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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 Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC) has developed an innovative Truancy Court Program that engages volunteer judges in an intensive, 10-week, in-school program for elementary and middle school students. Judges, counselors and education specialists team up with truant students, services providers, parents, teachers and principals to improve overall school attendance. The goal is not to punish students who miss school but to understand—and to practically address—why they are not there.

With a seven-year track record, CCFC's Truancy Court Program is proven and tested. In the 2010-2011 school year, for example, the program served more than 300 students and their families in 14 Maryland schools. Seventy-two percent of these students graduated from the program, achieving a minimum 65% reduction in absences and 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 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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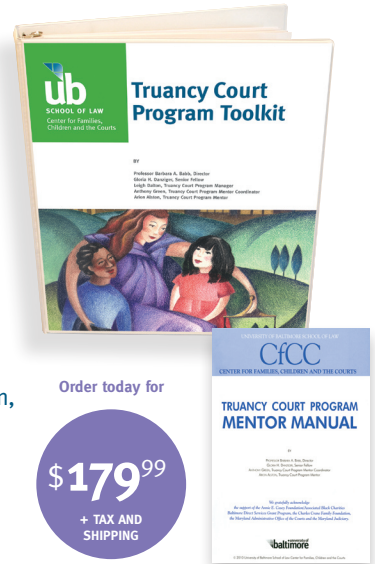
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Buy the Truancy Court Program Toolkit

The valuable tools and resources developed for the Truancy Court Program are available for implementation in your own community. The new **Truancy Court Program Toolkit** shows you how to start and maintain this effective program.

Here is a sampling of what the Truancy Court Program Toolkit contains:

- » Lessons learned, facts and data from CFCC's experience implementing the Truancy Court Program
- » Step-by-step guide from student selection to graduation
- » Collection of useful forms, including school application form, sample invitation letter to parents, consent form, evaluation/assessment forms, weekly report and graduation certificate
- » Detailed guides for the team, teachers and judge
- » The **Truancy Court Program Mentor Manual**, a separate 32-page book providing specific guidance for a Truancy Court Program Mentor



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If you are ready to begin implementation of a comprehensive truancy reduction program right away, consider ordering the complete **Truancy Court Program Implementation Package**.

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- » A customizable electronic copy of the Toolkit and Mentor Manual, provided in Microsoft Word with a licensing agreement to replicate program materials as needed
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