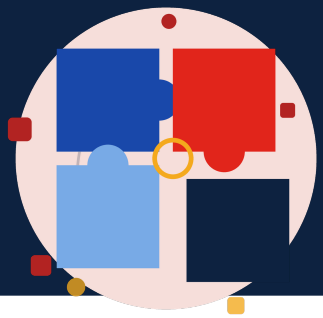
SEAT 14

THE SEAT SERIES · HANDOUT A · SEAT CARD: DO THIS MONDAY

Practitioners · K-12

Owning the Seams

How do I keep a student from falling between vendors, agencies and departments?



THREE MOVES FOR THIS WEEK

☐ List every partner

Cost: $0

For your highest-risk students, list every vendor touching the case.

☐ One shared note

Cost: $0

One case note, updated by whoever touches the student last.

☐ Notice clause

Cost: $0

Require partners to notify the school before discharge or deprioritizing.

MONTHLY PARTNER CHECK-IN AGENDA

1. Which shared students changed status this month?
2. Any discharge, waitlist or pause we should know about?
3. Who owns the next step, and by when?
4. What do families need from both of us?

CLASSIFY BEFORE YOU CONSEQUENCE

Withdrawal
Housing, transit and benefits partners must share notice.

Refusal
Clinical waitlists need a school contact.

Avoidance
Program partners notice disengagement first.

Truancy
Courts and diversion need the full picture.

AVOID THESE MISSTEPS

- x Assuming more vendors means more support
- x Signing agreements without a notification clause
- x Treating internal meetings as cross-agency coordination

HOW YOU WILL KNOW IT WORKS

Leading: Cases with a named seam owner
Lagging: Discharges with prior notice

Evidence: Schools Spared, Children Punished, Ch. 5 (Priya, composite case); Schools Spared, Ch. 5, Another Voice from the Field; Gentle-Genitty, Your Presence Matters national deck (2026).

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