

Status Offender Unit

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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 run-aways) in order to prevent juvenile delinquency and reduce recidivism



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What is the Status Offender Unit?



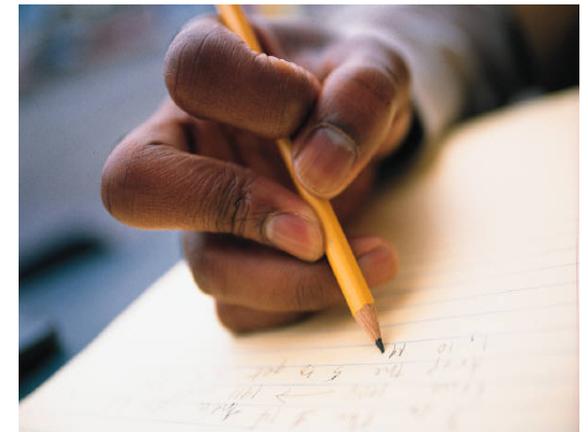
Located in Superior Court Building B, the Status Offender Unit addresses Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS)/truants and runaways. This unit within the Family Court Social Services, screens all referrals provided by DCPS, DC Charter Schools and/or parents reporting truancy or habitual runaways. The 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 run-away 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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