**MJJA EAJ PRESENTATION**

**Emerging Adult Justice Program Overview**

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The purpose of the Emerging Adult Justice Program is to assist youth as they transition into adulthood. The Emerging Adult Justice Program seeks to divert youth from involvement with the criminal justice system by helping youth identify and tap into their skills, talents, and passions. Our goal is to offer true partnership and empower youth to become their best self by focusing on their personal and professional development.

We gather resources by building community partnerships to provide professional development, vocational training, and educational services. Our services and programs are individualized to meet the specific needs and life goals of our youth. Therefore, we provide real-life training in areas such as financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

Participation in this program is voluntary in lieu of prosecution. Statements made while engaged in the Emerging Adult Justice Program shall not be used against the youth. Statements made by my family to Family Court staff during the participation in the Emerging Adult Justice Program shall not be used against the youth. Charges will not be filed during the youth’s participation in the program; therefore an attorney will not be appointed to me.