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# CONFERENCES

A conference is a group of interested people called together to help decision-makers in the youth justice system. A conference may give advice on

- extrajudicial measures,
- conditions for judicial interim release,
- sentences,
- the development of reintegration plans.

## WHO MAY CALL A CONFERENCE?

A youth justice court judge, the provincial director, a police officer, a justice of the peace, a crown attorney or a youth court worker may call a conference to help with making decisions.

## EXTRAJUDICIAL MEASURES

Conferences may be called to help and advise the police or crown attorney to choose the most appropriate strategy to deal with the matter. The conference may give advice about how suitable certain types of extrajudicial sanctions would be and suggest ways to make sure that the young person complies with the sanctions.

## BAIL

A conference may be called to make recommendations at the pre-trial detention (bail) stage. The conference may suggest conditions for release, and ways to make sure the young person is supervised and complies with conditions. A conference may also be able to recommend a responsible person to accept care and control of the young person as an alternative to pre-trial detention.

## SENTENCING AND RE-INTEGRATION

Conferences may be called to provide suggestions for appropriate sentences for the young person. The recommendations for sentencing may form part of the pre-sentence report. Conferences can also provide help and suggestions for reintegration of the young person. The conference may identify appropriate resources and educational programs within the community.

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