



**SOMERSET COUNTY  
OFFICE OF  
YOUTH SERVICES**

**Family Crisis  
Intervention Unit**

*Serving Somerset County Residents*

**FCIU/ICM SERVICES:**

The Intensive Case Manager (ICM) is a member of the Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU). All youth working with the ICM participate in family therapy at the FCIU. Family therapy sessions help to identify and address the needs of the individual and the family and to maximize the opportunity to ensure that a child no longer exhibits truant behavior. The ICM intervenes and advocates for the child during this process and in the school and community, as well. In conjunction with the family therapist, the ICM works to thoroughly assess individual and family needs and to develop an individualized service plan for the child and family. The ICM then supports these plans and helps to ensure success of the plans by finding and linking the child and family to services or activities as indicated. The ICM works to reduce barriers to services and to meet any needed eligibility requirements for these services.



FCIU referrals are accepted from anyone in the community including family members, schools, police, and agencies.

The FCIU is supported by the Somerset County Board of Commissioners

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<http://www.scre.ac.uk/index.html>  
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/truancy/index.html>  
[www.kidsource.com](http://www.kidsource.com)



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MANAGEMENT  
TRUANCY  
PROGRAM**

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## WHAT IS *Truancy?*

Truancy refers to a pattern of unauthorized absences from school by a child.



### WHAT CAN LEAD TO TRUANCY?

#### School factors such as:

- Inadequate identification of or attention to special education needs
- Unsafe school environments

#### Family and community factors including:

- Negative peer influence
- Family needs of the child
- Child unable to or not comfortable leaving family members at home

#### Individual difficulties such as:

- Poor academic performance
- Lack of self-esteem
- Lack of personal ambition

### WHAT ARE SOME OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF TRUANCY?

- Educational Failure
- Social Isolation
- Substance Abuse
- Low Self-Esteem
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Family Conflict
- Family Court Involvement
- Violence
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Unemployment
- Adult Criminality and Incarceration



### EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY FCIU-ICM:

- In-home and in-community support as outlined in the FCIU Service Plan
- Attendance and advocacy at school meetings
- Identification and linkage to community resources. For example: YMCA, school athletic groups, after-school programs, and community programs
- One-on-one individualized positive attention and adult interaction which contributes to improved social and academic confidence

