



educational excellence through leadership, partnership, and innovation

Executive Director's Report

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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

ELECT Program

The Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program enables Capital Area Intermediate Unit (IU) to help pregnant and parenting teens earn a diploma or GED certificate, become better parents and make the transition to employment or higher education. The program is designed to meet the challenging needs of pregnant and parenting teens, the ELECT program uses group and one-on-one approaches to meet each student's unique needs.

The ELECT program underwent its annual state monitoring on January 9th. The monitors came from the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services. They observed a group meeting, facilitated by Jan Cuva-Primmer, Mental Health Worker, at Shippensburg Area Senior High School and then came to Enola to complete an interview and review files.

A few current statistics on our program:

- There are 50 students enrolled.
- These students are in 18 buildings throughout our IU area.
- In June, the program graduated all 22 students who were eligible for graduation, an excellent statistic because a major goal of the program is to help pregnant and parenting teens to stay in school and graduate.

Through a grant, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities provided a speaker, Lis Murray, on January 9th for the students in the ELECT program. The topic was "How to Behave so your Kids Will, Too." Preschool families were also invited.

NEWS

January is School Board Recognition Month. In honor of the work, our Board members do, not only the districts, but for the IU, we want to express our appreciation. We could not successfully carry out our mission to achieve educational excellence with families, schools and communities through leadership, partnership and innovation without the governance and support of our Board Members.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Update: The United States Department of Education (USDOE) has approved Pennsylvania's ESSA implementation plan.



Curriculum Services

Guest Teacher Training (coordinated by HR and Curriculum Services)

On January 17th & 18th, training was held for new Guest Teachers to become certified and permitted to substitute in participating CAIU Districts. There were 14 participants in this training.

Update on Capital Area Online Learning Association (CAOLA) growth

As of January 15, 2018, CAIU is providing online learning services to 4,833 students in PA. This is an increase of 1,264 students over this same time last year. Approximately 1,500 of these students are from CAIU School Districts.

Coding in the Classroom - On January 9, 2018, over 25 educators attended the Coding in the Classroom workshop that was conducted by Karen Ditzler at the CAIU. Coding (also called programming or developing) is telling a computer, app, phone or website what you want it to do. Some educators and experts are calling it the 'new literacy', a subject so important that every child needs to know the basics to excel in our rapidly changing world.



Coding teaches students four essential skills: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity! Participants learned coding fundamentals by participating in online and unplugged activities. Attendees explored resources and find ways to begin integrating coding into their elementary school classrooms— as students are never too young to learn to code!



Student Services

Preschool - Early Intervention

The Preschool Program welcomes 21 dual certification students from Shippensburg University. These students will work closely with 11 CAIU Preschool teaching teams from January to May as they complete their 25 hours of field experience in their "Preschool Block Semester".

We will also continue our partnership with Messiah with 12 students doing internships in six preschool classes in addition to those placed at Hill Top Academy.

School Health Services

All IU AED machines have been replaced and can now be found in our preschool buildings, Hill Top, and the Enola office. Most of the machines were coming to the end of their life cycle, and it was more cost effective to replace them all at the same time.

Social Work

Beth-Ann McConnell, Social Worker, is co-presenting on Navigating the Mental Health System at the Statewide Adoption Network Conference on June 14th. Her conference attendance is sponsored by the state and she will look for other sessions to attend that will benefit our IU system.

Loysville Youth Development Center (LYDC)

The current population is 92 residents, which includes 15 new residents who were admitted in December and 24 who were released. Eighteen of the 92 students, 19.5% of the population, already had their GED or High School Diploma when they arrived and attend school regardless, and one more student passed the GED in October. Two students passed the GED test in December 2017.

Ashlee Fleming was selected as “Employee of the Month” at LYDC. The Student council made the nomination and she was selected by a committee. She will have preferred parking for the next 30 days. With the cold weather, this is the best time to park by the gatehouse!

Students participated in a PHEAA presentation on December 20th in the Employability classes. The guest speaker from PHEAA was Tiffanie DeVan. This presentation was arranged through the Transition staff at LYDC, Elena Taylor, Job Coach, and Connie Swift, Para-educator.

Michele Painter, Biology Teacher, organized an assembly on December 22nd with Zoo America. Local community and church groups donated snacks and homemade cookies for all the students to enjoy during the assembly.

The teachers, with help from the Transition office, organized student winter photos and gave each student three sheets of pictures that students can send home. These photos are a LYDC tradition and were greatly appreciated by the students.

Five High School Diplomas were ordered for the students who will have earned their diplomas at the end of the second marking period, January 22nd.

Technology Services

CAIU Regional Computer Fair – Registration is now open for the 2018 Regional Computer Fair at the IU. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 27th and will showcase both Middle and High School student products/projects created using technology.

The Computer Fair is an annual event where students from our districts submit projects in the areas of Animation, Computer Fair Logo, Digital Movie, Graphic Design, Programming, and Web Page Design. While judging of the projects is being completed, students have the opportunity to attend technology sessions on a variety of topics. The winners of the CAIU Regional Computer Fair will advance to the statewide competition on May 22nd and 23rd at Dickinson College in Carlisle and compete against students from across Pennsylvania. Please visit the website for further details: http://www.caiu.org/Schools_and_Districts/technology-services/instructional-technology-services/computer-fair.

NOTIFICATION of ACTIVITIES

- Held All Staff Day, January 12
- Toured the various departments in Enola
- Toured Hill Top Academy
- Attended JOC and Board Meetings at Dauphin County Career and Technical School
- Attended JOC meeting at Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School
- Attended PAIU and PAIU Central Region Meetings
- Met with President and Vice President of the Union.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date Savers (*all Board members are invited to attend any and all*):

- **February 22:** Transition to Kindergarten Conference, Carlisle YWCA
- **April 6:** Champions for Children Spring Bingo, CAIU Enola, PA
- **February 8:** Active Shooter Training for Enola staff
- **February 11-14:** Pa. Education Technology Expo and Conference, Hershey, PA
- **February 22:** Why Race and Culture Matter in Schools: Closing the Achievement Gap in America's Classrooms, CAIU Enola Office
- **February 26-28:** Mid-Atlantic Conference on Personalized Learning, Pittsburgh, PA
- **February 28-March 2:** PA Association of School Personnel Administrators (PASPA), Harrisburg, PA