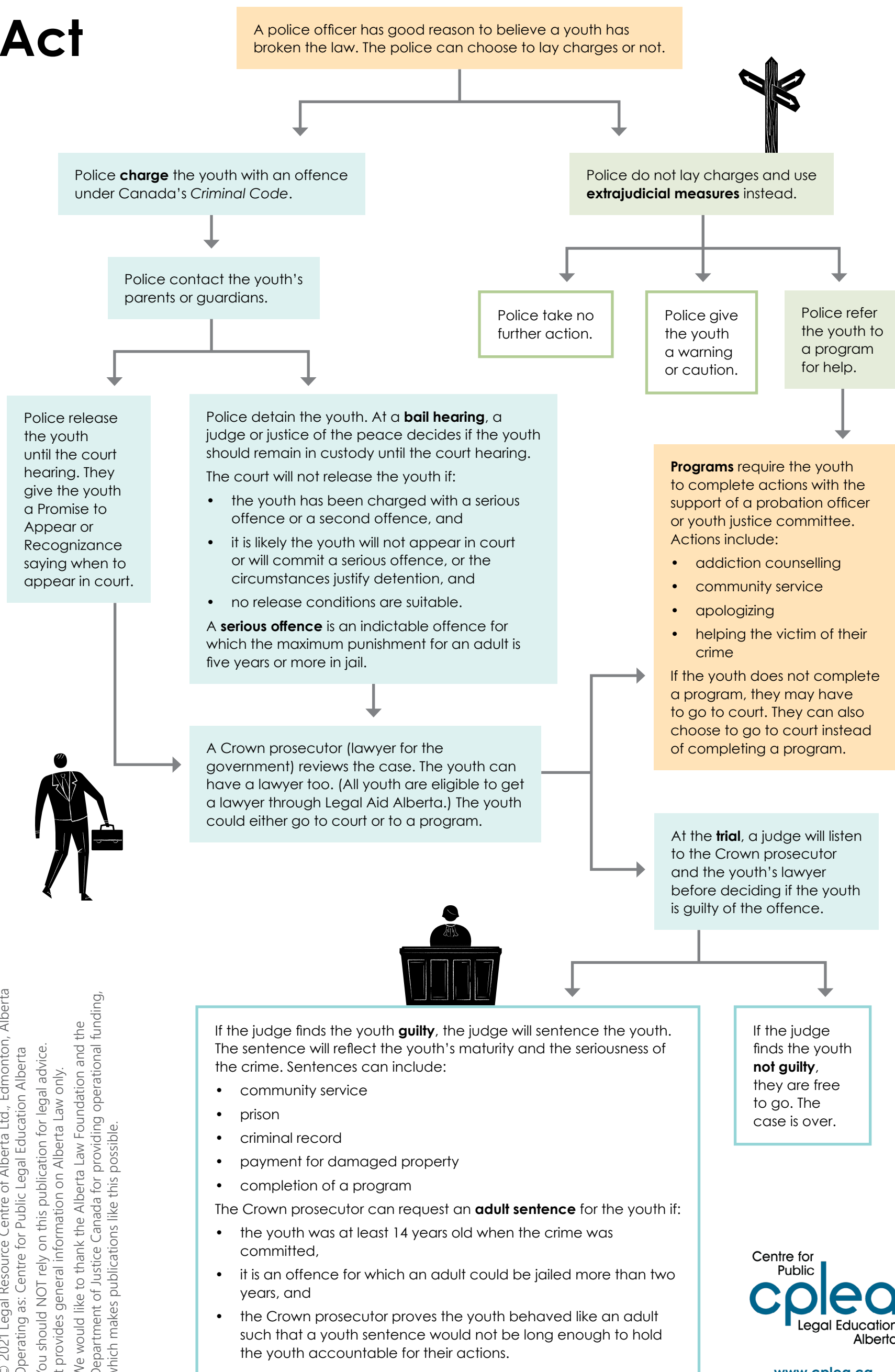


# Youth Criminal Justice Act

The YCJA is a Canadian law setting out the justice system for youth aged 12 to 17 who are charged with an offence. It says youth should be accountable for their actions while also recognizing they are children who make mistakes. The Act gives youth an opportunity to mature, learn from their mistakes, accept the consequences of their actions and make amends. The YCJA also says how long youth criminal records last, depending on the outcome and the offence.

## How does the youth criminal justice system work?



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