

2021 New Mexico School Counselors' Community Conference

Attendance Success Act: Implementing the Tiers of Support

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11:00 a.m.

This workshop will provide an overview of the New Mexico Attendance for Success Act and requirements for districts and schools. The following topics will be addressed:

- Attendance success plans to improve attendance rates and reduce chronic absenteeism.
- Role of district and school attendance teams
- Root causes of absenteeism and attendance barriers
- Available supports and prevention/intervention strategies for each of the four tiers to address chronic absenteeism
- Sample tier-level strategies from schools
- Measuring success of prevention and intervention strategies

About Jessica Harper, MSW



Jessica Harper, MSW, has over 24 years of experience as a social worker serving children and families in New Mexico in the areas of child welfare, early childhood home visitation, Medicaid, school behavioral health, youth engagement, teen dating violence, special education and supporting young parents and their families. She currently works with the New Mexico Public Education Department as the project director for New Mexico Pregnancy Assistance Fund grant, focused on increasing support, resources and service access for expectant and parenting youth. She also serves as a state attendance coordinator and provides schools with information and resources related to implementation of the Attendance for Success Act.