

TRUANCY PREVENTION



SERVICE POPULATION

Appropriate for all youth enrolled in the public school system that have been deemed truant or are at risk of being removed from the home due to truancy-related issues.

SPECIFIC FOCUS POINTS

Examples of some of the different focus points addressed by the case worker while enrolled in the program:

- Self-confidence
- Decision-making
- Establishing boundaries
- Encouragement strategies
- Scheduling techniques
- Influential sanctions
- Effective parenting
- Active listening

For additional information about this program or any other programs that we offer, or to make a referral, please visit us at www.youthconnectva.com



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Our **Truancy Prevention Program** is an incentive-based program that works with the youth, their guardian, other service providers, and applicable school personnel to address truancy-related issues that primarily transpire from the home. The overall intention of the program is to provide necessary support, structure and added incentives to achieve favorable results.

After a referral for services has been received, we first schedule an appointment with the youth and their guardian to conduct an initial meeting in which any areas of concern, along with specific focus points or deficits, are discussed with the intake worker. During this initial meeting, the family is involved in the development of the Initial Supervision Plan, which the assigned case worker will utilize as a road-map while working with the family during program sessions.

Once assigned, the case worker will conduct periodic face-to-face meetings with both the youth and their family at various locations, including: the home setting, school environment, office meetings, and numerous other approved site locations. These face-to-face contacts assist the case worker in building a positive relationship with all parties, provide needed structure, and also serve as a reminder that progress is measured on an ongoing basis.

Our case workers are a vital tool for the referring agency to utilize on an ongoing basis. They are 24/7 accessible and can be dispatched when necessary to assist in addressing a variety of behavioral issues at home or at school. Although the overall goal of the program is to develop healthy school attendance, case workers place emphasis on building effective relationships in the home environment for all family members involved in the process.

The program is beneficial for individuals with an active CHINS before the court and those at risk of becoming court involved and from being removed from the home. The program is also beneficial in providing an additional set of eyes for both the referring agency and the court, to deliver valuable insight on any progress or specific areas of concern observed during approved periods of service.