

OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION EVALUATION MODEL

The following is an outline of goals and objectives used by the Colorado Foundation for Families and Children. The goals were created by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and were included in the request for proposal in 1998 for The Truancy Reduction Demonstration Project Evaluation.

Develop, implement, expand, or strengthen comprehensive truancy programs that pool education, justice system, law enforcement, social services (min) to:

- Identify truant youth
- Design, implement comprehensive system-wide programs to meet needs of truant youth
- Design and maintain systems for tracking truant youth

Programs are comprehensive and include 4 major components:

1. System reform & accountability
2. Continuum of services to address youth needs
3. Data collection & evaluation
4. Community education and awareness program to address the need to prevent truancy K-12 & intervene with truants

Sites had 6 months for planning:

- Develop a plan for multi-agency training curriculum based on a needs assessment that includes:
 1. People to be trained
 2. Cultural competency
 3. Risk factors for truancy
 4. Comprehensive assessment and treatment of youth
 5. Cross-disciplinary instruction
 6. Resources for follow-up
- Develop a logic model for local evaluation in collaboration with CFFC
- Access assistance from CFFC in:
 1. Determination of appropriate roles for participants in the collaborative
 2. Clarify goals
 3. Set up data base
- Expect ongoing monitoring of process from CFFC with accompanying feedback to site staff to assist with program improvement

In the next 2 ½ years, sites are expected to:

- Develop the implementation and evaluation plans for links between youth, families, and community services
- Complete a timeline of activities and deliverables for program implementation and evaluation goals
- Prepare a resource directory of local services for truant youth and their families
- Develop and implement a media package for prevention education and public information
- Implement the comprehensive system-wide plan to prevent and intervene with truancy