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Truancy Support Circles

Lancaster County



Juvenile Diversion Middle & High School Truancy Track

GOAL

Reduce the number of youth who enter the formal juvenile justice system

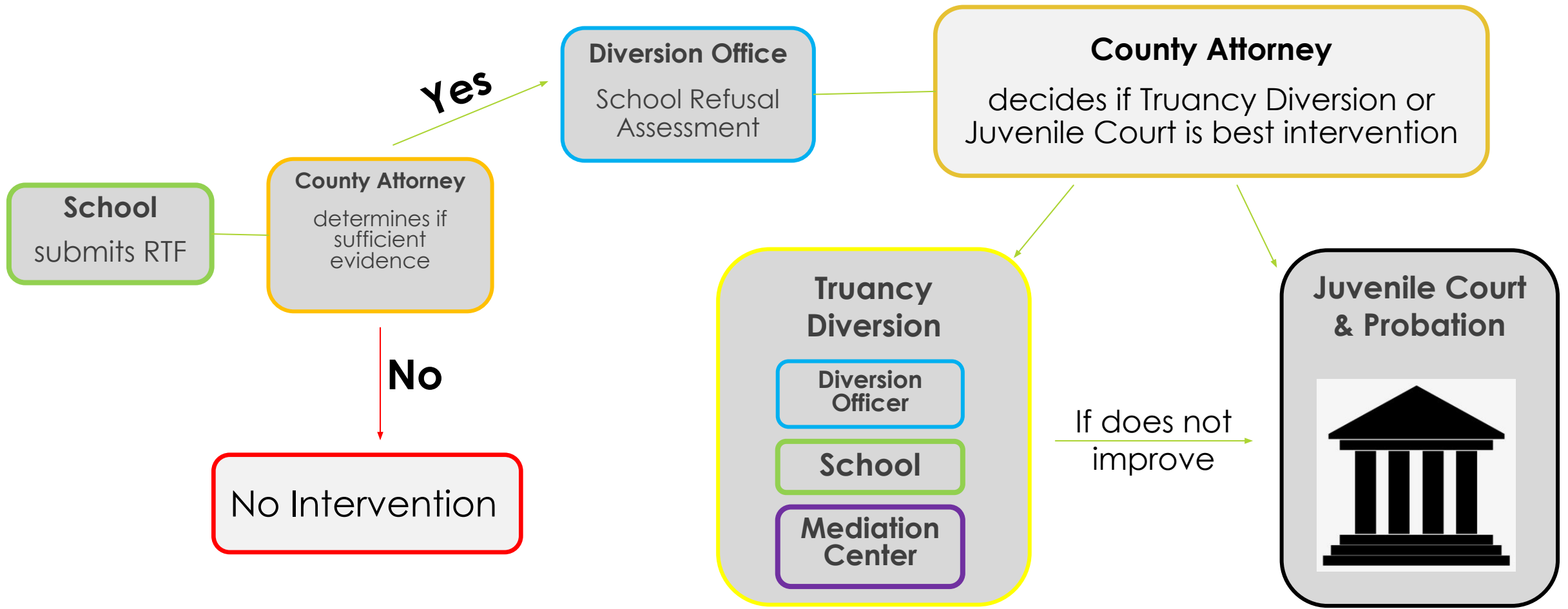
Eligible Students



All normal attendance policies followed:

- Stage letters
- Collaborative Plan Meeting
- 20+ days of unexcused absence
- County Attorney Request to File submitted

Middle School Truancy Track Flowchart



MSTDP Program Requirements

- **School Refusal Assessment**
- **Truancy Mediation Circle and Case Plan development**

- **Satisfactory grades**
- **Regular attendance, with illness verified by medical professional**
- **Complete Steps 1, 2, and 3**
 - **Step 1: 70%+ attendance for 10 school days**
 - **Step 2: 80%+ attendance for 10 school days**
 - **Step 3: 90%+ attendance for 15 school days**

- **60 days to complete Steps 1-3, then staffing with Diversion Officer and County Attorney for potential discharge**

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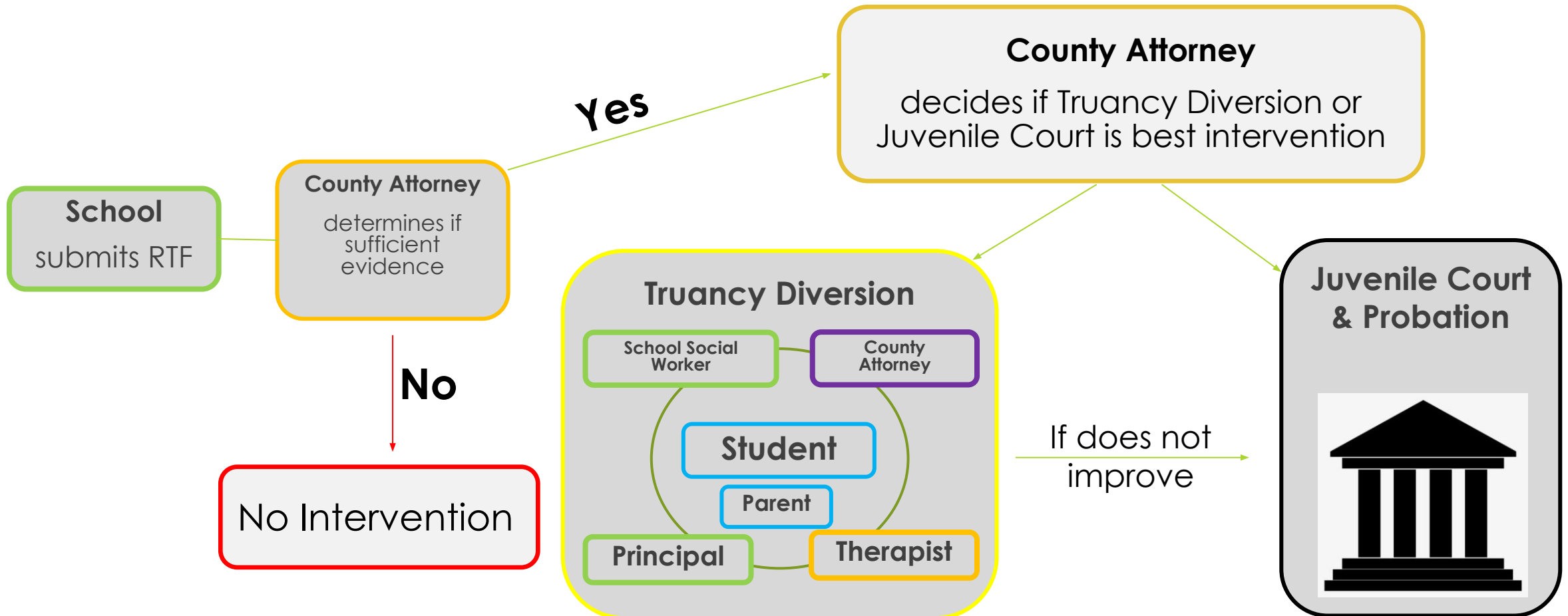
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High School Truancy Track Flowchart



Eligible Students for HSTDP

Attends a School with HSTDP:

- East
- Lincoln High
- Northeast
- North Star
- Southeast

Ineligible if Attends School at:

- Non-LPS school
- Bryan
- Northwest
- Southwest
- Yankee Hill

Ineligible if:

- Currently on probation
- Previously completed MSTDP or HSTDP
- At time of referral at +50% unexcused absence
- Prosecutor discretion (drugs, run behavior, etc.)

HSTDP Team and Program Goals

Principal
Social Worker
Student
Parent
County Attorney
Therapist

Program requirements:

- Significant improvement in attendance
- All passing grades
- Complete IDI and follow recommendations

Truancy Support Circles



Truancy Support Circles

- ▶ Two Mediators:
 - ▶ Process/Pace Mediator:
 - ▶ Follow TSC agenda
 - ▶ Elicit participation from youth and supporting adults while maintaining youth's role at forefront of dialogue
 - ▶ When necessary: transition to adult-directed conference
 - ▶ Record/Review Mediator:
 - ▶ Record notes as TSC participants move through agenda
 - ▶ Document agreed upon statements by youth and supporting adults □ plan is complete and ready to sign at closure of TSC
 - ▶ Assist process/pace mediator in eliciting participation and input from youth and supporting adults

Preparation for TSC (youth-reported)

- ▶ Strengths
- ▶ Goals for myself
- ▶ Root cause issues/why I miss school
- ▶ What I need to get to school (start plans)
- ▶ What keeps me from school (stop plans)
- ▶ Educators/Others to include

STUDENT GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE TRUANCY CIRCLE PROCESS (IPS)

Date _____
Student _____
Guardian _____
School _____
Grade _____

2) MY STRENGTHS

3) GOALS FOR MYSELF

3) WHY I MISS SCHOOL

4) WHAT I NEED TO HELP ME GET TO SCHOOL

5) THE MOST THING THAT KEEPS ME FROM SCHOOL

EDUCATORS FROM MY SCHOOL TO INVITE TO TSC

NAMES

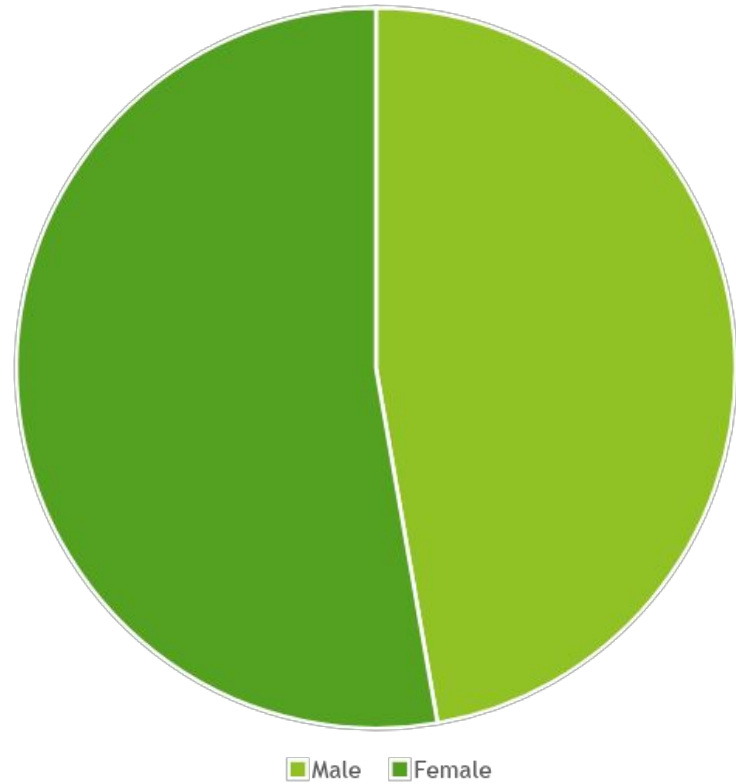
THEIR POSITION AT SCHOOL

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

OTHER PEOPLE TO INVITE

TSC Participation by Gender

Truancy Support Circle Participation by Gender*

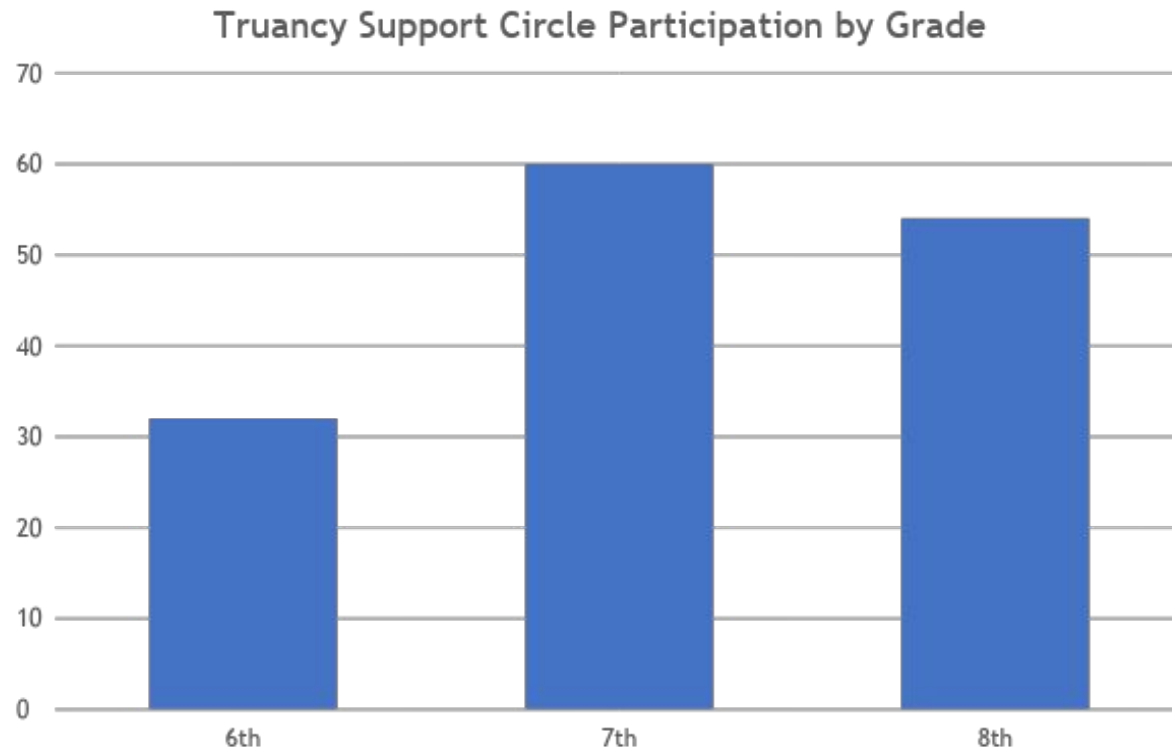


Truancy Support Circle Participation by Gender*

Male	69
Female	77
Total	146

*Note: Does not account for non-binary, trans, other, gender identifications

TSC Participation by Grade



Truancy Support Circle Participation by Grade	
6th	32
7th	60
8th	54
Total	146

TSC Cases Referred by Year*

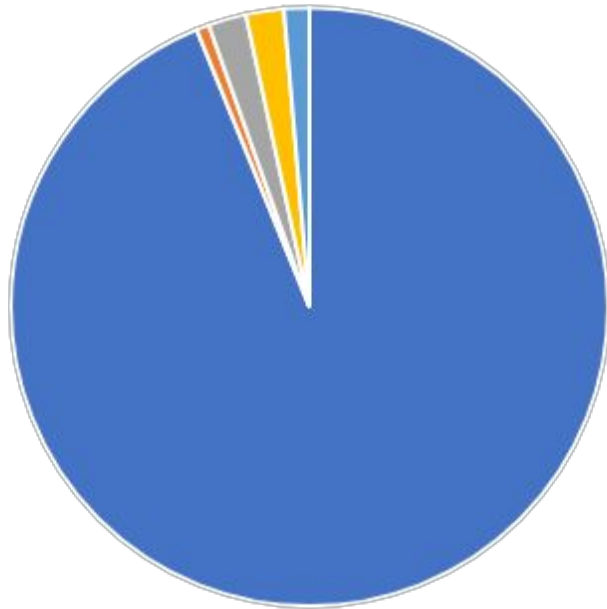
Truancy Support Circle Cases by Year*

(*Note: 2020 and 2023 are incomplete years)

Year 2020 (12/2020) (referrals began December 2020)	2
Year 2021	49
Year 2022	54
Year 2023 (through 5/15/2023)	41
Total	146

TSC Completion Status

Truancy Support Circle Completion Status



■ Full Agreement ■ Partial Agreement ■ No Agreement ■ Not appropriate ■ Still Open

TSC Completion Status	
Full Agreement	137
Partial Agreement	1
No Agreement	3
Not appropriate	3
Still Open	2
Total	146