

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Mediation Program



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School Districts and Northern
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Foundation for the School Attendance Mediation Program

Chronic absenteeism and tardiness are often stepping stones to dropping out of school before graduation. The purpose of the School Attendance Mediation Program is to identify students who are at risk of becoming truant, improve school attendance, and reduce school drop-out rates.

Based upon Michigan law, "A parent or other person in parental relation who fails to comply with the Michigan Compulsory School Law is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00, or imprisonment for not less than 2 or more than 90 days, or both."

Northern Community Mediation and schools are working collaboratively with families to improve school attendance and reduce truancy.



Did you know?

High school dropouts have only a **52% employment rate**, compared to 71% for high school graduates.

Did you know? High school dropouts earn only 65% of the median earnings.

The School Attendance Mediation Program

- Each school district has policy related to absenteeism and tardiness.
- After a specified number of days of absences or tardiness, a student's parents are contacted by the school district.
- By referring to the policy, the seriousness of the situation is explained to the parents.
- If a student continues to be absent or tardy, the school district contacts Northern Community Mediation (NCM) and notifies the parents that NCM will be contacting them to schedule a mediation.
- The mediation is facilitated by individuals who have been specially trained for school attendance mediation. They are neutral parties who represent neither the school district, parents, nor the student.
- All parties at the mediation talk and together create an agreement to ensure that the student will be present in school and/or arrive on time.

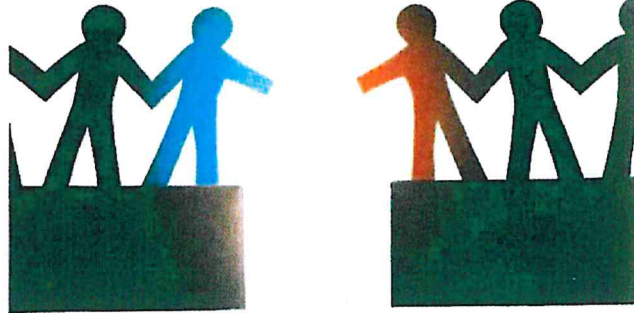


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About Northern Community Mediation

Northern Community Mediation is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization. Its mission is to help people from Charlevoix and Emmet Counties resolve conflicts. Although it uses conciliation and facilitation, its primary means of resolving conflicts is through mediation.

Mediation gives people an opportunity to sit down with one another in an effort to find ways to solve their problem in a confidential setting. Mediation can save time and money, and can help re-establish communications between the involved parties. The mediators are there to help facilitate communication between the parties and to write up an agreement.



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