



# CARING CANINES

Caring Canines is a volunteer-based therapy dog program serving the Juvenile Division, providing trained therapy dogs to offer comfort and emotional support during court-related interactions.

The program helps reduce anxiety, foster a calming environment, and support court-involved youth and families, while also assisting court partners and staff in creating spaces where participants feel more at ease and better able to engage in the judicial process.

- Reduces stress and anxiety across all court participants
- Creates a safe and supportive court environment
- Encourages participation and emotional regulation
- Supports trauma-informed court practices



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