



## Every Day Counts Policy Forum

Policy and Practice Solutions to Increase Attendance  
and Improve Student Outcomes in Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah  
September 18, 2014

### Event Goals:

1. Increase understanding of the prevalence, causes, and consequences of chronic absenteeism.
2. Learn about promising approaches to decreasing student absence from school.
3. Collaboratively recommend state and local policy priorities to improve student attendance.

### AGENDA

10:00–10:20	<b>Welcome</b> - Sydnee Dickson, Interim Deputy Director, USOE <b>Introductory Remarks</b> - Joel Coleman, Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction <b>Reading of Governor’s Declaration</b> - Spencer J. Cox, Utah Lieutenant Governor <b>Framing the Day</b> - Ann White, Interim Director of Federal Programs, USOE
10:20–11:20	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Chronic Absenteeism—The National and Utah Picture - Hedy Chang, Director, Attendance Works
11:20	<b>10-minute Break</b>
11:30–12:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>Shifting the Tide on Attendance—Policies &amp; Views from the Field</i> - Yolie Flores, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading - Sue Fothergill, Attendance Works - Garry McGiboney, Georgia State Department of Education - McKell Withers, Salt Lake City School District - Facilitator: Lori Van Houten, REL West at WestEd
12:30–1:15	LUNCH in Ballroom B Lunchtime Keynote Address <i>The Role of Attendance in Grade-Level Reading: The 50-State Campaign</i> - Ralph Smith, Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading - Introduction by Karen Crompton, CEO, Voices for Utah Children



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1:15–1:30	<b>Informal Networking</b> - Reception Area
1:30–2:30	<b>Table Group Activity</b> <i>Your contributions to state and local policy priorities</i>
2:30–3:00	Group Share Out - Facilitator: Kenwyn Derby, REL West at WestEd - Commentary: Panelists and Speakers
3:00–3:30	<b>Reflections, Next Steps, Survey</b> - Sydnee Dickson, Interim Deputy Director, USOE - Ann White, Interim Director of Federal Programs, USOE
3:30	<b>Adjourn</b>

## **Remember!**

\*September is Attendance Awareness Month\*

\*Take free resources on your way out\*

