

# 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

# Elements of Model Truancy Prevention and Intervention Programs



## 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

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### 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)