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Executive Director's Report

November 15, 2012

NEWS

ELECT/EFI

On October 19, 2012, 28 clients from the ELECT/EFI; Pregnant & Parenting Teen Program attended a half day informative session at Harrisburg Area Community College to learn about the admissions process. The overall feedback was very positive. As a matter of fact, several students interested in nursing have already requested that we visit the campus again and see a simulation in the nursing lab. After lunch, Halloween costumes, which were donated last year from Wal-Mart, were distributed to our clients for their children.

Central Region Competent Learner Module (CLM) Networking

CAIU hosted a Central Region CLM (Competent Learner Module) Networking session in collaboration with Vista and Vicci Tucci. This was the first of three sessions scheduled for this year and was designed to provide training, support and networking opportunities for CLM coaches and coaches-in-training in the central region. Vicci Tucci and CLM coaches from France joined the training virtually via 'go to meeting.'

National OCALICON 2012 Research Symposium

The School-Age Speech/Language Program will be presenting a poster session at the National Ohio Center for Autism and Low-Incidence Disabilities (OCALICON) 2012 Research Symposium. This Symposium brings together parents, educators, administrators, higher education faculty and related services providers from across the nation. This poster session entitled, "**Formal or Informal Assessment of Social Skills: More Bang for Your Buck?**" was originally presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Schools Conference in July 2011. This poster highlights a total of 60 profiles of students suspected of having social skills deficits.

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The Blind and Visually Impaired Support Program, in conjunction with the Tri-County Association for the Blind, will be offering training on applications for iPads, iPhones and iPad touch devices appropriate for people with blindness and visual impairment. This free training will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 4 – 7:30 p.m. Thus far, more than 25 people have registered for this event. Participants include parents from local school districts, IU class placements and persons outside of this intermediate unit area.

RECOGNITION

National Learning Forward Conference

Dr. Jason Conway will be one of the presenters at the 2012 National Learning Forward Conference. His session is entitled *Brain-Friendly Instructional Strategies*.



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NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended Central Regions PAIU meeting where we discussed unique approaches to Superintendent meetings, conferences and building partnerships with other Intermediate Units
- Attended Chamber of Commerce Government Relations meeting and heard pre-election forecast and discussion from James Lee, President of Susquehanna Polling and Research
- Attended Cumberland Valley School Board meeting and presented information on the CAIU
- Have been invited to attend Edison Leadership Development Academy in California with Brian Griffith, Director of Curriculum Services and Alicia McDonald, Director of Student Services. The keynote presenters will offer insights for leading the change to Common Core, which demands fundamental shifts in how we prepare students to be college and career ready.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **November 15, 2012** - The Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) will hold a public Open House for prospective students and their families on Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the school's location, 150 Strawberry Square, Third & Walnut Streets, in downtown Harrisburg.
- **November 20, 2012** - The HTA Annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held at lunchtime on the 20th. Local first responders, districts, agencies, **CAIU Board members** and other CAIU staff are invited.
- **December 18, 2012** - The CAIU iPad Summit, in partnership with Apple, will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit
- **January 29, 2012** - The CAIU Winter Social will be held at the Enola Offices on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. This event is free to all CAIU employees. Board Members are invited to attend.