

Scenario A: A youth is charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, the first offense.

Juvenile System:

Petition Filed

(Parents Are Notified)

Adjudication Hearing

Are allegations true? (Parents Must Be Present)

Dispositional Hearing

Judge plans action based on General Statutes and disposition chart

(Parents Must Be Present; Parents May Be Subject To Requirements)

Placed on Supervised Juvenile Probation

- Assigned a court counselor
- Required to attend school; maintain satisfactory grades
- Follows household rules; avoids negative influences
- Alcohol and drug free; subjected to random drug tests
- Abides by a curfew
- Afforded rehab and treatment
- May be confined in a detention facility
- Parent may be ordered to support treatment, attend parenting classes, or other requirements

At Age 19:

- High school graduate
- Has no criminal record
- Eligible for college scholarships
- Able to apply for any job
- Can serve in the military
- Eligible to vote
- Less likely to re-offend



Adult System:

Arrested/Charged

In Adult Court (Parent May or May Not Be Notified)

Plea or Trial in District Court

Sentence

(Parent May Not Be Involved)

Jail/Prison

(unlikely)

Deferred Prosecution (community service)

- Commit no future crimes
- Must pay court costs
- Must pay attorneys' fees
- Required to attend school or work
- Subjected to random drug tests
- Must complete community service hours
- Adult criminal record if requirements are not met
- Parent cannot be ordered to participate

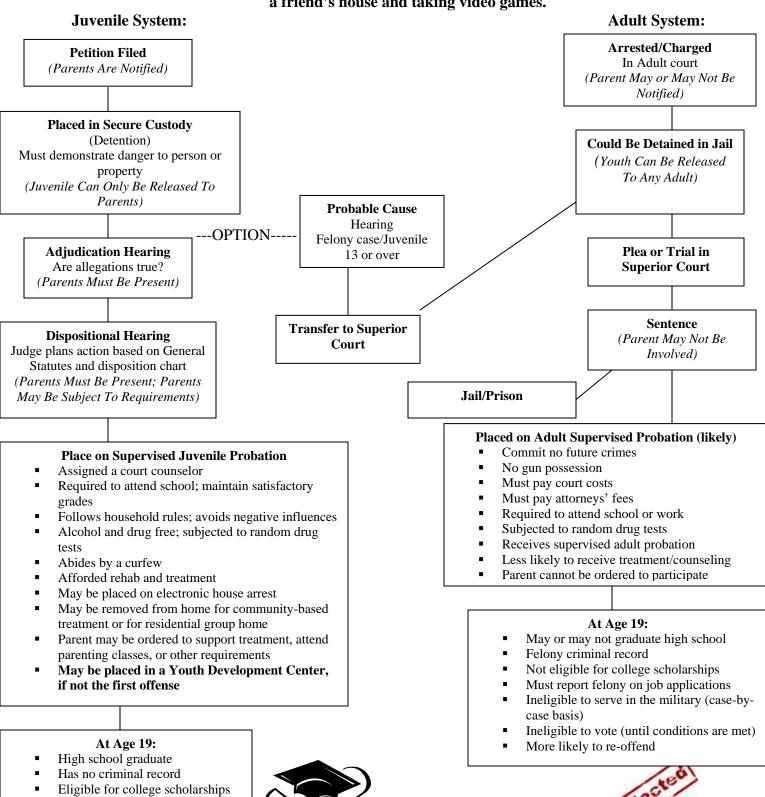
At Age 19:

- May or may not graduate high school
- Has no criminal record IF requirements
- Must report offense on job and college applications (case-by-case basis)
- Must report offenses to serve in the military (case-by-case basis)





Scenario B: A youth is charged with felony breaking and entering by entering an open window of a friend's house and taking video games.

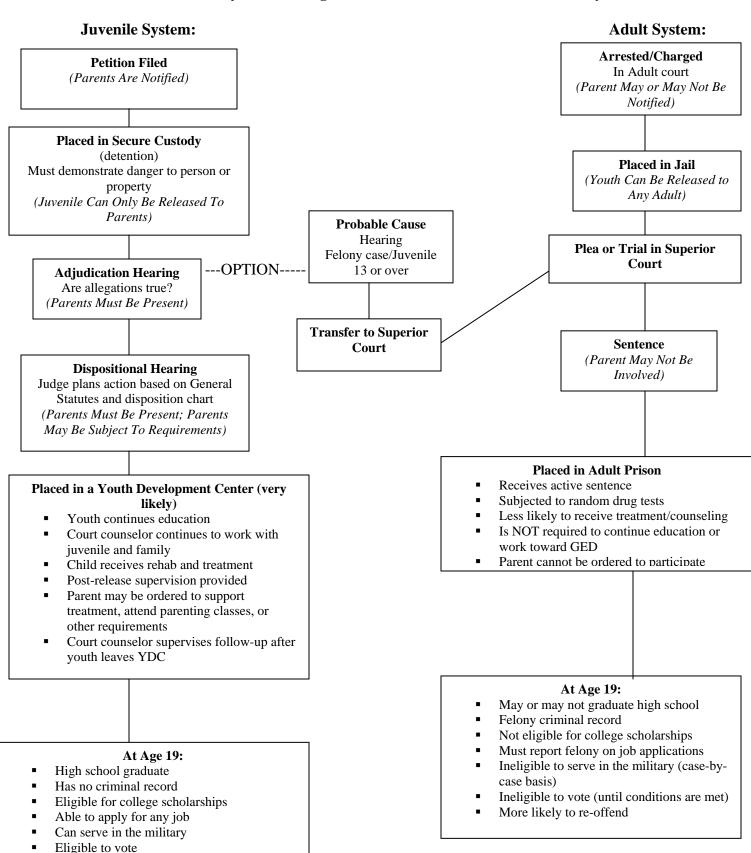


Able to apply for any job Can serve in the military

Eligible to vote Less likely to re-offend



Scenario C: A youth is charged with several counts of armed robbery.



Less likely to re-offend