Looking at Multiple Data Sources: A Tool to Cross-Reference Your Data

Data Source: Child Attendance

Crossed with	Could tell you…	Why it matters
Child wellness data	Illness-related absenteeism is caused by: • Insufficient immunizations or preventative care • The need for acute medical or dental care • Insufficient medical treatments or follow-up care • Individual health care needs	Child attendance can be improved with changes in policies and procedures that support children in: • Getting regular checkups and expected immunizations • Accessing medical or dental care • Securing necessary medical treatments • Addressing special health care needs
Family engagement data	Absenteeism is due to: • Not recognizing the connection between attendance and school readiness • Family factors, such as logistics and schedules, that inhibit participation in regular program activities • Not understanding when to keep a child home	Family engagement activities can be designed to address barriers and improve child attendance.
Child outcomes data	Absenteeism is impacting • Child growth in many domains • Opportunities for individual remediation and support	Extra time and support for learning can be offered to children with attendance issues. Referral to the LEA may take place at any time throughout the year for further testing and targeted services.
Other data		