



## Coalition wants greater use of juvenile civil citations



September 14, 2016 - 2:02 PM **WJXT** - **TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** A coalition of groups released a report Wednesday that calls for an increased use of civil citations for juvenile offenders in Florida. Civil citations serve as an alternative to arresting youths for incidents such as fighting, minor drug and alcohol offenses and petty theft. Instead of being arrested, the offenders are required to do such

things as community service and writing letters of apology to their victims. Although the use of civil citations has increased recently, about 12,000 Florida youths were arrested for those types of misdemeanors last year. Youth arrests by county Arrest numbers for common youth misbehavior in Florida from June 2014... [\[Read More\]](#)

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