





Source: Dewey & Associates study

Children's advocates said a majority of the youths should have been instead given civil citations, as juvenile records can prevent young people from renting apartments, entering the military or getting jobs.

The coalition of groups held a news conference Wednesday in Tallahassee to call for using more civil citations.

"We are not here today to pick a fight with law enforcement, but we are here to make a point," said Roy Miller, president of The Children's Campaign. "The pilot project is in. The research is conclusive. Civil citations work better than arrests, and we need to get everybody on board."

Statewide, the diversion plans are used 42 percent of the time when they are an option.

Of the 12,000 youth arrests for relatively minor offenses in Florida last year, almost one-quarter happened in Duval, Hillsborough and Orange counties.

"The alarming thing about this report is that there are still too many communities that are jeopardizing the future of young people by saddling them with an arrest record for a non-violent, minor offense," said Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida.

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