



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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Alliance for Children & Youth  
Gaston Teen Court  
P.O. Box 1695  
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Dear Ms. Farmer,

Thank you for your willingness to provide services to youth and families in Gaston County through the 2022-2023 Teen Traffic Court Pilot Project. We commend your willingness to expand your existing Teen Court Program to serve this specific population for specific driving offenses.

For fiscal year 2022-2023, your agency has been awarded additional DPS funds in the amount of **\$25,000**. A *Program Budget Revision Agreement* must be submitted in NCALLIES in order to align your 22-23 teen court budget with these additional funds. Component narrative edits may also be needed to describe the teen traffic court pilot program if your program agreement doesn't already include that language. Several sites have opted to provide a distinct, separate Program Agreement for this pilot project which is also acceptable.

Please be sure to include the generous source for in-kind match offered by the Safety and Health Council of North Carolina, including access to a free annual membership to the SHC of NC, a \$425 value, access the *Alive at 25* curriculum, access to training by the Safety Council's in the use of its database, and the participant *Alive at 25* student workbooks, valued at \$7 each. These generous in-kind calculations should be reflected as match within your budgets. As a reminder, however, *please ensure that you have adequate match to support funds awarded*.

As a partner in our efforts to serve a specific target population for this pilot project, we wish to ensure that the focus of your program meets the following target population requirements.

Youth must be 16 or 17 at the time of the driving offense and cannot be charged with the following:

- Speed of more than 25 mph over the posted speed limit
- Impaired driving (DWI)
- Accident resulting in injuries
- Youth has not been referred to the program previously for a driving offense

Outcomes for this target population and pilot project will be stringently tracked and monitored. Please know that we wish to offer continued assistance to you in our efforts to support the work that you are doing and show success with this pilot project for possible statewide expansion to other interested teen court programs.

Your DPS Area Consultant (see below) can assist you should you have any questions.

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We commend your efforts to engage in this partnership with us to provide effective services to youth and families through the Teen Traffic Court Pilot Project. Thank you for your commitment to serving North Carolina's youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cindy Porterfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Porterfield, Director, Juvenile Community Programs

cc: JCPC Chair, Chief Court Counselor, Area Consultant, Area Administrator, County Finance