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# Implementing a Proven Truancy Court Program

Do you need to reduce truancy in your schools? An early intervention program that leverages the stature and authority of volunteer judges to help students stay in school can deliver significant results:

**7** out of **10** students substantially increase attendance and improve grades and behaviors!

Truancy is the first and best indicator that a student is headed for trouble. Statistics show that habitual truancy is the beginning of a downward spiral: truancy, poor performance on standardized tests, falling behind socially, losing interest in and connection to school, dropping out, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse and, eventually, adult criminality. That's why communities across the country are working hard to reduce truancy.

The University of Baltimore School of Law Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC) has developed an innovative Truancy Court Program (TCP) that engages volunteer judges in an intensive 10–14 week, in-school program for elementary, middle and high school students. Volunteer judges work with a TCP social worker, a TCP attorney, a TCP mentor, a TCP coordinator, service providers, teachers and school administrators to identify the reasons why students are missing school. The goal is not to punish students but to understand and address the problems underlying truant behavior.

With a twelve-year track record, CFCC's Truancy Court Program is proven and tested. The TCP has operated in over 40 schools in Maryland. In the 2016–2017 school year, for example, the program served more than 150 students and their families in four Maryland schools. Seventy percent of these students graduated from the TCP, achieving a minimum 65 percent reduction in absences and/or tardies, and demonstrating improved academics and behavior. Follow-up research also shows that students continue their progress after finishing the program.

Now a step-by-step guide is available that will enable you to implement this effective program in your schools. There are two ways you can bring this successful program to schools in your community.

**ABOUT CFCC**

The University of Baltimore School of Law Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC) is a national leader in the movement to reform the family justice system. CFCC works to integrate communities, families and the justice system to improve the lives of families and the health of the community.

CFCC is dedicated to resolving family problems in a therapeutic, ecological and service-based manner. Led by Barbara A. Babb, Director and Associate Professor of Law, and Gloria Danziger, Senior Fellow, CFCC uses a holistic approach to solve real-world problems by considering all the different systems affecting the lives of families and children.

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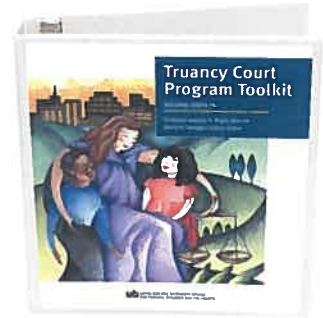


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- » Step-by-step guide to implementation, from student selection to graduation
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