



2021 Cities Thrive Coalition Monthly Call Series
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
2:15-3:15pm/Eastern Time

Back to School & Mental Health: Screenings, Home Visits & Other Supports for Students

FORMAT: Zoom (Link and Passcode to be shared when members RSVP)

AGENDA

- **2:15 PM: Welcome**
- **2:20 PM: City of Chicago Presentation and Q&A**
 - Kylie Kosmacek, Director of Safety Operations & Emergency Management, Office of School Safety and Security, Chicago Public Schools
 - Brian Thompson, Manager for Behavioral Health Supports, Office of Social Emotional Learning, Chicago Public Schools
- **2:40 PM: City of New York Presentation and Q&A**
 - LaShawn Robinson, Deputy Chancellor of School Climate and Wellness, NYC Department of Education
- **3:00 PM: Wrap Up**

PROGRAMMING

- **City of Chicago – Home Visits & Expanded Mental Health Supports**
 - *Description:* We will review the Student Re-engagement process Chicago Public Schools used to connect with students and their families, as well as the outcomes of these efforts. Upon their return to school, all students will have access to participate in a number of behavioral health supports made possible through their district-wide initiative, Moving Forward Together, which is strategically structured to address student needs that have arisen or been exacerbated by the Pandemic.
- **City of New York – Universal Screenings & Expanded Mental Health Supports**
 - *Description:* As part of New York City's homecoming to welcome all students back into the classroom, the Department of Education is launching a mental health screening initiative for its students. The initiative will ensure students have access to the right services and will provide foundational, preventative supports to classroom teachers. The screening initiative is part of a robust plan that includes adding extra support services to the schools hardest hit by the pandemic. Additionally, schools will work with community-based organizations to respond to a child's social-emotional needs including mental health clinics, food pantries, and immigration counseling. With parental consent, students in urgent need of mental health services will be connected with NYC Health + Hospitals.