



Here to Learn: Chronic Absence and the Achievement Gap

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Room 1-E, Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

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Commission on Children, Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, Achievement Gap Task Force, Committee on Children, CT Kids Report Card, and the State Department of Education

- I. Welcome & Keynote Introduction**
State Representative Gary Holder-Winfield, Black and Puerto Rican Caucus
- II. National Overview: Advancing Achievement by Reducing Chronic Absence**
Hedy Chang, Director, Attendance Works
- III. Connecticut's Attendance Data**
Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief, Bureau of Data Collection, Research and Evaluation, State Department of Education
- IV. Innovations in Attendance: CT Responds to Chronic Absenteeism**
 - New Britain
 - Hartford
 - Vernon
- V. Turning the Curve / Data to Guide Policy**
 - A. David Nee, Co-Chair, CT Kids Report Card Leadership Committee*
 - B. State Representative Diana Urban, Co-Chair, Committee on Children and Legislative Member of CT Kids Report Card
- VI. Next Steps**
 - A. State Representative Jason Rojas, Achievement Gap Task Force*
 - B. Miguel Cardona, Co-Chair, Achievement Gap Task Force
- VII. Closing Comments**
George Coleman, Chair, Commission on Children

**Invited*