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## Executive Director's Report

September 27, 2012

### NEWS

#### **Feedback about Loysville Youth Development Center (LYDC)**

Former Montgomery County prosecutor and current Court of Common Pleas Judge Wendy Demchick-Alloy visited LYDC. She was very impressed with the treatment program but most important to her was the level of interaction between the staff and students. She commented that she could not believe the difference in a resident from the time she sent him to LYDC to the time he returned to the community. Thanks to the staff for your professionalism and ability to communicate exactly what we do with the kids we serve.

*(The CAIU provides the educational program at the Loysville Youth Development Center. LYDC provides programming for adjudicated delinquent males. Specific programs are available to address children with serious emotional disturbance, with lower cognitive functioning, with serious substance abuse issues along with those who have more serious violent delinquent histories that require a secure environment. LYDC is funded through the Department of Public Welfare).*

#### **Supporting Districts through Monitoring**

In order to support districts through the special education compliance monitoring process, the CAIU has identified a consultant who will be available for three days, free of charge, to each district on the monitoring schedule.

#### **CAIU Partners with Messiah College to Provide Unique Classroom Experience**

The Capital Area Intermediate Unit is excited to be partnering with Messiah College to offer a course to Messiah seniors who are working to become dual certified in Early Intervention (EI) and Special Education. Through this partnership, 10 Messiah students spend every Tuesday and Thursday morning in different IU classrooms, from EI to Elementary partial program (CAPP), emotional support (ES), and diagnostic classes. For six weeks, our staff will also provide one-hour seminars on Thursday afternoons on topics such as engineering the classroom for communication, behavior interventions and level systems, autism schedules and structures, Occupational Therapy (OT) and sensory integration, animal assisted therapy, and deaf/hard of hearing and vision. This partnership provides Messiah students the opportunity to work with young students in a more supportive setting than the typical classroom in a regular elementary setting.

#### **Safe Schools**

The InfraGard Pittsburgh 2012 Safe Schools Statewide Conference will be held at four sites across Pennsylvania, via interactive videoconference, on October 24, 2012. The CAIU is serving as one of the four sites. The conference will provide presentations and an interactive forum, which focuses on Anti-Bullying Awareness and Cyber Security. Presentations will be provided by: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Pennsylvania Governor's Office, Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, Pennsylvania State Police, WQED Multimedia, Community Matters, Curriculum Engineers, Documentary Producers and more. ***The CAIU is happy to announce that Governor Corbett, Attorney General Linda Kelly, and Corporal Thomas Tarsavage will be speaking live at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit on October 24.***



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### AgendaManager

- Eastern Lancaster County School District is the newest district to choose AgendaManager as their paperless meeting solution.
- Joan Adams and David Martin have been selected to present **AgendaManager: The Innovative Method to Inform Your Stakeholders** at the upcoming Association of Educational Service Agency (AESA) conference in November.

### RECOGNITION

- An article written by **Holly Brzycki** was published in the September issue of PA Administrator magazine. This is the publication of the PA Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals. The title of her article is: "Growing a Hybrid Teacher: Supporting Face to Face and Online Instruction".
- **Jason Conway**, Curriculum Specialist, will be presenting at the National Learning Forward (formerly known as the National Staff Development Council) conference in December. The focus for his presentation will be on Increasing Student Engagement.

### NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Met with Justin Bruhn, new administrative director of Cumberland-Perry Area Vo-Tech (CPAVTS). I will be assisting Justin in adjusting to his new role at the Vo-tech.
- Participated in the Equity of Opportunity Committee of Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU). I have been a member of this committee since its inception last year. The committee recommends methods to equitably distribute PDE funds throughout the 29 IUs.
- Attended Harrisburg's Chamber of Commerce Education and Business Partnership Committee. Amy Morton presented the members with an update on the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program formally known as EITC 2.0.
- Attended the Central PAIU meeting in State College. This meeting is comprised of Executive Directors from seven IUs from Bedford to Lancaster. The discussion focused on the many different methods IUs use to cover general operating expenses
- Met with Steelton-Highspire superintendent, assistant superintendent and their solicitors to discuss payment of outstanding bill
- Met with Paul Lazero, representative from Smart Schools to see if there were ways we could work together in meeting the needs of our districts
- Held full day retreat with Cabinet members to discuss alternative funding methods for general operating budget
- Cindy Mortzfeldt, Assistant Executive Director, and I visited almost all of our beginning-of-the-year program meetings. This gave us an opportunity to welcome the teachers back for a new school year. The All Staff Day will be October 8, 2012 at the Dauphin County Vo-Tech.



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## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- **October 8, 2012 - CAIU All Staff Day**
- **October 14-16 – School Age Special Education Services Program Review-** We will be working with PA Association of Pupil Services Administrators (PAPSA) to have them come on-site to conduct a program review of our school-age special education services. There will be a 5-6 person team on-site
- **October 16, 2012 - CAIU Champions for Children Fundraiser -** Champions for Children will be participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day on October 16, 2012 from 9:00am-9:00pm at all participating Harrisburg area Boscov's stores. Tickets are \$5 and include a 25% discount shopping pass, refreshments, and a chance to win great door prizes including a flat screen TV, a diamond pendant, and a \$500 shopping spree! 100% of the proceeds go to Champions for Children. Tickets to this event are available at the CAIU Enola Front Desk, the HR/Business Lemoyne Office and Hill Top Academy.
- **October 24, 2012 - InfraGard Pittsburgh 2012 Safe Schools Statewide Conference**