



Truancy Prevention Project

Unique Partnership Reduces Truancy for Hartford Youth

Chronic Absence Strategic Action Group
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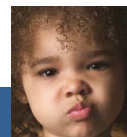
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Unique Partnership

- Center for Children's Advocacy
- The Village for Families & Children
- Hartford Public Schools
(Central Office and School Level)
- Judicial Department



Who Are Our Students?

Recruitment

60 Students with 15-40 absences in previous school year

- Grades 6 to 8
- Grades 1 and 2

Engagement and Enrollment

- Voluntary
- Student Support



Main Goals and Objectives

- 1. Improve attendance**
- 2. Increase academic performance**
- 3. Improve pro-social engagement**



Achieving Objectives

- Case management
- Mentoring and oversight by volunteer judges
- Education review and advocacy
- Legal assistance
- Incentives and social activities
- Systemic advocacy



Communication is Key

- **Partners**
- **Case managers and families**
- **School and families**

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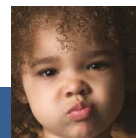
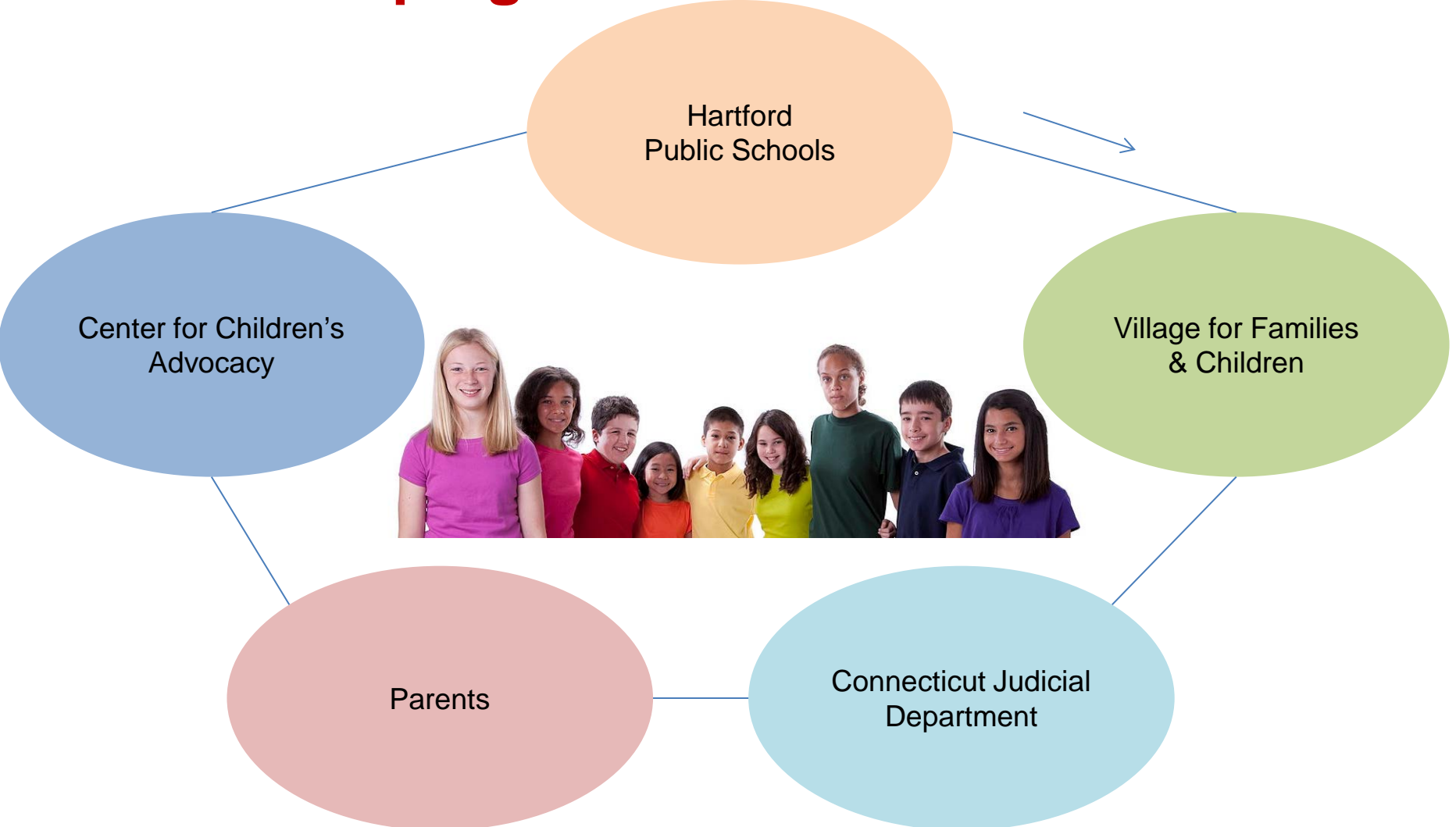
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Keeping Children at the Center



Grace

- Grade 6
- Unidentified learning disability
- Struggling with attendance
- No behavior issues noted



Tim

- Grade 8
- Math disability
- Behavioral issues manifested



TPP Students Improved Attendance

Alfred E. Burr

2013-2014 - 74% of students improved attendance

2014-2015 - 61% of students improved attendance

Martin Luther King Jr.

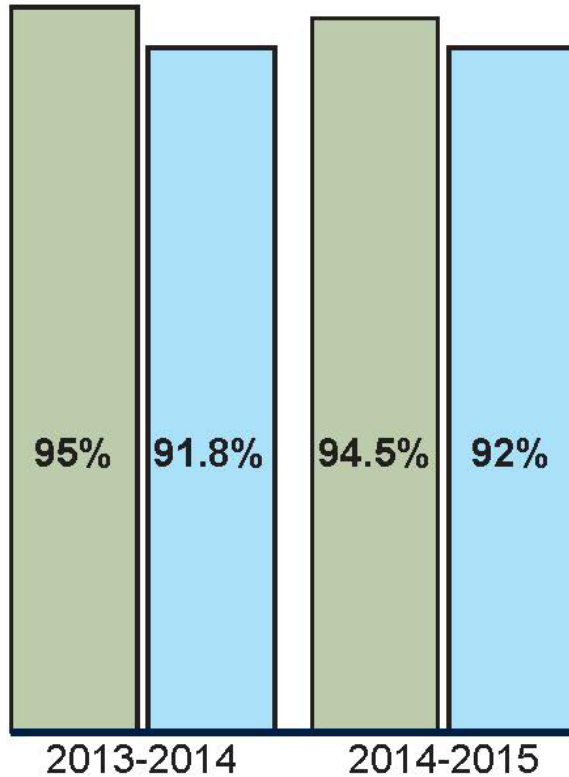
2013-2014 - 96% of students improved attendance

2014-2015 - 79% of students improved attendance



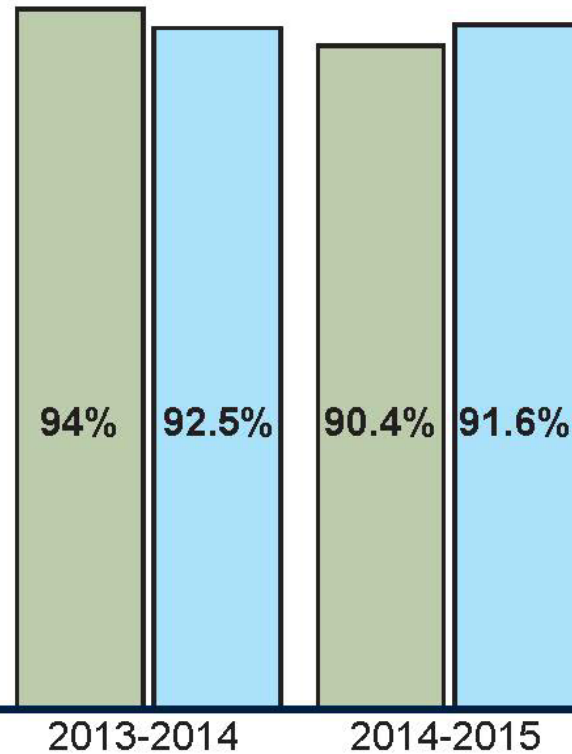
Average Attendance

Alfred E. Burr



TPP Average Attendance
School Average Attendance

Martin Luther King, Jr.



TPP Average Attendance
School Average Attendance



2015-2016 Off to Successful Start!

September 2015 – present

- **85% of TPP students improved attendance**
- **Average attendance is 96.3%**



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