

Why Try Program Information Sheet

2025-2026

Participant's

Name: _____ Phone: _____

About Why Try: The Why Try Program provides simple, hands-on solutions for dropout prevention, violence prevention, truancy reduction, and increased academic success. The idea is straightforward: Teach social and emotional principles to youth in a way they can understand and remember. Why Try is based on sound empirical principles, including solution-focused brief therapy, social and emotional intelligence, and multi-sensory learning. The Why Try curriculum utilizes a series of ten visual analogies that each important life skills (e.g., decisions have consequences; dealing with peer pressure; obeying laws and rules; plugging into support systems). The visual analogies are reinforced through creative use of music, hands-on activities, and multimedia. Why Try curriculum engages all major learning styles (visual, auditory, and body-kinesthetic).

Expectations: All participants are required to attend Why Try on time and participate in a non-disruptive manner. Any rude or disrespectful behavior towards facilitators, other participants or staff members may result in removal and/or discharge of the program. Active participation in group discussions and activities is important and necessary. While attending a program at SCCC no one should possess any firearms, weapons, or drug paraphernalia on their person. No one will be permitted to attend group who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or any other non-prescribed mood-altering drug.

DATE OF WEEKLY CLASS: *Wednesday's 4:00 PM- 5:00PM*

LOCATION: *Shelby County Community Corrections- 10 W. Polk St. Shelbyville, IN 46176*

Facilitator: Holly Hickman

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Attendance: if the juvenile is sick a parent/guardian should call at least 2 hours prior to the program starting for an excused absence.

- First miss: Instructor shall warn juvenile about the attendance policy.
- Second miss: Instructor shall send an alert to the juvenile's probation officer or school indicating juvenile has missed for a second time.
- Third miss: Unsuccessfully discharged from program.