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# **Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call**



# Agenda

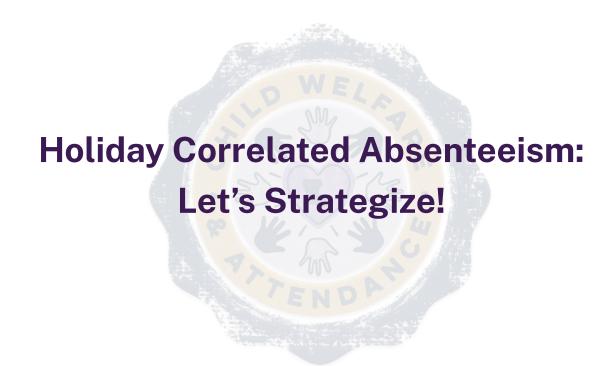
- Introduction / Sign In
- Monthly Call Purpose
- Presentation
  - Holiday Correlated Absenteeism
- Updates



# **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.



## **Foundation**

- Building a culture of good attendance at the beginning of the school year is key.
- Absences spike in the weeks before and after winter holidays.
- Families may extend vacations outside of the holiday time frame which can contribute to absenteeism for their student.
- A few missed days can contribute to learning loss.

## **Foundation**

- What are some actionable strategies to keep kids coming to school?
- What needs to happen to keep students engaged?
- How are we using the data we have to develop proactive interventions for at-risk students?



#### What Families Need to Know

- From Kindergarten to High School, missed days equate to learning loss.
- Lessons are still being taught days before breaks and right after.
- Calendars should highlight holidays and specifically state the return date.
- Procedures to notify the school of unavoidable absences.



#### What Schools Need to Know

- Have a plan in place to address holiday absenteeism.
- What messages will you share with students before the holidays?
- What messages will you send to families before the holidays?
- How will you send these messages?
- What incentives can you offer to students and families?



# What the Community Needs to Know

Attendance is everyone's business!

Community partners can support by providing or sponsoring incentives.



## **Share Out**

 What holiday reminder strategies do you use in your schools/school system?

What unique resources do you use?





# **Questions?**

## Resources

#### **Louisiana Attendance Planning**

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



LDOE Child Welfare & Attendance webpage

#### ViaLink 2-1-1

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**Call For Emergencies** 911

Warm

#### 911 Provides First Responder Dispatch for:

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

#### 988 Provides Crisis Support for:

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

Handoff **Call For** Suicide Intervention & **Crisis Support** 

988

Warm Handoff Whole Person **Essential Services** Warm

Handoff

211

**Call For** 

#### 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**



- December <u>CWA Monthly Call</u>
  - 8am, December 5
- Save The Date:
  - Fast Forward/CWA Summit February 25