
MISSION

The Positive Steps Program helps students, families, and communities reduce truancy and keep youth engaged and out of the justice system.

ELIGIBILITY

Services are free for eligible students and are available to families and students who are involved with, or at risk of becoming involved with, Truancy Court.

Students must reside in unincorporated Pierce County and be willing to participate and meet with Positive Steps staff in their home, school, or community.

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REFERRAL FORM



POSITIVE STEPS

Re-engaging Youth in
Pierce County since 2001



PSESD Dropout Prevention & Re-Engagement provides skill development and case management to youth needing transitional supports from the Juvenile Justice System.



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.

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WHAT WE OFFER:

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 to improve attendance and keep students out of court

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 community
- Advocacy and updates at court hearings and school meetings

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

