Pupil Services & Attendance (PSA) Counselors:

Serve as liaisons between the school and the home and the YSC, working on behalf of students whose home or community life presents barriers which impede educational success.

Conduct educational assessments with families and link families to appropriate support services within the district, the YouthSource Centers, and other community programs.

Work directly with students who experience difficulty in achieving their academic potential due to social/emotional, home and community barriers.

Are experts in interpreting laws and bulletins related to education, enrollment, attendance policies, and pupil records.

Hold a master’s degree in Social Work, School Counseling or Marriage and Family Counseling and hold Pupil Personnel Services Credentials specializing in Child Welfare and Attendance.

Collaborate with community partners to ensure students are linked to needed services and resources.

Develop and implement trainings for parents and staff.

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**Services Offered by the PSA Counselor:**

**Mission** To ensure that all LAUSD students are enrolled, attending, engaged, and on-track to graduate.

**Purpose** Pupil Services & Attendance (PSA) Counselors are child welfare and attendance advocates who utilize a three-tiered model (prevention, early intervention and intensive intervention) to improve individual and system-wide student attendance, engagement, achievement and graduation.

**Background**
In an effort to address the dropout rate, the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department and the LAUSD Pupil Services Department collaborated to develop a comprehensive dropout recovery model. Since 2012, the City Partnership Program has supported our highest need communities with the highest dropout rate in an effort to re-engage our youth back into an educational setting. Pupil Services and Attendance Counselors have been co-located within City of Los Angeles YouthSource Centers and community based organizations in order to serve our students collaboratively. These re-engagement centers also serve as an integral component of the Truancy Diversion Program where students that have been found violating the Daytime Curfew Law are referred to receive services.

**City Partnership-YouthSource Centers**
Full-time Pupil Services and Attendance (PSA) Counselors are co-located in 14 YouthSource Centers and 3 American Job Centers located throughout the city. The Centers service youth between the ages of 16-24 with a focus on re-engaging students to school and providing them with opportunities to develop work skills.

PSA Counselors work collaboratively with City YouthSource/AICCC Centers to conduct student intakes, assessments, and determine appropriate interventions to identified at-risk student with behavioral, social and attendance related issues.

The primary goal of the PSA Counselor is to provide students support and services to overcome barriers that impede school attendance and academic achievement. PSA Counselors make appropriate referrals to necessary services and monitor students progress.

**Who We Serve**

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**
- 16-24 (WIOA)
- 14-24 (Summer Youth Employment Program)
- Must be able to show proof of right to work in the United States
- Must live in Los Angeles city boundaries
- Must be “low income”
- Must have a recognize “barrier” to employment

**Program Services**
The City Partnership-YouthSource System Program provide educational services to students 17-24 served throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District. PSA Counselors will:
- Outreach to schools, community agencies and identify students through potential dropout lists to link them to services at the YouthSource Center
- Conduct educational assessments for all students that walk in to the YouthSource Center in order to ensure that a comprehensive educational history is reviewed and a plan is identified to support each student.
- Re-engage students that have dropped out of high school by linkage to appropriate school placement and advocacy for school enrollment.
- Provide services and link students, who violate the daytime curfew law, referred through Los Angeles School Police Department Truancy Diversion Referral to YouthSource Programs and services (13-17 years old).

**Program Objectives**
- Completed educational assessments to high risk and out of school youth to provide comprehensive services
- To re-engage out of school youth back into an educational setting in the educational process
- To support youth in obtaining their high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate
- To link them job readiness programs and training in order to support them in their transition into the workforce