**Parent Contributing to Non-Attendance**

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**Two Truths & a Lie Quiz *(circle the right answer)***

1. Basics (Juvenile Deskbook pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
   1. You must have a filed Truancy case to have a Parent Contributing case.
   2. Parent Contributing is a criminal case.
   3. Parent Contributing can be filed where the parent lives or the school is located.

Notes:

1. Defenses (Juvenile Deskbook pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
   1. A parent may raise as an affirmative defense “that one or more of the absences required to be proven...was excused by a school official or the court.”
   2. The fact that a parent didn’t actually receive a notice at the beginning of the school year creates a defense to Parent Contributing.
   3. The burden to prove a defense is on the parent.

Notes:

1. **Mandatory** Dismissal (Juvenile Deskbook pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
   1. There is a low likelihood of continued contributing to non-attendance by the defendant.
   2. If the school district does not allege the elements required for the offense.
   3. If the case is not timely filed, unless the school district delayed the referral of the child to court because of the implementation of truancy prevention measures.

Bonus: What are the reasons that a court can ***discretionarily*** dismiss a Parent Contributing case?

Notes:

1. Filing the Case (Juvenile Deskbook pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
   1. The school district needs to file a new complaint for each separate offense, but two or more offenses may be consolidated and tried in a single action.
   2. A new absence after the first ten absences could be grounds for a new offense.
   3. The absences must all be within in the same school year.

Notes:

Discussion:

* **Juvenile Case Managers** (Juvenile Deskbook pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
  + With the new legislation, there is more $$$ for this available.
  + Also, more work for them to do to fill a full-time job.
* **Grants**
  + The governor’s office has criminal justice grants that might be useful to get more resources for these cases.
* **Deferral Conditions** (Juvenile Deskbook pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
  + What do your courts do? Any good ideas?