

TEEN COURT OVER THE YEARS

A walk through memory lane and a look back of the past few years of Teen Court success.

2007-2008

- + Teen Court begins partnership with Miami Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS)
- + Student Court launches with MDCPS as an alternative to punitive responses such as suspension or expulsion
- + Parental Referral Initiative launches

2009

- + Thailand delegation visits Teen Court to identify and adopt a best practice model to reduce juvenile arrests in their country

2010-2011

- + 619 youth referred to Teen Court bringing the total to 4,762 since inception in 1998

2013-2014

- + Teen Court participates in National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims
- + 341 youth convene to recommend actions to address crime at home, in school, and the community in general
- + Student Court grows to six schools
- + 497 first-time offenders go through Teen Court, and 4,994 community service hours volunteered

2015-2016

- + 404 youth offenders participate resulting in a recidivism rate of less than 3%
- + More than 300 attendees participate in 2nd Annual Black Male Youth Mental Health Conference Series

2016-2017

- + Mental health services added to Teen Court offerings

2017-2018

- + 29 youth participate in Youth Intern Partnership Initiative (YIPI)

2019-2020

- + Teen Court leads mental health summit to address stigmas and expand psychological services

POWER OF MENTORSHIP



When you've worked hard, and done well, and walked through the doorway of opportunity, you do not slam it shut behind you. – **Michelle Obama**

Empowering and building leadership among youth is what drives Teen Court and nurtures its purpose, but what keeps it going is the commitment of volunteer judges and attorneys who passionately serve and help to train the young men and women who come through the program. Teen Court could not be successful without the volunteers – both adults and youth – and the partners who believe in second chances.



JUDGE WILLIAM ALTFIELD,
Circuit Court Judge, Miami-Dade County Court Bench

Judge William Altfield has been involved with Teen Court since 2012 shortly after being appointed to the County Court bench. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a prosecutor for nearly 25 years and observed the lack of intervention programs for defendants who had been making poor choices for much of their lives. He got

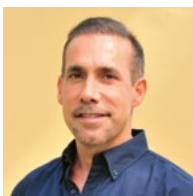
involved with Teen Court to help steer youth away from the criminal justice system. *"I am moved when a child appreciates that their conduct was not only illegal, but it was also morally wrong and hurtful to their parent or guardian. It is a special moment when the child apologizes sincerely to their parent or guardian and recognizes how their decision impacts not only themselves, but others too. This program has prevented many children from becoming just another statistic in our criminal justice system. It's a program that can change the lives of so many youth."*



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Attorney Bradshaw currently serves as a Teen Court volunteer judge presiding over cases on a bi-weekly basis.

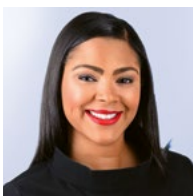
"Michelle Obama once said 'If something good happens to you, or if you have an advantage, you don't hoard it, you are it, you reach out, you give back.' The legal profession is only made up of 2% of Black women attorneys and I wouldn't be where I am without Black women in and outside of the profession pouring into me. I want to be that positive mentor and cheerleader for the next generation of attorneys. Teen Court gives me this opportunity"



RICHARD PATINO,
Founder of The Patino Law Firm

Attorney Patino has served as a Teen Court Judge, mentor, YIPI employer, and volunteered during the summer training over the past five years.

"My fondest memory of Teen Court was meeting and being able to mentor two high school students. One has just received a full scholarship to the University of Miami Law School and the other just graduated from Florida International University and is preparing to take the LSAT. He is also well on his way to law school."



LOREAL A. ARSCOTT,
Owner of L.A. Law Firm, P.A.

"As a student attorney, I saw the value in this unique community service opportunity. Now as a practicing attorney, I get to return to the program that inspired me to pursue my legal career and to motivate the next generation of lawyers."