Habitual Truancy

Habitual Truancy means the youth is truant at least 20 days during one school year or fails to cooperate with efforts on the part of school authorities to resolve the school-age child's attendance problem as required under Section 53G-6-206.

The youth can be referred to court if the youth was previously alleged of being a habitual truant at least twice during the same school year; AND the youth was referred to an evidence-based alternative intervention, or for prevention and early intervention youth services, for at least two of the previous habitual truancies. **Below you will find available interventions (1-3) before reaching (4) court referral interventions.**



1. SCHOOL



2.COMMUNITY



3.PRE-COURT



4.COURT REFERRAL

INTERVENTIONS

- Mentorship programs
- Academic support through small group or individualized tutoring
- An evidence-based alternative intervention created and developed by the school or school district
- Counseling of the schoolage child by school authorities
- Family connection to community resources
- A mobile crisis outreach team
- A certified youth court
- Alternative proposed by parents

YOUTH SERVICES

- Offered by Utah's Juvenile Justice and Youth Services
- Individualized youth and family plan with comprehensive access to services
- Screening and assessment to accurately identify youth and family strengths and needs
- Ability to procure services based on youth and family needs
- Access referral website here.

TRUANCY MEDIATION

- Offered by the Utah State Courts without a formal court referral
- Truancy mediation is a process that uses the presence and skills of a impartial third party (mediator) to assist students, parents, and schools to address school attendance issues in a safe environment where all viewpoints can be acknowledged
- Contact: Bart MacKay
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NONJUDICIAL

Nonjudicial Agreement options include: Fine, Fee, Restitution; Substance Abuse Screening, Community Service, Case Plan with Probation, Educational Plan, Truancy Mediation; Alternative School Program; Intervention based on criminogenic risk factors; Other reasonable actions in the interest of the youth and community

