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Executive Director's Report

June 25, 2015

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Presence Learning

The CAIU began offering online speech/language and occupational therapy services in 2013-14, serving 16 students (36 hours) in a single school system. By the end of 2014-15, we had served 162 students (2213 hours) in two school systems and three IUs. For 2015-16, we have a commitment for approximately 400 additional students. *Immediately following today's Board meeting, an overview of this program will be provided.*

NEWS

Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU) Conference

The 2015 PAIU Conference, "The IU Story: Celebrating Success and Making a Difference," was held in Seven Springs on June 3-5. Several CAIU staff had the opportunity to participate in this year's conference. In addition to various breakout workshops, the keynote presenters shared their stories of how they made a difference. Erin Gruwell is a teacher, an education activist, and the founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation. At 19 years old, Adam Blank, a former student of Intermediate Unit 1, is a motivational speaker who focuses on topics familiar to Intermediate Units, such as overcoming disabilities, personal empowerment and bullying.

Brian Griffith, Director of Curriculum Services, and David Martin, Director of Technology Services, co-presented the session, "Analysis to Action: Moving Beyond BrightBytes Data." The session focused on developing programs to translate analysis and cutting edge research into actions that improve student learning and encourage school districts to move beyond the data.

Nonpublic School Services

The Nonpublic Professional Development Academy was held June 8, 9, and 10, 2015. The focus of this year's academy was on math assessment and instruction. Lisa Klingler and Joan Gillis, CAIU Curriculum Staff, presented the session content to the nonpublic teachers and administrators over the three days. In the Meaningful Math Interventions session, teachers learned about many fun and practical strategies that teachers can implement in the elementary classroom to help engage students in instruction focused on math standards. The DIBELS Math session provided training in the new math assessment so that teachers can measure student growth in the area of mathematics. During the Math Design Collaborative training, teachers learned about the program's connection to the common core and how to facilitate interactive lessons focused on concept development and problem solving. Approximately 230 nonpublic teachers and administrators from 15 nonpublic schools attended the academy. The Nonpublic Academy is a cooperative effort of CAIU Aid to Nonpublic Schools and the Curriculum teams. Workshops and materials were funded with Title IIA funds.

David Colestock, Supervisor of Nonpublic School Services, attended the **Annual Conference of the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology** in Philadelphia on May 29-30, 2015. David was invited to present on a plenary panel of professionals entitled ***Adler is for***



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Everyone. The panel reflected on Adlerian theory and work in a variety of settings from families to businesses to private practice. David's presentation focused on Adlerian theory in schools and how the theory can be applied in work with students, families, and school staff.

Curriculum Services

The Capital Area Intermediate Unit partnered with EdisonLearning to implement the Framework for Teaching to support and evaluate their teachers. This model incorporates those attributes that are most critical to effective teaching and evaluates teachers using evidence and a rubric. The rubric is used with observation evidence and artifact collection to describe the level of teacher performance in each domain area. The formative aspect of this model promotes professional growth through teacher self-assessment of evidence. The Framework for Teaching provides EdisonLearning with a consistent language around instructional improvement. Using the Danielson Model - The Framework for Teaching, online teachers produce evidence in Domain 1 around live lessons and tutoring sessions. Evidence is then collected in Domain 2 and 3 when the teacher is teaching or tutoring the student(s). Using the Framework for Teaching, evidence is aligned to the 22 components and shared with the teacher. The process is collaborative and both teacher and supervisor contribute evidence and use the rubric to determine the level of performance and areas for growth. Cheryl Giles-Rudawski, CAIU Curriculum Specialist/Supervisor is taking the lead on this project.

Student Services

Dr. Janilyn Elias will be presenting, in June at the National Conference on School Discipline in Atlanta, on providing educational expertise in court adjudicated placements.

Preschool/Early Intervention

- Preschool Teachers, Megan Slautterback and Patti Merrill, along with Nicole Showers, School Age Educational Consultant, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, have been asked to provide one of the seven poster sessions for the CLM National Conference on Thursday, October 29th. The title of the session is "Strategies for Engineering the learning environment to successfully support a group of naive learners: using structure, material organization (bins), grouping, etc.
- Kristen Bishop, student Intern, from West Virginia University, will start at the beginning of the 15-16 school year. She is completing her Masters in Multi-Categorical Special Education.
- We anticipate providing experiences with 14 Messiah Interns during 2015-16.
- Our newest preschool location, Willow Mill Preschool, will be hosting an Open House on Monday June 29 from 3-5 pm. All are welcome.
- El Carnival is on June 23 at Adventure Zone in Mechanicsburg from 5-8

Pupil Services/Hospital/Diakon/ELECT-EFI/Homeless

- Teachers at Diakon Wilderness Center assisted with a grant for funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Environmental Education Project. A total of \$5000 was awarded for stream monitoring supplies, curriculum and field experiences at the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- The ELECT/EFI (parenting and pregnant teen initiative) grant renewal was submitted prior to the June 12, 2015 due date. The grant will be for another three year term (2015-2018).



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Hill Top Academy (HTA)

- The 2014-15 school year came to a close with many successes to celebrate. The Hill Top Academy graduation took place on Monday, June 1st; six students attended graduation and were presented with their school district diplomas by the district point of contact.
- The Annual Awards assembly occurred on June 2nd, recognizing each and every student at Hill Top. The end of the year picnic on June 4th was a fun filled event for students and staff, held at Lower Allen Park. We said good bye to several students returning to their home district this fall and several others who will be transitioning in the fall. Our census has grown to 130 students at the end of this school year.
- We also had 3 long time employees retire: Gail Reynolds, CAPP paraeducator, Patricia Lacey, CAPP Mental Health Treatment Specialist, and Mary Woodward, Teacher.
- Over the summer, we will have Extended School Year (ESY) classes in session. We are hoping to have our new administrator on board during the summer for some transition planning activities.

We will be adding 2 new classrooms and staff to start the 15-16 school year to accommodate the needs of the districts. Our goals moving forward focus on active engagement and embedding technology in instruction, school-wide positive behavior supports, and increased use of data to drive IEP and instructional decision-making.

Technology Services

PowerSchool Academy

Annual Training event that is offered by PowerSchool Solutions (a consortium between CAIU, CLIU, and MCIU) as a local, low cost solution for PowerSchool Training.

Date: Monday, June 22nd – Thursday, June 25th

Time: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Place: CAIU

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awards program and the Hill Top Academy graduation.
- Met with Dr. Tod Kline, new superintendent at Susquehanna Township SD, to provide an overview of CAIU services.
- Participated in the Bureau of Early Intervention Services Fiscal Review Exit Conference.
- Attended PAIU Conference in Seven Springs on June 3-5.
- The Cabinet members attended Energy Leadership training session on Wednesday, June 17, as part of our annual Cabinet Retreat. In addition other topics included 2015-16 Goals, leadership training for our administrators, and policy and procedures review.
- On June 9, I attended the Susquenita SD Board meeting and had the honor of presenting the 2014-15 Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Leadership Award to Mr. Richard Phoenix, a fourth-grade teacher at Susquenita Elementary School.



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UPCOMING CAIU EVENTS

- **Extended School Year (ESY) Fishing Derby** will take place on July 22 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at South Middleton Township Park in Boiling Springs.
- **19th Annual CAIU Champions for Children Golf Tournament** - Fee is \$65.00 per player. Package includes green fee, cart, refreshments, dinner and other prizes. Awards Banquet immediately following Tournament.

Where: Cumberland Golf Club
2395 Ritner Highway
Carlisle, PA 17015

When: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 (Rain or Shine)
Registration begins at 11:00AM - Shot Gun Start at 12:00PM

Contact: Daren Moran, Golf Committee Chairperson
(717)732-8400 x8654
dmoran@caiu.org

- **Preschool Graduation ceremony and End of the Year Celebration**
Heather Donovan and the Carroll Elementary Preschool Staff would like to invite you to their Graduation Ceremony and End of the Year Celebration.

Dates and Times for the Celebration are as follows:

Tuesday, **July 28th** at 10:00am and 1:30pm

Wednesday, **July 29th** at 10:00am and 1:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is offering a second **Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools** at the CAIU on July 14-16, 2015. Priority registration is given to School/School District Administrators from our IU region.