

PROJECT ATTEND – AN INTERAGENCY COMMUNITY PROJECT

Project Attend is an interagency program designed to help improve student attendance. When a student attends school, he or she has an opportunity to increase academic achievement and avoid delinquent behavior. This interagency initiative processes severe truancy or chronic absentee cases through a team approach which includes Baltimore County Public Schools, Baltimore County Police Department, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Aging, Department of Social Services, and RETABCO.

Project Attend is managed by the Coordinator of the Office of Pupil Personnel Services. Pupil personnel workers assist school personnel with addressing student absenteeism and identifying students who should be referred to Project Attend. The Project Attend facilitator will facilitate hearings and coordinate the schedule and use of District Court rooms for specific dates and times.

Project Attend is an excellent resource which should be used by secondary schools. There are area scheduled meetings in September of each year to explain the details of Project Attend for the school year. The list of the dates, locations, and times for the meetings are sent to the principal of each secondary school.

The assistant principal assigned to Project Attend should be present at the meeting as well as the volunteer who will follow up the students' attendance after the hearings. The pupil personnel worker assigned to the school should also attend the meeting. All participants must attend the meetings regardless of prior participation. It is anticipated that participants will attend the meeting scheduled for their geographic area. If there is a conflict, participants may attend a meeting in another geographic area.

Please make a decision to participate in Project Attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Services at 410-887-0404.

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