

## Eligibility

Any student between the ages of 6-16 who is referred by the school due to a truancy issue.

## Referral Process

The school designee will refer a student to TIPP based on amount of illegal absences.

## TIPP Services

The TIPP advocate meets weekly with school designee.

The TIPP advocate will then schedule a conference with the family at the school to discuss the referral.

An assessment is completed to determine the cause of the truancy.

The TIPP Committee will then meet and discuss the best course of action to help resolve the problem and make recommendations for case disposition.

TIPP advocate will monitor attendance and will have regular contact with student and family.

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# Truancy Intervention Prevention Program

## (TIPP)

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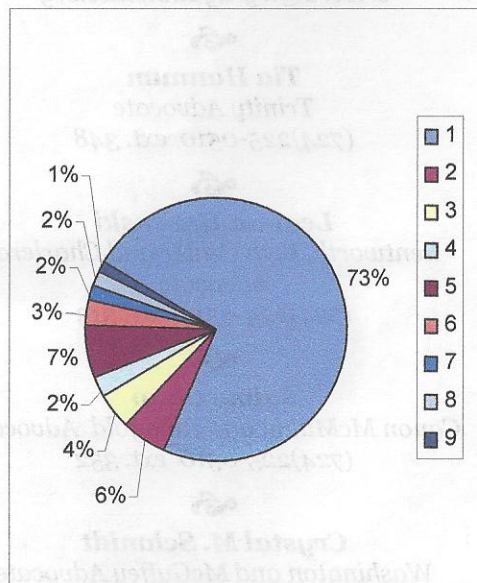
# TIPP

The Truancy Intervention Prevention Program (TIPP) is a countywide interagency effort to assist schools and families in Washington County with issues of truancy. TIPP currently services students and families from Bentworth, Charleroi, Ringgold, Trinity, McGuffey, Beth Center, Canon McMillan and Washington School Districts. The target population for this program includes students ages 6-16. TIPP assists schools by identifying students who are having problems with truancy, meeting with students and their families in order to assess the problem, and providing the family support and other services to help the student to attend regularly.

In addition to traditional services offered through TIPP, the Summer Prevention Program consists of individual sessions and outings focusing on issues that often result in truancy such as self esteem, social skills, peer and family relationships, and anger management. The target population for the summer program includes students between the ages of 11-16 who were at high risk for involvement with Children and Youth Services at the end of the school year.

Below are the TIPP statistics for the previous year.

## TIPP 2011-2012 Statistics



1 - Truancy Resolved	530
2 - Referred to CYS	40
3 - Moved Out of District	31
4 - Withdrawn by School	18
5 - Summer Prevention	48
6 - Family Active with CYS	22
7 - Family Active with JPO	14
8 - Aged out of Program (17+)	14
9 - Enrolled in Cyber School	9

**Total Clients for the year 726**

### Goals

To assist schools and families with truancy problems

To assist schools and families with referral to community support groups and agencies that will work with truancy issues

To assist and advocate for the rights and welfare of the children and families in the community

To help prevent families from entering systems such as Washington County Children and Youth Services and Washington County Juvenile Court

### Testimonials

"I feel that I was treated very well and with respect." - **Student**

"TAH helped my son understand that school is very important. He is doing much better." - **Parent**

"The TIPP Program is a wonderful assistance to the district as well as our families. I hope we can continue our collaborating." - **School Official**