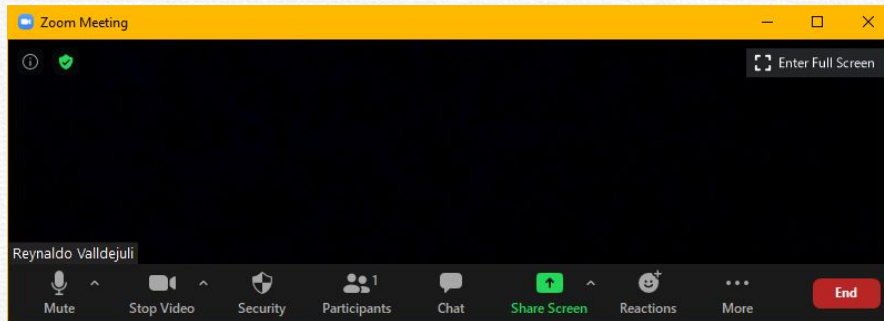


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Monthly Call
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Introduction

- Please provide your name and school system/association in the chat box.
- This webinar will be recorded, and slides will be available at the conclusion.
- You will be muted throughout the webinar, but feel free to post comments and questions in the chat box.
- At the conclusion of the webinar, you will be unmuted for dialogue.
- This webinar is about supporting students and families in Louisiana, so be encouraged and be inspired as work together to facilitate a ***Louisiana Comeback!***



Agenda

- Introduction / Sign In
- Monthly Call Purpose
- Morning Inspiration & Activity
- Agency, Belonging, Connection
 - Home Visit Safety for CWAs
 - Jump Start Your Initiatives!
- Q & A
- Updates



Child Welfare and Attendance

A webinar for Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) directors, supervisors, and all attendance stakeholders is held the first Thursday of each month where evidence-based best practices focusing on student attendance is discussed.

Date and Time: First Thursday of each month; 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98929998429>

Phone Number: 312-626-6799

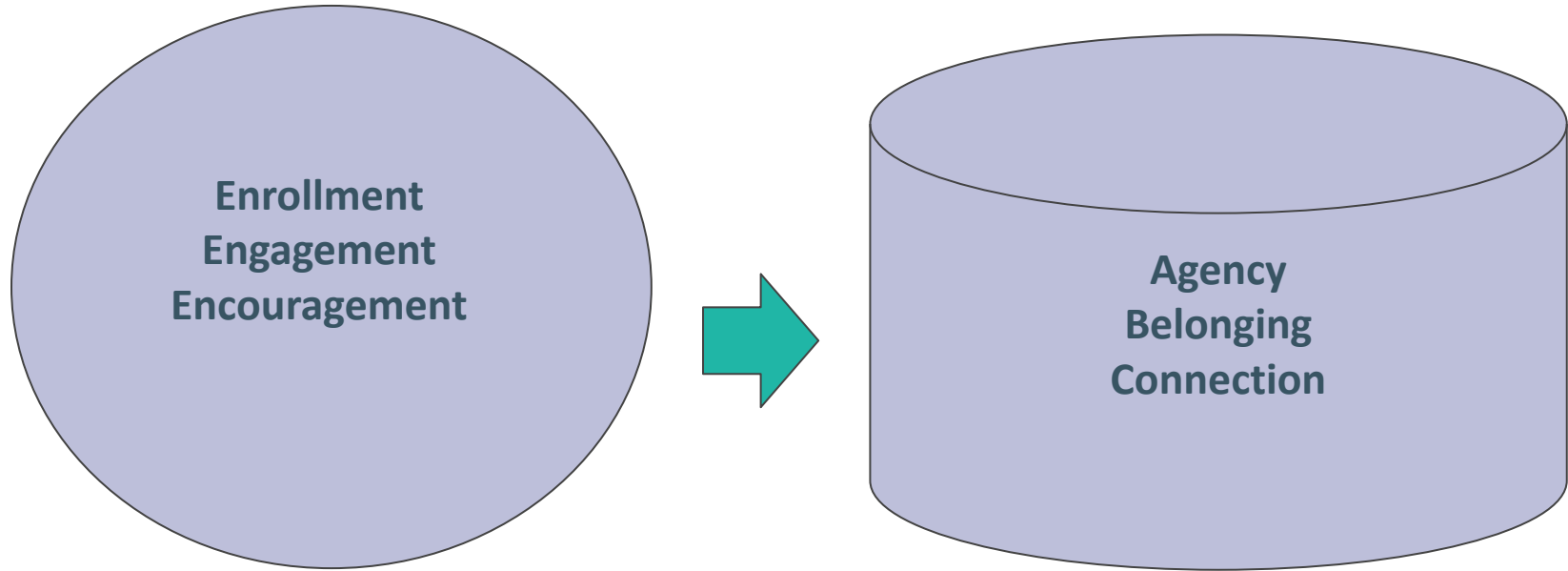
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CWA Transition 2023-2024



CWA Vision 2023-2024

- Agency, Belonging, Connection
- Lead by Example
- Louisiana Attendance Alliance
- Restorative > Punitive
- Chronic Absence > Truancy
- Triad of Engagement
 - Student Engagement
 - Family Engagement
 - Community Engagement
- Attainable Goals



Morning Inspiration



Reflection and Activity

- What are some issues students battle today that may cause school refusal?
- What are some Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 strategies that can be implemented at the school level to address school refusal?
- What resources do you have within your community to support families battling school refusal with one or more students in their home?



Agency, Belonging, Connection: Home Visit Safety & Jump Start Your Initiatives!

Presenter:

Shelneka A. Adams

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Home Visit Safety for CWAs



Your Safety Matters

- School safety initiatives must include extension services such as home visits.
- The safety of all CWAs and attendance stakeholders is a priority.
- A safe environment facilitates an atmosphere of effectiveness.
- All CWA Offices should have a Home Visit Safety Plan
 - New hire training
 - Professional development/Refresher



Foundational Safety Measures

- Make sure your home visit schedule/calendar is up to date with addresses and phone numbers.
- Schedule appointments during daylight hours.
- Google map/drive by the home prior to initial visit.
- If you are uncomfortable with the area partner-up.
- Make sure your plan includes law enforcement agencies invested in community policing.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good condition (runs well, tires are good, full tank of gas, roadside assistance).



Before Leaving the Office

- Review family information
- Provide logistics of your visit(s) to your team
 - Team home visit tracker
- Make sure your cell phone is fully charged
- Pre-fill all documents you may need the family to sign
- “Gut Check!” - This can happen at any point of a home visit



Entering the Home

- Check your surroundings as you arrive
- Park in the direction in which you plan to exit; avoid parking spots where you can be blocked in
- Check for animals before entering gates; make a noise and look for postings/warning signs
- Explain who you are and show identification
- If you are invited in, allow the family member to lead; keep them in front of you
- Always opt for a well lit space close to the exit
- Ask if anyone else is currently in the home and/or if they are expecting company (explain how knowing relates to confidentiality)



During the Visit

- Ask for permission to have a seat if they sit; stay standing if they choose to stand.
- Explain the purpose of the visit. Remind the family you are there to understand their barriers to attendance and work with them to address those issues.
- Observe their abilities and the environment
 - Should the visit continue? - Gut Check
 - Anger or aggressive behavior
 - Intoxication/under the influence



Ending the Visit

- Let the family know what to expect after this visit
- Go through all forms you need them to sign
- Make sure they know how to contact you if they have additional questions
- Have your keys already in your hands when leaving
- Alert a team member you are leaving via text or call
- Check the inside of your car before you get in



Debrief

- Document unusual or unsafe conditions
- Discuss concerns with your team
- Develop strategies to address those concerns for future visits in that area

Other Items to Consider

- What to do if a crisis arises?
- What to do if confronted by a strange or vicious dog?
- What does home visit attire look like?
- What is home visit health protocol?



Jump Start Attendance Initiatives!



Initiatives to Consider

- Invite school-level leaders to monthly webinars
- Sign up school-level leaders for the Attendance Works Training
- Prepare for Attendance Awareness Month Campaigns
- CWA presence at all family engagement events
- Utilize and promote tools and resources
 - Child Welfare and Attendance Reference Guide
 - Louisiana Attendance Action Plan Workbook
- Update your web page with attendance data
- Promote attendance incentives from day one



Questions?



Updates

- The next webinar will be Thursday, September 7 at 8 a.m.
- Attendance Works Trainings:
 - Groups 1 & 2: 08/01, 08/08, and 08/15
 - Groups 3 & 4: 08/03, 08/10, and 08/17
 - Groups 5 & 6: 09/12, 09/19, and 09/26
- Save the Dates:
 - IATDP Conference with Hearing Officer Training: October 15 - 18

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