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Executive Director's Report

September 26, 2013

NEWS

Guest Teacher Training

The CAIU HR Team hosted another successful Guest Teacher Training September 3-5, with 59 substitutes completing the program. Nineteen of our districts and the two vocational schools participate in and utilize the Guest Teacher Program.

Lemoyne Lease

The Lemoyne lease officially terminated on September 15, 2013, and the new landlord did purchase the furniture as part of the buyout. The move/relocation is complete.

Day Campers with Visual Impairments

On June 19, 2013 Hershey Conewago Campground owner and CAIU Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Roseanna Stillwagon, hosted five elementary age Out of Site Campers for the afternoon. The children, all with visual impairments, were accompanied by Nancy Altemose, day camp coordinator, Vision Resources of Central PA (formerly Tri-County Association for the Blind).

Rose Anna planned camping activities to provide the children outdoor appreciation and camping experiences. Adaptations were made to accommodate the student's visual impairments. This was all done on her own time as part of her community involvement.

MESSIAH COLLEGE STUDENT INTERNS

The Messiah College student interns are back in our elementary and EI classrooms this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have developed a nice, symbiotic relationship for the interns and our staff and students. The IU staff provide professional development opportunities on topics of interest to the students as well as host their classroom experiences. The topic areas are autism schedules and structures, behavioral interventions and level systems, occupational therapy and sensory integration, engineering the classroom for communication, deaf and hard of hearing and vision support and animal assisted therapy.

HILL TOP

Hill Top is starting with 20 classes, the most we ever started with at the beginning of the school year. Most of the classrooms are outfitted with new SmartBoards. The staff are being trained in their use and both the staff and students are enjoying the enhanced instruction brought through this instructional technology.

Upper Allen Police officers are coming to school again this year on Friday mornings to read to the elementary classes and then they stay to have lunch with them if schedules allow.

Clinical Coordinator for Program Operations

New Clinical Coordinator for Program Operations (in CAPP) is in place and adjusting rapidly to new duties. Two assessment tools have been identified for use in clinical outcomes: a Relational/Attachment Observation Tool and the Child & Adolescent Needs & Strengths (CANS)



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ELECT IS PART OF THE BABY BUGGY WALK IN THE PARK ON OCTOBER 4, 2013

Harrisburg Healthy Start was chosen by the U.S. Office of Minority Health Resource Center to host one of six national Baby Buggy Walk in the Park events in 2013. In addition to enjoying a 1.5 mile walk and family-style picnic, families will learn about eating right, making time for exercise, and have access to health-related resources in our community. Families will receive education on how these elements work together to give their babies a better start in life, even if they aren't parents yet. The Baby Buggy Walk in the Park aims to raise awareness in minority communities about disparities in infant mortality rates; influences positive health behaviors among at-risk populations; builds support for families by sharing resources in their communities; and promotes exercise and personal achievement of health and fitness goals through a walk for attendees of all ages and abilities.

DIAKON & CAOLA

Diakon is now using CAOLA as a credit recovery program for students who have missed quite a bit of school due to being in the court adjudicated system. The goal of the education team at Diakon is to give students and parents support and encouragement regarding their education and job placement post discharge.

Homelessness Conference

Harrisburg is the host site for the Homelessness Conference on October 7-8 and the CAIU will have a booth at the conference to share our cooperative services with the districts in our area. The CAIU is the recording entity for all districts within our region.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- The 2013 Superintendent/Vocational Directors' Fall Leadership Conference will be held on October 22-24, 2013. The theme of this year's conference is *Leading in the Digital Age*.