

Journey of a Youth Offender Aged 12-17 Answer Key

Infographic with Stages:

https://atrium.lib.uoguelph.ca/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10214/10256/Jeffrey_etal_YouthCriminalJusticeInCanada_Infographic_2017.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y (1)

For extra information: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/yj-ij/tools-outils/sheets-feuillets/oycja-alssj.html> (2)

Specific Differences for Youth Offenders

1. Police Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -extrajudicial measures such as warnings and community referrals encouraged (1) -45% formally charged, 55% dealt with in other ways such as referrals for restorative justice programs (1)
2. Arrest/ Charge by Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -youth can be released or sent to detention centre for custody (detention centre is youth specific) (1)
3. Bail Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -conferences including the young person, victim, family, or community members, or professionals can be used to provide advice on releasing youth from pre-trial detention (2) -pre-trial detention used mainly in cases of serious offences or if there is doubt the youth will show up in court (2) -pre-trial detention not to be a substitute for childcare or mental health reasons (2)
4. First Court Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -may be given extrajudicial sanctions such as community service or counselling (1) -significant reduction in use of courts under YCJA (2)
5. Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -special youth court (2)
6. Sentencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -sentencing options under the YCJA include fines, probation, community service, and custody (1) -purpose of sentences is to hold youth accountable for their actions and promote rehabilitation and reintegration into society (2) -adult sentences may be used in cases such as violent offences (2)

7. Reintegration	-youth may return to school find work, or attend programs (1) -youth workers work on reintegration plans as soon as a youth goes into custody (2)
8. Community Supervision	-supervision and community support always a part of a youth sentence (2) -mandatory and additional conditions apply and breach leads to the youth returning to custody (2)