

Does anyone out there have an innovative juvenile truancy program?

Received about 25 responses to my request for any innovative truancy programs, many of which were of help. The most prominent means of working this were juvenile accountability ordinances (Fresno) and similar daytime curfew ordinances; Fresno PD and others who run a truancy unit with variants on the theme of tracking chronic truants down, having a special classroom or program to place them, and prosecuting parents who don't exercise responsibility.

Others note SARB as a means of working it. We're looking at an ordinance, and also are working truants with Juvenile Probation, which has reduced rates significantly.

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