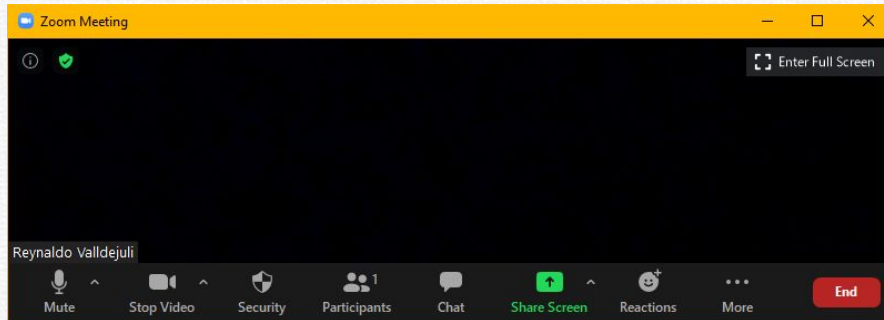


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Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call

September 7, 2023



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
- Presentation
 - Louisiana Data
 - Attendance Awareness Month
- Updates



Monthly Call

- **Focus:** Agency, Belonging, Connection
- **Purpose:** To cultivate a viable network for state CWA's to discuss evidence based best practices and offer support amongst colleagues.
 - **Webinar Date and Time:** First Thursday of the month; 8 a.m.
 - **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92031673778?>
 - **Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
 - **Webinar ID:** 920 3167 3778
 - **Passcode:** 459079

Contact shelneka.adams@la.gov with questions.



Morning Inspiration



Reflection and Activity

- What is happening in this video that may be a barrier to attendance for a student?
- As we prepare for attendance awareness month, who else should we target /empower other than students and families?
- “Attendance begins before a student even takes a seat in homeroom.” In what ways can we acknowledge this train of thought?



Presentation

Louisiana Attendance Data and Attendance Awareness Month

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September 7, 2023



Louisiana Attendance Data

- Do you know where to find historical [attendance data](#)?
 - www.louisianabelieves.com > resources > library > school-system-attributes
- Do you know what attendance categories are beneficial to your work?
 - Average Daily Attendance Rate, Truancy, and Chronic Absence
- What reports or options for reporting should you request?
 - Truancy - Truancy, Truancy by absence, Truancy by tardies
 - Chronic Absence - 15 days or more (State definition), 10% (CWA and USDOE guidance)



Louisiana Attendance Data

	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023
ADA	93.7%	93.5%	92.9%
Truancy	40.7%	45.2%	42.5%
Chronic Absence	28%	19.4%	23.3%



Attendance Awareness Month

- September is recognized as Attendance Awareness Month nationally
- Promote good attendance and engagement
- Engagement should have a triad focus: student, family, community
- Tier 1 interventions can be used to celebrate and support



Office of the Governor



JOHN BEL EDWARDS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Louisiana is focused on student attendance and engagement, and is committed to ensuring all students have an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, students are more likely to attend when these four conditions for learning are in place: physical and emotional health and safety, a sense of belonging, connection, and support; academic challenge and engagement; and adults and peers with social emotional competency; and

WHEREAS, partnering with students, families, schools, and communities will enable stronger supports to engage students in learning, whether in-person, remote or through blended approaches; and

WHEREAS, understanding and addressing barriers to attendance requires building and sustaining caring relationships and regular communications in the home language spoken by students and families; and

WHEREAS, students who are chronically absent miss 10 percent or more of their academic instruction and are more likely to need additional wrap-around supports and resources; and

WHEREAS, absenteeism and punitive approaches to school discipline greatly contribute to the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, using absentee and attendance data can quickly alert families, school and community partners of high levels of absenteeism and missed opportunities to learn – by learning more, school grades, and student population – so early interventions can be identified; and

WHEREAS, students are more likely to attend school when positive conditions for learning are in place; and

WHEREAS, schools are places where students build routines and develop trusting relationships with peers, teachers and school staff; and

WHEREAS, improving attendance requires identifying and addressing factors that contribute to students missing school, including lack of digital access and connectivity, mental and physical health services and access to basic economic supports such as food and housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on 20th day of September A. D. 2022.

John Bel Edwards
John Bel Edwards
Governor



Pointe Coupee Parish School... Follow Aug 3

IN 4 WEEKDAYS WE WILL SEE BUSES ON THE ROADS OF POINTE COUPEE!



North Iberville Elementary 4d

3rd Grade wins the MTSS Attendance Trophy this week with 98% attendance. Congratulations!



DeSoto Parish Schools 1d

Student attendance for August increased 13% compared to last year. Keep up the great work!
#EveryDayMatters #DeSotoStrong

	LHS	MHS	SHS	NOHS	NOLE	NOHS	MES	MNIS	NOUE	DISTRICT
AUGUST	95	90	94	94	95	96	95	93	95	
AVERAGE	95	90	94	94	95	96	95	93	95	2022 94% 2021 81%
GOAL	95	86	93	91	97	94	91	91	94	94%

St. James Parish School System 6d

Attendance Awareness Month

Regular attendance is vital for student success. When students attend regularly, starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, they have an opportunity to achieve academically and thrive. Research shows that when students are chronically absent – missing 10% or more of the school year or 18 days over an entire year – they are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school and graduate from high school. This year to celebrate Attendance Awareness Month St. James Parish Schools will an Attendance Awareness Month Art Contest!! Students are encouraged to submit a drawing highlighting "Why Attending School is Cool". For more information please click the link below.
https://www.stjames.k12.la.us/news/what_s_new/attendance_awareness_month



September is Attendance Awareness Month! It's a bigger problem than you probably think.

Throughout the month we will post facts and statistics surrounding chronic absenteeism so that our school communities are better informed to help support students and families improve attendance, connection, and achievement.

#1. Reducing chronic absence can help address educational inequity.

Every day a student is in school is an opportunity to learn, build relationships and access supports.



Attendance Awareness Month

- [Attendance Works](#)
- [Louisiana Attendance Alliance Toolkit](#)
- Attendance Contests
 - Poster contest
 - Classroom, Grade-level, School
- Attendance Certificates
 - School
 - Community Partners
- Attendance Engagement Activities
 - Mixer at the end of the month
 - Ice cream social
 - Free dress pass



Questions?



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Updates

- It's Attendance Awareness Month!
- Attendance Works Training groups 5 and 6 begin September 7.
- [IATDP Annual Conference](#)
 - Date: October 15-18
 - Location: Drury Plaza San Antonio, TX

You Are Appreciated!

Contact shelneka.adams@la.gov for more information.

