

Oakland County Truancy Task Force, with Learning Services and Early Childhood present

Ensuring Student Success: Promoting Attendance and Building Resiliency

Thursday, September 11, 2014 / 8:30 AM-3:45 PM

Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

Pre-registration: \$35 for the day (lunch included), \$50 walk-in registration / SCECHs and SWCECHs offered

8:00 AM - Registration & Resource Tables

8:30 AM - Attend Today, Succeed Tomorrow: Working Together to Reduce Chronic Absence

Hedy Chang, Director and Founder, Attendance Works, www.attendanceworks.org

Attendance Works is a national initiative dedicated to increase student achievement by improving attendance policy and practice. When students miss 10% or more of the school year for any reason, they are considered chronically absent. Learn what the latest research says about the impact of chronic absence on reading proficiency, student achievement and dropout rate. More importantly, find out what you can do whether you are an educator, a parent, a civic leader or a concerned community member to improve student attendance. While emphasizing attendance is important throughout the year, it is especially essential when school begins in the Fall. Attendance Works is a national initiative dedicated to increase student achievement by improving attendance policy and practice.

10:30 AM - Break

10:45 AM - Community Resource Panel & Truancy Protocol, Making Effective Referrals - Community Resource Panel

MODERATOR: Mary Shusterbauer, Youth Assistance

PANEL: Ashleigh Brotherson, Michigan Department of Human Services; Mary Schusterbauer, Oakland County Youth Assistance; Shane Bies, Oakland County Health Department; Janet Terry, Oakland Family Services; Miriana Milo, CARE House of Oakland County; Olivia Nash, Easter Seals; Sara Stein, Common Ground; Rita Golden, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan Hispanic Outreach Services; Ashley Karas, Oakland University SEHS Counseling Center.

Truancy Protocol

Carolyn Claerhout, Oakland Schools; Trisha Dare, Oakland County Prosecutor's Office; Karla Mallet, Referee, Oakland County Family Court; Bill Hamilton, Oakland County Probation Department; Jody Overall, Children's Village

11:45 AM - Lunch & Resource Tables

12:30 PM - Why Some Bounce Back and Some Never Do - Resilience in Those Who Experience Childhood Abuse

Pat Stanislaski, Director, Partnering for Prevention

Children all over the world are exposed to trauma on a daily basis. This workshop will examine the phenomenon of resilience and discuss why resilience is so important. This workshop examines the sources of resilience in children and the relationship between protective factors and resilient children. By promoting the importance of protective factors rather than risk factors in working with families, the focus changes from what families are doing wrong to what strengths and positive qualities they possess.

2:30 PM - Break

2:45 PM - Building Connections for Family Engagement

Donna Lackie, Oakland Schools

Strategies and action steps for effective family engagement.

3:45 PM - Conference Ends

To register, go to osregistration.org

Questions?

Contact Connie Birkle at 248.209.2142 or connie.birkle@oakland.k12.mi.us

Featured Speakers

Hedy Chang, Attendance Works
www.attendanceworks.org

Skilled presenter, facilitator, researcher and writer, she co-authored the seminal report, *Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, as well as numerous other articles about student attendance. In February 2013, Hedy was named by the White House as *Champion of Change* for her commitment to furthering African American Education.



Pat Stanislaski, Partnering for Prevention, LLC
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Frequent presenter at national and international conferences, state and local seminars on child abuse prevention, she is the recipient of several awards including the prestigious Commissioners Award from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children, Youth and Families, awarded each year to one person from each state who has made outstanding contributions in the field of child abuse prevention. She is an exciting, energetic, passionate advocate for children.



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