



Teams Make All the Difference for Improving Attendance

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #1 Discussion Guide April 2, 2025

Below are a suggested set of discussion questions for schools and communities to reflect upon insights gained from this webinar. Feel free to use some or all of the questions to prompt a rich conversation about how to take action.

Chronic absence in your community

1. What are the levels of chronic absence in your community? If you don't know, how can you get that data?
2. Are there particular grades, schools or student groups who are especially affected by chronic absence?
3. What are the biggest challenges and barriers affecting student attendance in your community?

District and school teams

1. Do you currently have in place a team (district and/or school team) that focuses on attendance and the implementation of a school-wide strategy for reducing chronic absenteeism? If not, how can you start one?
2. If so, who is part of that team? How regularly is the team meeting?
3. Who within your school or district needs to be engaged to ensure a district-wide or school-wide approach tailored to the needs of your community? (Consider the role of principals, school nurses, teachers, district offices, unions, expanded learning providers, transportation, etc.).

Cultivating allies

1. Who do you need to be working with externally to improve attendance in your school and community?
2. What information and resources do you plan to take back to your school and community from this webinar?