

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE (SAIC)

The **School Attendance Improvement Conference** is developed immediately after the Truancy Outreach Coordinator is notified of the student's 3rd unexcused absence. If the unexcused absences continue and a citation is issued, the Outreach Coordinator will attend the hearing to inform the District Judge of the family's compliance. The District Judge will hear the case, but in most cases will suspend judgment and sentence if the family is willing to participate with the services offered by the Outreach Coordinator and the unexcused absences cease.

**Reminder of the law:** Pennsylvania State Compulsory Attendance laws require parents to provide written documentation to the School within three (3) days of the student's return to school for an absence to be considered a "legal absence". If no excuse is provided, the absence is illegal. Each day a student is absent 50 percent or more of the school day is to be counted as an absence.

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## **FAYETTE COUNTY TRUANCY OUTREACH PROGRAM**

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# ***What is the Truancy Outreach Program?***

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## **Agency Mission:**

FCCYS is dedicated to the safety, well being & permanence of children through the provision of child centered, family focused services.

## **History of Truancy Services in Fayette County:**

FCCYS recognized the need for additional truancy services throughout recent years and collaborated with three community agencies to provide truancy services. In an effort to continue preventative and supportive services to students and their families, The Truancy Outreach Program was created and staffed with FCCYS professionals to deliver quality services from experienced, knowledgeable & supportive child welfare staff.

## **How are referrals made to Outreach?**

Outreach Coordinators will intervene at the earliest point possible, most likely at the student's first unexcused absence, at the SAIP meeting and at the magistrate level. Parents may also contact the Outreach Program directly for assistance.



## ***What are reasons to refer a child to Outreach?***

- Truancy concerns
- Poor academic performance
- Impaired social functioning
- Behavior difficulties at home or in school
- Mental health or emotional difficulties
- Substance abuse concerns

Other reasons could be aggression, anger, non-compliance, sadness, withdrawn behavior, poor social skills and family dynamics.

## ***Who is involved in the Student Attendance Improvement Plan?***

- Student
- Student's Family
- School District
- Outreach Coordinator

## ***What Services are offered to address truancy?***

The Outreach Coordinator can provide:

- Assessment
- Intervention
- Referrals
- Individual meetings with students
- Small group facilitation
- Presentation to faculty and parent organizations
- Crisis Intervention
- Summer programs & activities
- Home visits with families
- Family Group Decision Making

## ***Services are designed to be:***

- Short term
- Voluntary
- Respectful