

**Completing Your Petition - Required Information and Documentation**

- You must complete the petition by yourself.
- The allegations about your child's behavior must have occurred within the last three months.
- You must present a statement from Youth Assistance or documentation from a community-based agency that details efforts to solve your child's truancy or incorrigibility issue.
- You must include a completed Dental Form.
- You must include a copy of your most recent custody order if applicable.

**When the petition is complete, mail or deliver the documents and required attachments to:**

Juvenile Intake Department  
Ground Floor, East Wing  
Courthouse Building  
1200 N. Telegraph Rd.  
Pontiac, MI 48341

For additional assistance, please call:

**Juvenile Court Intake**

(248) 858-0033

**Youth Assistance Central Office**

(248) 858-0051

State of Michigan



Sixth Judicial Circuit Court  
Family Division

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**HOME**

**STATUS OFFENSES**

*A Guide to Filing a  
Petition in  
Oakland County*

**The Circuit Court Family Division has jurisdiction over juveniles under 18 who run away from home (truancy) or repeatedly disobey the reasonable and lawful commands of their parents or guardians (incurrigibility). These court proceedings are called “status” offenses because of the age status of the person committing the violation. Home status offenses begin when the juvenile’s parent or guardian files a petition with the court.**

**Incurrigibility Petitions**

If a parent/guardian files a home incurrigibility petition, the parent/guardian must prove that:

- The juvenile is repeatedly disobedient to the reasonable and lawful commands of his/her parent or guardian
- There is “clear and convincing evidence” that court-accessed services are necessary to solve the incurrigibility.

**Truancy Petitions**

If a parent/guardian files a home truancy petition, the parent/guardian must prove that:

- The juvenile has deserted his/her home without sufficient cause and,
- The juvenile has been placed or refused alternative placement (other than the juvenile’s home OR,
- The juvenile and parents/guardians have exhausted/refused counseling.

**Status Offense Court Procedure**

Prior to coming to court, parents or guardians are encouraged to seek help from their local Youth Assistance office for services to aid with incurrigibility and truancy.

Parents or guardians may use Youth Assistance involvement to prove that “court-accessed services are necessary to solve incurrigibility” or that “the juvenile and his/her parents or guardians have exhausted or refused counseling”. *Without such proof, the court will reject a newly filed petition.*

**Oakland County Youth Assistance**

Youth Assistance is a unit of the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division. Youth Assistance staff are assigned to all school districts within Oakland County.

Youth Assistance caseworkers will work with families and the court to determine the next steps. Those steps may include a recommendation for further non-court action, such as:

- individual/family therapy,
- mental health assessments,
- substance abuse evaluations.

If the Youth Assistance caseworker determines that court-accessed services are necessary, the caseworker will:

- advise and assist families in collecting all required documentation, and
- submit a report to the Casework Intake Liaison on the family’s behalf.

Youth Assistance Casework services are free to all youth and families who reside in Oakland County. Please contact the Youth Assistance office in the school district you reside.

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<b>Avondale</b>	<b>(248) 852-3716</b>
<b>Berkley</b>	<b>(248) 837-8229</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>(248) 203-4300</b>
<b>Bloomfield</b>	<b>(248) 341-5680</b>
<b>Brandon</b>	<b>(248) 627-1800 (ext 1717)</b>
<b>Clarkston</b>	<b>(248) 623-4319</b>
<b>Clawson</b>	<b>(248) 655-4401</b>
<b>Farmington</b>	<b>(248) 489-3434</b>
<b>Ferndale</b>	<b>(248) 586-8700</b>
<b>Hazel Park</b>	<b>(248) 582-9125</b>
<b>Holly</b>	<b>(248) 328-3181</b>
<b>Huron Valley</b>	<b>(248) 676-8492</b>
<b>Lake Orion</b>	<b>(248) 693-6878</b>
<b>Madison Heights</b>	<b>(248) 589-6860</b>
<b>Novi</b>	<b>(248) 675-3089</b>
<b>Oak Park</b>	<b>(248) 336-7679</b>
<b>Oxford/Addison</b>	<b>(248) 969-5074</b>
<b>Pontiac</b>	<b>(248) 451-7559</b>
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<b>South Lyon</b>	<b>(248) 573-8189</b>
<b>Southfield</b>	<b>(248) 746-7658</b>
<b>Troy</b>	<b>(248) 823-5095</b>
<b>Walled Lake</b>	<b>(248) 956-5070</b>
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