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LITERACY-TO-ADVOCACY JUVENILE DIVERSION

Alternative Community Service Framework for First-Time Youth Offenders (Ages 10–15)

Executive Summary

Juvenile community service often relies on rote manual labor, offering little educational value while creating logistical supervision hurdles for children ages 10 to 15. Minor offenses (such as truancy, curfew violations, or property disputes) represent missed teachable moments.

Civic Action Model

First-time youth offenders and their parents read, research, audit, and produce restorative civic responsibility and actionable civic solutions (e.g., 5 hours of reading/discussion, 10 hours of field research/audit, 10 hours of final report preparation, resolving logistical barriers without burdening court or nonprofit staff).

Streamlined Library Access:

To navigate strict cataloging policies, the court may arrange for program books to be placed directly on reserve for its specific purposes.

Cost-Effective Funding:

Funded through standard participant program/book fees or judicial diversion micro-grants, turning misdemeanors into community milestones.

The Little Ray Difference:

Traditional booksellers sell books as physical goods. Little Ray sells actionable, outcome-driven programs where the books serve as the curriculum or catalyst.

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