

BAILEY COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

306 West 2nd St. Muleshoe, Texas 79347 806-272-4300

Bailey County Justice Court Youth Diversion Program

The Bailey Justice Court Youth Diversion Program is designed to provide an alternative to traditional court proceedings for eligible youth offenders. This program adheres to Texas H.B. 3186 and is structured in accordance with Article 45.306(b) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The program aims to reduce recidivism, promote accountability, and provide educational and rehabilitative opportunities for youth.

Objectives

- 1. Reduce Recidivism: Minimize repeat offenses among youth by providing constructive interventions.
- 2. Promote Accountability: Encourage youth to take responsibility for their actions through community service and restitution.
- 3. Enhance Life Skills: Provide educational resources and support to develop positive life skills.
- 4. Improve Community Relations: Foster better relationships between youth and law enforcement, community members, and the judicial system.
- 5. Support Families: Engage families in the diversion process to promote a supportive home environment.

Applicability

The Youth Diversion Program applies to:

- Youth aged 10-16 who have committed misdemeanor offenses under the jurisdiction of the Bailey County Justice Court.
- Offenses eligible for diversion include non-violent Class C Misdemeanors such as theft, vandalism, and minor drug offenses.
- Youth who have not previously participated in a diversion program or who have no prior felony convictions.

Referral

Referrals to the Youth Diversion Program may be made by:

- Law enforcement officers at the time of the offense.
- The Bailey County Justice Court Judge during arraignment.
- Parents or guardians of the youth.
- School officials or community organizations.



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Intake / Eligibility

- 1. Initial Screening: Upon referral, the court will conduct an initial screening to determine eligibility based on offense type, age, and prior history.
- 2. Parental Consent: Consent from a parent or guardian is required for youth to participate in the program.
- 3. Assessment: A comprehensive assessment will evaluate the youth's needs, strengths, and any underlying issues contributing to their behavior.

There are two types of diversion:

- 1. Intermediate diversion under Article 45.309, which occurs before a charge involving and eligible child is filed.
- 2. Diversion by Judge under Article 45.310, which occurs after a charge involving and eligible child is filed or after a trial involving and eligible child result in a verdict or finding of guilt.

Evaluation

An evaluation process will be implemented to assess:

- · The individual needs of the youth.
- · Any educational, mental health, or substance abuse issues.
- · The youth's support system, including family and community resources.

Intermediate Diversion Intake and Implementation

- 1. Program Orientation: Eligible youth and their families will attend an orientation session to understand the program's goals, expectations, and requirements.
- 2. Development of a Personalized Plan: Each youth will have a tailored plan that may include:
- · Community service hours
- · Educational workshops
- · Counseling or mentoring sessions

Diversion Agreement

This process helps maintain the integrity of the diversion program and ensures that it serves as a meaningful opportunity for first-time or infrequent offenders.

- 1. **Contract Signing:** Youth and parents/guardians will sign a diversion agreement outlining the terms of participation, including goals, responsibilities, and consequences for non-compliance.
- 2. **Sworn Affidavit**: As part of the agreement, the youth and parent/guardian will sign a sworn affidavit confirming that the youth **has not** participated in any youth diversion program **within the last 365 days**. This affidavit will serve to ensure that the diversion program is being used appropriately and that the youth is eligible for this opportunity
- 3. **Commitment to Conditions**: Youth must commit to completing the agreed-upon requirements within a specified timeframe.



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Referral to Court and Court Proceedings

- 1. Completion of Program: Upon successful completion of the diversion program, the youth will be referred back to the court for dismissal of charges.
- 2. Monitoring Compliance: The program coordinator will monitor progress and compliance with the diversion agreement.
- 3. Court Dismissal: If all conditions are met, the court will formally dismiss the case, allowing the youth to avoid a permanent criminal record.

Local Youth Diversion Administrative Fee (LYDAF)

Article 45.312 authorizes the clerk of the court to collect from a child's parent a \$50.00 administrative fee to defray the costs of the diversion of the child's case. If the fee is not paid, the court must order the parent, if financially able, to pay the fee to the clerk. An order to pay is enforceable by contempt. If a parent is indigent or does not have sufficient resources or income to pay, they must complete a financial hardship waiver.

Conclusion

The Bailey County Justice Court Youth Diversion Program aims to provide youth with the opportunity for rehabilitation and growth, steering them away from the criminal justice system while fostering community involvement and personal accountability. Through a structured approach, we hope to support our youth in becoming positive, productive members of society.

TJCTC Resources

You can access many resources related to Juvenile Diversion on TJCTC's website (https://www.tjctc.org/).

Juvenile Deskbook Chapter 3A - https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/deskbooks.html
Juvenile Diversion Self-Paced Module - https://www.tjctc.org/onlinelearning/selfpacedmodules.html
Juvenile Criminal Diversion Forms *NEW* - https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/forms.html
Juvenile Criminal Diversion Flowchart *NEW* - https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/charts-and-checklists.html

Additional Resources

Texas Municipal Education Center (TMCEC)'s Youth Diversion Page - https://www.tmcec.com/youth-diversion/

Texas Juvenile Mental Health and Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Law Bench Book – https://www.texasjcmh.gov/publications/bench-books-code-book

Family Guide to Children's Mental Health Services -

https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/services/mental-health-substance-use/family-guide-childrens-mental-health-services.pdf

Fact Sheet: Drug Testing and Wellness Considerations in Juvenile Treatment Courts (This is directed at treatment courts, but is a good resource to review when thinking about what kinds of strategies might be useful for juveniles with substance abuse issues) – https://allrise.org/publications/fact-sheet-drug-testing-and-wellness-considerations-in-juvenile-treatment-courts/

Youth.gov (Prevention and Early Intervention) — https://youth.gov/youth-topics/juvenile-justice/prevention-and-early-intervention

Applicable law may be found at the following links:

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.301 – Definitions (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.302 – Applicability (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.303 – Transfer to Juvenile Court Not Affected (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.304 – Diversion Eligibility (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.305 – Diversion Strategies (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.306 - Youth Diversion Plan (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.307 - Youth Diversion Coordinator (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.308 - Diversion Agreement (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.309 – Intermediate Diversion (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.310 - Diversion by Justice or Judge (public.law)

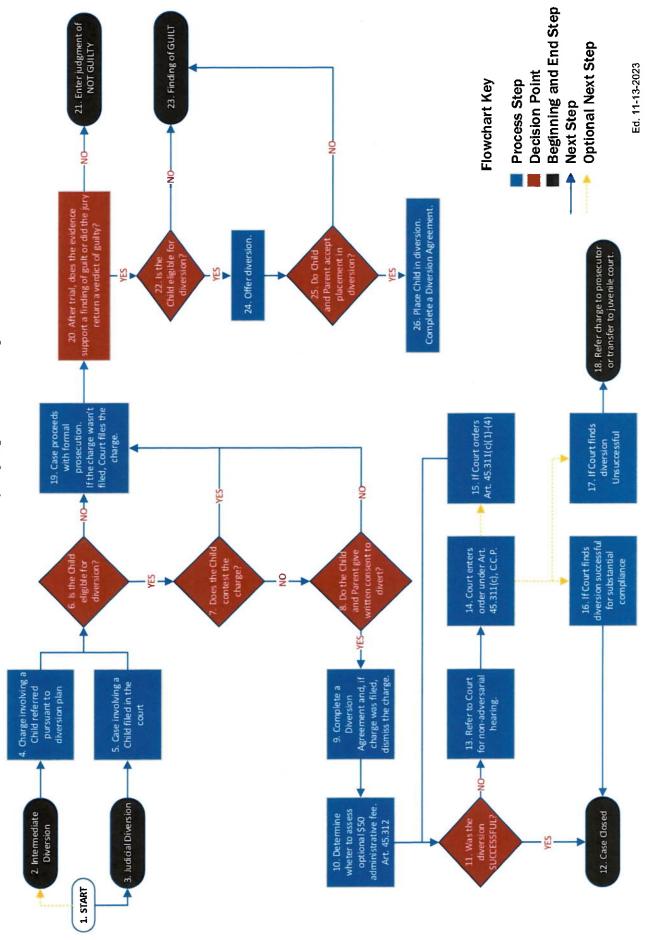
Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.311 - Referral to Court (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.312 – Local Youth Diversion Administrative Fee (public.law)

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.313 – Diversion Records (public.law)

Youth Diversion: Process Overview Flowchart H.B. 3186





Youth Diversion: Flowchart Commentary

- types of diversion: intermediate diversion and diversion by judge (or judicial diversion). All courts must do judicial Generally, a child shall be diverted from formal criminal prosecution as provided by Subchapter E of Chapter 45 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. How diversion proceeds will depend on the type of diversion. There are two diversion. Courts may also opt to do intermediate diversion. Arts. 45.309, 45.310, C.C.P. Subchapter E only applies to non-traffic offenses committed on or after January 1, 2025. Art. 45.302, C.C.P.; H.B. 3186 (88th Regular Legislative Session). Box 1.
- must advise the child and child's parent before the charge is filed that a case may be diverted for up to 180 days Intermediate diversion occurs prior to filing the charge. A youth diversion coordinator or juvenile case manager Courts that opt to do intermediate diversion must include that type of diversion in their diversion plan. if the requirements in Article 45.309(a)(1)-(4) are met. Art. 45.309, C.C.P. Box 2.
- Subchapter E provides for judicial diversion after a charge involving a child is filed and after a finding or verdict of guilt in the trial of a child, whether bench or jury trial. Judicial diversion may not exceed 180 days, Art. 45.310, Box 3.
- The process for referral of charges under intermediate diversion should be addressed in the diversion plan. After referral, certain determinations must be made before proceeding to diversion. Box 4.
- under Article 45,310. After such a charge is filed, certain determinations must be made before proceeding to If a charge involving a child who is eligible for diversion is filed with the court, the judge must divert the case Box 5.
- diversion agreement under Subchapter E only once every 365 days. A child is not eligible for diversion if the child Whether intermediate or judicial diversion, a child must be eligible for diversion. A child is eligible to enter into a previously had an unsuccessful diversion under Subchapter E or if the prosecutor objects to the diversion. Art. 45.304, C.C.P. Box 6.
- The child has a right to go to trial. Therefore, if the child contests the charge, set the child for trial. See Boxes 20-26 for diversion after trial. Box 7.

- filed, shall be dismissed by the court if the child does not contest the charge, is eligible for diversion, and accepts Article 45.308 lists the requirements for a diversion agreement. A charge may not be filed against a child or, if the terms of the diversion agreement. Box 9
- Article 45.312 authorizes a court to collect from a child's parent a \$50 administrative fee (Local Youth Diversion optional. It may not be collected unless it is specified as a term of the diversion agreement accepted by the Administrative Fee) to defray the costs of the diversion of the child's case under Subchapter E. This fee is parent. Diversion may not be contingent upon payment of this fee. Art. 45.312, C.C.P. Box 10.
- By the end of the diversion period, determine whether the child has successfully complied with the terms of the diversion agreement. Box 11
- The case of a child who successfully complies with the terms of the diversion agreement shall be closed and reported to the court as successful. Arts. 45.309(c), 45.310(d), C.C.P. Box 12,
- adversarial hearing. Arts. 45.309(d), 45.310(e), C.C.P. This non-adversarial hearing is an opportunity for a judge court. The court may also hear from any person who may assist the child or the court in determining what is in to confer with the child and parent to determine whether a diversion should be declared unsuccessful by the A child who does not comply with the terms of the diversion agreement shall be referred to court for a nonthe best interests of the child and the long-term safety of the community. Art. 45.311, C.C.P. Box 13,
- After the hearing, a court may enter one of the orders listed in Article 45.311(c). See Boxes 15, 16, and 17 for possible orders. Box 14.

Box 15.

from doing) certain acts the court determines will increase the likelihood the child will successfully complete the child. If the court orders any of these, the next step is to determine whether the child has successfully completed agreement; (2) extending the diversion period not to exceed one year from the initial start date of the diversion; Under Article 45.311(c)(1)-(4), a court may enter an order: (1) amending or setting aside terms in the diversion compliance with the terms of the diversion agreement; and (4) require the child's parent to perform (or refrain diversion and comply with any other order of the court that is reasonable and necessary for the welfare of the (3) issuing a continuance for the hearing for a period not to exceed 60 days to allow an opportunity for the terms of the agreement under the order. Go to Box 11.

- The court may enter an order finding the diversion successful on the basis of substantial compliance. Art. 45.311(c)(5), C.C.P. After such an order, the case shall be closed. Arts. 45.309(c), 45.310(d), C.C.P. Box 16.
- The court may enter an order finding the diversion unsuccessful. Art. 45.311(c)6), C.C.P. Box 17.
- indicating a need for supervision under Section 51.08 of the Family Code or refer the charge to the prosecutor for Upon a finding of an unsuccessful diversion, the court may transfer the child to juvenile court for alleged conduct consideration of re-filing. Art. 45.311(c)(6), C.C.P. Box 18.
- If a child either is ineligible or contests the charge or the child or parent does not give written consent to diversion, the case proceeds with prosecution. Arts. 45,304, 45,310, C.C.P. Box 19.
- Making the determination in this box will either result in a finding of Not Guilty or potentially another opportunity for diversion. Box 20.
- If the answer to the question in Box 20 is No, enter a judgment of Not Guilty. Box 21.
- If the answer to the question in Box 20 is Yes, determine if the child is eligible for diversion. Art. 45.041(a-2), C.C.P. See Box 6. Box 22.
- proceed to sentencing. Art. 45.041(a-2), C.C.P. All options normally available to the judge at this point in the case If the child is ineligible or the child or parent does not accept placement in diversion, find the child guilty and are still available, including deferred disposition. Box 23,
- If the child is eligible, provide the child and parent the opportunity for placement in diversion under Article 45.310 (Diversion by Judge). Art. 45.041(a-2), C.C.P. Box 24.
- Box 25. If the answer is Yes, go to Box 26. If the answer is No, go to Box 23.
- enter an adjudication of guilt or a judgment of conviction. Art. 45.041(a-2); Art. 45.310(a)(2), C.C.P. Complete a If the child and parent accept, place the child in diversion under Article 45.310, Art. 45.041(a-2), C.C.P. Do not diversion agreement. Art. 45.308, C.C.P. Then go to Box 10. Box 26.

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IN THE MATTER OF	§ §	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
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A CHILD	\$ §	THE SHOTE
	§	
	§	BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS
JUVENILE DIVERSION A	AGREEN	IENT – DIVERSION BY COURT
The court FINDS that Child is eligible for div		nder the Code of Criminal Procedure and that the
I. Terms of the Agreement		
	ent/Guar	dian) is entered into as a Diversion by Justice or
This agreement is effective beginning on		
		30 days from date of this agreement). During the
period of this agreement, Child and Parent		
of the best address to receive court notices	s, and of	any changes to that address.
best interests of Child, and the long-term s	afety of t criminal o Upor	case based upon the diverted offense, alleged to successful completion of this Diversion
Child shall be referred to the court for a he Parent/Guardian. At this hearing, the court	earing wit t may eit If the div	her extend the diversion period or determine the ersion is unsuccessful, the case may be referred
Diversion is not an admission of guilt, and	a guilty	plea is not required to participate in diversion.
II. Child's Responsibilities		
During the period of this agreement, Child	's respon	sibilities shall be to provide documentation to
□ the court at		

	the Juvenile Diversion Coordinator at
•	oof of completion of the following requirements. As needed, the Juvenile Diversion Coordinator will ort to the court on the progress of Child:
	Teen Court
	School-related program:
	Educational program:
	Rehabilitation program:
	Self-improvement program:
	Tutoring:
	Community-based services:
	Mental health screening
	Clinical assessment
	Counseling
	Mentoring
	Mediation
	Alcohol testing
	Drug testing
	Course of treatment prescribed by a physician
	Restitution in the amount of \$ (not to exceed \$100) paid to
	Complete (not to exceed 20) hours of community service
	Child is referred to the following Service Provider for described services:
	Other conditions or detailed description of above responsibilities:
	<u> </u>
111.	Parent/Guardian's Responsibilities
Du	ring the period of this agreement, Parent/Guardian's responsibilities include:
	During the period of this agreement, Parent/Guardian must pay a \$50 administrative fee to the court to defray the costs of this diversion.

IV. Acknowledgments

Child acknowledges that, upon successful completion of this diversion agreement, Child will be ineligible for diversion for a period of 365 days, and that upon unsuccessful completion of this agreement, Child will never again be eligible for diversion. Child hereby knowingly and voluntarily consents to diversion from criminal prosecution, as provided in this agreement, acknowledges and accepts the terms of this agreement, and verifies that Child received notice of their rights, including that all records of this diversion are confidential, that they will be automatically expunged on Child's 18th birthday, and that Child has the right to refuse diversion.

Child's Signature	Date
prosecution, as provided in this agre	nd voluntarily consents to Child's diversion from criminal ement, acknowledges and accepts the terms of this agreement, ce of Child's rights, including those listed above.
Parent's Signature	Date



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AFFIDAVIT FOR YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM (Art. 45.308, C.C.P.)

CAUSI	E NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF MULESHOE
	§	BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS
AFF	IDAVIT	
I swear that I have not participated in a to divert from criminal prosecution for tl		
Child's Signature		Date
Child's Printed name		
Violation		
I swear that my child	days to diver neanor. I und e information tand perjury i	t from criminal prosecution for the erstand the gravity of making a false provided is true and accurate to the is a Class A misdemeanor, the highest
Parent's Signature		Date
Parent's Printed name		
Sworn and subscribed before me on thisday of		, 20
		Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
Му	commission expir	res on

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A CHILD	§ § §	PRECINCT 1
	§ §	BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS
JUVENILE DIVERSION AGR	EEME	NT – INTERMEDIATE DIVERSION
that the above Child is eligible for diversion	under tl	("JDC") has determined he Code of Criminal Procedure and that the ed:
I. Terms of the Agreement		
	nt/Guai	dian) is entered into as an Intermediate Diversion
under Article 45.309 of the Code of Criminal This agreement is effective beginning on		
	Guardia	n must inform JDC of the best address to receive
best interests of Child, and the long-term sa	fety of t iminal o Upor	case based upon the diverted offense, alleged to n successful completion of this Diversion
Child shall be referred to the court for a hear Parent/Guardian. At this hearing, the court	ring wit may eit f the div	her extend the diversion period or determine the rersion is unsuccessful, the case may be referred
Diversion is not an admission of guilt, and a	a guilty	plea is not required to participate in diversion.
II. Child's Responsibilities		
		sibilities shall be to provide documentation to JDC JDC will report to the court the progress of Child.
☐ Teen Court ☐ School-related program:		

	Educational program:			
	Rehabilitation program:			
	Self-improvement program:			
	Tutoring:			
	Community-based services:			
	Mental health screening			
	Clinical assessment			
	Counseling			
	Mentoring			
	Mediation			
	Alcohol testing			
	Drug testing			
	Course of treatment prescribed by a physician			
	Restitution in the amount of \$ (not to exceed \$100) paid to			
	Complete (not to exceed 20) hours of community service			
	Child is referred to the following Service Provider for described services:			
				
	Other conditions or detailed description of above responsibilities:			
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III.	Parent/Guardian's Responsibilities			
Du	ring the period of this agreement, Parent/Guardian's responsibilities include:			
Ju	ing the period of this agreement, i dreing dual aid is responsionates include.			
	During the period of this agreement, Darent/Guardian must have \$50 administrative for the			
	During the period of this agreement, Parent/Guardian must pay a \$50 administrative fee to the			
	court to defray the costs of this diversion.			

IV. Acknowledgments

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Child's Signature	Date
	untarily consents to Child's diversion from criminal acknowledges and accepts the terms of this agreement, Child's rights, including those listed above.
Parent's Signature	Date
Juvenile Diversion Coordinator	agrees to these terms and conditions.
Coordinator's Signature	Date

Address/Phone number: 306 W 2nd MULESHOE, TX 79347 (806) 272-4300

CAUSE NO		
STATE OF TEXAS	§ §	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
V.	§	PRECINCT 1
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DEFENDANT	§	BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS
ORDER DISMISSING CHAR	GE FO	R JUVENILE DIVERSION
The court FINDS that Defendant is a child charg	ged wit	h the offense of
The court further FINDS that Defendant is eligi	ble for	diversion under Article 45.304, accepts
the terms of the Diversion Agreement signed o	n	20 by
Defendant and their parent, and:		
☐ does not contest the charge.		
☐ agrees to a diversion in lieu of conviction	n afte	trial.
Therefore, the court ORDERS that the charge a	gainst	Defendant is dismissed.
It is further ORDERED that this case file and all 45A.462.	relate	d records are confidential under Art.
ISSUED AND SIGNED	, 2	0
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT1		

BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS

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	§ §	PRECINCT 1
A CHILD	§	
	§ §	BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO APPEA	R FOR HEAI	RING - JUVENILE DIVERSION
Child's Name:	C	harge being Diverted:
Child's Address:		
Parent/Guardian's Name:		
Parent/Guardian's Address if different	from Child's	Address:
-	20 accordin	ailed to comply with the diversion agreement g to its terms, specifically: o appear before the court at
atm., on should be declared unsuccessful.	, 20, fc	or a hearing to determine whether the diversion
	n safety of the	be of assistance in determining what is in the best e community. If applicable, please contact the rson.
If the court finds the diversion unsucce prosecutor for consideration of crimin		e may be referred to juvenile court or to the n.
ISSUED AND SIGNED		20
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS		

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IN THE MATTER OF	§ § §	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
	, §	PRECINCT 1
A CHILD	§	
	§ §	BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS
HEARIN	G ORDER – JU	IVENILE DIVERSION
The court FINDS that on	, 20	D (Child) and
		igned a Diversion Agreement for the following
		The court further
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		tice to appear for a hearing to determine whether
diversion should be declared unsucce	essful.	
The court hereby ORDERS:		
☐ The following terms of the Divers	ion Agreement	are set aside:
☐ The following terms of the Divers	ion Agreement	are amended as described:
		ng period (not to exceed one year from the original
☐ A continuance for the referral he	aring until	, 20 (not to exceed
60 days) to allow an opportunity	for compliance	with the terms of the diversion agreement.
		fully complete the diversion, Parent/Guardian
	ecessary for the	e welfare of Child, Parent/Guardian shall comply
☐ That the diversion is determined	to be UNSUCCI	
·	-	onduct indicating a need for supervision. deration of criminal prosecution.
ISSUED AND SIGNED		20

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BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS