

Jacksonville United Against Truancy

Jacksonville United Against Truancy (JUAT) was founded in the year 2000 and is focused on reducing the alarming trends of truancy in our city. JUAT is a collaborative effort with members from the **State Attorney's Office**, **Duval County Public Schools**, the **City of Jacksonville**, the **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** and the **Youth Crisis Center**. Other members include Atlantic Beach Police Department, **Florida Department of Juvenile Justice**, **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**, Jacksonville Beach Police Department, Jacksonville Housing Authority, Lutheran Social Services and Neptune Beach Police Department. Jacksonville United Against Truancy operates with existing staff and funding from the partner agencies and organizations, and also receives financial support from corporate sponsors.



Jacksonville United Against Truancy's main goal is public awareness and the reduction of truancy. JUAT has created brochures that define truancy and provides families with information on where to go for help. These brochures have been distributed to all Duval County Public Schools. JUAT has also established the month of October as Truancy Awareness Month and annually sponsors community events to provide families with information on truancy and the importance of staying in school.

