

Outline & Resources

Session #1: Spring 2024 Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism

Thursday, January 18, 2024

This is an outline of the resources found in the presentation slides.

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1-2	Welcome, Tech Support & Introduction of Speakers
3-5	Series Overview, Learning Goals, Icebreaker
6-17	Overview of Chronic Absence ----- Additional Resources about Chronic Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of Key Research• Truancy vs. Chronic Absence• PACE report: Disparities in Unexcused Absences Across California Schools• Blog: All Hands on Deck: Today's Chronic Absenteeism Requires A Comprehensive District Response and Strategy
18-29	The Key to Improving Attendance is a Tiered Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 Tiers of Intervention• Research brief: Using Chronic Absence Data to Improve Conditions for Learning• Search Institute blog: Six Shifts to Better Family Engagement• Video: What promotes positive conditions for learning?

30-31	<p>Small Group discussion & report out</p>
32-37	<p>Relationships are Essential at Every Level of Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Search Institute: What We're Learning about Developmental Relationships ● Video: Making a Habit of Warm Welcomes in the Classroom ● How to Guide Relationship Mapping ● 2x10 Relationship Strategy Bank ● Edutopia: Starting Each Class With a Warm Welcome ● Edutopia: Making Connections With Greetings at the Door (for elementary) ● Edutopia – Relationship Building From Day 1 ● Mood Meter ● Zones of Regulation ● Examples of Tiered Practices ● Example of relational home visits: Parent Teacher Home Visits and Learning Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP) ● THE LEAP EFFECT ● Example of mentoring: MENTOR and virtual mentor portals, Peer Group Connections, Success Mentor ● Attendance Playbook and Implementation Guide ● Search Institute - Relationships Framework
38-53	<p>Strategies and Tools to Communicate About Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L. ● Flesch-Kincaid readability test ● Health handouts for families ● General attendance handouts for Families ● Student Attendance Success Plan ● Kindergarten Transition Toolkit ● AW blog: Writing truancy notices that can improve attendance ● Using Behavioral Insights to Improve School Administrative Communications: The Case of Truancy Notifications ● Communications Tips ● Strategies for Connecting with Students & Families ● Year-long Planning Calendar ● Letters for Families ● Spring Attendance Dips ● Strengthen Summer Learning ● Stay the Course - Winter Messaging toolkit ● Holiday Messaging ● How to Text Message Parents to Reduce Chronic Absence Using an Evidence-Based Approach ● Sign up for the annual Attendance Awareness Campaign

54-55	<p>Review of Learning Goals & Class Evaluation Evaluation Survey</p> <p>https://app.upmetrics.com/data_collector/ckf2oltbqlt8k0759tfdbfybj</p>
56	<p>Q&A</p>
57-58	<p>Name & Contact information for presenters:</p> <p>Cecelia Leong, Vice President of Programs cecelia@attendanceworks.org</p> <p>Inika Williams, Ed.D., Associate Director of Policy inika@attendanceworks.org</p>
59-66	<p>Appendix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updated District & School Attendance Tracking Tools ● Strategies to Address School & Community Safety ● The Walking School Bus: Combining Safety, Fun and the Walk to School ● National Child Traumatic Stress Network ● National Association of School Psychologists ● Making caring common project: Relationship Mapping Strategy ● Collaborative for Academic and Social Emotional Learning (CASEL) ● The SEARCH Institute ● Building Assets, Reducing Risk (BARR) ● National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments ● ROCA