

MEMORANDUM

To: Alternative Educators and School Corporation Personnel Interested in Alternative Education Programs

From: Kimb Stewart, Alternative Education Specialist

Date: February 21, 2020

Re: Alternative Education Regional Trainings

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has developed a regional training opportunity for alternative educators. This first regional training will focus on Chronic Absenteeism and Indiana's Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies. IDOE Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Wellness Specialist and State Attendance Officer Lisa Truitt, and IDOE Project Aware Specialist Jess Yoder will be the primary presenters for the regional trainings. Being aware of, and implementing, the Social-Emotional Learning Competencies will help alternative educators develop high-quality Individual Service Plans (ISPs), which will assist them in helping students meet both their academic and behavioral goals. During the training, participants will:

- Learn about Indiana's Seven Social-Emotional Learning Competencies.
- Discuss the role adults play in social-emotional learning.
- Create strategies that can be used in schools to address the issue of chronic absenteeism.

In response to alternative educator feedback obtained through the strategic planning process, the training will also have a networking component in the afternoon. The networking activity will consist of a series of roundtable discussions covering a variety of topics. The agenda for the day will be:

8:30 – 9 a.m.	Registration
9 – 10:30 a.m.	Chronic Absenteeism
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Social-Emotional Learning
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch – on your own
1:30 – 2 p.m.	Panel Discussion
2-3:30 p.m.	Roundtables

Registration for the regional trainings will be through Eventbrite and is available through this link: <https://www.doe.in.gov/MarchAltEd>. Questions about the event should be directed to Kimb Stewart at kstewart@doe.in.gov. Meeting dates and times include:



Dr. Jennifer McCormick
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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March 2

Merrillville High School
276 E 68th Place
Merrillville, IN 46410

March 4

Lawrence Education and Community Center
6501 Sunnyside Road
Indianapolis, IN 46236

Enter through the main entrance. There is ample parking on both sides of the building.

March 6

Greater Clark County Schools
Mark Fetter Center for Professional Learning
1611 Highway 62
Jeffersonville, IN 47162

Park on west (left) side of the building, where the large parking lot is located. Enter through the side doors.