

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Educational Neglect Prevention and Family Engagement Program

This memorandum of agreement is entered into by Seven Counties Services and the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS). This agreement demonstrates a collaboration in which families are engaged through a Parent/Family Engagement Meeting (PEM) to define barriers to attendance, identify strengths and needs, develop a plan of action, and strive to prevent the family from being unnecessarily involved in the child welfare system. Our goal is to prevent educational neglect through collaboration among agencies and with families.

Seven Counties Services will provide the following:

1. A PEM Facilitator, who will conduct the Parent Engagement Meetings, during which a diversion plan will be developed and participants will leave with a signed copy of the plan.
2. Provide families with necessary referrals to assist with meeting their needs.
3. Conduct a 3-4 week follow-up with the parent/guardian if family requests.
4. Be available for any necessary communication with JCPS or DCBS/CPS personnel.
5. Collaborate with JCPS and DCBS/CPS personnel to analyze student attendance and determine success in reaching annual measurable outcomes.
6. Provide any additional assistance needed to partnering agencies.

The Jefferson County Public Schools Agrees to the following:

1. Identify families for referral. The target families are those who are at risk of being referred to DCBS/CPS for educational neglect.
2. Send names of the child(ren), DOB, and names of parents to the DCBS/CPS Representative to clear for activity.
3. Notify Parents of needed Parent/Family Engagement Meeting.

4. Schedule ALL PEM Meetings via google calendar, and send invites via calendar to necessary persons.
5. Attend ALL scheduled PEM Meetings.
6. Bring attendance profile to PEM Meetings.
7. Collaborate with Seven Counties Services PEM Facilitator and DCBS/CPS Personnel to analyze student attendance and determine success in reaching annual measurable outcomes.

The primary goals of this Community Collaboration for Children Program will include:

- a. Reduction of family involvement in the child welfare system;
- b. Increasing student school attendance and increasing student success in the classroom; and
- c. Earlier identification of risk factors and service provision to address those needs.

This MOA will commence on ___ July 1, 2023 _____
and will expire on _ June 30th, 2024 _____.

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