



TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Confronting school absenteeism by addressing academic, school, personal, and family-related factors.

The Truancy Prevention Program is a voluntary and supportive program designed to keep children in school and families out of court.

VOLUNTEER

BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE

HAVE A GREAT CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

MAKE A LIFETIME OF DIFFERENCE

ENRICH & EMPOWER COMMUNITY, SOCIETY & SELF

ONE STUDENT, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME



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The Truancy Prevention Program (TPP) is a holistic, early intervention program designed to identify and address the root causes of truancy before it becomes a major problem. The TPP consists of 10 weekly meetings each semester, with: middle school students, parents/guardians, Montgomery Public school staff (Counselor, Administrator, Pupil Personnel Worker), Judges from the State's Attorney's Office, School Resource Officers from the Montgomery County Police Department and site coordinators, mentors and tutors from the community. The Program culminates in a graduation ceremony to reward students who reduce unexcused absences by 65%.

Volunteer Opportunities

Must be at least 18 to volunteer for the following opportunities



TUTOR. Assists children individually or in small groups to acquire basic skills and meet identified goals in math and/or reading/literacy. Provides encouragement and support. Helps children develop confidence and positive attitude toward learning by affirming their thinking and progress in the lesson. Select materials and approaches that are suitable to the student's skill level and needs. Encourages students to respond to difficult materials by being supportive rather than critical. Seeks to understand the problems that may cause a student to have difficulty learning.



MENTOR. Works closely with children individually or in small groups. Develops bonds of trust with students. Uses information gathered to assist judge, coordinator, and program. May have opportunity to assist site coordinator with calls to parents. Identifies needs, interests and goals for follow up and resource coordination. Provides consistent support, guidance and help.



SITE COORDINATOR. Organizes files, student records, attendance records, and teacher reports. Serves as liaison for school personnel and the judge/mentor. Participates in meetings with students. Responsible for note taking and action plans. Communicates before and after each session via e-mail to send notes and logistical information and follow up. Coordinates resources. Ensures that all players complete assigned tasks. Communicates with parents as needed.

We will be serving over 150 families this school year

The Truancy Prevention Program is a rare opportunity to have a true and meaningful impact on children's lives. You will be trusted with confidential information. You will be involved in decision-making and strategy sessions that have direct and visible impact on middle school children.

YOU will make a difference

7 out of 10 children in the program experience a 65% reduction in unexcused absence.

BE A TPP VOLUNTEER

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