

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 referrals. 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 JCPS 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.

To the extent permitted by law, Jefferson County Public Schools hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Seven Counties, and each of Seven Counties' officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, actions, lawsuits and other proceedings, judgments and awards, and costs and expenses (including court costs, and reasonable attorneys' and consultancy fees), arising directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, out of any breach by Jefferson County Public Schools of this Agreement or any acts or omissions by Jefferson County Public Schools or its agents or employees in their performance of this agreement, including, but not limited to, negligence of the Jefferson County Public Schools or its agents or employees. Jefferson County Public Schools shall immediately notify Seven Counties of any lawsuits or actions or any threat thereof, against Jefferson County Public Schools or Seven Counties relating to this Agreement that may become known to Jefferson County Public Schools.


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Each party agrees to carry liability insurance with specified minimum coverage of the following:

\$1 million/ \$3 million for professional liability

This MOA will commence on July 1, 2025, and will expire on June 30th, 2026.

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JCPS Superintendent, Dr. H. Brian Yearwood