



Talking Truancy and Other Status Offenses: Strategies for Prevention and Intervention

April 23rd, 2024, at 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm (EST)

This webinar, hosted by the National District Attorney's Association (NDAA), will provide practical and creative strategies for keeping kids in school and out of court. Presenters will discuss research on causes of chronic absenteeism, the role of schools and juvenile courts in truancy prevention and intervention, and models/trends involving local prosecutors and probation offices in responding to truancy and other status offenses. Panelists will provide examples of evidence-based programs and practices that effectively reduce absenteeism.

Attendees will hear from the following panelists:

- Clea McNeely, MA, DrPH, Research Professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Nursing
- Jon Audette, Deputy County Attorney and Juvenile Division Chief at Anoka County Attorney's Office, Anoka, Minnesota
- Vienna Welch, Senior Probation Officer, Yavapai County Juvenile Probation, Prescott, Arizona
- David Leckington, Senior Probation Officer, Yavapai County Juvenile Probation, Cottonwood, Arizona

This training is tailored to allied juvenile justice professionals, such as juvenile court administrators, juvenile court prosecutors and supervising attorneys, counsel for youth, juvenile probation officers and supervisors, law enforcement, school-based law enforcement, school administrators and leaders from community-based organizations serving youth.

Attendees can expect to learn the following at this training:

1. What are the main models for truancy programs in county attorneys' offices.
2. Effectiveness of truancy diversion programs.
3. Why certain programs are not more effective at improving attendance.
4. How certain truancy policies can contribute to disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system.
5. What evidence-based practices reduce absenteeism.

NDAA is applying to the following states for CLE credit: Illinois, Ohio, Tennessee, Minnesota

Following the webinar, NDAA will apply for CLE credit from additional states per attendees' request.

OJJDP's National Training and Technical Assistance Center will share registration information with NDAA for CLE credit purposes.

Registration link:

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