


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Wendy Henderson
Administrator 

Re: **Youth Justice Issue Briefs: Issue Brief Released on Truancy**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to inform youth justice system partners of the release of the third Youth Justice Issue Brief. The topic of this issue brief is Truancy.

BACKGROUND

The Bureau of Youth Services will periodically release Youth Justice Issue Briefs on topics relevant to youth justice practice across the state. These briefs will include the following elements related to the specific topic area of the issue brief: references to the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) strategic plan and vision for youth justice; background; program spotlights of effective or promising programs in Wisconsin; links and summaries of notable research; quantitative and qualitative data specific to Wisconsin; and actionable steps readers can take to evaluate their own practices.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The issue brief on Truancy includes all the elements described above, as they relate to chronic absence from school. This includes background information on truancy and a summary of current research to help guide collaborative, evidence-based decision-making. It also includes a spotlight on programs in La Crosse, Barron, and Kewaunee counties, as well as a list of resources related to effective, developmentally appropriate truancy intervention strategies. For more, please read the eleven-page brief in its entirety.

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ATTACHMENTS: [Youth Justice Issue Brief – Truancy – November 2021](#)