

## ELIGIBILITY

- Services are free to eligible students.
- Services are for families and students involved or at risk of getting involved with Truancy Court.
- Students must be willing to participate and meet with Positive Steps staff in your home, school, or community.
- Students must reside in unincorporated Pierce County, within the city limits of Tacoma, or lack stable housing.

### Community Positive Steps Teams

Teams are made of community members who can help connect Positive Steps students and families to local recreation and social activities, mentoring, tutoring and services to support basic needs.



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Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD)  
Dropout Prevention & Re-Engagement provides skill development and case management to youth at risk for dropping out, involved in Becca bill, and/or in the Juvenile Justice System.

PSESD is one of nine regional educational agencies serving school districts and state approved charter and private schools in Washington. PSESD provides instructional and administrative support to K-12 to postsecondary schools and direct service to students and families in the Puget Sound region.



# POSITIVE STEPS



REDUCING YOUTH VIOLENCE IN  
PIERCE COUNTY SINCE 2001



# OUR GOAL

*Every student should feel supported and successful in school.*



Students with chronic truancy (missing 10% or 18 days of a school year) are less likely to receive a high school diploma and eventually earn a living wage job. Truancy also predicts higher rates of violent behavior and involvement with the justice system.

When attendance is a problem, Pierce County Juvenile Court, schools, parents, caregivers and other professionals refer students and their caring adults to the Positive Steps program.

After enrollment, Positive Steps staff, students, and caring adults work together to:

- Identify strengths of the student and their caregivers
- Identify barriers to attendance
- Create shared goals and tasks to improve attendance and keep students out of court
- Prevention of Violence

# SERVICES

- Strength-based needs assessment of child and family, with a family-driven plan for success
- 3-9 months of in-home and community based services
- Re-enrollment or re-engagement in school
- Connections with Pierce County mental health, substance abuse, social service agencies, and case management services in the school community
- Advocacy and updates at court hearings and school meetings
- Functional family therapy and parent partner services
- Parenting classes and support using Parent Project



# PARTNERS

## Pierce County Juvenile Court - Remann Hall

Remann Hall partners with Positive Steps to coordinate services & keeps students from going deeper into the court system.



## Unincorporated Pierce County Schools



# RESOURCES

## OSPI Attendance Guidelines:

[k12.wa.us/attendance](https://k12.wa.us/attendance)

## Parent Support Groups:

[acommonvoice.org](https://acommonvoice.org)

## Pierce County Human Services:

[co.pierce.wa.us/97/Human-Services](https://co.pierce.wa.us/97/Human-Services)

