

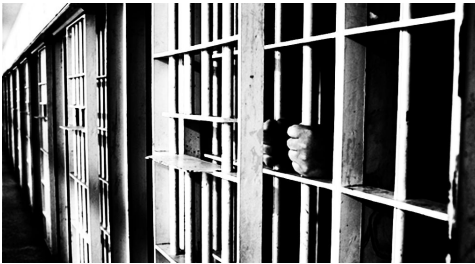




Civil Citations Save Kids, Cash

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A new report says Florida can save millions of dollars, help thousands of kids and improve public safety by using civil citations instead arresting juveniles for minor crimes.

Dewey Caruthers says his study shows kids are less likely to repeat their mistakes if they don't get thrown into the criminal justice system in the first place.

"Counties that arrest youth rather than issue civil citations wind up with more re-offenders who generate more crime," he said. "This is due to juvenile civil citations

having a superior recidivism rate than arrests."

Caruthers says civil citations are working and the state should encourage more counties to use them.

The study also shows that three counties, Duval, Hillsborough and Orange... were responsible for 24 percent of all the juvenile arrests in Florida last year.

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