

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT
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To: Parent/Custodian of Youth Under Juvenile Officer Supervision
From: Rick Gaines, Juvenile Officer
Re: Supervision Expectations

Recently your child was placed under the supervision of the Juvenile Officer. This was accomplished either through an informal contract or through formal court action. You should have already been introduced to your child's assigned deputy juvenile officer or have a meeting scheduled to meet the deputy juvenile officer in the near future.

During the supervision process, the deputy juvenile officer will work with you and your child in developing supervision contracts. The purpose of a supervision contract is to develop a course of action that has the greatest likelihood of achieving success for your child and to address the specific issues that brought your child under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. The deputy juvenile officer then facilitates your child's participation in the supervision plan, monitors your child's performance, enforces compliance, all while serving as a mature role model and a resource to your child and your family.

The supervision process might include meetings at the juvenile office, at your home, your child's school, and in the community. Your child could also be required to participate in programs. Your assistance in ensuring your child's compliance with the conditions of the supervision contract is crucial to your child receiving the full benefits of the supervision of a deputy juvenile officer.

It is my expectation that your child's deputy juvenile officer will display a high level of professionalism; solicit your input in the supervision contracts; follow through on things he/she agrees to do; keep in contact with you regarding your child's compliance or non-compliance; and guide your child in the direction to achieving success while under the supervision of the Juvenile Officer.

Should there be an occasion where you feel your child's case is not getting the attention required or your child's deputy juvenile officer is not meeting the expectations I have expressed, please feel free to contact me at 573-886-4200. If I am unavailable you may also speak with Cindy Garrett.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or suggestions regarding the services provided by the juvenile office.