




Cohort Meeting

October 15, 2025



Logistics

Before we get started,

-  This meeting is being recorded so we can share key takeaways and support those who couldn't attend live.
-  Please stay muted unless you're speaking, to help reduce background noise.
-  If you have a question or comment, feel free to unmute yourself or type it in the chat—we want to hear from you!

Thanks for helping us create a respectful and engaging space for everyone.

Meet the Illinois State Board of Education SCTAC team

- **Carl Amos**- Safe and Healthy Climate
- **Nanette Coley**-Safe and Healthy Climate
- **Sarah Littrell**- Learning Renewal – Safe and Healthy Climate
- **Theresa Olsen**- Wellness and Student Care



Agenda

- Inclusive Welcome
- Resource Spotlight
- Pass the Mic
- Announcements
- Intentional Close



The purpose of this cohort

☀ Everyday Counts Illinois

Student Engagement Cohort on Chronic Absenteeism

Building Belonging, Connection, and Equity—One Day at a Time

Chronic absenteeism is more than missed day it's a signal of disconnection. This cohort is about reconnecting students through relationships, equity, and SEL.

Together, we'll share strategies, celebrate wins, and build systems that help every student feel seen, supported, and engaged.



Well-being Check-In

- What's something that's bringing you **joy** in your life?
- What's one thing you're **feeling grateful** for right now?
- What is one ritual you have/practice to support your **well-being**?

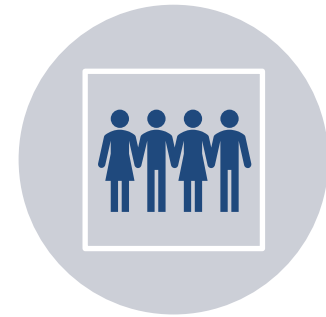
Well-being Check-in



SELF-AWARENESS



SELF-
MANAGEMENT



SOCIAL AWARENESS

CASEL Resources



- [CASEL](#) – Collaborative for Social Emotional and Academic Learning
- [5 SEL Competencies](#) & Focal Constructs
- [3 Signature Practices](#)
- [School](#) and [District](#) SEL Implementation
- [How does SEL Support Equity?](#)

Cohort Introductions



EACH PARTICIPANT, PLEASE
SHARE:



1. YOUR NAME, ROLE, AND
SCHOOL DISTRICT



2. RECALL YOUR FAVORITE
FAMILY ACTIVITY WHEN YOU
WERE IN SCHOOL

What is Family Engagement ?

-How it Looks

-Benefits of Family Engagement

The 5 R's for Family Engagement

Respect

Responsiveness

Relationship

Reciprocity

Reflection

[Five Rs for Promoting Positive Family Engagement](#) from National Association for the Education of Young Children

Attendance Works - Printable Handouts



Support the habit of good attendance

Multiple grade levels – pre-k through secondary

Multiple languages available

Geared for in-person and remote instruction

Infographic for chronic absence in early grades

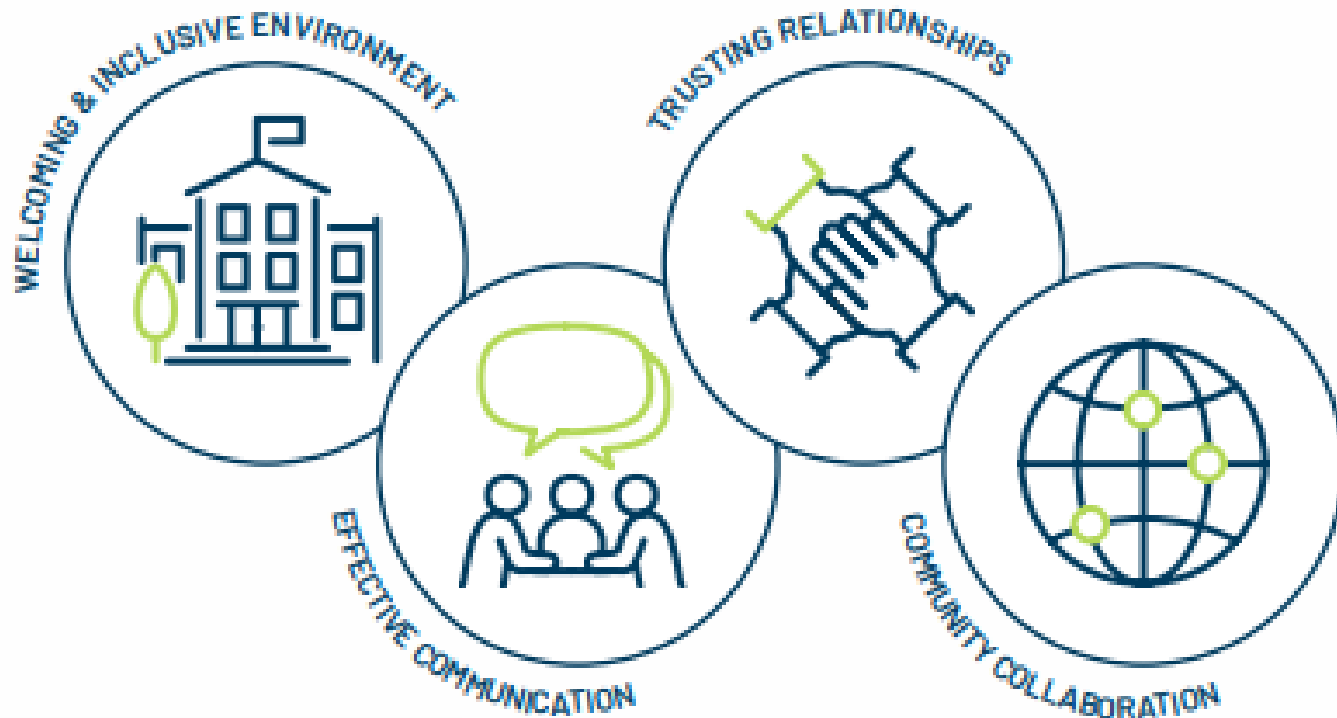
Attendance Works – Quick Links



This document is a highlight of links to resources on the Attendance Works website - <https://www.attendanceworks.org/>

E-Learning Series for Educators	3 session series with set dates; Fee per person;	https://www.attendanceworks.org/technical-assistance/e-learning-series-for-educators/
E-Learning Series for Educators	Flyer with details about each session in the series	https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/PD-elearning-Attendance-Works-flyer-042925-.pdf
Professional Leadership Attendance Network (PLAN)	Intensive, six-month professional network designed to equip district leaders with the tools and systems needed to effectively reduce chronic absence.	https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Attendance-Works-PLAN-2025-092925.pdf
How to Organize an Effective School Team to Improve Attendance	Step-by-step guidance on forming a school attendance team	https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Attendance-Works-Guidance-for-SCHOOL-Attendance-Teams-1.14.2023.pdf
How to Organize an Effective District Team to Improve Attendance	Step-by-step guidance on forming a district attendance team	https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Attendance-Works-Guidance-for-District-Teams-1.14.2023.pdf
Understanding the Factors Contributing to Chronic Absence in Your School	Outline with rubric evaluating key questions related to family, school, and community	https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/ID-Cont-Factors-DEC-2010-.pdf
3 Tiers of Intervention	Links to interactive tools outlining Foundational Strategies + Tier 1, 2, 3 interventions	https://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/addressing-chronic-absence/3-tiers-of-intervention/
Student Absenteeism Worksheet	Rubric to evaluate individual students and 5 key areas related to attendance and positive conditions for learning	https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Causes-for-Student-Absences-Worksheet-CFL-040925.pdf
Scan of Environment and Attendance (SEAT) Tool	Tool designed for school leaders to engage school staff, students, parents, and community members to identify strengths and opportunities to promote positive school culture and strong attendance. Includes tool and user guide	https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/scan-environment-attendance/
Qualitative Data Tools	A collection of tools and strategies for collecting qualitative data on attendance	https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/qualitative-data/
Self-Assessment Tools	Links on this page to attendance self-assessment for school and district level	https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/self-assessment/
Toolkits	Links to a variety of toolkits for various areas of focus	https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/toolkits/

ISBE - Family and Community Engagement Framework (F.A.C.E.)



Resources:

- [One Pager](#)
- [F.A.C.E Interactive Checklist](#)

ISBE – F.A.C.E

Join the network F.A.C.E professionals

- *A monthly virtual meeting hosted by Family and Community Engagement (F.A.C.E.) to collaborate, problem-solve, and learn about statewide initiatives and supports.*



ISBE – F.A.C.E



SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOUR DISTRICT :

- If you would like to share how your Local Education Agency is promoting family and community engagement through use of the framework, please fill out the [FACE in Action form](#) . We would like to share your success stories, strategies, and best practices with the field!

Pass the Mic

What's one strategy your school or district has used to build a sense of belonging for students or families and what impact have you seen?

Intentional Close

Next Steps...



Scan the QR code to join the Mentimeter

Go to menti.com

Code: **8991 2056**



Announcements



Next Meeting Date: November 19, 2025



Resources: All Materials and tools will be posted on the ISBE website

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[ISBE Chronic Absenteeism Website](#)

SEL as a Strategy - Resources

- [Social-Emotional Learning Hubs](#)
 - Provide professional development, training, coaching and capacity building to schools, districts and ROEs to example SEL and trauma-responsive programming.
 - Provide coaching supports for RSSI
- [Resilience Supportive Schools Illinois \(RSSI\)](#)
 - Choose your focus: Trauma-Responsiveness, Social & Emotional Learning, Mental Health, Cultural Responsiveness, Anti-Racism & Equity
 - 15 question survey and build your plan with an SEL coach
- [Learning and Resource Hub](#)
 - FREE educational resource in support of strategies pertaining to social and emotional learning, trauma-responsive practices, mental health, and healing for both staff and students.
 - Approved provider for ISBE professional development.
 - *NEW information and modules added regularly.*



Thank you