



Essential Partnerships for Showing Up: Families, Youth and Community

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #2 Discussion Guide May 15, 2024

Below are a suggested set of discussion questions for schools and communities. Feel free to use some or all of the questions to prompt a rich conversation about how to take action.

Understanding reasons for absenteeism in your community

1. What top reasons are driving absenteeism in your district or school? How do you know?
2. What qualitative data and tools are you using to help you understand why students are missing school?

The role of youth and families in increasing engagement and attendance

1. How are you tapping into the insights of students and families to find out about barriers to engagement and attendance and what would help get students to school?
2. What would help families in your community get more involved in improving attendance and engagement? Who can help you provide such support?

Developing partnerships and engaging community partners

1. What community partners are part of your efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism?
2. Based on what you heard today, who are the additional community partners you want to engage? (consider local health clinics, health practitioners, faith-based organizations and local businesses).
3. What information and resources do you plan to take back to your school and community?