

Anchorage Youth Court Press Release



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Like most juvenile proceedings, Anchorage Youth Court (AYC) sentencing hearings are closed to the public. However, Thursday, August 25th, trained AYC student clerks, bailiffs, attorneys and judges will present "Faces of AYC", a rare view of the inner workings of the Anchorage Youth Court program. This special event will include a live mock sentencing with the opportunity for questions and answers from our trained youth court members.

Anchorage Youth Court trains Anchorage/Eagle River/Chugiak/Girdwood area youth, grades 7-12, ages 12 to 18, to represent and judge their peers in actual criminal cases, providing hands-on justice for teens who have broken the law. Students train and serve as clerks, bailiffs, prosecuting and defense attorneys, as well as judges, encouraging understanding and respect for the law in a formal court setting. AYC's after-school and summer program helps teens develop citizenship, leadership and practical skills while providing the opportunity for juvenile offenders to realize consequences for their illegal acts and gain appreciation for the law.

"Faces of AYC" is free to the public. Join us at the Wilda Marston Theatre in the Loussac Library between 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 25th, as students, parents, supporters and the community learn more about Anchorage Youth Court.

Refreshments and class registration, for students interested in our AYC Fall Bar Classes, will be available in the lobby after the presentation.

ANCHORAGE YOUTH COURT

Anchorage Youth Court is an organized and effective juvenile justice system. It provides Anchorage youth with opportunities for personal growth and an understanding of our legal system. AYC gives youth offenders personal accountability, youth attorneys good training and the opportunity to make a significant difference in others' lives and the public an effective and comprehensive public safety system. Learn more online at www.anchorageyouthcourt.org.

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