

Juvenile Justice Commission

Mission Statement

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia is committed to youth involved in our state's court systems. It is imperative that those systems hear the voices of youth while promoting effective interventions that encourage and support rehabilitation and behavior reform measures for youth and their families. Circuit judges must have confidence that youth ordered into the state's custody are afforded every opportunity for success.

Therefore, the facilities and programs operated, contracted, or managed by the West Virginia Bureau of Juvenile Services or the West Virginia Department of Human Services must, from time to time, be examined by the Court not only to ensure that the presiding judges are very familiar with the services and environment into which they are ordering youth but also to ensure that these programs are appropriate and effective. It is through collaboration and communication between the Judiciary, the Legislature, the Department of Education, and the executive agencies, West Virginia's investment of energy and resources into court involved youth will result in the best possible future for our state.

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