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**Cultivating
Quality
Teen Court
Programs
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The North Carolina Teen Court Association's purpose is to serve as the link to bring all local Teen Court programs together as a unit. The Association will endeavor to involve the Association leadership, state government leadership, and local representation to provide knowledge and resources to allow the Association to do this effectively.

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Mission of the NCTCA

Promote, encourage, and support the development and implementation of Teen Court programs across North Carolina.

Our Vision

To become a leading force by:

- Becoming a national model by bringing Teen Court programs in North Carolina together to promote high quality programming for youth
- Gaining recognition by becoming “pioneers in success” by joining forces with other justice and law associations
- Promoting increasing numbers of Teen Court programs across North Carolina
- Developing a public relations campaign to increase positive public awareness of Teen Courts
- Gaining status as a major force in reducing the juvenile crime rate in communities served by Teen Courts

What is Teen Court?

Teen Court is an alternative system of justice, which offers first-time juvenile offenders an opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses through community service and other educational opportunities.

Teen Court also provides a “hands on” educational experience for student volunteers in our justice system. Teen Court does not determine guilt or innocence; rather, it recommends a constructive sentence for the juvenile defendant that includes restitution, community service hours and educational classes.

A juvenile referred to Teen Court appears before a jury of peers and is defended and prosecuted by peers. Evidence from many sources indicates that not only do young people stay out of trouble following a Teen Court appearance, but the program also saves hundreds of thousands of dollars in community expense and allows the juvenile court system to concentrate more time and energy on critical juvenile offenders.

Costs and Requirements of Membership

In order to be a member of the North Carolina Teen Court Association, you must have an active Teen Court Program in North Carolina and pay the Annual \$50.00 membership fee.

Benefits of NCTCA Membership

Participation in the annual NC Teen Court Summit and Mock Trial Competition

Participation in the annual NC Teen Court Conference

A Network with other Teen Courts in North Carolina for exchanging ideas and methodology for activities

Resources and technical assistance for Implementation and Sustaining Teen Court Programs

State-wide Marketing Opportunities

Voice to the National Association of Youth Courts