

Addressing Chronic Absenteeism: Discussion Prompts for Conversations with Community Partners

Understanding Root Causes

- What are the primary factors contributing to chronic absenteeism and poverty in our community?
- How do social, economic, and cultural factors impact these issues?
- What are the specific barriers that prevent families from addressing these challenges?
- How do systemic inequalities and discrimination exacerbate these problems?

Identifying Effective Interventions

- What programs or initiatives have been successful in addressing chronic absenteeism and poverty in our community or similar communities?
- What are the most effective strategies for engaging families and building strong relationships?
- How can we collaborate with community organizations to provide comprehensive support services?
- What are the most promising evidence-based practices to improve student attendance and academic achievement?

Assessing the Impact of Policies

- What are the potential unintended consequences of proposed policies?
- How can we measure the effectiveness of these policies?
- What data should we collect to monitor progress and inform future decision-making?
- How can we ensure that policies are equitable and inclusive?

Building Strong Partnerships

- What are the most effective ways to build and maintain strong partnerships between schools, community organizations, and government agencies?
- How can we leverage the strengths and resources of different organizations to address these issues?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for collaboration?
- How can we ensure that partnerships are sustainable and impactful?