

Truancy Diversion Program School Partners

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Truancy Diversion Program of Green County

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**Working together with community
partners and families to increase
school attendance.**



Truancy Diversion Programming Referral Checklist

If you are considering a youth for referral to the Truancy Diversion Program, please check to see if the youth meets the following criteria

- The youth is under 18 years old.
- The youth is experiencing persistent attendance problems.
- The youth and family are willing to participate in the program voluntarily.
- If considering the youth for the Dollars for Days portion of the program, the youth must have a current outstanding Municipal Truancy Citation.
- The youth must be enrolled in one of the other three parts of the program to qualify for mentorship services.

If this criteria is met, please contact the Program Coordinator at 608-426-1589 to initiate the referral process.

The Truancy Diversion Program consists of four sub-programs.

Diversion

Our goal is to help eliminate barriers impacting a student's school attendance. Many of the students we serve have parents who may leave for work early in the morning which can impact a student getting up and ready for school. We have staff available in the mornings to assist students who may not be motivated to get themselves to school. This aspect of the program has been shown to greatly improve school attendance.

Education

If a student becomes expelled, there is an opportunity to come to our office at Green County Human Services, for the purpose of completing their online school work. We can then be an advocate for their re-enrollment, if possible. We also accept students who are offered online school in place of classroom instruction. We are able to offer extra support and supervision to keep a student motivated and accountable for their educational success. This approach has encouraged students in their ability to gain self confidence and return to a school setting with a positive attitude.

Dollars for Days

The Dollars for Days Program is a deferred prosecution agreement offered to students who have received a municipal truancy citation. A truancy program worker will offer this deferred program option at the point they attend municipal court. The agreement states the student can pay off the fine by attending school regularly. They can also earn bonus dollars towards their fines for good grades and participating in extracurricular activities. This approach encourages educational success, while participation in extracurricular activities motivates the student to pay off their fines faster, become more involved in pro-social activities and lessen their chance for future truant behavior.

Mentoring

The goal of mentoring is to build positive relationships with the students we serve. Building positive relationships and giving youth positive praise and positive reinforcements will increase school attendance. This aspect of the program provides one-on-one or small group interactions and modeling positive behavior. We operate off of the belief that "Every Kid Needs a Champion".