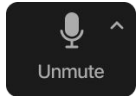
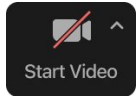


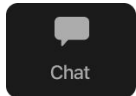
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Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call



August 8, 2024

Agenda

- Introduction / Sign In
- Monthly Call Purpose
- Morning Inspiration & Activity
- Presentation
 - Education Bills and Policy Updates: Student Attendance
 - Home Visit Safety
 - Attendance Awareness Month Campaigns
- Updates

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Monthly Call Purpose

- Focus: “Be Mindful, Be Present!”
- Purpose: To cultivate a viable network for state CWA’s to discuss evidence based best practices and offer support amongst colleagues.

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Morning Inspiration



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[Safe Home Visit Tips](#)

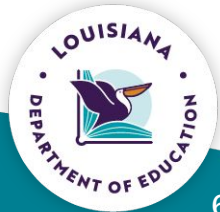
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Reflection and Activity

- What are some fears or challenges you have regarding home visits?
- What would help you conduct a more effective and efficient home visit?
- What are more tips we can share amongst each other to support providing quality home visits?

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Education Bills and Policy Updates: School Attendance

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Presentation

Education Bills Passed: School Attendance

- **ACT 386 - House Bill 629**
 - Requires parents of truant student to ensure the student makes up missed work. Requires parent to meet monthly until work is complete.
- **ACT 674 - House Bill 46**
 - Prohibits requiring COVID19 vaccine for enrollment or attendance.
- **ACT 675 - House Bill 47**
 - Requires immunization communication include exemption information.
- **ACT 460 - House Bill 908**
 - Prohibit discrimination against students on basis of vaccination status.

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Policy Updates: School Attendance

- [Bulletin 126](#), Charter Schools and [Bulletin 741](#), Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators
- Absences and attendance
 - Refines the types of absences to excused, unexcused, and suspension/expulsion.
 - Provides for implementation of daily student attendance reporting
 - Provides for reporting on truancy.

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Home Visit Safety

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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

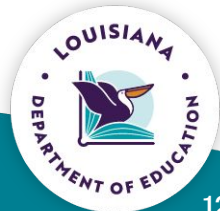
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Foundational Safety Measures

- 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).

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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

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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)

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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

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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

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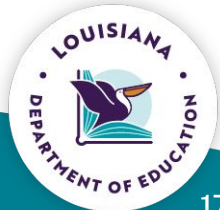
Debrief

- 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?

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Attendance Awareness Month Campaigns

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Presentation

Don't Recreate the Wheel

- [Attendance Works](#)
- [School Status](#)
- [Everyday Labs](#)

*There are a number of resources available to build a successful attendance awareness month campaign!

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Simple Ideas for Student Engagement

Suggested Attendance Awareness Activities for each week:

Friday Week 1 September 2 - 6	Friday Week 2 September 9 - 13	Friday Week 3 September 16 - 20	Friday Week 4 September 23 - 27	Friday Week 5 September 30 - October 4
<p>"The Kickoff!"</p> <p>Wear your favorite team's jersey, color, or t-shirt.</p> 	<p>"Show up Louisiana!"</p> <p>Dress up like a character from your favorite book, show, or movie.</p> 	<p>"Report for Duty!"</p> <p>Wear camo.</p> 	<p>"Don't Sleep on Attendance!"</p> <p>Wear your favorite pajamas.</p> 	<p>"Here Today, Success Tomorrow!"</p> <p>Dress up as your future career choice.</p> 

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Student Engagement cont.

Suggestions for a **week long** celebration:

Monday September 23	Tuesday September 24	Wednesday September 25	Thursday September 26	Friday September 27
<p>Motivated Monday!</p> <p>Get motivated about attendance and wear your favorite team's colors, t-shirt, or jersey.</p>	<p>Twins Tuesday!</p> <p>Show up for each other and dress alike.</p>	<p>World Traveler Wednesday!</p> <p>Attending school today can take you to amazing places tomorrow! Dress up like a tourist.</p>	<p>Throwback Thursday!</p> <p>Dress like the past and show up for your future!</p>	<p>Fashion Show Friday!</p> <p>Show up to school fashionably on time!</p>
				

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Family Engagement

- Host a virtual mixer for families.
 - 30 minute zoom for each grade level.
 - Send paper bingo cards home to play during mixer.
 - Theme should be around regular school attendance.
- Give out attendance flyers at carpool and send them home.
 - Share some fun facts about attendance.
 - Create an attendance crossword/puzzle for families to complete.
- Host a family night on the first day or last day of attendance awareness month.

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Community Engagement



We Support Regular School Attendance

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Questions?

Resources

Louisiana Attendance Planning

- Attendance Action Planning Workbook
- Toolkit Slides
- Chronic Absenteeism Rate Report
- Attendance Action Plans
- Peer-learning Surveys



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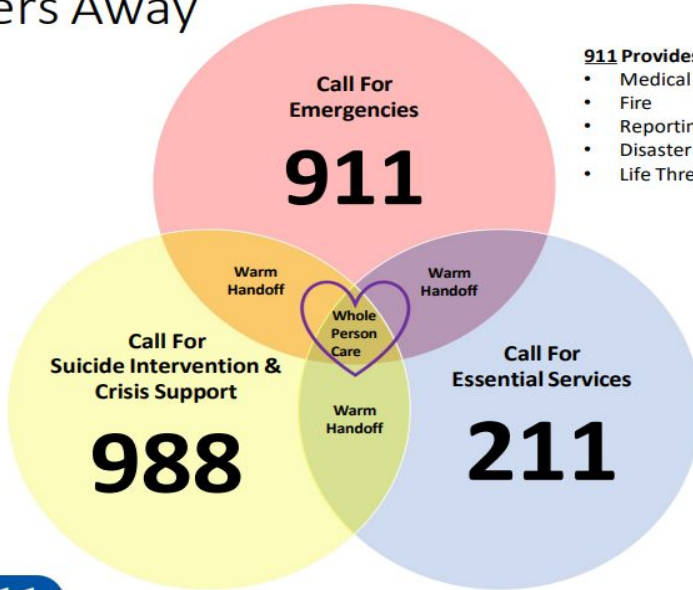


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Help is 3 Numbers Away

988 Provides Crisis Support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress



911 Provides First Responder Dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation

211 Maintains a Comprehensive Community Resources Database and Provides Information & Referrals for:

- Food
- Housing & Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services
- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Counseling & Support Groups
- Disaster aftercare
- & Everything Else



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Updates

- ❑ The next monthly meeting will be September 5 at 8:00 am.

- ❑ Save The Date:
 - ❑ [International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention Conference](#)
 - ❑ Sheraton Le Meridien
Charlotte, NC
 - ❑ October 6-9
 - ❑ [International Network for School Attendance \(INSA\) Conference](#)
 - ❑ Astor Crowne Plaza
New Orleans, LA
 - ❑ October 29 - November 1

You Are Appreciated!