

# *Model Programs*

- ✚ Involve Parents
  - Include intensive monitoring, counseling, and other family-strengthening services
  - Create family-friendly schools
  - Parent liaison between school and families
  
- ✚ Firm Sanctions for Students
  - Zero tolerance truancy policies
  - Sanctions linked to driver's license
  - Daytime curfews during school hours
  - Student fails the semester
  - Court ordered counseling
  - Alternative education
  
- ✚ Meaningful Incentives for Parents
  - Court ordered parent education
  - Court ordered sanctions regarding public assistance
  
- ✚ Prevention Programs in Schools
  - Tutoring programs
  - Increased safety measures
  - Drug prevention initiatives
  - Career academies
  - School-to-work opportunities
  - Use of software to track truancy
  - Community service programs
  - Involve businesses in community service opportunities that lead to jobs
  
- ✚ Involve Local Law Enforcement
  - Police sweeps
  - Availability of community-run temporary detention centers where police can drop off students after a sweep
  
- ✚ Effectiveness of Model Programs
  - Milwaukee, Wisconsin (64% still in school after 30 days; 33% reduction in daytime burglary; 29% reduction in aggravated battery)
  - New Haven, Connecticut (targets middle school students through truancy court)
  - Atlantic County, New Jersey (84% had no recurrence of truancy over a one year period of time)

Resource for More Information: [www.ed.gov/gov/pubs/truancy](http://www.ed.gov/gov/pubs/truancy)