

our Goal

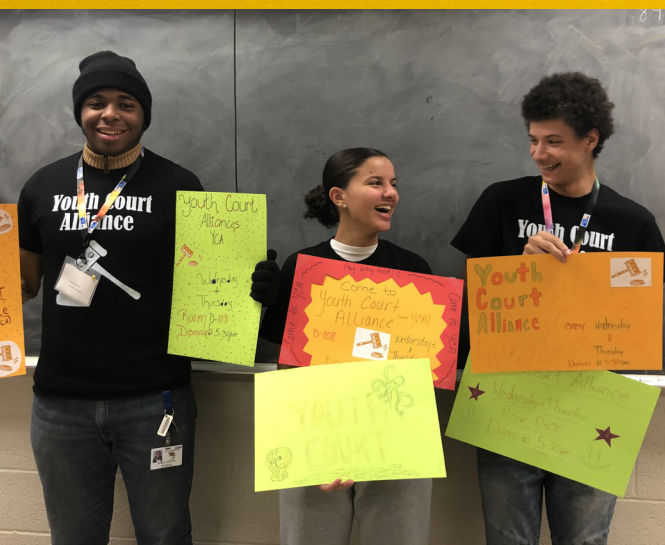
The goal of Youth Court Alliance is to divert students and their families from entering the Magisterial District Court for truancy hearings and to improve truant students' attendance and engagement.

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Youth Court Alliance



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Volunteer

If you are a student interested in volunteering, please contact youthcourtalliance@unitedway-york.org



There
are better
options than
paying truancy
fines...



What is Youth Court Alliance?

Youth Court Alliance is an alternative to going to court for truant students and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

Each school district that offers the program determines the age/grade of students served. Typically, the program serves grades 7 to 12.

Students' parent(s)/guardian(s) have the option of choosing Youth Court Alliance over a citation to the Magisterial District Court. The parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student participate in a process to address the causes of truancy, and students must complete a disposition that includes attendance improvement.

Student Volunteers are trained to hold hearings and panels using balance and restorative justice principles to assign positive consequences aimed at improving students' attendance and school engagement.

The Process

- + Truant student and their parent/guardian receive an Option Letter instead of a citation to court.
- + Parent/guardian must contact Youth Court Alliance within 10 days to enroll in program and set up an Intake Meeting.
- + Intake Meeting is completed to enroll family into the program, and their hearing/panel is scheduled.
- + Proceedings take place by trained student volunteers and Youth Court Alliance staff.
- + Positive consequences and 3-week deadline are assigned. Mentorship is provided.
- + If the student and parent/guardian complete the program, the truancy referral to the Magisterial District Court is withdrawn.

Dispositions & Positive Consequences

Required: No unlawful absences or tardies for three weeks. Depending on site location, jury duty or participation in a school or community program/class may be required.

Student and parent/guardian pick at least two of the following: Tutoring, apologies, research, community service, essay, college or career path development, journaling, mindfulness activity with a reflection, writing assignment (short story, lyrics, poetry), vision board, project-based learning, or participation in a school or community program/class.

