

THE WORKBOOK ON HOW THE COURT SYSTEM WORKS

Seminars and Webinars

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## Don't Be a Dumb Criminal Program

The program was written to give people the knowledge they need to avoid unintentional illegal acts that could lead to consequences—from a verbal warning to being arrested. Each day, we, as citizens, rely on the criminal justice system to back us up and provide us with safety. But what about the laws that have fine lines and work against us as citizens because we aren't aware of them? *Don't Be a Dumba\* Criminal* and *Don't Be a Dumb Criminal*, *The Workbook* will help those who read it to become more aware of the laws as well as their rights.

#### **Overview and Purpose**

The system is derived from the unknown and the unspoken. The unknown is how the judicial system works and how it is continuously growing because of a lack of knowledge. **DON'T BE A DUMB CRIMINAL**, **THE WORKBOOK** was developed to help parents and teachers inform our youths about the law and to reinforce the use of common sense. How do these situations arise? How should they deal with these situations? With poverty increasing, if you don't educate and converse with people, how will you help improve the situation?

I've been a bail bondsman for 18 years, and unfortunately, I'm seeing crime grow, especially among the youth. I spoke with judges, attorneys, and police officers to create a book and a workbook, and to develop a program to deal with situations that are common in today's society. I've spoken with the minors and their parents when I bonded them out of jail and I noticed a pattern. Not only are most of the parents unaware of how the system works, but they'd never had the conversations with their youths that would have prevented the situation. The parents didn't even know their rights, let alone the rights of their children.

Telling your child to stay out of trouble without explaining in detail what trouble actually is or **how** to stay out of trouble **DOES NOT WORK!** You need to explain that touching, talking, other actions, and their intentions can directly get them in trouble. And who do you think is going to teach them? *The police?!* What is unspoken is that the system works differently for the privileged versus the underprivileged. Ignoring what the world is like doesn't help their situations. If you've never been involved with the system, you will have unrealistic expectations that the system is fair based on ignorance not facts. We're told, "You're innocent until proven guilty," when, in actuality, the opposite is true. It takes you going through the system to really understand it.

How can you expect a minor to know smoking marijuana is illegal when they watch their parents, friends, television, and more show them it's natural, it comes from the earth, and it can't hurt you? That it isn't a big deal? The youths don't seem to have a clue that smoking marijuana is only legal with a medical marijuana card, or if their parents do have a card, what is the right way to use marijuana, carry it, grow it, or transport it. No one tells them, if they buy it or have possession of it, it is a crime—until it's too late.

Who is explaining how money works and how it affects their lives when the judicial system gets involved? Or the importance of having a job, saving money, how to invest, how much it costs not to follow the rules, and the costs of the court system? I've put this program together to educate our youths (and their parents) on how the system works. I want the people who read the books and/or take the class to understand what's going on and to be prepared



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### 2-Hour Seminar or Webinar

This 2-hour program is an overview of how to behave when encountering the police and how to avoid unintentional illegal acts.

Assess your knowledge of the law (35 questions)20 minutes	S
Know your rights (scenarios)20 minutes	S
Questions & Answers5 minutes	S
True/False10 minutes	S
Profiling10 minutes	S
Better Choices	S
Questions & Answers	S
Human Trafficking5 minutes	S
Are these real crime's10 minutes	S
Life Skills	S
Test (35 questions)15 minutes	S

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# 6-Hours Certificate Workshop

This 6-hour program provides you with the knowledge and understanding needed when encountering the police and to help you avoid unintentional illegal acts.

Assess each person's knowledge of the law	30 minutes
Know your rights (3 scenarios)	1 hour
Rights that apply to minors	30 minutes
How the court system works	25 minutes
Understanding warrants	25 minutes
True/False	20 minutes
Profiling	30 minutes
Better Choices	30 minutes
Human trafficking	30 minutes
Life skills	20 minutes
Are these real crimes	30 minutes
Test	30 minutes
Certificate Awarded	

# 5 Day Certificate Workshop

This 1-hour per day 5-day program provides you with the knowledge and understanding needed to train others when encountering the police and to help them avoid unintentional illegal acts.

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