

Truancy Mediation

Philosophy and Benefits

Philosophy

- ❖ Emphasis is restoration over punishment
- ❖ Participation is voluntary
- ❖ Allows equal space for all participants
 - Everyone is respected
 - Everyone gets a chance to talk without interruption
 - Everyone is equal; no person is more important than the others

Benefits

- ❖ Provides opportunity for the student to hear the impact of their actions and accept responsibility for real change
- ❖ Focuses on restoring harmony between the student, parents and school
- ❖ Provides opportunity for the participants to explore the underlying causes of truancy
- ❖ Explores a wide range of ways to change the situation
- ❖ Resources of the family, school staff and community are brought together to find a solution
- ❖ Acknowledges everyone's capacity for resolving the problem
- ❖ Shares responsibility for solutions