



## Lake County IN Teen Court

A program of the Crisis Center, Inc.

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# While you're waiting...



### Facts about Teen Court:

1. The Crisis Center has been operating Teen Court in Lake County since 1984. Thousands of teens from Lake County has participated.
2. The Crisis Center is a multi-faceted crisis intervention & prevention agency with seven programs serving all of Northwest Indiana
3. 87% of students who have gone through the Teen Court process have reported not getting into further trouble.
4. Students participating admit the charges, but face a more meaningful sanction—and no jail time.
5. Teen Court is a choice. You were referred here as an alternative to Juvenile Court because you are being given a unique opportunity to avoid high court costs and possible detention at the Lake Co. Juvenile Detention Center.
6. The sanctions and follow-up from Teen Court last 6 months or more, but are very manageable and meaningful.
7. Many students who have participated in Teen Court often request to serve as future volunteers, even after their requirements have been fulfilled!
8. Teen Court is on facebook! Visit our official site for the link: [www.crisiscentersb.org/teencourt](http://www.crisiscentersb.org/teencourt)

### What to expect during today's interview:

1. Today's interview or intake is not the actual Teen Court hearing, it's the required meeting to get information from you and your parent or guardian, and to prepare you for the upcoming hearing
2. The time you'll spend in the intake is approximately 10 minutes
3. During the intake, you will be asked to whether you'll choose the teen court experience. You'll also be able to ask as many questions as you'd like about the process
4. The best advice is to be yourself, do not be nervous, and be as honest as possible
5. Please silence your cell phones when coming in for the interview



### *Testimonials about Teen Court...*

#### **Camille Peoples - 2010 Teen Court Judge and Graduated Senior**

*"Teen Court has given me the confidence and encouragement to pursue a career in the Justice System"*

#### **Harmony Lippert - 2010 Teen Court Judge and Graduated Senior**

*"Teen Court has given me a better understanding of the justice system and has helped me build better speech and communication skills by actually being a part of real cases."*



#### **Jacob Svrcek - 2010 Teen Court Judge and Graduated Senior**

*"Teen Court has allowed me to grow by experiencing the responsibility of awarding justice and defending cases with real life sentences."*