

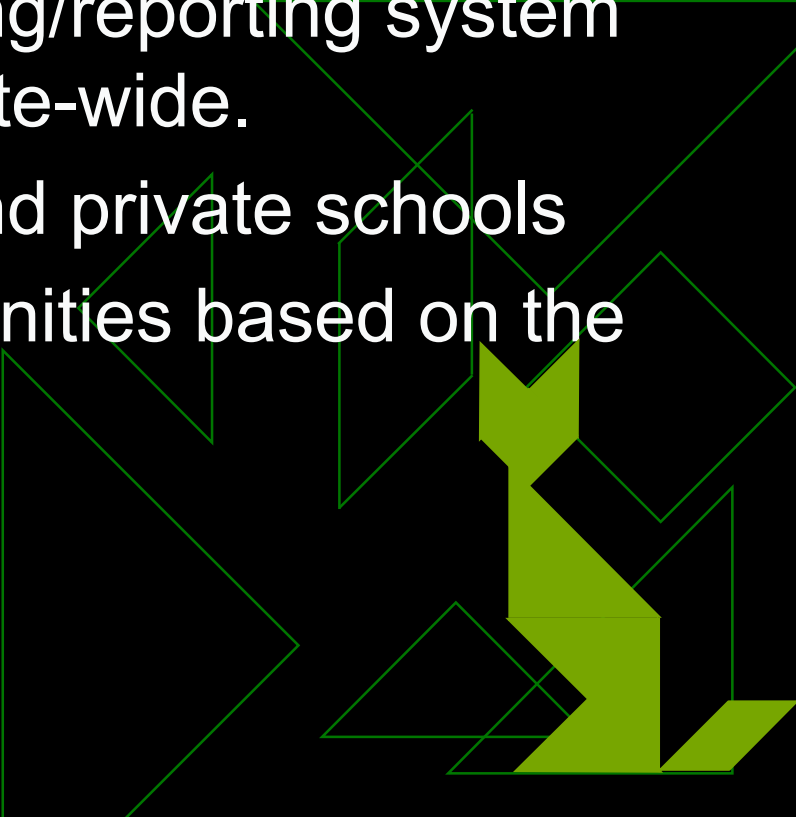
Secondary Prevention Subcommittee

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Goals

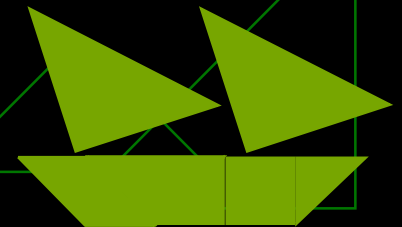
- ◆ Share current school/agency strategies in place to support regular school attendance
- ◆ Identify current school-based programs in place to address school attendance issues.
- ◆ Explore root causes and common themes of attendance issues.
- ◆ Explore and bring forward a process to address issues impacting school attendance.
- ◆ Bring forward dollar requests for strategies that address attendance issue.

Revise 2001 Manual

- ◆ Revise, update and amend the 2001 manual regarding truancy
 - ◆ Develop a uniform recording/reporting system to be used consistently state-wide.
 - ◆ Redistribute to all public and private schools
 - ◆ Implement training opportunities based on the new manual
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Training

- ◆ Revise the protocols and training procedures for school social workers, SPAs, key school admin and principals.
- ◆ Facilitate training seminars for these key players.
 - How to ID at-risk students early on – taking into consideration past truancy concerns
 - Utilize the state wide ID number to better track students' attendance from district to district



Training cont.

- Enhance communication between schools when a child transfers out of the district
- Instructions on how to right an effective, uniform referral with all pertinent information
- How to administer, score and utilize the School Refusal Assessment Scale
- Utilize a menu of services (developed by pre-court intervention) available to parents as a referral basis at the point of first contact

Propose Change

- ◆ School statute changes – i.e. arrange meeting after 10 absences, transfer paperwork, etc.
- ◆ CC the county attorney on notification letters sent to parents
- ◆ Release of info for doctors vs. standard doctor's note
- ◆ NHHS – educational neglect vs. County Attorney filings

