

CT KIDS REPORT CARD

Strategic Action Group (SAG) for Chronic Absenteeism

Serve as a centralizing force for existing initiatives and promising new practices to address chronic absenteeism, promote communication and collaboration among critical state agency and community-based partners, and report to the CT Kids Report Card Leadership Committee on statewide progress toward desired results for all children

Members (Oct. 2016)

Knowledgeable and experienced stakeholders invited to join the Chronic Absenteeism SAG by co-chairs of the Committee on Children and the CT Kids Report Card Leadership Committee to: assess trends; identify best practices; develop proposed state strategies and help oversee their implementation; and organize, as needed, interdisciplinary project teams to manage and assess specific programs and initiatives undertaken to make the children served measurably better off

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