

YOUTH DIVERSION COORDINATOR

Who will serve as the youth diversion coordinator in your local municipal or justice court?

Article 45.307 allows a court to appoint a youth diversion coordinator responsible for:

1. Checking if a child qualifies for diversion,
2. Applying an approved diversion strategy under Subchapter E,
3. Creating and managing diversion agreements,
4. Monitoring the progress of diversions,
5. Keeping records on the success or failure of diversions, and
6. Coordinating referrals to the court.

This role can be filled by various individuals or entities, including:

1. A court administrator, court clerk, or someone performing similar duties,
2. A person or organization providing juvenile case management under Article 45.056,
3. A court services office,
4. A community supervision department, such as a juvenile probation department,
5. A county or municipal employee, including a peace officer,
6. A community volunteer,
7. A higher education institution (public, private, or independent), or
8. A qualified nonprofit organization, as determined by the court.

This flexibility allows courts to select the most suitable coordinator to help manage youth diversion effectively.