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Status Offender Unit Mission

The mission of the Status Offender Unit is to respond to the needs of status offenders (truants and runaways) in order to prevent juvenile delinquency and reduce recidivism

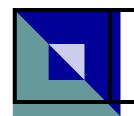


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What is the Status Offender Unit?



Located in Superior Court Building B, the Status Offender Unit addresses Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS)/truants and runaways. This unit within the Family Court Social Services, screens all referrals provided by DCPS, DC Charter Schools and/or parents reporting truancy or habitual runaways. The unit determines if it is in the best interest of the youth or public to a case in Court.

How Does the Status Offender Unit Work?

- A parent, guardian, custodian or concerned person can initiate a complaint of PINS and/or truancy.
- 95% of the truancy referrals are made by DC Public Schools and Public Charter Schools.
- The youth must have missed at least 25 days of school.
- Documentation of a pattern of runaway behavior is required (3 or more missing persons reports).
- A Probation Officer (PO) will initiate an investigation and interview the parent and the youth.
- The PO will make a recommendation to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) when appropriate.
- The PO will refer some cases to diversion programs in lieu of petitioning.

Services Offered

- School Monitoring
- Home Visits
- Curfew Monitoring
- Community Supervision
- Tutoring and Mentoring
- After School Kids (ASK)





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