

About PHENND

The Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND) is a consortium of 33 colleges and universities in the greater Philadelphia area. PHENND works to build the capacity of its member institutions to develop mutually beneficial, sustained, and democratic community-based service-learning partnerships. The consortium actively seeks to revitalize local communities and schools and foster civic responsibility among the region's colleges and universities.

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About the K-16 Partnerships Network

Operating under the overall PHENND network, the K-16 Partnerships Network brings together higher ed faculty and staff who manage partnerships with public schools. The focus is two-fold: learn from each other about best practices and models for K-16 partnerships in general and as appropriate, work with the School District of Philadelphia to help improve and expand K-16 partnerships in Philadelphia.

The University Partners meetings are designed to bring together School District officials with college & university partners to learn more about each other's work, explore new opportunities for collaboration, and highlight model programs and practices.

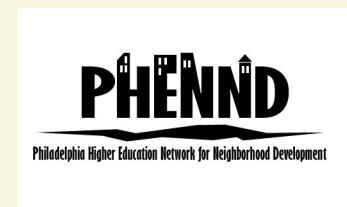
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PHENND K-16 University Partners

Supporting Truancy and Absentee Prevention in the School District of Philadelphia

Exploring opportunities for the K-16 university partners network to support truancy and absentee prevention programs.



Event Schedule

AGENDA

- 3:30 P.M.** Welcome and Introductions
- 3:40 P.M.** Programs and Strategies for Preventing Absenteeism and Truancy in the School District of Philadelphia
- 4:20 P.M.** Sharing information about absenteeism with parents.
- 4:40 P.M.** Q&A and Discussion

The Office of Attendance and Truancy

The mission of the OAT is to ensure that schools strategically use their resources to improve student attendance.

Programs and responsibilities of this office include:

- Family Empowerment Services (FES)
- Truancy Court and Provider Alignment
- Truancy Intervention Protocol
- Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTII)

The Office of Student Support Services

Our vision is to promote student success through service to others, health and wellness, civic engagement, appreciation of diversity, and personal responsibility.

Programs under this office include:

- Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)
- Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTII)
- Bullying Prevention

Speakers

K-16 University Partner Speakers

Maurice West is the Director of the Office of Attendance and Truancy. He is a former Middle School Teacher and has been with the School District for 6 1/2 years and has been in the education field for 15 years.

Rachel Holzman is the Deputy Chief Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities and Assistant to General Counsel. Rachel spent 16 years as a Child Advocate Public Defender before coming to the District. Under her purview are: attendance and truancy, the Transition Center, the discipline process, child welfare issues, custody matters and many other child rights issues.

Jody Greenblatt is the Stoneleigh Fellow for the School Reform Commission. In her role, she oversees the School District's efforts to create a safe and secure environment where all students can succeed.

Ethan Copperman is serving as the Special Programs Coordinator PHENND VISTA in the Office of Student Support Services at the School District of Philadelphia. Previously, Ethan served as a City Year Corps member as the Attendance Coordinator at Feltonville School of Arts and Sciences.