

610.035 Truancy intervention -- Family needs assessment -- Duties of court-designated worker -- RISE team -- Notice to county attorney.

- (1) Upon receipt of a completed truancy intervention precomplaint form required under KRS 159.152(2), the court-designated worker shall:
 - (a) Provide notice to the student and the student's parent, guardian, or other person exercising custodial control or supervision that they shall attend an initial meeting with the court-designated worker to discuss barriers to school attendance or other identified issues;
 - (b) At the initial meeting, the court-designated worker shall:
 1. Perform a family needs assessment to identify barriers to school attendance or, if referred pursuant to KRS 610.033(6)(b), to address the barriers to successful completion of a diversion agreement, and to identify services to address these barriers and any other identified issues;
 2. Provide the results of the family needs assessment to the student and the student's parent, guardian, or other person exercising custodial control or supervision; and
 3. Provide the student and the student's parent, guardian, or other person exercising custodial control or supervision with notice to attend a mandatory meeting with the RISE team, together with the date, time, and either the physical location of the meeting if conducted in person, or the meeting access information if conducted virtually;
 - (c) Provide the RISE team with the results of the family needs assessment no later than forty-eight (48) hours following the initial meeting;
 - (d)
 1. Convene and facilitate the RISE team to review and enhance the family-specific improvement plan to address barriers to school attendance, or barriers to completion of a diversion agreement if referred pursuant to KRS 610.033(6)(b) for each identified family; and
 2. Before the conclusion of the RISE team meeting, provide each identified family and each identified school with a written family-specific improvement plan;
 - (e) If applicable, review a family-specific improvement plan or a diversion agreement to incorporate modifications to a family-specific improvement plan or diversion agreement; and
 - (f) Provide case management services to assist the family in achieving the goals of the family-specific improvement plan.
- (2)
 - (a) Upon the accrual of fifteen (15) unexcused absences by a student who is participating in the SOAR Program, the court-designated worker shall notify the county attorney and shall provide the county attorney with a report on the efforts and results of the SOAR Program's work with the student and the parent, guardian, or other person exercising custodial control or supervision of the student.
 - (b)
 1. The county attorney shall, upon review of the report, determine if court intervention is appropriate against the student.

2. If the county attorney determines that court intervention is appropriate against the student, he or she shall notify the director of pupil personnel to immediately file a habitual truancy complaint.

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