

2010 – 2011 Skagit County Truancy Court Process

1. School files Truancy Stay Petition

- a. No court hearing schedule
- b. School monitors attendance and YFS implements Phase 1 intervention¹
- c. School decides whether to file Amended Petition and request a court hearing

2. School files Truancy Amended Petition

- a. Court appoints attorney for student
- b. School staff testify, if petition contested
- c. Court rules on Petition
 - i. **Court dismisses case**
 - ii. Court grants motion and enters Order Compelling Attendance
 - (a) School monitors attendance and YFS implements Phase 2 intervention²
 - (b) School decides whether to file a contempt motion and request court hearing

3. School files Contempt Motion

- a. Court appoints/re-appoints attorney for student
- b. School staff testify if petition contested
- c. Court rules on Motion
 - i. **Court dismisses contempt motion**
 - (a) School monitors attendance and YFS continues phase 2 intervention²
 - (b) School decides whether to file a new contempt motion and request court hearing
 - ii. Court grants motion and enters Contempt Order
 - (a) Contempt sanctions ordered
 - (b) School monitors attendance and YFS implements phase 3 intervention³
 - (c) Review hearings held

¹**YFS Phase 1 intervention**

Engagement in Education class

²**YFS Phase 2 intervention**

Engagement in Education class

*Basic Assessment/referral services based on case staffing with school district staff designed to **direct/refer** student/parent to existing community and school based services. **

³**YFS Phase 3 intervention**

Engagement in Education class

*Case management based on case staffing with school district staff designed to **assist** student/parent navigate through and connect with community and/or school based services. **

Functional Family Therapy

** **Community and school based resources** (ARIS, ESD Dropout Prevention Specialists, ¹/₁₀ of 1% Middle School Mental Health Therapists, GED prep/testing, WhyTry class ...)*

YFS staff time dependent on interlocal agreement participation and volume of cases. YFS staff can't provide individual services to the 500-600 petitions files each year. Initial petition services will be primarily group focused. As schools identify which youth they wish to further pursue via the Compel and Contempt hearing phases, YFS will transition to an individual case management approach (assuming a manageable number of students, and ability to maintain group meeting for stay petition youth)