

## **East Granby Juvenile Review Board**

### Statement of Purpose

The East Granby Juvenile Review Board (JRB) has been established by the East Granby Youth Services Commission (YSC) to provide a community-based program for diverting eligible juvenile cases from the Juvenile Court System. The Juvenile Review Board will be comprised of Youth Services, law enforcement, school officials, court personnel and community members. It will consist of eleven members who will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Youth Services counselor will act as the case manager for the program.

### Eligibility of Youth for Diversion

- 1) A referral from an East Granby Resident State Trooper for a first time misdemeanor offense committed by a person 17 years of age and under who resides in the Town of East Granby; or
- 2) A referral from the East Granby School District for a first-time offense involving truancy and/or overt and repeated defiance of school rules committed by a person 17 years of age and under who resides in the Town of East Granby only after the school district has exhausted all remedies it has available; or
- 3) A referral from a parent or guardian regarding a child 17 years of age and under who has run away from home or place of living, is beyond the control of the parent or guardian, or has engaged in indecent or immoral conduct.

The parent/guardian of the youth must consent to his or her child's participation. The JRB will not determine guilt or innocence and will only review cases where guilt has been admitted.

The Juvenile Review Board may consider accepting juvenile cases falling outside of these eligibility requirements on a case by case basis and at their discretion.

### Goals

The goal of the Juvenile Review Board is to make effective recommendations to assist the juvenile in avoiding repeat behaviors leading to an arrest or a school based referral to the Juvenile Justice System. Failure to comply with the recommendations of the Juvenile Review Board may result in a referral to the Juvenile Court, and a possible juvenile record.

In crafting its recommendations and conditions, the Juvenile Review Board will make every effort to:

- Identify and solve problems that may be at the root of the delinquency.
- Consider and utilize each important area of the youth's life including home, school and the community.
- Promote positive youth development and growth.

After review of the case, the JRB may recommend that a referral to Juvenile Court is the best course of action.

### Compliance

If the offender complies with the diversion alternatives and all conditions set by the JRB, he/she will not have to appear in Juvenile Court and will not have a juvenile record regarding the incident. Failure to comply with the conditions of the JRB will result in a referral to the Juvenile Court. Situations may arise which will cause the JRB to refer a case to juvenile court, including but not limited to serious juvenile offenses, cases when concerns for the child's social, emotional, family, or physical needs require a higher level of assistance that the JRB can offer, and situations where there is a lack of cooperation by the youth and/or parent with the JRB.

Parents/Guardians and juveniles always have the option of electing to appear before the court rather than before the JRB. A juvenile has the right to deny all charges, however, such denial will result in the referral being sent to the Juvenile Court.

Confidentiality

All information gathered during the Board’s investigation will be kept strictly confidential. While the JRB may choose to solicit input from individuals adversely affected by the actions of the juvenile, the JRB will not promote or require contact between such individuals and the juvenile so that the confidentiality of the juvenile will be maintained.

Conflict of Interest/Recusal

If a member of the JRB has knowledge of the juvenile or his/her family such that the board member cannot make an objective decision regarding the disposition of the juvenile’s case, that board member shall recuse himself/herself from consideration of the case in question.

**Statement of Purpose Acknowledgement**

I have read the East Granby Juvenile Review Board Statement of Purpose and I understand that my son/daughter has admitted guilt to the charges filed by the East Granby Resident State Trooper. I agree to appear before the East Granby Juvenile Review Board with (him/her), and have read the contents of the above Statement of Purpose and fully understand it.

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Juvenile Signature

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Juvenile Name (Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

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Date

(Copy to be retained by Parent/Guardian)