



WHAT IS THE P.I. ?

The **Preliminary Inquiry** is a formal meeting with a JPPO.

The PI is generally conducted with parents at the Juvenile Probation and Parole Office. Sometimes the family chooses to have an attorney present. At the meeting, the JPPO will explain the charges, discuss your child's rights, and provide you with an opportunity to respond. Any information you give is on a volunteer basis and is confidential.

At the end of the PI, the JPPO may handle your child's case informally, or refer it to the Children's Court attorney for further action.

If the case does not go to court, you may be asked to:

- Perform community service
- Make victim restitution or attend a Victim-Offender Mediation Program
- Write an apology letter
- Enroll in an Early Diversion Program
- Attend counseling



YOUR TURN

At the Preliminary Inquiry, it is important to let the Juvenile Probation and Parole Officer know if your child has a disability, has mental or behavioral health concerns, is in special education, is on medication or is experiencing educational difficulties.

Don't forget to bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and Medicaid card, if you have one.

Remember ...

- your voice and participation is essential throughout this process. Tell us what you need and what would help.



FOR MORE HELP

The JPPO staff can assist you prior to the Preliminary Inquiry. See the back of this brochure for your local JPPO contact information.

In addition! Parents for Behaviorally Different Children (PBDC) serve as family advocates for communities. Please call 265-0430 (or toll-free 800-273-7232) if you need assistance.

The Office of the Public Defender in your community may also be a source of assistance.



Referral to YFS

This brochure will help answer many of the questions you may have about the Preliminary Inquiry (PI) stage of your child's referral to Youth and Family Services.

A referral has been made that involves your child.

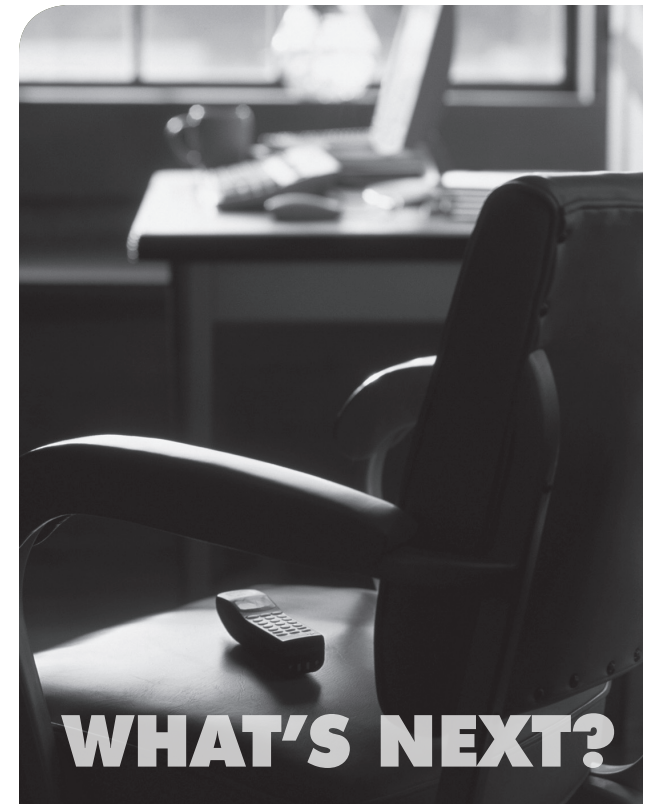
Your child's case has been referred to the Juvenile Probation and Parole Office. A juvenile probation and parole officer (JPPO) will conduct a Preliminary Inquiry.

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Youth and Family Services

For more information, contact:



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