

**Part I Request for Diversion**

Young Person's Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth
Telephone Number	Email Address	
Address	Town	Postal Code
Parent/Guardian First & Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address

I hereby request that I be referred to a Diversion Program in relation to the following offence(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

I fully and freely consent to participate in the YMCA Community Justice Programming, and I consent to the disclosure of personal information about me to the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce for that purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Young Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Part II Officer Acknowledgement – to be completed by referring Officer**

Name of Officer and Badge No.	Police Service
Signature of Police Officer	Email Address
Occurrence #	Is there a Co-Accused? Yes    No
To be included with referral: Victim Contact    Incident Report	Co-Accused Action: Referred    Charged    Cautioned/Warned    No Action

Additional Notes/Comments:

Referrals may be forwarded by fax or email

## General Information

### What is diversion?

Diversion is an alternative to court. After investigating an offence, police can decide to use diversion to hold a young person accountable for their behaviour. With the young person's consent, police can make a referral to a community organization that offers diversion programs.

Diversion gives a young person the opportunity to be accountable for his/her behaviour and to do something to make up for their mistake instead of going to court. Diversion is also designed to increase involvement of victims and communities in the justice process and offers a young person a learning opportunity through the use of assigned tasks.

Tasks are tailored to address a young person's specific needs and can include but are not limited to:

- Participation in a Justice Circle
- Verbal or written apology to victim
- Essays
- Personal or community service
- Compensation, restitution
- Charitable donations
- Workshops/educational sessions
- Referrals to community programs

## Information for Young Person

### Diversion Referral

You have been involved in an offence that has resulted in a police investigation. The police officer, as a result of this investigation, has decided to refer you to the YMCA Community Justice Programs to participate in a diversion program.

### What is the next step?

You must contact the YMCA Community Justice Programs and you will be required to attend and meet with a Community Justice Worker for an assessment to determine your suitability for acceptance into the Diversion Program.

Should you fail to contact the referral agency or be deemed unsuitable for the Diversion Program, the officer may proceed with the charge.

### What if I do not follow through?

If you fail to follow through with your diversion responsibilities, the YMCA is obligated to notify the referring officer, who may at that time proceed with the charge.