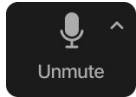
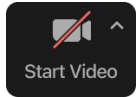


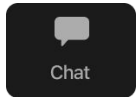
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# Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call



September 5, 2024

# Agenda

- Introduction / Sign In
- Monthly Call Purpose
- Morning Inspiration & Activity
- Presentation
  - Attendance Awareness Month Kickoff Shout Outs!
  - Family Engagement: A Strategic Approach
- Updates

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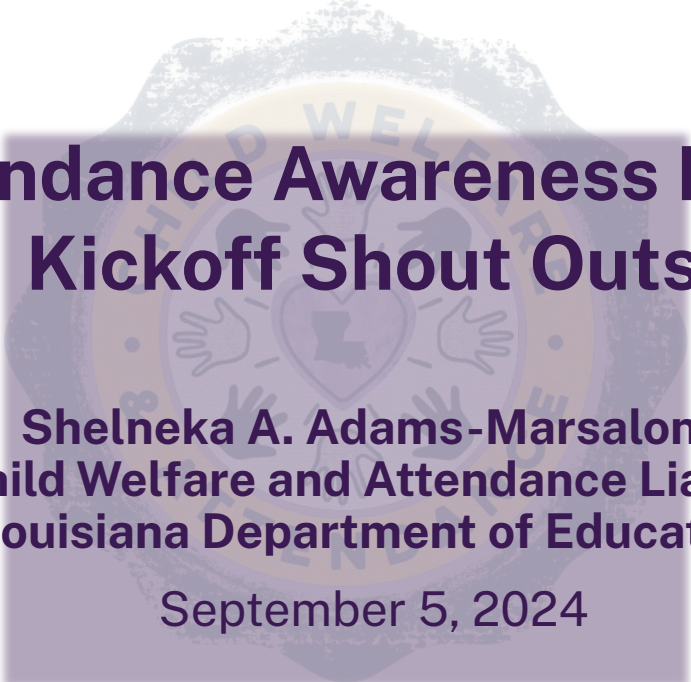


# Monthly Call Purpose

- 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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# **Attendance Awareness Month Kickoff Shout Outs!**

**Shelneka A. Adams-Marsalone  
Child Welfare and Attendance Liaison  
Louisiana Department of Education**

September 5, 2024

# Shout Outs!

- Two school systems, St. Helena and Union Parish, highlighted “No School Days” on their calendars to encourage families to make appointments such as doctors appointments on those days.
- St. Helena also provided professional development to their administration on attendance and engagement.
- East Baton Rouge Parish School System CWAs provided professional development to administrators AND attendance clerks.

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# Shout Outs!

- West Carroll School System hosted a Community Convocation illustrating attendance truly is everyone's business.
- Desoto Parish School System and our friends at TASC in Caddo are using the “[Under the Surface](#)” video to support engagement.
- Please send more information about what you're doing to promote attendance and engagement across Louisiana!

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# **Family Engagement: A Strategic Approach**

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Child Welfare and Attendance Liaison  
Louisiana Department of Education**

September 3, 2024

**Presentation**



# Problems with Family Engagement

- Families of chronically absent students often experience “information gaps.”
- They are unaware their child’s attendance is problematic.
- According to Everyday Labs, 78 percent of families with chronically absent children don’t know how to obtain additional support.
- Families don’t believe absences negatively impact their child, especially if the absence is excused.

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# Reframing Family Engagement

- Families are our partners.
  - Partners communicate regularly and share information.
  - Partners have trust and are allies.
- Families are the expert on their own child.
  - They can tell you their child's strengths and challenges.
  - They know background information that doesn't always make it into a folder.

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# Reframing Family Engagement

- Regular asset-based communication is needed.
  - Supportive tone.
  - Timely information.
  - In families home language.
- Assess needs and respond.
  - Basic needs addressed immediately.
  - Referral for continuous support with basic needs.
  - Connect with community partners.

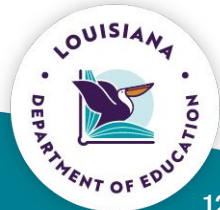
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# Family Engagement: A Strategic Approach

- Who do we need to become?
- Family needs assessments are key.
  - Needs that may contribute to absenteeism can be addressed early.
  - This is how interventions are created.
- School has to be a welcoming place for students and families.

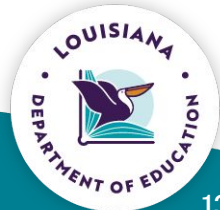
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# Family Engagement: A Strategic Approach

- Students and families must feel like they belong.
  - Are you creating opportunities for families to truly partner with schools?
  - Are you inclusive of families that can't make engagement events?
- Families must have a voice.
  - Are you polling families for insight?
  - Are you creating opportunities for two-way communication?

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# Family Engagement: A Strategic Approach

- More than a one-time event.
- More than focusing on one specific member.
- More than truancy letters.
- More than negative phone calls home.

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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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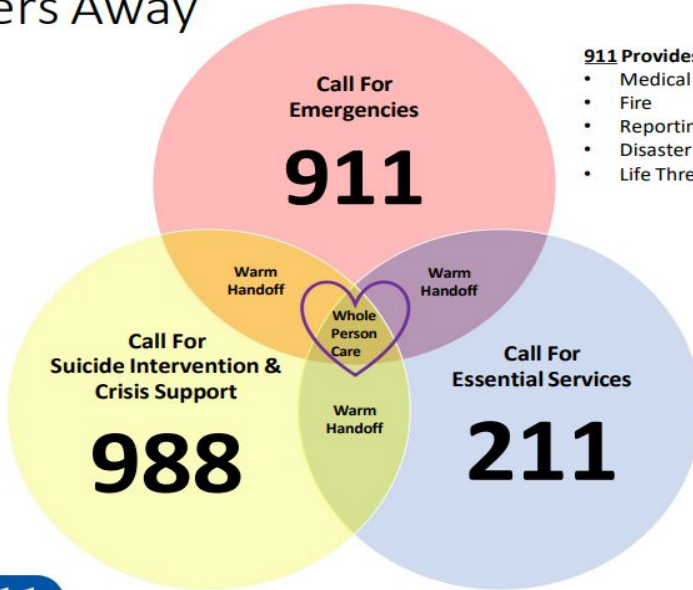


# ViaLink 2-1-1

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:**

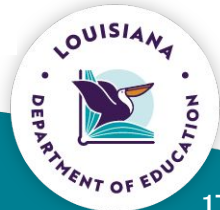
- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation

**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



[www.vialink.org](http://www.vialink.org)



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# Updates

- The next monthly meeting will be October 3 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!**