



educational excellence through leadership, partnership, and innovation

Executive Director's Report

June 28, 2018

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

The CAIU Technology Team provides a full range of innovative technology services to member and non-member stakeholders. The vision of the Technology Team at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit is to provide technology services that support educational excellence through leadership, partnership and innovation.

The team, led by David Martin, has approximately 30 members that support Application Development & Project Management, Application Support, Help Desk Support, Instructional Technology and Network Administration.

NEWS

Student Services

Director and Program Director of Student Services (Alicia McDonald and Dr. Janilyn Elias)

Mr. Clyde Caldwell, principal at Loysville Youth Development Center, received an Award of Service, recognition and plaque, from the Corrections Education Association (CEA) at their annual conference! **CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Caldwell for his service, dedication, and passion for the work and students at LYDC.**

Preschool/Early Intervention (Eric Bostick, Kathy Gottlieb, Jennifer Lyden, Terry Telep, program supervisors)

- On June 5, 624 children, families, and community agency members participated in the EIC (Early Intervention Connections) Carnival, held at Adventure Zone in Mechanicsburg. This annual event is organized by the EIC committee and invites families who have children with disabilities (from birth through five years old). The families and children have opportunities for networking, resources, games, food, and fun. It was a fabulous evening despite some of the rain showers. WGAL Channel 8 News was present for the event and a segment was shared on the news that evening and the next day.
- Preschool will be in session June 25 through July 26. Summer session is always a busy time as we are preparing for incoming children who are turning three as well as the children who will be transitioning to Kindergarten in the fall. This past year, we provided services to 787 children who are eligible to transition to school age programming next school year. Currently we anticipate that 66 children will remain in early intervention for the 2018-19 school year.

LYDC (Clyde Caldwell, principal)

- The staff attended the Correctional Education Association (CEA) Region I conference in Lancaster in May and participated in training, networking, and exhibit hall experiences.

- Graduation, for five graduates and one GED candidate, took place on June 8. Dr. Saia spoke at the ceremony. Other honored guests include Jean Rice, CAIU Board President, and Paula Stiffler, from Representative Mark Keller's office. Representative Keller's office provided a citation for each graduate.
- During the 2017-2018 school year, 20 students earned diplomas and 16 students matriculated with their GED certificates.

Transition (Dr. Andy McCrea, program supervisor)

Staff across programs are gathering for two days in June to help move our transition program forward. The staff will work and focus on mapping programs and assessments across our middle and high school settings. The focus will be on transition goals and activities including independent life skills, competitive employment, and postsecondary training.

ELECT (Kathy Gottlieb, program supervisor)

- On June 13, the ELECT program held an end of year celebration, honoring their twenty-seven high school graduates. Community agencies attended the event, providing information about their services to the students.
- Over the school year, students earned Baby Bucks for regular school attendance, good grades, meeting ELECT goals, and participating in ELECT educational programs. All of the students were able to "spend" their earned Baby Bucks at the Baby Bucks store, which offered baby clothes, toys, and other baby supplies such as strollers, swings, diaper genies, bottles, etc. The incentive program motivates the students to participate and then offers them items needed to provide for their children.
- Jody Forney-Cole, Melissa Rosado, and Jan Cuya-Primmer are the case managers who work with students in districts and cyber schools in our CAIU area. The program has about fifty-five active cases per month and runs year round.

Hill Top Academy (Dr. John Thompson, principal, & Rachel Montiel, assistant principal)

- Earlier this year Hill Top Elementary ES Teacher Jen Sciacca became a Keystone Technology Innovator (KTI), after a nomination by her principal Dr. Thompson. With this status, she was eligible to compete to become a Keystone STAR Teacher. Hill Top Academy is proud to share that Ms. Sciacca is one of only 100 educators in the Commonwealth named a Keystone STAR Teacher! With this distinction, she will be attending a summer conference with her fellow STAR teachers at Shippensburg University. Dr. Thompson and other administrator from throughout Pennsylvania will join the STAR Teachers for administrators' day at the conference on July 24.
- See Hill Top newsletter (Paws for the News) for pictures and highlights of our many spring events and activities.

Education Services

Education Services is offering two **summer camp** options:

- **STEAM Camp** – for students grades 5-8 interested in coding, game development, robotics, engineering, photography and design (see flyer)
- **Watershed Camp** - for students grades 5-8 interested in environmental sciences (see flyer)

Technology Services

Technology Solution – PowerSchool Academy

The CAIU Technology Services Team worked collaboratively with MCIU and CLIU PowerSchool support teams to deliver our annual PowerSchool Academy. The training was conducted from June 18 – June 22 and covers topics that mirror PowerSchool's weeklong training that is spread



across the country. This year, approximately 150 district staff attended. The training is always well received and is a significant savings to the districts who send staff to PowerSchool University.

Technology Solution – Student Cooperative Work Experience

The CAIU Technology Services Team worked with Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School and Dauphin County Technical School to start a student cooperative work experience program. Thirteen students from the two schools were interviewed for four positions in the fields of Network Administration/Helpdesk and Application Development. This experience will provide opportunities for these students to have real world exposure to enterprise class technology. As we work collaboratively with CPAVTS and DCTS, we hope to expand this opportunity to more students as the program evolves. Currently two students from each of the vocational technical schools were selected and the following districts are represented: Big Spring, Mechanicsburg, Middletown and Susquehanna Township.

Technology Solution – AgendaManager Partnerships

The CAIU Technology Services team has established two partnerships over this past month to help market and sell AgendaManager. The first partnership is with the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO). PASBO will represent our Pennsylvania market and will assist in getting the word out on the benefits of AgendaManager. The second partnership is with Cooperative Educational Service Agency 7 (CESA 7) located in Green Bay, Wisconsin and will represent our Wisconsin market. Both of these organizations believe in using AgendaManager and its mission of increasing communication and collaboration by effectively using a meeting management system. We are excited about the potential growth of AgendaManager through these partnerships over the course of the next few years.

NOTIFICATION of ACTIVITIES

- Attended project Search Graduation at Hershey Med Center
- Attended CAIU graduation at Enola
- Attended DCTS JOC and Board meetings
- Attended CPAVTS LOC and Board meeting
- Moved to Duncannon PA!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- STEAM Summer Camps
 - Enola location, week of July 23
 - Halifax location, week of July 16
- Watershed Summer Camp – Enola office, week of June 23
- 22nd Annual CAIU Champions for Children Golf Tournament, Tuesday, July 24, 2018