



Connecticut State Department of Education Professional Support Series for Districts

Please see below and join as we learn together and grow together.

Series 6 — May 6, 2020

Support for Educators at Alternative Schools and Programs (Live webinar)

Connecting and Sharing Best Practices for Alternative Education Settings during the COVID-19 Pandemic

During this extraordinary time, it is vitally important that we maintain a positive and supportive environment for students and staff as we adjust to ever evolving changes. The role of educators has taken on even more importance as we create a sense of normalcy and security for our students. Alternative School Settings, in particular, have consistently adjusted well to meeting the diverse needs of students. This virtual meeting will provide an opportunity for educators to connect and share information about their successes, as well as, learn from others new and creative ways to continue educating and supporting our students.



Presenters: Jocelyn Mackey, PhD, Education Consultant, CSDE; Glen Peterson, Division Director, CSDE

Date: May 13, 2020, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Register: <https://ctsdeevents.webex.com/ctsdeevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=e-039546049a24911bd7a37005d8fd2f2d>

The session will be recorded and available for future access on the [CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts](#) webpage.

Guidance on Social and Emotional Learning

Effective Engagement of Students and Families from Diverse Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic educators are learning new ways to promote continued student engagement and learning. Effectively engaging students from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds must be informed by an understanding of the social and environmental structures that influence continued engagement in the learning process. This video will provide some guidance and best practices in how educators can promote and maintain connections with students and families of diverse backgrounds, in an effective, informed and sensitive manner.



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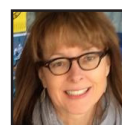
Recorded Session Available: May 18 on the [CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts](#) webpage.

Family Engagement for Educators (Live webinars)

Friday CAFÉ Series: Family Engagement During COVID-19

This two-session online series will focus on family engagement during COVID-19. These sessions will feature the voices of practitioners and families in CT schools and districts who have developed promising practices related to: two-way communication with families, meeting families' SEL needs, and connecting with marginalized and EL families.

Presented in collaboration with the CSDE Turnaround Office and the Statewide Family Engagement Center at CREC.



Presenters: Dr. Judy Carson, CSDE Family Engagement Specialist

Dates: May 8 *and* May 29, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Register:

5/8/20 session: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/v5UpfuutqTgqZLMGvYFmbZkXO3IX-knVmBg>

5/29/20 session: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpfu2rqj8vw0a6v1JNffb_FdZUa-Mat_A

These sessions will be recorded and available for future access on the [CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts](#) webpage.

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Support for Homeless Liaisons

Biweekly Virtual Conversations on COVID-19: Questions, Strategies, and Information

Sharing federal, state and local responses to COVID-19, and children, youth and families experiencing homelessness.



Presenter: Louis Tallarita, CSDE Consultant overseeing the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Dates: May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18, 4-5 p.m.

These sessions will be recorded and available for future access on the [CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts](#) webpage.

School Nursing (Live webinar)

Virtual 2020 Spring School Nurse Supervisor Conference

This virtual activity will provide school nurses and school nurse supervisors with information and programs that support students. Participants will learn about:

- Infectious Diseases: Role of the School Nurse
- Asthma and Absenteeism: School nursing interventions; and
- Connecticut's immunization database and immunization requirements for 2020-21 school year



Presenter: Dr. Stephanie Knutson, Education Consultant, CSDE

Dates: May 13 *and* June 24, 2020

Register: <https://www.ctnurses.org/event-3673026>

The session will be recorded and available for future access on the [CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts](#) webpage.

Social and Emotional Learning (Live webinar)

Engaging Students and Families During COVID-19

Connection with students and families is essential to having kids show up to learn whether it takes place remotely or in a brick and mortar building. This webinar will explore strategies for developing and strengthening relationships with students and families as part of distance learning, and how educators, school staff and partners can use this time to tend to students' social and emotional needs. Our speakers will discuss how they are using data to monitor participation, and how they have intervened when connections are lost or need to be reestablished. In addition, our speakers will offer reflections about the educational inequities exacerbated by the pandemic, and how they will affect the transition back to school, whether lessons are virtual, in person or a blend.



Presenters: Hedy Chang, Executive Director, Attendance Works; Charlene Russell-Tucker, Deputy Commissioner of Education, CSDE; Sandra Locke, Superintendent, Naugatuck Public Schools; and other national educational leaders

Dates: May 15, 2020, 2:00-3:15 p.m. ET

Register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kOvfV6c4RTWqBGztAHd3PQ

The session will be recorded and available for future access on the [CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts](#) webpage.