

TSP Mission

To provide resources for students and families that enable them to capitalize on their strengths and seize opportunities allowing them to realize their potential.



The TSP program helps students achieve their educational goals, graduate on time and get involved in their community.

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Empowering youth and families to build positive and fulfilling lives.

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Truancy Solutions Partnership



Danbury Youth Services, Inc. (DYS) is a non-profit agency designated as the Youth Services Bureau for the City of Danbury.

Why TSP?

During the 2022-2023 school year, the chronic absenteeism rate in Danbury was 18.7% according to the CT State Department of Education.

In an effort to provide youth better opportunities, DYS collaborates with schools and strives to keep truant and chronically absent youth engaged in learning by connecting them and their families to resources and alternative activities that will help them lead safe and productive lives.

Who Can Participate?

The following criteria must be met for all new client referrals:

- 1. Identified as truant a student age five to eighteen who is enrolled in a public or private school and has either 4 unexcused absences in any one month or 10 unexcused absences in the current school year.
- 2. Referral received from school staff after two documented face-to-face interventions failed.
- Referral must include attendance, transcript and/or report card, current grades, disciplinary records and family information.
- 4. The referral form and consent for release/ exchange of confidential information <u>must</u> be completed and signed.

Program Objectives

Reduce truancy in Greater Danbury

DYS aims to break down barriers that prevent youth from attending school. The goal is to develop and use effective strategies to reduce and address truancy and chronic absence in lieu of filing a juvenile court referral.

Provide case management to youth and families

When DYS receives a TSP referral, an interview is scheduled with the family and student to assess needs. DYS will provide weekly case management, referrals to appropriate resources (i.e. social services, health & human services, housing, etc.) and support as needed.

Empower students to complete high school or vocational certification

DYS connects youth and families to skill building resources that will engage youth in educational or vocational opportunities.