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Referrals: Where do they come from...Which do we take?

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Session Objectives

- Identify issues to consider when determining the types of referrals to accept.
- Discuss the process for receiving referrals.

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Determining Types of Referrals to Accept

Remember...Teen courts accept young people, not cases.

- Margaret Fisher

Need to establish screening criteria.

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Issues to Consider include:

- Needs of community
- State legislation
- Availability of appropriate disposition options and services
- Swift response
- Safety of participants

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Additional Factors to Consider

- Age
- Parent/guardian involvement
- Multiple respondents
- Multiple offenses
- Prior offenses

- Red Flags Handout

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Referral Process

- Single source v. Multiple sources
- Type of screening and assessment (and by whom)?
- Successful terminations v. non-compliance

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Resources to Help

- *Peer Justice and Youth Empowerment: An Implementation Guide for Teen Court Programs* (Chapter 5)
- *National Youth Court Guidelines* (Chapter 5)
- *Youth Cases for Youth Courts: A Desktop Guide*
