court has helped your youth recognize that they must be prepared to accept the consequences of their behavior in a mature manner?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being none, 5 being more than expected

None 1	2	Some 3	4	More Than Expected 5

- 3) Has your youth received another citation or committed another offense since completing Youth Court?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being yes & sentenced, 5 being no & improved behavior

Yes & sentenced 1	Yes, no sentence 2	Not Sure 3	No offenses 4	No & improved behavior 5

- 4) Which of the following best describes your youth's sentence for the offense?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being too lenient, 5 being too harsh

Too Lenient 1	2	Fair & Appropriate 3	4	Too Harsh 5

- 5) Did the Youth Court Director provide an accurate explanation of the Youth Court program and what was expected of your youth?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being did not understand, 5 being understood clearly

Did not understand 1	2	Some Understanding 3	4	Understood Clearly 5

- 6) Please rate your overall experience with Youth Court.

Scale of 1-5: 1 being negative, 5 being positive

Negative 1	2	Neutral 3	4	Positive 5

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Youth Court Volunteer

- 1) Has your experience with today's hearings increased your understanding of the court system/laws?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being none, 5 being more than expected

None 1	2	Some 3	4	More Than Expected 5

- 2) Did the prosecution and defense speak clearly and give well thought out arguments showing they were prepared?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being no, not prepared; 5 being yes, well prepared

No, Not Prepared 1	2	Adequately Prepared 3	4	Yes, Well Prepared 5

- 3) Did the defendant appear to understand his/her part in the proceedings?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being no, did not appear to understand; 5 being yes, appeared to understand

Did Not Understand 1	2	Some Understanding 3	4	Understood Clearly 5

- 4) Did the sentences imposed seem just, appropriate, and effective?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being too lenient, 5 being too harsh

Too Lenient 1	2	Fair & Appropriate 3	4	Too Harsh 5

- 5) Do you believe participation in today's hearings encouraged personal accountability for all involved parties?

Scale of 1-5: 1 being none, 5 being more than expected

None 1	2	Some 3	4	More Than Expected 5

- 6) Please rate your overall experience with Youth Court.

Scale of 1-5: 1 being negative, 5 being positive

Negative 1	2	Neutral 3	4	Positive 5