

## Transforming a Truancy Court to a Problem-Solving Court

Friday, February 3, 2017

- 8:30: Welcome, introductions and breakfast served
- 9:00: What is truancy and what are the causes of truancy? (Discussion and video)
- 10:00: Break
- 10:15: The impact of truancy to your community -
- 11:00: The road map to transform truancy court to problem-solving court
- 12:00: Lunch/Networking
- 12:45: Continued Discussion of transformation
- 1:30: Community Partnerships
- 2:00: Break
- 2:15: Barriers and Winning collaboratives- group work
- 3:15: Building your own road map of transformation and discussion  
Break out sessions  
report out
- 4:00: Wrap up/questions

Rather than take traditional punitive approaches to truancy, problem-solving courts **assist in overcoming the underlying causes of truancy in a child's life by engaging the** family and community partners in collaborative support of the child. Some truancy courts are held on the school grounds. Others reorganize to form special truancy court dockets within the juvenile or family court. Either way, the ultimate goal of these collaborative efforts between courts and schools is to achieve regular school attendance and dismiss truancy petitions. This training is ideal for judges, magistrates, school district personnel and anyone engaged in helping students and families improve school attendance in conjunction with courts.