

# Truancy Intervention Pilot Program

The pilot in Wythe County was made of 7 cases. 2 ended with the child being placed on homebound instruction by the school system. The other 5 began attending on a regular basis. Some cases were extended at the request of the truancy team.

## Outcomes:



## Rates & Funding:

- \$50 per hour (travel and transportation included)
- Services are not reimbursed by third party/private insurance agencies.
- Funding may be obtained via local CSA teams or community agencies' resources.

# Truancy Intervention Services

Services are anticipated to last no longer than 6 weeks. Staff will travel to the family home every day until the child has attended school 5 days in a row. At that time, phone calls in the morning will occur to ensure they are preparing to attend and a follow up with the school to verify attendance. If one day is missed, staff will return to visiting each day until another 5 consecutive days of attendance has occurred.

- Assist youth and families in identifying barriers to attendance and in developing a plan to overcome these barriers.
- Provide daily encouragement to youth and families to follow their plan to improve attendance.
- Model interventions for family members to promote continued attendance after services are discontinued.
- Develop motivation for youth to improve attendance.
- Provide updates to the referring team/agency to determine need for ongoing services or referral for juvenile justice interventions.
- Liaison between medical and/or behavioral health providers to address issues impacting truancy.



# Why should we care about truancy?

According to data from the the Ad Council, as few as 2 absences per month over the course of 9 months results in decreased likelihood of graduation. This is true whether the absences are excused or unexcused. This even applies for children in elementary school, when they are at higher risk of falling behind in reading.

Just one year of chronic absence can cause a child to fall behind and decrease graduation likelihood, which can have long-term consequences on their financial independence, physical well-being, and mental health.



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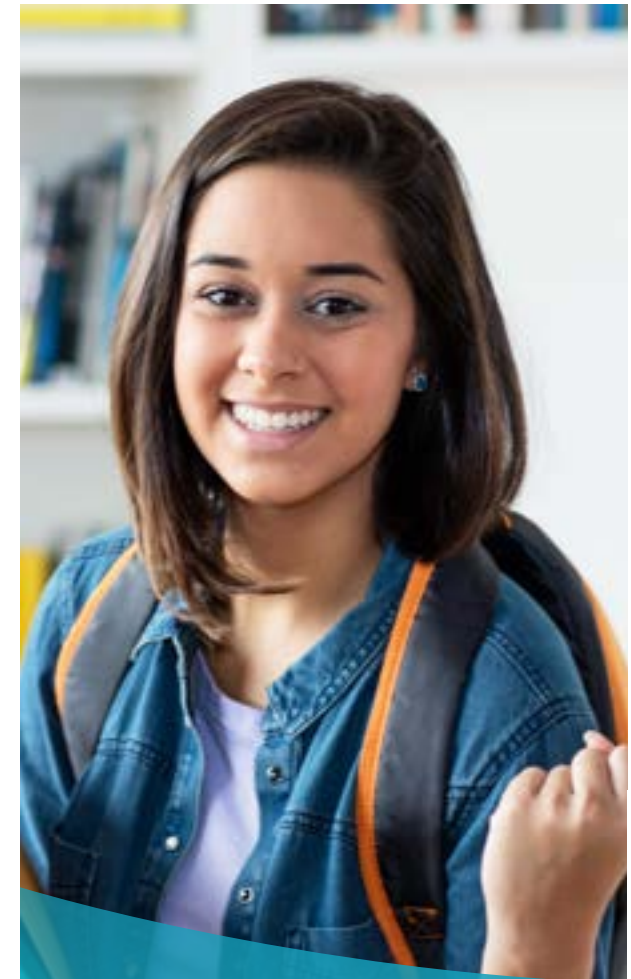
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