UPCOMING ATTENDANCE MATTERS TRAINING PROMISES TO PROVIDE GREAT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

“Alabama’s Educators Improving and Building Excellent School Attendance!”

Each year, millions of hours of classroom instruction are missed nationwide because of excessive school absences and chronic absenteeism. This places students at academic risk.

To combat this devastating trend, our state has recently released the 2019 Revised Alabama Attendance Manual. See a copy of this new resource at:
https://www.alsde.edu/sec/pss/Attendance/Absolute%20Final%202019%20Attendance%20Manual%20Revised1.pdf

In addition to the release of our 2019 Alabama Attendance Manual, five regional training sessions will be provided, starting this August through September. The primary focus will be to provide information and guidance to local school systems and new attendance officers.

Training Session Dates and Locations

- **August 20** - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  - Location: AIDT
  - 1 Technology Court, Suite E - Montgomery, AL 36116

- **August 23** - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  - Location: Technology Center and Technology Academy
  - 2800 Martin Luther King Boulevard - Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

- **August 27** - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  - Location: Shelby King Hall Building (Room 212)
  - 188 Sparkman Drive - Huntsville, AL 35899

- **August 30** - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  - **South Baldwin Center of Technology Culinary Arts Building**
  - 19150 Wilters Street - Robertsdale, AL 36567

- **September 5** - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  - **Jacksonville State University Regional In-Service Center**
  - Ft. McClellan Base, Room 2101
  - 100 Gamecock Drive - Anniston, AL 36205

Space is limited for these exciting training sessions. Educators interested in participating, who have access to the state’s STIPD System, should register online immediately. Professionals who do not have access to this online resource, please register by contacting Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Specialist Kanetra Germany at kgermany@ALSDE.edu.

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Nationally, suspensions and excessive absences have been shown to lower classroom proficiency. Alabama’s regional school attendance trainings will be focused on increasing school attendance. Consistent attendance is very important because it allows students to build strong foundational skills in reading, math, and language.

To learn more about the 2019 School Attendance Matters in Alabama Regional Trainings, contact ALSDE Administrator Kay Warfield at 334-694-4724.