



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Talk Tuesdays**  
*Student Attendance,  
Engagement, and Support Series*

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# Agenda

1. Welcome

*Kari Sullivan Custer, Attendance & Engagement Consultant, CSDE*

2. What's New at CSDE

3. High-impact Family Engagement



*Dr. Judy Carson, Ph.D., Education Consultant  
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4. Participant Engagement: Successes & Challenges

5. Closing & Next Meeting





Throughout today's presentation, ask yourself:

**IDENTIFY FAMILY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIES THAT ARE HAVING A “HIGH IMPACT” IN YOUR SCHOOL/DISTRICT?**

# LATEST RESOURCES



# What's New at CSDE

## January 7, 2020

- [Update – Professional Support Series – Parent to Parent Conversation](#)  
Also available in [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Arabic](#)
- [Announcing New Attendance and Engagement District Supports](#)



## January 4, 2020

- Updates – [Addendum 5: Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut Schools](#) and [Addendum 9: Contact Tracing Scenarios in Schools](#)
- [Professional Support Series – Parent to Parent Conversation](#)



## December 21, 2020

- [Moving Forward with Contact Tracing Support](#)
- [Expanding access to COVID Testing for Educators in CT](#)



## December 17, 2020

- [New CDC/DPH Quarantine Guidance](#)
- [Using Federal and State Funds to Support SEL Programs](#)
- [English Learner Checklists \(ZIP file\)](#)
- [Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Framework](#)
- [Items Added to FAQ in Tracking Attendance on Remote Days for State Reporting](#)



# A Place at the Table: Parent-to-Parent Conversation TONIGHT



Departamento de Educação del Estado de Connecticut  
**Serie de Apoyo Profesional para las Familias**

Por favor participe, juntos!

No se pierda la segunda parte de la serie conversando con las familias.

## Un Lugar en la mesa: Conversaciones con padres de familia sobre la importancia de la asistencia diaria y apoyo a nuestros niños en la escuela

Únase a nosotros en nuestra mesa de cocina virtual y charlemos sobre cómo podemos asociarnos para ayudar a nuestros hijos a aprender, crecer y tener éxito en la escuela. Este tiempo juntos ofrecerá a las familias y al personal escolar la oportunidad de aprender sobre estrategias significativas y recursos clave para ayudar a conectar a los estudiantes con el aprendizaje.

Hablaresmos de:

- Desafíos que compartimos para mantener a nuestros niños conectados a la escuela y comprometidos con el aprendizaje.
- Palabras que estamos escuchando que describen esta nueva forma de enseñar, como aprendizaje "presencial", "híbrido" y "remoto", que queremos entender mejor y discutir las expectativas de los estudiantes; y
- Como nosotros, como padres y cuidadores, podemos hablar con los maestros y el personal de la escuela para planificar, resolver problemas y ser verdaderos socios en el aprendizaje y el éxito de nuestros niños.

Los padres y cuidadores tendrán la oportunidad de hacer preguntas, compartir estrategias y rutinas que podrían ayudarlos a obtener nueva información



**Série de Apoio Profissional para Famílias**  
 do Departamento de Educação do Estado de Connecticut

Por favor, veja abaixo e participe enquanto aprendemos e crescemos juntos.

Série 21 – 4 de janeiro de 2021

Não perca o segundo de nossa série de conversas com famílias.

## Um Lugar na Mesa: Uma conversa de pais para pais sobre a importância da frequência e do apoio a nossos filhos na escola

Junte-se a nós em nossa mesa de cozinha virtual e vamos conversar sobre como podemos fazer parceria para ajudar nossos filhos a aprender, crescer e ter sucesso na escola. Este tempo juntos oferecerá às famílias e aos principais parceiros da escola a chance de aprender sobre estratégias significativas e recursos essenciais para ajudar a conectar os alunos com o aprendizado.

Nós vamos falar sobre:

- Desafios que compartilhamos para manter nossos filhos conectados à escola e engajados na aprendizagem;
- Palavras que estamos ouvindo para descrever esta nova forma de ensino, como "em pessoa", "aprendizagem híbrida" e "remota", que queremos compreender melhor e discutir as expectativas dos alunos; e
- Como nós, como pais e responsáveis, podemos conversar com professores e funcionários da escola para planejar, resolver problemas e ser verdadeiros parceiros no aprendizado e sucesso de nossos filhos.

Os pais e responsáveis terão a oportunidade de fazer perguntas, compartilhar estratégias e rotinas que podem ajudá-los e obter novas informações para explorar.



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Data: Terça-feira, 12 de janeiro de 2021

Horário: 5:30 da tarde às 7:00 da noite

Inscriva-se: <http://ctserc.net/parentstable>  
 (após se registrar, você receberá um e-mail de confirmação contendo informações sobre como ingressar no webinar.)

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 يرجى الاطلاع اثناء والمشاركة حيث أننا نتعلم وننمو معاً

لا تفوتوا الحلقة الثانية من سلسلة محادثتنا مع العائلات  
 يمكن على الطلبة  
 محادثة من ربي لمر آخر  
 حول أهمية حضور المدرسة ودعم لطفلكا

انضم إلينا على طاولةنا الافتراضية ودعا ندرش حول إمكانية شراكة معاً لمساعدة لطفلكا على التعلم والنمو والنجاح في المدرسة. سنوفر هذه المرة ومعا فرصة للمحادثات وشركاء المدرسة الرئيسيين للتعرف على الاستراتيجيات المفيدة والموارد الأساسية للمساعدة في ربط وتواصل الطلاب بالتعلم

يوسف تختت عن:

- التحديات التي نشارك بها في محفظة المحافظة على تواصل لطفلكا مع المدرسة ومشاركتهم بفعالية في التعلم؛ الكلمات التي نسمعا هذه الأيام والتي تصف هذه الطريقة الجديدة في التعلم؛ مثل التعلم الحيثيوي شخصياً و "التعلم الهجين" و "التعلم عن بعد"، و التي نريد فهمها بشكل أفضل ومناقشة توقعات لطفلكا و
- كيف يمكننا، كأباء ومعلمي رعاية، التحدث مع المعلمين وموظفي المدرسة للتخطيط وحل المشكلات، وكيف تكون شركاء حقيقيين في تعلم لطفلكا وتجاههم

سنتاح للوالدين ومعلمي الرعاية الفرصة لطرح الأسئلة ومشاركة الاستراتيجيات والأوامر الروتينية التي قد تساعدكم. سنتاح أيضاً فرصة للحصول على معلومات جديدة جديدة بالامتثال



Connecticut State Department of Education  
**Professional Support Series for Families**

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

Serie 21 – January 4, 2021

Don't miss the second in our series of conversations with families.

## A Place at the Table: A Parent-to-Parent Conversation about the Importance of Attendance and Supporting Our Kids in School

Join us at our virtual Kitchen Table, and let's have a chat about how we can partner together to help our kids learn and grow and be successful in school. This time together will offer families and key school partners the chance to learn about meaningful strategies and key resources to help connect students with learning.

We will talk about:

- Challenges we share in keeping our children connected to school and engaged in learning;
- Words we are hearing to describe this new way of teaching, such as "in-person," "hybrid," and "remote" learning, that we want to understand better, and discuss the expectations for students; and
- How we, as parents and caregivers, can talk with teachers and school staff to plan, solve problems, and be true partners in our children's learning and success.

Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to ask questions, share strategies and routines that might help them, and get new information to explore.



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Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Register: <http://ctserc.net/parentstable>

(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.)

Live co-presenter translation: Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic

Interpreters:

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# The Family Insights Toolkit

## EveryDay Labs



Connect to the Toolkit online: [EveryDay Labs: Family Insights ToolKit 2020 \(flippingbook.com\)](https://flippingbook.com/EveryDayLabs-FamilyInsightsToolkit2020)



# Announcing New Attendance & Engagement Supports



## Attendance and Engagement Community of Practice

Date: Wednesday, January 20 2021, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Topic: **Data Tracking and Monitoring**  
Ajit Gopalakrishnan, CSDE Chief Performance Officer

Schedule: January 20, 2021; February 17, 2021; March 17, 2021, and May 5, 2021

Audience: All districts

Registration: Invitations will be sent through the new Attendance and Engagement Contact list in Contacts Manager.

## Attendance and Engagement Contact List



WHAT: Newest list of contacts in the [CSDE Contacts Manager](#). Each district has a “Contacts Manager Writer.”

WHO: District-level person responsible for addressing issues related to chronic absence, attendance, and engagement.

PURPOSE: To inform districts on new guidance, research, promising practices, and events targeted specifically for district attendance leads.

HOW: Contacts Manager Writer should:

- Log in at <http://csde.ct.gov>
- Select Contacts Manager
- Navigate to the Attendance and Engagement Contact section





# HIGH-IMPACT FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



# **PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT SUCSESSES & CHALLENGES**



# Closing & Next Meeting

January 26, 2021

## School Climate: Impact on Attendance

- Amanda Pickett  
CSDE Consultant

February 9, 2021

## Attendance & English Learners

- Gladys Labas  
CSDE Equity Director
- Megan Alubicki Flick  
CSDE English Learner  
Consultant

Virtual Meeting Platform

## **\*Change\***

- Beginning January 26, 2021
- Talk Tuesdays will be hosted on Office 365 Teams
- **Watch for new Teams Meeting invitation and ACCEPT!**



# Keep in touch!



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on student attendance and engagement:



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