

Outline & Resources

Session 1, Group 1: Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism August 11, 2021

This is an outline of the resources found in the presentation slides. [Download the slides here.](#)

Slide #	Content
1-2	Welcome, Tech Support & Introductions
3-12	<p>Why does attendance matter? Expanding the definition of “attendance”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10 Facts about School Attendance ● Summary of Key Research ● Key Concepts for Leveraging Chronic Absence During the Coronavirus Pandemic ● Monitoring Attendance in Distance Learning (additional attendance measures) ● Expanded Attendance Metrics ● School Innovations and Achievement (SI&A) California Chronic Absenteeism Analysis
13	Poll: What attendance measures does your school/district track?
14-16	<p>Positive Conditions for Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research brief: Using Chronic Absence Data to Improve Conditions for Learning ● Video: Relationships are Essential
17-22	<p>Building Your Multi-Tiered System of Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 Tiers of Intervention Pyramid (Blank worksheet, sample filled in pyramid, and foundational supports) ● Kaiser Permanente Playbook for Healthy Communities
23-24	<p>Schoolwide Strategies for Prevention: Three high leverage strategies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warm and Welcoming Environment 2. Positive Relationship with Students & Families 3. Clear expectations and communication about attendance

25-34	<p>Strategy 1: Warm and Welcoming Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Climate Elements (handout for discussion groups) ● Research on school climate and attendance ● Video: A Positive School Climate Can Motivate Students to Show Up to School Even When it is Hard ● Scan of Environment and Attendance Tool (SEAT)
35-41	<p>Strategy 2: Positive Relationships with Students & Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Example of relational home visits: Parent Teacher Home Visits ● Example of mentoring: MENTOR and virtual mentor portals, Peer Group Connections, Success Mentor ● Pathways to Engagement: A Toolkit for Covid-19 Recovery Through Attendance ● From the Flamboyant Foundation: Beginning of the Year Relationship Building: A Strategy Guide for Educators ● From America’s Promise -- resources to work with teens ● From FutureEd and Attendance Works: Attendance Playbook and implementation guide
42-52	<p>Strategy 3: Clear Expectations & Communication about Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AdCouncil research: What do families of chronically absent students understand about attendance? ● Video: A Parent’s Perspective: Olga Nunez ● Work with Students and Families to Create a Success Plan ● Create a Communications Plan: district planning worksheet, communications tips and strategies for connecting with students & families ● Sample year-round planning calendars ● Handouts for Families (in English and Spanish) ● Sign up for Attendance Awareness Campaign 2021
53	<p>Poll: Which of the following strategies for communicating with families about attendance do you already implement?</p>
54-55	<p>Additional resources from Attendance Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handouts for Families ● Sign up for the 2021 Attendance Awareness Campaign ● Keep Learning California
56-57	<p>Q&A</p>

58	Evaluation Survey https://app.upmetrics.com/data_collector/ckf2oltbqIt8k0759tfdbfybj
59	<p>Contact information for presenters:</p> <p>Cecelia Leong, Vice President of Programs cecelia@attendanceworks.org</p> <p>Maria Casey, Deputy Director of Programs Maria.casey77@gmail.com</p>
60-66	<p>Appendix: Additional Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendance Playbook: Covid Edition ● 3 Tiers of Intervention: Blank pyramid and sample filled-in pyramid ● America's Promise Alliance: Consideration and FAQs for Leaders Managing the High School Experience During Covid-19