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Executive Director's Report

August 22, 2013

NEWS

CAIU Opening Week

Opening week program days for CAIU school-age and preschool/early intervention staff begin August 19, 2013 and run through August 29, 2013. Program Days are for professional and paraprofessionals, including full and part-time staff.

Extended School Year (ESY)

ESY services have concluded for the 2013 summer. We provided services to 87 students from 21 school districts. We appreciate the work that Mrs. Dee Dombach, CAIU Educational Consultant, did in coordinating our ESY services and programs.

ESY Fishing Derby

The Yellow Breeches Anglers Association organized and hosted the 38th annual fishing derby.

On Wednesday, July 24th more than 175 staff, agency, volunteers and students with special needs from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Extended Year Program convened in South Middleton Park in Boiling Springs to fish for trout, pet alpaca's, tour a fire truck, police car and enjoy a picnic lunch. Every student had the opportunity to fish and take home at least 3 fish that had been fileted and put on ice by the anglers. All staff and students were also given Anglers Association tee-shirts. This is an event that really brings the community and students together.

Student Services Staffing

Supervisors are deep in the process of finalizing interviews and reference checks for open positions. We are optimistic that we will have staff hired for the current vacancies.

Hill Top Academy Updates

- Hill Top Academy staff participated in a Schoolwide Summit to develop skills for integrating Experiential Education and Learning (EE&L) activities throughout the curriculum and school year. EE&L provides affective support for students so they can develop strong inter- and intra-personal skills.
- Technical installations completed at Hill Top Academy this summer included some classrooms being outfitted with Smartboard technologies and the installation of security cameras in all hallways and rooms used in 1:1 situations with students (therapy spaces, quiet rooms, and 1:1 classrooms).



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Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP) Updates

- Dr. Elizabeth Montagnese, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, will be working with one of the unassigned CAPP classes. Dr. Shawna Brent has agreed to continue her contract for the CAPP district based class until we are able to obtain a new contractor.
- Erika Stiffler, MSW, was hired as the Clinical Coordinator for CAPP Program Operations. She has come to us from an agency and had previously been assigned to students and clients at Hill Top Academy so she has a familiarity with the program and staff.
- CAPP is in the process of developing internal procedures, possibly creating or identifying an assessment tool that would help communicate status and progress of the factors addressed in treatment plans.

RECOGNITION

Competent Learner Module (CLM) Accreditation

The CAIU recently received notification from Vicci Tucci, M.A., BCBA, President of Tucci Learning Systems and Founder of the Competent Learner Module (CLM) Curriculum that we are now a CLM Accredited Organization. Ms. Tucci writes, in part, "It is clear that CAIU #15 has **exceeded** in meeting the CLM Service Delivery Standards." **Congratulations to the CAIU school-age Autism Support program for this work and accomplishment!**

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended Heather Donovan's Early Intervention graduation at Carroll Elementary School. Students made gifts bags for hospitalized students.
- Attended the newly required Mandated Reporter Training offered by our CAIU staff.
- Met with the PAIU Equity of Opportunity Committee to discuss an equitable and fair method to distribute PDE's 2013-2014 Initiatives funds and work load.
- Met with several of our superintendents to discuss the Superintendent Study Council meeting in October.
- Met with the Board Negotiations team to discuss contract negotiations
- Met with the retiring and newly appointed Executive Directors from our neighboring Intermediate Units (Lincoln IU12 and Lancaster Lebanon IU13) to discuss on-going projects and issues since all three will have new Executive Directors at the first of the year.