

# Rewards and Responses



## Rewards

**Rewards** are earned for doing well in YAC:

- Arriving on time for court hearings
- Following the Judge's recommendations
- Following your Action Plan
- Practicing and developing accountable behaviors



## Responses

**Responses** are given for not meeting your YAC commitments:

- Missing court appearances
- Missing appointments with your case manager
- Violating your Action Plan
- Committing new criminal offenses

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# Services and Benefits

## Connections to Services and Resources

- Housing
- Job training and placement
- Education
- Group and/or individual therapy
- Health care and benefits

## Recognition of Progress

- Achievements will be recognized by the Judge and YAC team
- Rewards, like gift cards or reduced court appearances, may be earned

## Legal Benefits

- Probation may end early
- Records may be expunged
- **Your felony conviction may be reduced or dismissed**



# County of Orange Young Adult Court



**Your**



**attitude**



**determines**



**your direction**

Welcome to the  
Young Adult Court



# Introducing Young Adult Court

The goals of the Young Adult Court (YAC) are to address and prevent criminal behavior. The YAC will support you with your personal and professional goals. Success in these areas may lead to a possible **reduction or dismissal of your felony conviction**.

## What is Young Adult Court (YAC)?

- YAC is an Orange County Superior Court for adults between 18-25 years old who live and were arrested in Orange County.

## Who is part of YAC?

- Many people make up your YAC team, including your Defense Attorney, the District Attorney, Probation Officer, the Judge, Treatment Providers and **YOU!**
- **Your whole team wants you to succeed!**

## What happens when I finish YAC?

- Based on recommendations from your case manager and probation officer, your felony conviction(s) may be reduced or dismissed.

# What is my Action Plan?

Your Action Plan may include the following services and support:

Job & Education Support

Substance/Alcohol Treatment

Mental Health Services

Additional Services

# What do I need to do?

## Appear before YAC Judge regularly

- During the first few months, you will come to court frequently.
- As you start to meet your goals, you will come to court less often.

## Create and follow Action Plan

- The YAC team will work with you to create a plan based on your individual needs and goals.
- Your Action Plan is a shared commitment between you and the other members of the YAC team
- The YAC team will give the Judge progress reports about your engagement in your Action Plan and adherence to your probation.
- Your success in the program depends on you.

If you adhere to these requirements, you may earn **REWARDS**.

If you fail to follow these requirements, you may receive **RESPONSES**.