

## **Project Attend**

This program is created to assist students who are chronically absent or truant. The program utilizes a 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:**

**Baltimore County Public Schools**

**Baltimore County Department of Juvenile Justice**

**Baltimore County Department of Aging**

**Baltimore County Police Department**

**Baltimore County Department of Social Services**

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Department of Student Support Services  
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**Baltimore County**

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## **An Interagency and Community Project**

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**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 problem 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 volunteers help to develop an individual student plan to improve attendance.

# *Providers:*

**Baltimore County Public Schools**  
Pupil Personnel Workers  
School Administrators

**Baltimore County Department of Juvenile Justice**  
Probation Officers Serving as  
Hearing Officers

**Baltimore County Department of Aging**  
Volunteer Coordinator/Volunteers

**Baltimore County Police Department**  
Police Officers of the  
Community Outreach Program

**Baltimore County Department of Social Services**  
Social Workers

# *Volunteers:*

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