



KETCHIKAN DISTRICT COURT

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FROM: KEVIN G. MILLER, JUDGE

SUBJECT: KETCHIKAN YOUTH COURT

DATE: 2/11/2010

CC:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter supporting the Ketchikan Youth Court's efforts in Ketchikan.

I am a District Court Judge and have referred many cases to the Youth Court since its inception. The majority of the cases referred relate to minors consuming alcohol or tobacco.

Alcohol related crime and crimes committed by persons that are alcohol dependant make up the majority of criminal cases that come before the District Court in Ketchikan. Thus a coordinated approach between the Court System, treatment monitors and providers is the only practical response to assure public safety, rehabilitation and meaningful consequences for offenders.

The Ketchikan Youth Court is a vital tool in a coordinated approach to youth offenders. I am impressed with the dedication of the Youth Court members as well as the results. Youth that complete the Youth Court Program are much less likely to reoffend than those youth offenders that do not enter or complete the program.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this support letter, if you need any further information, please let me know.