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Executive Director's Report

July 23, 2015

NEWS

Math Design Collaborative (MDC)

In January 2014, CAIU in partnership with Berks County IU #14 was awarded a contract under the Race to the Top (RTTT) Grant to research MDC, develop a training plan, run a pilot group, and ultimately implement the Mathematics Design Collaborative across Pennsylvania during the 2014-15 school year.

We recently received very positive feedback from the PDE. We were the only PDE grant funded by RTTT that completed all goals as outlined in the plan. Specifically:

- 56 Trainers trained from 28/29 IUs (Pittsburgh did not participate).
- 210/500 Districts (Plus Non-Public, Charters, IUs, CTCs) participated.
- 910 Teachers participated, plus administrators, instructional coaches, professors, and pre-service teachers.
- 55,000 Students (based on average of 60 per teacher) impacted.
- Created Online Community, Listserv, and Electronic Resources.
- Posted over 40 lessons on Standards Aligned System (SAS) with 40 more anticipated.
- Created 5 training videos.

PowerSchool Academy

The sixth annual PowerSchool Academy was held at the CAIU Enola office from June 22 – 25, with a total of 59 attendees representing 29 school entities (technical schools, districts, charter schools). The academy is a cooperative effort between CAIU, Montgomery County IU (MCIU) and Carbon Lehigh IU (CLIU) and is an affordable alternative to attending Pearson PowerSchool training events. A total of 38 courses were offered over the four day academy, and PowerSchool partner vendors were on hand to provide product demonstrations and information. Among the vendors attending this year's event were PowerSchool, Pearson's GradPoint, Maximus TIENET, SRC Solutions, InfoSnap, and Phoenix Learning. Our PowerSchool training team has received positive feedback from those who attended the event.

Guest Teacher Training

The Guest Teacher Training was held at the CAIU on July 7-9 with 85 participants. Our Human Resources Team organize this training and staff from our Curriculum team provide the content for qualified individuals to work as "guest" (substitute) teachers to replace regular classroom teachers while they are on professional or personal leave. Those who successfully complete the training, paperwork, and all required clearances will be qualified to substitute teach in any subject area in the participating public school districts. Participants in the program are trained in classroom management, educational laws, the art of teaching, professionalism, and special education related issues.



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Curriculum Services

Karen Ruddle, Curriculum Specialist/Supervisor, presented at the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Forum at Pattan Harrisburg on June 29. She presented on the Student Learning Objective (SLO) Implementation in PA. She co-presented with Dale Reiman, High School Principal at Derry Township SD.

Preschool Early Intervention

The EI Carnival took place on June 23rd; despite the thunderstorms and flood warnings, 316 children and families were in attendance.

Student Services

OT/PT

The OT/PT staff has developed individual staff Wikispaces. This was an OT/PT professional development project aimed at enhancing communications with families and educational staff. In addition, Brittany Duling, OT, and Karen Ditzler, from Technology, established password protection access to the student pages on staff Wikispaces. We are able to provide the parent with a password to access their child's private Wikispace page for communication purposes which enables us to share student work confidentially, upload videos of student performance and provide resources of interest. We are still in the process of piloting this and have set the goal for staff to consider at least one family each who would be interested in accessing their child's Wikispace. Student pages are deleted after they leave our services.

The School-Age OT/PT Networking Group has been well-received. Therapists attending the past 3 meetings include those from the following school districts: Harrisburg, Lower Dauphin, Derry Township, Cumberland Valley, and Central Dauphin.

Blind/Visually Impaired Support Services:

On May 18, 2015, Rose Anna Stillwagon and Joanne Ruchinski, CAIU Teachers of the Visually Impaired, attended the Lower Paxton Lioness Club meeting and presented information on educating students with visual impairment. They discussed services available at the infant, early intervention and school-age level. Community agencies that support these students were highlighted. Equipment utilized with students who have visual impairments was shown including: light box, flipper, Braille Writer, Braille and large print books, enhanced maps, beep balls and canes.

Extended School Year (ESY)

ESY is underway. Students are working on activities in skill areas such as academic, vocational and life skills. One classroom made a tent out of rolled newspapers and a sheet.

The students are also gearing up for CAIU's annual trip to the Yellow Breeches to participate with 20-30 volunteer anglers who will provide one-on-one assistance to students while fishing for 12 to 18 inch rainbow, brook and brown trout. This will be held on July 22 from 8:30 to 11:30 at the South Middleton Township Park. All students are encouraged to take home their catch. The fish "filleters" will be on-site to clean all fish and pack them in ice for the students to take home. The Angler's Association and their wives have made arrangements to provide lunch for everyone. Look for us on the news as we typically have several news stations on site during the event.



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

A new School Psychologist position has been filled. New contracts are coming in for services.

Summer School is offered at Diakon through Title I, Part D funds. Credit recovery for Math and English are offered to students. Hershey Children's Hospital and Penn State Rehabilitation Center are also offering summer school through Children's Miracle Network funding.

ELECT/EFI Grant was accepted and approved for another 3 year term (2015-2018).

Homeless (ECYEH) Region #2 Site Monitoring Report was received with all areas Meeting or Exceeding requirements.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended the Open House at our newest preschool location - Willow Mill Preschool.
- Met with Thomas Haupt, new superintendent at Millersburg Area SD, to provide an overview of CAIU services.
- Participated in the PAIU Equity of Opportunity Committee phone conferences. This committee of Executive Directors assists in the planning for the work associated with the annual PDE initiatives.
- Met with Executive Director of the Capital Region Partnership for Career Development to review the continued work of the Partnership in our region.
- Attended the Association of Education Service Agencies (AESAs) Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh.
- Will meet with Dr. Nicholas Guarente, new superintendent at Greenwood SD, on July 20.
- Attended PASA's Women's Caucus Executive Board meeting.

UPCOMING CAIU EVENTS

- **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

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- **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 & Times for the Celebration: Tuesday, **July 28th** at 10:00am and 1:30pm &
Wednesday, **July 29th** at 10:00am and 1:30pm