

Board Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

<i>Supt.'s Office Use Only</i>
Board Meeting <u>7/15/08</u>
Agenda <u>Consent</u>
Item No. <u>F.12.</u>

Board Meeting Date:	July 15, 2008
Submitted By:	Dr. Charles F. Hall
Item Description:	Inter-Agency Agreement for Operation of the Alachua County Truancy Center between the School Board of Alachua County, Corner Drug Store Inc., Alachua County Sheriff's Office, and the Gainesville Police Department

Purpose and Explanation:

This document outlines areas of agreement between the School Board of Alachua County, Corner Drug Store, Inc., Alachua County Sheriff's office and Gainesville Police Department as they relate to providing a Truancy Center to be located at Interface. The Truancy Center will provide prevention and intervention programs for truant students in Alachua County.

Strategic Planning	Budgetary Impact
Strategy Number:	Funding Source (Description):
Specific Result Statement:	General Fund:
	Federal Projects:
	Food Service:
	Capital Projects:
	Other:
	Amount:

Staff Attorney Review & Approval	Date:
	Initial:

**INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF
THE ALACHUA COUNTY TRUANCY CENTER
2008-2009**

This Inter-Agency agreement is entered into by and between the/ School Board of Alachua County, Corner Drug Store, Inc., Alachua County Sheriff's Office, and The Gainesville Police Department, effective August 18, 2008, for the operation of The Alachua County Truancy Center.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties are committed to providing appropriate programs and services to prevent children from becoming truant and to provide services to students who are considered truant; and

WHEREAS, the parties are committed to improving services to children through sharing resources and information, eliminating duplication of services, and coordinating efforts toward common goals; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the parties that certain roles in serving children and youth are required by law, and that these laws shall serve as the foundation for defining the role and responsibility of each participating agency; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that any obligation under this agreement, expressly stated or implied, shall be governed by and interpreted in a manner consistent with applicable laws of the State of Florida and the U.S. Federal Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, Ch. 1003 - Compulsory School Attendance, Child Welfare-Ch. 39 – Florida Juvenile Justice Act, School Board Policy and the Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A.6.0713, the parties to improve attendance and deal with truant students of compulsory school attendance age residing in Alachua County, Florida, as follows:

CDS FAMILY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC., AGREES TO:

1. Provide coordination, facilitation, and communication for the Truancy Center on behalf of the community agencies.
2. Provide counseling/case management services as appropriate including, but not limited to, conducting assessments and developing service plans for youth referred by law enforcement and school personnel.
3. Ensure that student records received from the School Board will not be disclosed to any other party, individual or organization, except as provided under Florida and Federal law without prior written consent from the parent of the student. [20 U.S.C.1232g (b) (1) (E); Sec. 1002.22. F.S.]

SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOLS AGREES TO:

1. Support coordination of screening efforts for children referred to the Truancy Center for services.
2. Make available school personnel for the purpose of providing student and attendance information to the Truancy Center.
3. Participate in the development, implementation, service delivery, and information sharing for the Truancy Center.
4. Ensure that student records received from the School Board will not be disclosed to any other party, individual or organization, except as provided under Florida and Federal law without prior written consent from the parent of the student. [20 U.S.C. 1232g (b) (1) (E); Sec. 1002.22. F.S.]

ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AGREES TO:

1. Provide the services of School Resource Deputies to coordinate a proactive truancy program with the School Board, the Truancy Center, Department of Juvenile Justice and other community agencies.
2. Support coordination of screening efforts for children referred to the Truancy Center for services.
3. Participate in the development, implementation, service delivery, and information sharing for the Truancy Center.
4. Ensure that student records received from the School Board will not be disclosed to any other party, individual or organization, except as provided under Florida and Federal law without prior written consent from the parent of the student. [20 U.S.C. 1232g (b) (1) (E); Sec. 1002.22.F.S.]

GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AGREES TO:

1. Provide the services of School Resource Officers to coordinate a proactive truancy program with the School Board, the Truancy Center, Department of Juvenile Justice and other community agencies.
2. Support coordination of screening efforts for children referred to the Truancy Center for services.
3. Participate in the development, implementation, service delivery, and information sharing for the Truancy Center.
4. Ensure that student records received from the School Board will not be disclosed to any other party, individual or organization, except as provided under Federal and Florida law without prior written consent from the parent of the student. [20 U.S.C. 1232g (b) (1) (E); Sec. 1002.22.F.S.]

TERM OF AGREEMENT:

This agreement shall take effect on August 18, 2008 and expire on June 30, 2009.

SIGNATURES OF PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____
Dr. W. Daniel Boyd, Superintendent
School Board of Alachua County

By: _____ Date: _____
James Pearce, Executive Director
CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

By: _____ Date: _____
Sadie Darnell, Sheriff
Alachua County Sheriff's Office

By: _____ Date: _____
Norman Botsford, Chief
Gainesville Police Department