Mission Statement

The Alternative Center for Truancy has been established through a partnership of government agencies to reduce truancy and provide services to students in Orange County. The focus of A.C.T. is to provide positive support to the family structure while stressing the importance of education.

Alternative Center for Truancy

Cooperative Efforts of the...

Orlando Police Department
Orange County Juvenile Court
Orange County Public Schools
Department of Juvenile Justice
Orange County Sheriff's Office
Orange County Family Counseling

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Program Description

The Alternative Center for Truancy (A.C.T.) uses law enforcement, school social workers, concerned citizens, and parents to locate and identify children who are truant. The child is detained and brought to the A.C.T.

Parents or guardians are contacted and asked to pick their child up. The children are assessed by the case manager to determine the underlying cause of the truant behavior (drugs, alcohol, delinquency, family problems, etc.) The parents or guardians are interviewed and recommendations are made to assist the child and family.

Parents or guardians who are unwilling or refuse to keep their child in school are referred to the State Attorney's Office for prosecution.

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The A.C.T. receives children from 7:30AM to 2:00PM.

We are available for phone calls from 7:30AM to 3:30PM.

We accept children from the ages of 12-16 years of age.

The child must be a resident of Orange County.

If a student is expelled or suspended and they are not in the presence of their legal guardian, they can be brought to the Alternative Center for Truancy.

Program Goals

- Assist parents in finding the needed resources to get their child back on track.
- Stress the importance of education.
- Get truants off the street and under supervision.
- Improve school attendance and graduation rates.
- Reduce daylight crimes committed by juveniles.
- Make the parent aware and accountable.