

Improving School Attendance: Recommendations for Developing a Plan of Action

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Community Dialogue on School Attendance

- Over 200 stakeholders attended the Dialogue on September 21, 2015.



Dialogue Breakout Sessions

- Ensuring Compliance
- Fostering Organizational Change and Development
- Mobilizing the Community
- Providing Opportunities
- Reaching Out/Social Intervention

- *Lots of common themes!*



Report Purpose

- Recommend a framework and content themes for an action plan
- Based on:
 - Dialogue participant input
 - Best practice review

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Recommendation: Framework *Attendance Works Model*

- *Strategies for Communities**:
 - Recognize Good and Improved Attendance
 - Engage Students and Parents
 - Monitor Attendance Data and Practice
 - Provide Personalized Early Outreach
 - Develop Programmatic Response to Barriers
- *Key Ingredients for Systemic Change*:
 - Positive Messaging
 - Actionable Data
 - Capacity Building
 - Shared Accountability

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Caveats and Things to Remember

- Limited resources are available for implementation.
- There is overlap and vagueness in the recommendations.
- Some recommendations are already being implemented, and other initiatives are in progress.
- Work may be required at multiple levels.

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Recommendation: Themes

1. Consistent cross-system attendance policy and practice
 - Policies
 - Practices
 - Key staff roles

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2. Tiered interventions
3. Early interventions
4. Access to vocational education, career prep, and GRE programs

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Recommendation: Themes

5. Transitions back to school
6. Out of school time opportunities
7. Transportation

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Recommendation: Themes

8. Team-based approaches

9. Personalized connections and support

10. Service access and connections

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Recommendation: Themes

11. Public awareness and social messaging

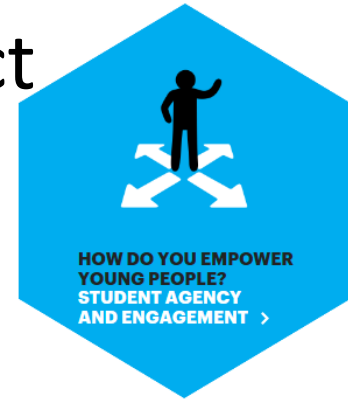
12. Data quality

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Recommendation: Additional Considerations

- Follow the XQ SuperSchool Project



- Identify and address disparities

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Next Steps

- Develop a task force to create an action plan.
 - Multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral
 - Include all levels

- Present action plan to SCYPT for endorsement.

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