



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

Juvenile Justice Oversight Council

Parent Engagement Meeting Program

Educational Neglect Prevention

July 18, 2024

Purpose of the Program

- Designed to prevent families from involvement with DCBS and the courts for educational neglect, utilizing a strength-based approach
- Began in Jefferson Co. approximately 16 years ago
- Consistently had an 80% or higher rate of children not being referred to DCBS or courts
- This success rate prompted a pilot program in rural Kentucky
 - Green River Area was the first pilot region in 2017
 - As of June 2024, it has grown to 22 counties across the state

Referrals to Program

- Program serves grades K-5, ages 5-11
- School determines at what point a family would need referral for a meeting
- PEM facilitator meets with school staff and parents/guardians of student
- Child cannot have an active case with DCBS, this is checked internally within DCBS

Content of Meeting

- Attendees: At least one school personnel (school can determine), PEM facilitator, and parents/guardians
- Meeting duration: Approximately 45 minutes - 1 hour (this can vary)
- Goal: To develop an active plan with the family to assist in addressing and eliminating barriers to improve children's attendance and prevent educational neglect. This is done through building positive relationships between parents/guardians and school staff.

Content of Meeting Forms

- Confidentiality
- Consent
- Action plan
- Parent/teacher communication
- Follow-up

Measurable Outcomes and Data

Academic Year 2022-2023

Location	# of Families Served	# of Children Served	% of Families Diverted from CPS
Jefferson Co	406	466	84%
Rural Counties (17)	786	561	87%

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Questions