

ABOUT THE DELAWARE CENTER FOR JUSTICE

The Delaware Center for Justice is a non-profit United Way agency, dedicated to creating a safer, more secure Delaware by seeking to achieve and preserve a high quality of justice. We fulfill our mission through an extensive range of programs and services, public education, research, and advocacy.

All services are provided without regard to race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, or physical/mental ability.



Remember...

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela



Truancy Reduction Program



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The Truancy Reduction Program (TRP) serves high school and middle school students that are involved in Truancy Court due to poor school attendance. Referrals for the program are made by the student's visiting teacher.

Throughout the court process, TRP case managers will work collaboratively with the students and their families to address the underlying causes of truancy. Case managers will advocate for the student's needs both in Truancy Court and the student's school district.

It is our goal that each student will feel supported in school and will not have further involvement with the criminal justice system.

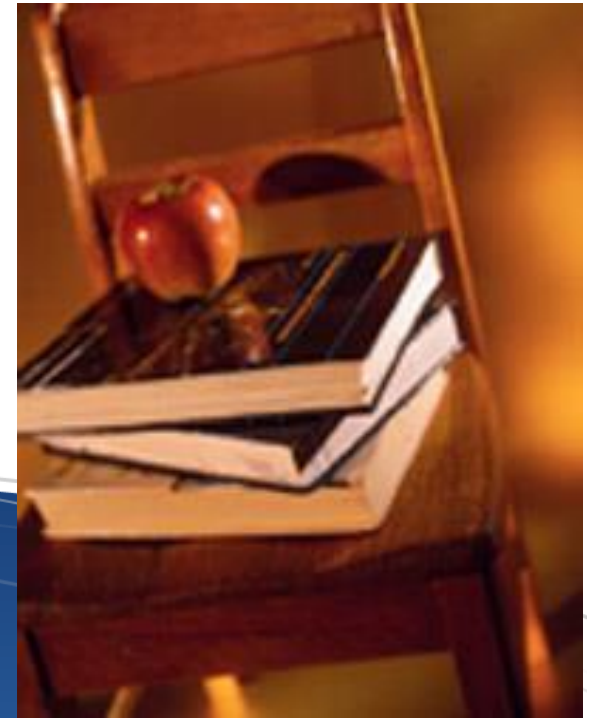
Responsibilities

For Student:

- ✚ Attend school regularly and maintain positive behavior
- ✚ Participate in a mental health and/or substance abuse evaluation
- ✚ If recommended, attend counseling, anger management classes, and/or substance abuse treatment
- ✚ Attend tutoring and/or engage in other positive activities

For Parents:

- ✚ Monitor school attendance, grades, and discipline through frequent interactions with school staff and Home Access Center
- ✚ Abide by and/or assist student in completing court-ordered conditions
- ✚ Participate in family counseling and/or parent education classes, if applicable
- ✚ Support student's participation and completion of the program



Our Objectives

1. Increase student attendance by addressing any underlying causes of truancy
2. Increase parent and/or guardian involvement in the student's success
3. Collaborate with students and families to create an individualized case plan that defines and maps out goals
4. Connect the student and his or her family to relevant support services
5. Provide support through home and school visits, school meetings, and court advocacy