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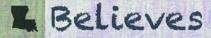




Louisiana Attendance Alliance Webinar May 12, 2021

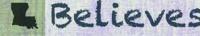
Agenda

- Overview
- Purpose
- LA Attendance Alliance services and program features
- Introduction of the LSU-Social Research and Evaluation Center (SREC) Team
- Attendance Specialists Expectations
- Next Steps
- Q&A



Overview

To assist school systems with attendance concerns, LDOE and the LSU Social Research and Evaluation Center (SREC) are establishing a statewide initiative to **promote good attendance practices**.



Purpose

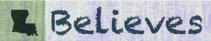
There was a decline in student enrollment during the 2020-2021 school year and more than 50% of the decline were in 3rd grade and below. To address attendance concerns for all students, the LSU-Social Research and Evaluation Center (SREC) will support school systems with LSU Attendance Specialist who will:

- Assist school systems with students who have not been attending school during the 2020-2021 school year
- 2. Re-enroll eligible PK-12 students for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3. Promote good attendance practices to school systems.



The Louisiana Attendance Alliance

- Establishes a **statewide cross sector partnership** with Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) and other community-based programs that work with children and families
- Connects LSU Attendance Specialists with school, students, and families to validate exit codes, assist in re-enrollment, and promote good attendance practices
- Provides a monthly aggregated status report from the LSU-SREC student location program in compliance with all Louisiana student privacy data laws
- Facilitates a monthly Louisiana Attendance Alliance meeting to share best practices and elevate the issue of school attendance



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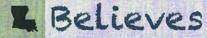
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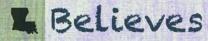
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What to expect from your LSU Attendance Specialists?

- Who: A local community partner that has previous experience as an educator, counselor, or provider of student support services
- Primary goal: Assist in verifying exit codes for students who did not return to school due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Re-enrollment support: LSU Attendance Specialists will be available to educate and link families of students eligible for re-enrollment to their local school districts and monitor enrollment status through the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year



What to expect from LSU Attendance Specialists?

- LSU Attendance Specialists may reach out to schools, after school programs, and other supportive services to help facilitate re-enrollment
- Additionally, LSU Attendance Specialists will make necessary referrals to social services to help families reduce barriers to attendance



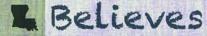
Next Steps

SREC will reach out to each district asking for their participation

Please respond by 6/2/21 to opt-in for participation at <u>attendance@lsu.edu</u>

Once a school district opts-in, SREC will:

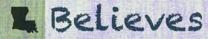
 Connect LSU Attendance Specialist(s) to district staff and facilitate introductions to local schools and coordinate logistics



Future Steps

Monthly **Attendance Alliance** meetings:

- via Zoom: https://lsu.zoom.us/j/93027951274
- Every third Thursday: 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.
- Review enrollment trends, share best practices/evidence based practices to increase enrollment, quality improvement planning, community partner presentations



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