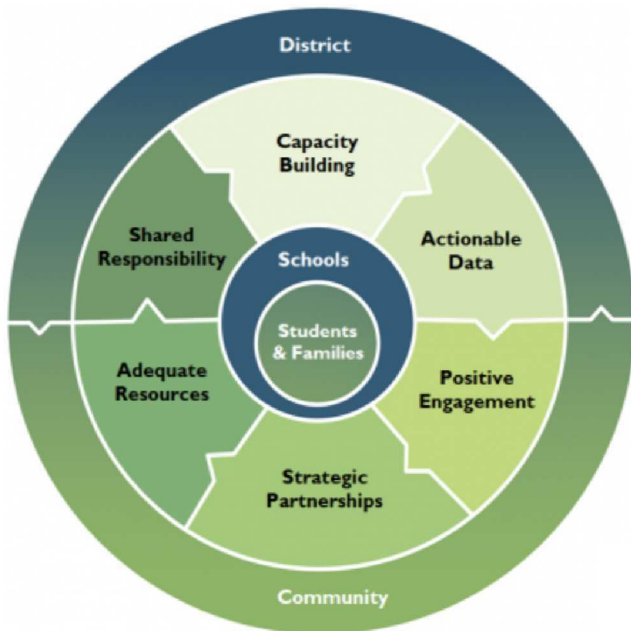




Attendance Awareness Month!



Improving student attendance requires a comprehensive, collaborative approach rooted in equity and support. A key component is capacity building—equipping district staff, school personnel, and community partners with professional development to implement data-driven, problem-solving strategies through a multi-tiered system of support and/or Student Assistance Program (SAP).

Actionable data plays a critical role by providing accurate, accessible, and timely insights into both the frequency and causes of absenteeism. These insights inform non-punitive prevention and intervention efforts tailored to student needs.

At the heart of this work is positive engagement, which fosters a culture of belonging and emphasizes why daily attendance matters across all grade levels.

Instead of using punitive measures, schools can build connections and motivation through a welcoming environment. Strategic partnerships with community organizations expand the range of supports available to address barriers to attendance, allowing for coordinated and personalized outreach to students and families.

Ensuring adequate resources is vital to create equitable opportunities for all students, regardless of their background. Finally, addressing chronic absenteeism requires shared responsibility.

Everyone—students, families, educators, community partners, and agencies—has a role. Systems must be designed to support cross-sector collaboration so that no single entity bears the burden alone, and every student has a pathway to success.

See AttendanceWorks.org for more resources, videos, and strategies.

Adapted from AttendanceWorks.org

Addressing Chronic Absenteeism Podcast Episode

In this [episode](#) of "School Wellness", hosted by certified prevention specialist Amanda Hampton, the focus is on tackling absenteeism in Ohio schools with Patrick Hickman from ODEW's Office of Whole Child Supports. The episode not only explores historical and current data trends but also examines the underlying causes contributing to absenteeism, providing a detailed overview that is both informative and thought-provoking.



Key Takeaways:

- ❑ The importance of community engagement
- ❑ Differences between truancy and chronic absenteeism
- ❑ Implementing attendance intervention strategies
- ❑ Adaptability of interventions

Don't miss this one! As you prepare for the new school year, this episode is filled with inspiration and practical application ideas. [Link](#)

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Coordinator Corner

by Hailey Sullivan

Within the 2024-2025 school year, Oak Hills Local School District and Delhi Middle School (DMS) shared a district wide goal to decrease chronic absenteeism.

At Delhi Middle School we focused on relationship building to drive our attendance focus. Within this school year DMS tried various creative strategies to encourage students and to educate students, staff and parents on the importance of attendance. We prioritized fun and praised our student voices on their thoughts, concerns, and understanding about attendance.

Our goal was to lower the Chronic Absentee rate from 34% to 30.6%.

By the end of the 2024-2025 school year DMS surpassed that goal with a rate of 24.6%!

Way to be, Oak Hills School District & Delhi Middle School!!!!

[To read more about their attendance strategies, click here.](#)

#ExcellenceInPrevention
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Student Assistance Program (SAP) Facilitator

Micro-Credential Training for School Personnel Beginning Soon!

by Kenyetta Lomax Lee

What is the Student Assistance Program (SAP)?

SAP is a comprehensive, school-based approach designed to identify and support students experiencing academic, behavioral, emotional, or social challenges. This credential helps build a strong foundation for whole-student wellness and success!

What You'll Learn

- Spot early signs of mental health challenges and substance use
- Understand the SAP framework, definitions, and processes
- Learn how SAP aligns with MTSS, PBIS, and SEL initiatives
- Use evidence-based practices to support student success
- Plan and adapt supports that reflect diversity and student voice
- Analyze data to improve SAP effectiveness
- Facilitate SAP Team meetings with confidence
- Build collaboration across school and community systems

Who Should Attend?

- Teachers & School Counselors
- Social Workers & Mental Health Coordinators
- School Administrators & Deans
- Paraprofessionals & Support Staff
- Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinators

Why Earn This Credential?

Empower your school to provide early, effective support for students. Be the bridge between struggle and success in your learning community! [Click here to learn about a real life SAP school example through this podcast episode.](#)

- ☐ Format: Self-paced, online, and asynchronous
- ☐ **New School Year Special: Get 50% off the regular price!**
- ☐ **Total Cost with special rate: \$100**

Beginning August 21st!

Link: [REGISTER](#)

Contact: leekl@miamioh.edu with questions

Clickable Questions

We ♥ to hear from you! Click the questions below and let us know:

[How are you supporting good attendance practices at your school?](#)

[What staff wellness practices are you incorporating into your school day this year?](#)

Back To School Resources

The No Wrong Door Resource Library has over 400 resources to help you get ready for the school year! [Click](#) and search for topics.

[Attendance Guides & Resources - in English, Spanish, & Somali](#)

Parent Meetings with Prevention in Mind

- [age appropriate conversations with your child about alcohol & other drugs](#)
- [myths and facts about underage drinking](#)
- [tip sheets, facts about vaping, etc.](#)

[Types of Trauma](#)

[Trauma-Informed Leadership and Culture](#)

[Self-Assessment for Trauma-Informed Organizations](#)

[Suicide Prevention](#)

[The Brain and How We Learn \(possibly incorporate short videos into staff meetings\)](#)

[Capacity Building and Sustainability Micro Learning Series](#) w/ SheRay's

[School Avoidance Series](#) w/ Presidential Consultants

[Creating a Staff Wellness Room](#)

[Staff Wellness Posters and Materials Based on the 8 Dimensions of Wellness](#)

Find even more resources in Ohio via a new **[Appalachian Resources page](#)** on our website [OhioSBCOE.org](#).

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