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Executive Director's Report

June 28, 2012

NEWS

- **ESY** (Extended School Year) classroom program begins operation on July 9th. We serve 58 students in 11 classrooms at Hill Top Academy and in district-based sites as well as providing other itinerant services to students in non-classroom locations.
- We are moving forward with the fall launch of the **Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy @ CAIU** Midtown campus, a drop-out recovery program. We are expecting to be able to provide services to 100 students at HACC Midtown. This program will be jointly staffed by Edison Learning (on-site program director) and the CAIU (counselor, two teachers and a part-time paraprofessional). The program will provide both face to face and online instruction through CAOLA.
- Over 250 families attended the **EIC (Early Intervention Connections) Family Carnival**. A wonderful turn-out and a great way for families and children to make community connections.
- We have been invited, by the state, to apply for a **Preschool/EI Inclusion grant** for up to \$70,000. The grant will focus on creating more opportunities for natural inclusion in our preschool, district-based sites.
- In filling contract, service and grant needs for 2012-2013, **Student Services staffing** will be able to reduce staff through a combination of attrition (retirements, resignations, not filling vacancies), reductions, and furloughs. We anticipate that this will result in an overall reduction of 20-30 positions.
- The **CAIU ACCESS** staff is working diligently on the upcoming July implementation of the new statewide system (PCG's EasyTrac) to be used for Medical Access billing. Several staff members will be trained on the new system and all current procedures will be reviewed and adjusted to accommodate the new system.
- The **PennData** staff are preparing for the new CAIU PennData system (Leader Children Count) to be implemented mid-July following the submission of the 2011-2012 Revised Child Count special education data in early July. The new system will replace our current system that will no longer be supported by the vendor.

RECOGNITION

- **David Colestock**, Supervisor for Nonpublic School Services, attended the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology (NASAP) Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. His presentation entitled "**Is There a Place for Adler in Schools Today?**" focused on practical ways that school administrators, counselors, and teachers can infuse concepts of cooperation, equality, encouragement, creativity, and social interest into the culture of the school community. One of the attendees from Vermont wrote this in response to the session: "I attended your talk 'Is There a Place for Adler in Schools Today?' Brilliant...Your words, in combination with each other, along with your clear, simple definitions would allow me to develop a curriculum for teachers which introduce Adlerian Concepts in bite-size pieces that would make it easier for them to integrate into their classroom and into the school culture."



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- **The CAPP program** sends an end of the year survey out to all families so as to identify any areas of concern. This year quite a few were returned and not one received had a bad review or even a criticism from any parent. Below are some direct quotes from the surveys:
 - “Very satisfied”
 - “The understanding and support of everyone.....It is what my son needed”
 - “They are very dedicated to helping childrenall of them are wonderful, the greatest”
 - “Everyone was very quick to help. I was hesitant at first due to feeling in the past few people were really in that line of work for the right reasons. Everyone was truly a blessing. I can’t honestly think of one thing the CAPP should change.”
 - “If it were not for the success of this program my son would have been placed in a residential treatment program. They are life savers!”
 - “Constant feedback and communication....great program”
 - “A group of professionals who understand the problems my son deals with”
 - “The personal touch. Everyone is caring....it is the best thing to happen for my daughter”
 - “I liked how respectful, understanding, and caring everyone was. I liked how eager everyone was to better the child and to see the amazing results within such a short period of time”
 - “I’m completely satisfied with everything. I have been given new hope that when you think there are no more answers out there that you just might be surprised. It has truly been an amazing experience. I thank everyone with all my heart that my baby boy has become the child I knew he was, but struggled.”
 - “Each day as I’ve seen my child grow I get tears of happiness. It has felt like God has put a hand on my shoulder and helped when I thought there was nothing more out there that could help. You may not realize just how much you impact not just the child but the parents as well.”

This is really inspiring and speaks to the work and leadership that the CAIU staff provides on a daily basis for the students and families in our area.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Shawn, Cindy and I met with Todd Shutt to discuss renegotiating the Lemoyne lease
- Aided in the search for Cumberland Perry Vo Tech School’s Administrative Director
- Attended CPVTS JOC meeting
- Attended PAIU conference where we heard from Luke Williams the author of **Disrupt**
- Met with CAEA officers to discuss pertinent information
- Attended Dauphin County Vo Tech Graduation at the Forum
- Attended Loysville graduation
- Attended MDS graduation
- Attended DCVT JOC meeting
- Attended PASA Women’s Conference in State College
- Served on panel discussion concerning the role of women in Intermediate Units
- Been selected to PASA Women’s Executive Council



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- Attended retirement reception for Middletown's superintendent
- Met with Millersburg's superintendent
- Attended PASA Women's Executive meeting

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **July 24, 2012** @ 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM - 16th Annual CAIU Champions for Children Golf Tournament.