

BROWARD TRUANCY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (BTIP)

WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- A prevention component was added to the program and will be implemented this school year.
- Students who qualified for a 10-day meeting last school year but were not staffed, will be included in the BTIP process and will have a 10-day meeting scheduled early this year.
- The BTIP process will start earlier this year – September 10th -- to facilitate the scheduling of these students.
- Identified students will have scheduled meetings interspersed with regular cases all year.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- BTIP designee should check Opti-spool weekly to determine parent conferences scheduled for that school and notify principal.
- Principal/assistant principal must be available to convene meeting with the parents and provide them with a menu of options to remediate the non-attendance.
- Principal or assistant principal** is expected to attend all scheduled 10-day BTIP meetings to direct the decision to file a case against the parent for failure to comply with Florida's compulsory attendance statutes.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Students who had an attendance problem last year might repeat the same pattern this year as well.
- Students will not get the early intervention that is necessary to prevent patterns of non-attendance from developing.
- Families will not get the services they need to remediate the attendance problem.
- Students will not be present for instructional activities.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- BTIP designees, administrators, guidance counselors, and teachers.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- Additional information about the BTIP is available in the revised BTIP manual that will be sent to all elementary schools.

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