

**ORANGE COUNTY  
TRUANCY RESPONSE PROGRAM**

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**TRUANCY RESPONSE PROGRAM  
GOALS**

- Back to school
- Catch up credits
- Earn diploma
- Identify the reasons the child is not attending school
- Provide resources to address issues causing the truancy

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**PARTICIPANTS**

1. Orange County Department of Education (Access)
2. School Districts (SAUSD & IUSD)
3. Orange County Probation Department
4. Orange County District Attorney
5. Orange County Public Defender's Office
6. Orange County Superior Court
7. Social Services (2 social service workers 1 on eligibility)
8. CSP (mental health)
9. Gregory Bodenhamer PEP (parenting and school education intervention)

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**TRUANCY COURT REFERRAL PROCESS:  
POST SARB**

- Family is identified by school district**
- District Attorney conducts a parent meeting**
- Probation initiates an informal process with the child/family**
- Case is referred to Court**

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**TRP COURT PROCESS**

- Cases are set for arraignment
- Parents & children arrive
  - Public Defender is appointed to represent minor
  - Team "staff's" the case
  - Team identifies which type of case it is and if resources are needed for referral
  - Offer is conveyed to minor by Public Defender
    - 90 days PA dismissal
    - 725 60 days PA dismissal
  - Set future date: short set v. long

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**PRE-TRIAL**

- Discuss type of case
- Regular
  - Track "3"
    - Evaluate issues causing truancy
      - Review CARS's
      - Review School records
        - attendance records
        - IEP
      - Discuss any additional information known about family/child
    - Have partners talk to child or to the parent
    - Provide resources to family or child
      - Counseling, parenting, educational support, tutoring, drug treatment, mental health treatment, psychiatrist, social service programs.

Set future date

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**TRIAL DATE**

- Offer accepted or case goes to trial
- If accepted: 725- Truancy Court Contract
  - Waives Rights & Pleads
    - No wardship but on probation
  - Terms:
    - S & S (truancy style)
    - 20 hours of VCS
    - counseling as directed
    - 3 PEP classes
    - write essay
    - UT&C

Set the case for a date in one week to see if attendance has improved.

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**TRIAL**

SDT Records

Witnesses:

- parent of the child to establish id
- Custodian of records (if needed)
- Expert (if needed)
- Argument
- Ruling
- Disposition

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**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH 725**

Declare WIC 601 Wardship

- Increase sanctions
  - home arrest (start with 90 and let them work it off)
  - parent to go to school with the child
  - drug testing
  - loss of CDL
- Court to monitor the case closely and set for the next week.

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**FAILURE TO COMPLETE 601(B)**

District Attorney will bring an OSC re: contempt  
Admit: 10 days Juvenile Hall sight and sound  
separate

Deny - Hearing= if found in violation the child  
could get as many as 5 days for each count of  
contempt up to 180 days in custody

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**CASE CONCLUSION**

1. 90 days Perfect attendance no formal requirements successful dismissal
2. 725/601(b) complete the terms and conditions & have 60 days of Perfect Attendance successful dismissal
3. Age out unsuccessful dismissal
4. Resource out unsuccessful dismissal

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**CAUSES OF TRUANCY**

- Unmotivated youth (Lazy, bored, "in-love", etc.)
- Kids in Gangs
- Youth in crisis
- Chaotic home life (Absent, impaired or disengaged parent/physical, mental and emotional abuse/family member in crisis)
- Basic necessities (Transportation, food, clothing, shelter)
- Chronic health issues (Asthma, infections, stomach issues)
- Mental health issues (Depression, Severe anxiety, emotional disturbance, bipolar, schizophrenia, phobias)
- Drug or alcohol dependency by child or parent
- Special education issues
- Low IQ those below 90
- Social issues (Bullying, gang recruitment, sexual orientation)
- Sexual Abuse victim
- Parenting or parentified teens

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**RESPONSES TO THE CAUSES OF TRUANCY**

Unmotivated youth (Lazy, bored, "in-love", etc.) Parenting/Probation  
Kids In Gangs Parenting/Probation/Move schools or homes  
Youth In crisis Counseling  
Chaotic home life (Absent, impaired or disengaged parent/physical, mental and emotional abuse/family member in crisis) SSW, counseling, police  
Basic necessities (Transportation, food, clothing, shelter) SSW  
Chronic health issues (Asthma, infections, stomach issues) School nurse, SSW  
Mental health issues (Depression, Severe anxiety, emotional disturbance, bipolar, schizophrenia, phobias) Counseling, Psychiatrist, CAT team, School Psychologist, Educational change  
Drug or alcohol dependency by child or parent Counseling, drug treatment for child, SSW if parent is the issue  
Special education issues& Low IQ those below 90 Parenting, Educational liaison, counseling, IQ tests  
Social issues (Bullying, gang recruitment, sexual orientation) School, counselors, move schools, parenting classes  
Sexual Abuse victim UCI focus or Olivecrest for sexual assault counseling for child and family  
Parenting or parentified teens SSW: babysitting/parenting classes, SSW to look at possible 300 cases

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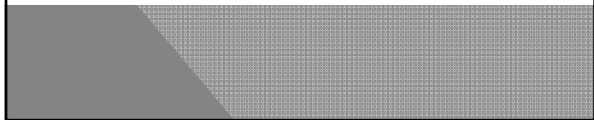
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**QUESTIONS?**



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