

Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

This contract is being developed due to problems with attendance at school. By signing this contract, all members agree to do their part to resolve the truancy problem. All members will be required to follow through with their responsibilities to avoid (further) court action.

**CHILD:** Attend school all day, everyday, unless determined to be sick by a doctor or school nurse (child must go to school and be sent home if illness is in doubt). Cooperate with school staff, social worker, and abide by house rules set down by parent(s).

**PARENTS:** Motivate the child to attend school everyday unless determined to be ill by either a doctor or school nurse. Parent(s) will also be responsible for following through with discipline/consequences for the child when the child has an un-excused absence. Parents will notify the social worker when the child has an un-excused absence.

**IN HOME COUNSELOR:** Work with the family to help set goals/limits on bettering the school attendance of the child. Keep the social worker informed of family=s progress and update the social worker on the student/families request.

**SCHOOL STAFF:** Monitor all aspects of the contract, including home and school behavior of child. Also, to keep the courts and social worker informed of the cooperation or lack of cooperation of the student/family. School will continue to monitor attendance and communicate this attendance with the social worker.

**SOCIAL WORKER:** Monitor all aspects of the contract. Work with the family to resolve school attendance problems. Report to the court all progress or

non-progress regarding the child=s truancy and make recommendations to the court as described below.

Cooperation by all members will assure this matter will not be brought into court. The social worker can submit at any time, a report to the county attorney requesting a hearing, due to non-cooperation on the part of the child and/or parents. This contract is an opportunity for the student/family, with the help of other team members, to correct the situation and prevent further court action. If non-cooperation continues, and the child refuses to attend school on a regular basis, Benton County Human Services may recommend, one or more of the following dispositions to the court:

1. Counseling for the child or the child=s parent
2. Place the child under the supervision of a probation officer
3. Place the child in a group foster care facility
4. Require the child to pay a fine of up to \$100.00
5. Require the child to participate in a community service project
6. Order the child to undergo a chemical dependency evaluation, drugs awareness program and/or chemical dependency treatment. Random UA=s may also be required..
7. Order that the child=s drivers license or instruction permit be canceled
8. Order that the child=s parents deliver the child to school everyday
9. Require the child to perform other activities or participate in any other treatment programs deemed appropriate by the court

I agree to follow through with my responsibilities listed in the above contract.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In Home Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_