

# Resolving Truancy through Community Collaboration



Poor attendance is a symptom of larger and more complex issues with the family. The nature of reporting requirements require the school to be reactionary and resort to measures that can increase barriers to success. When a family is reported to Juvenile Court or DCS, that often results in a breakdown of a relationship between the family and the school that is difficult to repair. Everyone shares the same goal and wants success for the child, but achieving that success takes time, patience, energy, empathy and trust.



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## Achieving Attendance Success

- Get to the WHY
- Know your student population and culture
- Understand the impact of trauma
- Partner with service organizations in your community to help
- Find services and supports for parents
- Ask the families what they need to be successful
- Asking for help is HARD – be kind!

## Did you know?

In Indiana, DCS funds community- based service providers that schools can access without making a formal report?



## Did you know?

Most states have laws that allow for the local juvenile court, DCS and schools to freely share information with each other that would normally be confidential?