

PINS?

Person In Need of Supervision is a person less than 18 years of age who does not attend school, who is incorrigible, ungovernable or habitually disobedient and beyond the lawful control of a parent or other person legally responsible for the child or who has committed the offense of Unlawful Possession of Marihuana, or is a runaway.

Pre-PINS?

This is a voluntary assessment of behaviors, consequences, goals and options. Working with the family this program will help you develop a plan that will prevent you from entering the Diversion Program at Greene County Probation.

PINS Diversion?

This is also a voluntary process similar in scope to Pre-PINS, HOWEVER, you are assigned a Probation Officer that attempts to resolve the problem behaviors without Family Court Intervention.

PINS Petition?

This is a document that brings the PINS behavioral issues to Family Court. This is an action of last resort. All voluntary efforts have failed and /or the safety of the child or others is in question. You no longer get to decide—a judge does.

PROCESS?

Parents, Guardians, Schools, Law Enforcement may make a referral to this program. A meeting will be scheduled with the parent, child and referral source to address the issues at hand. You must first complete the Pre-PINS process with the Youth Bureau before PINS Diversion or a PINS Petition is acted upon.

THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

If a petition is filed with the court, your involvement is no longer voluntary. All decisions are made by Family Court. Your child may be placed on Probation for 1 year with mandatory conditions imposed on **both** the **parent/guardian** and the **child**. Your child may be taken away from you and placed in a foster home or facility. During this time you will be expected to pay child support to the county. The Court may determine that the parent/guardian is neglectful and will hold them accountable for their actions as well as inactions.

ROLES /RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents/Guardians will be a part of the effort to identify their child's needs and work toward securing the necessary preventive services and behavioral changes needed for a successful outcome. Probation coordinates the process and addresses all matters where the voluntary resources have been tried and been unsuccessful.

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Greene County Youth Bureau Juvenile Services Pre PINS Flow Chart

