Juvenile Justice Process in Virginia

If a person charged with a crime is younger than 18 years of age, their case will be handled in the Juvenile and Domestics Relations (JDR) Court. In Richmond, Juvenile cases are handled by a specialized team located at the JDR Court building. Some examples of juvenile dispositions and a flowchart showing the process of a case are below.

From the Department of Juvenile Justice website [Juvenile Justice Process (virginia.gov)](http://www.djj.virginia.gov/pages/about-djj/juvenile-justice-process.htm):

Types of Juvenile Dispositions

1. Defer adjudication and/or disposition for a specified period of time, with or without probation supervision, to consider dismissing the case if the juvenile exhibits good behavior during the deferral period.
2. Impose a fine, order restitution, and/or order the juvenile to complete a public service project.
3. Suspend the juvenile’s driver’s license.
4. Impose a curfew on the juvenile.
5. Order the juvenile and/or the parent to participate in programs or services.
6. Transfer legal custody to an appropriate individual, agency, organization, or local board of social services.
7. Place the juvenile on probation with specified conditions and limitations that may include required participation in programs or services.
8. Place the juvenile in a JDC for 30 days or less.
9. Place the juvenile in a post-D program in a JDC for a period not to exceed six months.
10. Commit the juvenile to DJJ for an indeterminate or determinate period of time.

<http://www.djj.virginia.gov/pdf/about-djj/FlowChart.pdf>