### $\sim$ Diversion 101 $\sim$

Diversion is a short-term case management program for youth and their families to voluntarily address an offense outside of the traditional Juvenile Court system. It is a collaborative and effective way to understand and prevent future delinquency without creating a formal court record.

Police report is sent to the Prosecutor's Office for Screening

Prosecutor's Office refers youth to Diversion Program supervised by Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation

Diversion Officer meets with the family to review the police report, their rights and expectations of the Diversion Program Youth and parent / guardian choose to participate in program

> Youth must admit guilt to the offense and agree to enter into contract with Diversion Board

Diversion Board meets with youth and parents, terms of Diversion are determined and contract is signed by youth, parent/guardian and Diversion Board

Youth and parent / guardian work towards completion







#### MISSION STATEMENT

Twin Falls County Juvenile Services

"We protect and serve juveniles and families by providing accountability, life skills development and community safety."

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# Why do we have volunteer Diversion Boards?

Simply put, the Diversion Program would not be the success it has been in Twin Falls County, if not for our Volunteers!

The Neighborhood **Accountability Board** (Diversion Board) is a restorative process that brings the juvenile offender, victims, and the community together for more positive outcomes. Our volunteers live and work in the communities they serve. We have **Diversion Boards serving** all of Twin Falls County. Currently we have seven **Diversion Boards in Twin** Falls, one in Kimberly, and one in Buhl.

## Diversion Boards average two members

Average meetings run between 1 and 3 hours, one Wednesday evening a month

<u>Dinner</u> is provided to our board members on evening of meetings

Training and mentoring is provided by our Diversion Team and Staff members





If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact our office for more information

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