

PROJECT ATTEND



This program is created to assist students who are chronically absent or truant. The program utilizes multiple agency approach to work with school system personnel to assist these students and their families in changing a habit that will help improve attendance and ensure overall success.



PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

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BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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An Interagency and Community Project

*Absenteeism Affects a Child
for a Lifetime!*

PURPOSE



To improve attendance of chronically absent or truant students in order to provide them with an opportunity to improve their academic achievement and social development.

To utilize a team approach to eliminate the duplication of services among agency providers in our approach to the problems of chronically absent students.

To provide services and support to families through the involvement of community agencies.

To foster a spirit of cooperation between students, their families, and their schools to address an issue that impacts the entire community.



PROCESS



Pupil personnel workers, school personnel, and representatives from participating agencies identify chronically absent students.

Police officers notify chronically absent students and their families of an informal hearing at the local District Court.

Pupil personnel workers, school personnel, and representatives from participating agencies attend the informal hearings for the chronically absent students and their families.

Families are made aware of support programs. Pupil personnel workers, school personnel, and hearing officers help to develop an individual student plan to improve attendance.

PARTNERS



Schools

Pupil Personnel Workers
School Administrators

Baltimore County Department of Juvenile Justice

Probation Officers Serving as
Hearing Officers

HEARING OFFICERS:

- Receive training and function under the supervision of the court liaison.
- Assist school personnel in maintaining communication with the school and home.
- Establish a caring relationship with the student and family based upon trust.
- Serve as a valued member of the Project Attend Team.
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