

Child Welfare Law Update



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Focal Points

- Comprehensive Student Support System (CSSS)
- How CSSS Helps Schools/Students
- Safe Schools
- Truancy Reduction
- Foster Youth/At-Risk Youth
- Other Areas of Collaboration

Comprehensive Student Support System (CSSS)

- Provide students with comprehensive, coordinated, integrated and customized supports that are accessible, timely, and strength-based.
- Five levels of services and programs
 - From general classroom interventions to multi-agency services
 - Intensity of services increases as student need increase

Comprehensive Student Support System (CSSS)

- Continue to increase focus on:
 - School-level and classroom-based supports
 - Learning for all students
 - Meeting a wide range of student needs, particularly those who do not thrive in traditional educational settings
 - Creating collaborative partnerships at all levels

How CSSS Helps Schools and Students

■ **The 6 Critical Elements Creates the support framework for the school**

- Provides the caring, positive environment to meet the academic, emotional, physical and social needs of students to ensure that successful learning takes place

■ **The array of supports provides the means to assist ALL students**

- Provides the comprehensive support so all students have the opportunity to achieve the Vision of the Public School Graduate

How CSSS Helps Schools and Students

- **eCSSS provides the data on each student to ensure positive student progress.**
- **The data informs:**
 - School-wide success and areas of need to aid in the development of the Academic and Financial Plan
 - Strengthen of the array of supports to promote student learning
 - Information to make informed decisions to benefit the individual student

Safe Schools

- Establish a school culture of safety and well-being for both students and staff
- Provide annual training in proactive systems for safe schools, school wellness guidelines, bullying and harassment prevention
- Plan to implement schoolwide proactive systems supporting positive behavior change
- Goal: provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all

Safe Schools

▣ Safety & Well-Being Online Toolkit

- A guide to help schools in implementing research validated best practices of schoolwide discipline and safety issues
- Comprehensive Assessment Component in the WHO Psycho-Social Environment Profile
- Goal: establish a positive school climate

Truancy Reduction

- Collaborative effort with Office of Youth Services, State, City & County, Community Agencies
- Focus on:
 - Proactive supports and strategies
 - Parent and family involvement
 - School data collection and self-assessment tools

Foster/At-Risk Youth

- Continued work with the Committee on Children in Family Court, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, and other agency partners
- Work with Department of Human Services to address critical issues involving foster youth
 - School attendance
 - Enrollment and transfer of records
 - Supports for youth and families

Other Areas of Collaboration

- School Health
- Mental Health Transformation State Improvement Grant
 - Focus on early childhood and K-12
- Early Learning Council
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division



Thank You!

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