

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**TRUANCY EXPECTATIONS**

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**THE STUDENT/CLIENT SHALL:**

1. Improve school attendance over a period of time, which is also demonstrated in academic progress.
2. Take responsibility and accountability for your class attendance-including clearing up any mistakes that may be on your attendance report.
3. Meet with the Social Worker on a monthly basis, minimally.
4. Respond to all correspondences from the Social Worker within 48 hours.

THE PARENT/GUARDIAN SHALL:

1. Contact the school and the Social Worker if your child does not go to school by 9:00am that same day.
2. For all illness absences:
3. Have your child seen by a doctor and provide school with written verification by doctor/medical provider including their return to school date OR
4. Send your child to school to be checked by school staff/nurse and released if ill.
5. A release of information for your child’s doctor, may be requested to ensure the doctor is aware of school absences.
6. Attend all meetings scheduled by the school, the Social Worker, County Attorney’s Office and court services.
7. Actively participate in case planning to work towards case closure.
8. Respond to all correspondences from the Social Worker within 48 hours.

THE SOCIAL WORKER SHALL:

1. Have ongoing conversations with guardian/student/school staff regarding attendance and academic progress.
2. Respond to all correspondences from guardians, students and network members within 48 hours.
3. Have monthly meetings with the student.
4. Provide consequences/rewards for not following/following the contract.
5. Case Plan with the student and family to work towards case closure.
6. Make appropriate referrals to service providers, as needed.
7. Consult with the County Attorney’s Office if a court petition needs to be filed due to not following the truancy contract.

Cultural Recognition:Carver County Health & Human services recognizes cultural disparities including historical trauma.  CCHHS is committed to partnering with families to address school attendance issues with solution focused discussions that encourage and support parents to implement strategies based on their best hopes for meeting the formal educational needs of their children.

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRUANCY PROGRAM AND UNEXCUSUED ABSENCES:

1. Truancy Hours: Students could accrue “truancy hours” for having unexcused absences. Examples of how students can complete their hours include, but are not limited to:
	1. Community Work Service Hours (CWS)
	2. Therapeutic Hours
	3. Attend and Participate in Tree house
	4. Apply and participate in the Youth Employment Program through the Career Force.
	5. Loss of phone privileges.
	6. Loss of parking pass privileges.

\*\* A deadline will be set to complete the assigned truancy hours and may impact case closure.

1. A minimum of 14 days on Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM), paid for by the student/guardian. Every day of non-compliance/violations while on EHM will result in an extra day of EHM.
	1. EHM Fees: $82.00 for the first 2 weeks, plus an activation fee of $30.00. An additional charge of $6.00 per day will accrue after 14 days.
	2. Violations include but are not limited to: allowing your EHM to lose a charge, absent or late to school/class and failure to follow your approved schedule.
	3. All schedules while on EHM need to be approved by the Social Worker. Schedules need to be approved 24 hours in advance and before 4:30pm on Friday, for the upcoming weekend.
2. Random drug testing as requested by the worker. Refusal to comply with a drug test could be considered a positive test. The worker may request a hair follicle test, nail test or a sweat patch at any time at the students’/guardians’ expense.
3. Safety Network Meetings or Family Group Decision Making meetings with extended family and friends.
4. Further non-compliance with the truancy contract OR if there is an immediate safety concern, the worker could consult with the County Attorney’s Office about filing a CHIPS (Child in need of protection or services) Petition. If a CHIPS petition is filed and accepted, a court date will be scheduled, and the guardian and student will be summoned to attend court.
	1. Guardians are responsible for all court fees/guardian ad litem (GAL) fees and attending all court hearings. GAL fees are approximately $1000.00
	2. Guardians will be obliged to follow the same court order as their child and could be asked to participate in any recommended services.
	3. Attorney(s) and a Guardian ad Litem will be assigned to the case and will be required to meet with the child and guardians prior to every court hearing. Attorneys and GAL will be involved in case planning.