

What is the Truancy Prevention/Intervention Program?

Students and parents in school districts in the Scott County area now have to participate in the Truancy Prevention/Intervention Program with the Scott County Mental Health Center. This is an opportunity to work with mental health professionals to address their beliefs and behaviors that lead to truancy.

The group meets every week for 6 weeks to gain support and education, focusing on the whys of truancy and to learn new skills to prevent truancy.

Who can participate in the Program?

The Program is a requirement of all youth who are currently in the Truancy Diversion Program with Scott County. The Truancy Program with the MHC can also be a requirement of a court order.

The Truancy Prevention/Intervention Program Curriculum

The Truancy Prevention/Intervention Program consists of 6 sessions and meets every week for 90 minutes. Topics may include Goals, Decision Making; Intrapersonal Skills, including Self-Awareness, Self-Assessment and Self-Control; Interpersonal Skills, including Communication and Assertiveness, and Stress Management skills. The Truancy process and clarification of responsibilities in the process will also be discussed.



Are services confidential?

Information shared with the mental health staff in the Truancy Prevention/Intervention Program is confidential and will be kept private unless the student and family agree in writing to share the information with school personnel or as required by law.

Additional Requirements

While participating in the Truancy Diversion Program additional requirements may be included in the youth's diversion plan which can include but are not limited to a diagnostic assessment, a chemical health evaluation, individual therapy or family therapy.

What are the fees?

The Truancy Prevention/Intervention Program services will charge a nominal fee to each family to cover costs of materials.

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How do I obtain services for my student?

To begin the process for the Truancy Prevention/Intervention group your diversion worker completes the referral during your initial diversion meeting. At this meeting the family will be provided with a start date and time for the Truancy Prevention/Intervention Group. Attendance is mandatory and you will not be discharged from the Truancy Diversion Program unless all groups have been completed. If you are unable to attend one of the groups, a conversation with your diversion worker must take place prior to the missed group. Failure to comply with the Truancy Intervention/Prevention Group would result in additional consequences with truancy including court involvement. The phone number for the Scott County Mental Health Center is 952-496-8481.

The Truancy Prevention/Intervention Program is a collaborative venture between Scott County Truancy Diversion Services and the Scott County Mental Health Center

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Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program



Providing truancy prevention services to the students and families of Scott County.