

<b>West Side</b>	<b>Youth Court</b>	<b>East Side</b>
Yvonne Krajovic Boys & Girls Club 666-0067 5404 Applegate Drive, Spring Hill (Behind Burger King on US19, next door to Westside Elementary School)	John Heyne or Joann Spadaro Hernando County Youth Court 540-6263 Government Complex, Brooksville Monday at 5:30	Audrey Williams Jerome Brown Community Center 544-5498 99 Jerome Brown Place, Brooksville (in the Tom Varn Park complex)


- ① Choose one of the three locations above, and call to make an appointment, even if you are going to give your speech at Youth Court. State your name and say that you are from Youth Court and like to know when you should come to give your speech. Write down the date and time at the top of the next page and tell your parent/guardian when you must be there.
- ➔ Know where you're going. Check for directions to your chosen location. Give your name at the office and say that you are a Youth Court speaker. You will stay approximately 30 minutes. Remember to use "please" and "thank you."
- ① What to wear? Follow the Youth Court Dress Code.
- ⌚ BE ON TIME. Often the children are kept in from play to hear your important speech. Your speech must be no less than 5 minutes.
- 👁 Look at your audience, not at your feet or your notes. Look at one person while you complete one thought, then move your eyes to another person for the next complete thought. Don't try to look at everyone at once.
- 🗣 Speak LOUDLY, CLEARLY, and SLOWLY.
- 👐 What to do with your hands: Whatever you do, keep them away from your mouth and face! Almost as important, keep them out of your pockets. If it makes you more comfortable, go ahead and hold something like a tablet (but don't read it) or your favorite stuffed animal. You can use your hands to gesture and emphasize your words.
- 🙄 Nervous? Use your imagination to dress everyone in the audience in pajamas; suddenly, they'll seem like no threat at all.
- 🗣 Panels: You may be lucky enough to be on a Speakers Panel. This means that you will speak with one or more other speakers. Here's how it works: each person gives his/her speech in turn. During questions, the kids may ask the speaker they choose.
- 📄 Prepare a very brief outline for your speech. We'll help: Use the outline on the back of this page. Just add three or four reminder words or phrases in each each speech part.
- Remember to have this sheet signed at the Youth Center to turn in to the Youth Court Coordinator as proof that you have delivered your speech.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Date: \_\_\_\_\_


Day/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

 **Part 1: Introduction.** Tell your first name and age. Tell a little about yourself, like hobbies, family. Be sure to include your good points. It's important that your audience that you are a good kid, and that even good kids can make bad choices. Someday they could be in your shoes if they don't listen up!


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 **Part 2: Describe your Crime.** Tell about the mistake you made. If you can, try to describe what you were thinking at the time of your choice, or what led you to the choice to commit your crime.

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 **Part 3: Describe the Consequences.** Tell what happened to you as a result of your crime, and you learned from the consequences.

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 **Part 4: Youth Court.** Tell about your Youth Court hearing and what you learned from it and from your sentence.

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**Part 5: Closing.** Close your speech by thanking the audience for their attention.

**Part 6: Questions.** This is the easy part. Let the kids do the work. Just answer truthfully and helpfully.

**Just so you know ...**

**Studies show that kids are more likely to listen to and learn from another kid than from an adult. Also, they're more likely to listen to someone who's "been there, done that."**

Speech successfully completed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Youth Center Staff Member

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_