

**Erie County Juvenile Court
Truancy Erie County Mediation
Program**

Truancy Mediation

Mediation is a method of Alternative Dispute Resolution that allows for parties to discuss interests and arrive at possible solutions to the problems. All parties meet with a neutral third party who assists with the process.

Mediation can provide youth / families / educators the opportunity to:

- Receive answers to questions
- Express concerns directly to the person who should hear them
- Hold parties accountable
- Bridge and build a relationship between youth/families/educators
- Mediation allows for all involved to discuss interests and arrive at possible solutions to the problem
- These solutions shall be something each party feels is fair and in their best interest

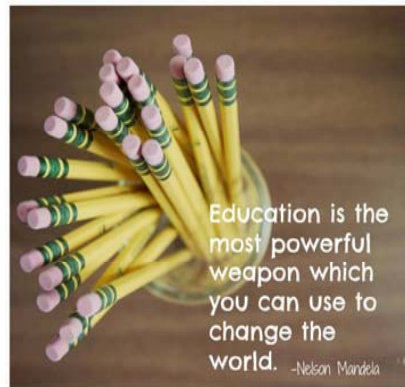
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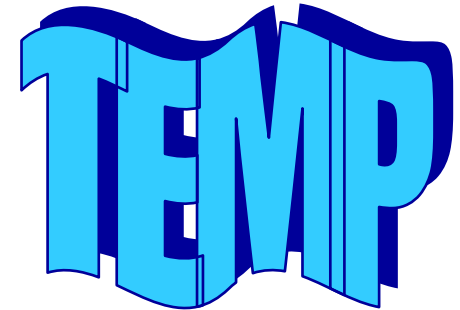
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TEMP

The purpose of **Tuancy Erie County Mediation Program** (TEMP) will be to address the youth that is habitually or chronically truant from school.

TEMP will become a bridge to connect the parents, youth and schools to reach a solution that will improve school attendance.

TEMP will assist in addressing issues that are preventing the youth from attending school on a regular basis.

TEMP will serve youth of any race and gender who are school age and exhibit truant or behavioral issues.

TEMP will receive referrals from all school districts within Erie County.

TEMP will be available to all referrals made to the ECJC Intake Department and/or Diversion Program for any form of truancy/school behavioral issue. Youth can be referred to the program in the following ways: school referrals, parent referrals, prosecutor referrals and children services referrals.

This programming will take place at the school and shall include the youth, teacher, principal, parent(s) and attendance officer/mediator.

TEMP will provide an opportunity for all involved parties to assist in identifying needs of the youth and help link the family to community resources.

Examples of needs/assistance:

- *Mental Health Referrals*
- *Medical Need Referrals*
- *Clothing/Uniform Needs*
- *Alarm Clocks*
- *Assisting with bridging the communication and relationship between parent / student and school*
- *Wrap Around Referrals*
- *Parent Project Referrals*
- *Needs specific to individual student / family*