

HOW TO...

Host a Parent Success Summit & Resource Fair

THIS SHOWS HOW TO:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1.1: Create positive school climate. | <input type="checkbox"/> 2.1: Support "Success Mentors." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3.1: Communicate with families. | <input type="checkbox"/> 4.1: Host the weekly Student Success Summit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1.2: Implement a tiered attendance plan. | <input type="checkbox"/> 2.2: Offer incentives. | <input type="checkbox"/> 3.2: Partner with community. | <input type="checkbox"/> 4.2: Use attendance data. |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 3.3: Connect to Task Force initiatives. | |

THE BASICS

Schools in the Every Student, Every Day Initiative kick-off their outreach to families in the fall through the Parent Summit & Resource Fair.

Part 1: Welcome & Why Attendance Matters: The first ½ hour is the Principal's welcome and introduction school supports for families (nurse, guidance, etc.). The summit should reflect your school's vision for improved attendance - so you should decide the best way to engage families in that vision at the event. For example, you might want to have a "Beat the Odds" student or parent, or other community member, speak for inspiration.

Part 2: Local Resources Fair: The remainder of the Summit will be the Local Community Resources Fair. Providers and organizations in the community should set up tables to speak to parents about available supports. All CBOs who work with your school should attend. . . and they might know of other organizations from the neighborhood to invite as well. Your Community Partnership Program Liaison (CPP) will help coordinate the resource fair.

HERE'S WHAT HAS BEEN TRIED

- Include a performance by students or an awards ceremony.
- Make it part of Open School Night, or another school function to which parents are likely to come.
- Have computer(s) set up so parents can log into ARIS ParentLink and see their student's profile—including last year and this year attendance.
- Parents sign in as they arrive and include child's name and OSIS. RISP reports are then printed for each student and passed out before the end of the evening. "Some parents have no idea how many days were missed, or that this is tracked!"
- Alumni of the school (a local man with a successful career) shared an inspirational story; a former student who struggled with attendance shared his story.
- The community-based organization performed a skit of parent-child morning "get-to-school" conflicts.
- Distribute a parent survey about attendance barriers and student interests and have parents submit this for the door prize drawing.
- Include activities geared toward grandparents who are raising grandchildren
- Create a personalized folder for each parent, with their child's attendance data and a resource list of community resources.
- Host additional summits, at several points throughout the school year. Make changes based on Summit experiences, to bring in new community services and partners. Parents are engaged to conduct outreach to other parents to encourage them to attend.