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Montgomery County Educational Service Center

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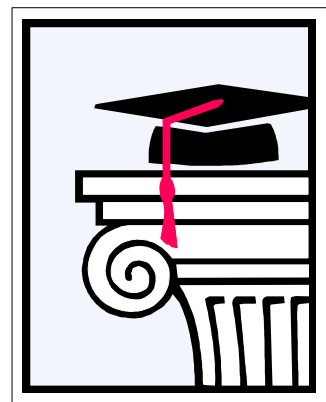


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of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.*

Frank DePalma, Superintendent

EDUCATION IS FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

Philosophy	<p>The Montgomery County Educational Service Center believes that all students should be given educational experiences that maximize their potential in meeting the challenges of a constantly changing world. We believe that the ultimate goal of education should be to engage students in the problems of a subject matter, in the processes of thinking, and in connecting learning with real life and work. As students develop greater competence and confidence, they must assume responsibility for their own educational processes. Finally, to realize success in the communication age, all students must interact with technology to enhance their acquisition of knowledge and problem-solving skills.</p> <p>We believe it is our mutual responsibility to provide visionary leadership and quality services that promote effective learning communities.</p>
Mission Statement	<p>The Montgomery County Educational Service Center provides effective leadership and quality services to educators, students, local boards, and the community.</p> <p>The County Educational Service Center supports a system for strong, collaborative linkages of the major stakeholders: districts, educational providers, students, parents, and the public at large. Through these combined efforts, the Center works actively to support the schools' continuous improvement processes by offering a broad range of quality services and programs. These services and programs focus on challenging and meaningful curriculum for all students, professional development, personnel and business management, student intervention, and active communication.</p> <p>These cooperative efforts are designed to strengthen the capacity of the districts to achieve quality and cost-effective programs.</p>

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2010-11 school year was one of success in established services and in new endeavors. Traditional direct classroom services to children remained strong and included:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Students</u>
MCESC Learning Centers	
Emotionally Disturbed	105
Multiple Disabilities	140
Preschool	4
Includes Individual/Group Mental Health for 152 Students	
Kettering Behavioral Medicine Center	181
Kettering Hospital Based Mental Health Program; Schools Pay for Tutoring	
Youth Empowerment Program	12
Partial Day Mental Health Paid by Insurance; Schools Pay for Tutoring	
Youth Partial Hospitalization	55
Primarily Mental Health Paid by Insurance; Schools Pay for Tutoring	
ARCH (Adolescent Recovery Center for Hope	50
Occupational Therapy	2,162
Occupational Therapists Travel to Students	
Physical Therapy	933
Physical Therapists Travel to Students	
Hearing Intervention	189
Therapists Travel to Students	
Vision Intervention	163
Therapists Travel to Students	

Montgomery County Educational Service Center services are provided by a highly trained staff. I thank the MCESC staff for their dedicated service to children throughout the region.



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Have Important Role

Each board member brings with him or her a commitment to the cause of educating youth and the desire to serve their communities and the schools through the important role they play in education. This commitment, when combined with the expert knowledge and experience of staff members of the county and local schools, ensures the success of the county local school educational program in meeting the needs of students.

Board members have a broad range of responsibilities including hiring of the superintendent and his staff, approving contracts and policies of the county, and providing oversight activities carried out by staff members.

As elected officials, board members are highly visible in their communities and serve as a resource to informally survey public opinion and facilitate two-way communication between the schools and their publics.



Daryl M. Michael, Jr.



Gary M. Roberts



Greg S. Shell



Terry L. Smith



Joy Weaver

AREA ELECTED OFFICIALS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 South Keowee Street Dayton, Ohio 45402-2242 Phone: 937/225-4598	<u>Board Member</u> Daryl M. Michael, Jr. Gary M. Roberts Greg S. Shell Terry L. Smith Joy Weaver	<u>Home District</u> New Lebanon Brookville Valley View New Lebanon New Lebanon	<u>Term Expires</u> Dec. 31, 2011 Dec. 31, 2013 Dec. 31, 2011 Dec. 31, 2013 Dec. 31, 2013
Frank DePalma, Superintendent			

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Brookville Local Schools 325 Simmons Avenue Brookville, Ohio 45309 Phone: 937/833-2181 Timothy L. Hopkins, Superintendent		Jefferson Township Local Schools 2625 South Union Road Dayton, Ohio 45417 Phone: 937/835-5682 Dr. Richard Gates, Superintendent	
<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
John Gordon	2011	Rev. Cuttino Dargan	2013
Judy Hoover	2013	Dr. Vilma Helms	2011
David Kindell	2013	Johnnie M. Kimberlin	2013
Rick Phillips	2011	Emmett C. Orr	2013
Scott Rutherford	2011	C. V. Mitchell III	2011
Mad River Local Schools 801 Old Harshman Road Dayton, Ohio 45431 Phone: 937/259-6606 Necia Nicholas, Superintendent		New Lebanon Local Schools 320 South Fuls Road New Lebanon, Ohio 45345 Phone: 937/687-1301 Dr. Barbara L. Curry, Superintendent	
<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Connie Cole	2011	David Falldorf	2013
Scott Huddle	2011	Eric Patterson	2011
Ruth Newhouse	2013	Adam Pietrzak	2011
Cristina Pickle	2013	Michael Roberts	2013
Marilyn Steiner	2013	David Woodgeard	2013
Northridge Local Schools 2011 Timber Lane Dayton, Ohio 45414 Phone: 937/278-5885 David Jackson, Superintendent		Valley View Local Schools 59 Peffley Street Germantown, Ohio 45327 Phone: 937/855-6581 Sherry V. Parr, Superintendent	
<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mark Brumley	2013	Danny Dalton	2013
Sharon Gibson	2011	Tom Geglein	2011
Margie Glock	2013	Fred Gehron	2013
Margie Lairson	2011	Jenny Michael	2011
Dallas Mitchell	2011	Jesse Reed	2013

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Ohio Board of Education</u>	<u>Ohio Senate</u>	<u>Ohio House of Representatives</u>
Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.	Bill Beagle (R-5) Peggy Lehner (R-6)	Michael Henne (R-36) Clayton Luckie (D-39) Jim Butler (R-37) Roland Winburn (D-40) Terry Blair (R-38)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SOURCES OF INCOME – SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011

Federal Programs	\$ 3,108,748	8.82%
State Funds and Other	5,577,229	15.83%
General Fund		
Foundation Program	17,216,762	48.86%
Contracted Services	5,979,782	16.97%
Other	<u>3,354,740</u>	<u>9.52%</u>
Total Receipts	35,237,261	100.00%
Balance 7/1/10	<u>18,882,636</u>	
Total Receipts Plus Balance	<u>\$54,119,897</u>	

48.86%
Foundation Program

EXPENDITURES – SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011

<p>43.88% General Fund</p>	Federal Programs	\$2,750,694	7.55%
	State Funds and Other	5,949,690	16.34%
	General Fund:		
	Salaries	15,980,199	43.88%
	Benefits	5,009,067	13.75%
	Contracted Services	4,986,182	13.69%
	Supplies/Materials	277,242	.76%
	Capital Outlay	254,105	.70%
	Other/Advances/ Transfers	<u>1,208,575</u>	<u>3.33%</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$36,415,754</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

EXPERIENCED, DEDICATED EMPLOYEES NECESSARY FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

Experienced and dedicated employees are an important part of the Montgomery County Educational Service Center program.

The Montgomery County Governing Board of Education employed 345 people in 2010-2011, with 219 of them certificated in education. Certificated staff members averaged 15 years of experience in education. (Reported as of October 1, 2010.)

Of those certificated employees, 69 percent had a master's degree, and an additional 4 percent held a doctorate degree. The remainder (27%) held at least a bachelor's degree.

Staff members are encouraged to participate in additional training opportunities such as workshops, inservice programs, and seminars which apply to their particular area of expertise.

At various times throughout the year, the Montgomery County Educational Service Center Curriculum and Staff Development Office plans workshops dealing with current topics and issues in education. Local school district certificated personnel and teachers or administrators from other area school districts often attend these workshops.

Classified staff members have similar opportunities for participation in workshops which will help to maintain professionalism and update skills used in their jobs.

Certificated and classified employees provide services which support the educational process at the county level, in local school districts, and to other school districts in Montgomery and neighboring counties.

The objective of each employee at the Educational Service Center office is to provide the best services which affects quality education for the students, parents, and communities we serve.

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CLASSIFIED STAFF

Treasurer	1
Assistant Treasurer.....	1
Executive Director.....	1
Secretaries and Clerks	23
Family Consultant	1
Educational Assistants	58
MDECA.....	19
Attendance Officers.....	2
Supervisor	1
Interpreters.....	3
Truck Driver	1
PT Assistant.....	1
OT Assistant	1
City/County Cooperative.....	1
Computer Consultant	1
Coordinator of Technology.....	2
Building Operations Assistant.....	1
Maintenance Supervisor.....	1
Food Service	2
Custodian	5
Total	126

CERTIFICATED STAFF

Superintendent.....	1
Assistant Superintendents	3
Directors.....	2
Curriculum Supervisors.....	5
Attendance Officer	1
Speech Supervisors.....	1
Transition to Work Coords	3
Special Ed Supervisor	1
Special Ed Program Supervisors.....	4
Gifted/Talented Supervisors	2
Adjunct Coordinators of Gifted	5
Speech Therapists.....	12
Teachers ED and MD	42
Tutors.....	8
Occupational Therapists	42
Physical Therapists	22
Audiologists	2
Psychologists	4
Mobility Specialists	4
School Nurse	1
Vision Intervention Specialists	3
City/County Cooperative.....	11
Hearing Intervention Specialist	3
Academic Coaches	6
State Support Team	14
SOITA Certificated Staff	5
Coord., Virtual Comm. School.....	1
Autism/Low Incidence Consultant ..	1
Other Certificated Staff	10
Total	219

TOTAL STAFF STATISTICS: By Sex – Male 21%, Female 79%
By Race – White 93%, Non-White 7%
EXPERIENCE – 15 average years of experience in certificated staff

DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND PUPIL PERSONNEL

The curriculum department continues its ongoing effort to partner with teachers and administrators to bring up-to-date, meaningful academic standards and instruction into every classroom. The county staff delivers direct and indirect support for continuous improvement planning, best instructional practice, staff development, and assessment. Many new initiatives with significant impact are creating opportunities for change. The curriculum staff plays a major role in developing sustained capacity in each district in order to implement these initiatives.

- MCESC, in conjunction with Virtual Community Schools of Ohio, created an alternative program for Montgomery County students who are unable, for a variety of reasons, to participate in a traditional school setting. Over 360 students have been served as full time branching credit recovery dual credit summer school students since inception in 2005. VCS Ohio's online curriculum allows students to set their own schedule, work at their own pace, and access work twenty-four hours a day. VCS provides all computer equipment, internet access, and face-to-face tutoring at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, giving students an opportunity to earn a high school diploma.
- Professional development opportunities continued in support of our teachers and administrators. Some of these included:
 - ACT Quality Core Planning
 - Data Mapping
 - Resident Educator Training and Support
 - Marzano Workshops
 - Hands-On Equations Algebra
 - Building Background Knowledge and Vocabulary for Academic Achievement
 - Ohio Improvement Process
 - Master Teacher
 - Collaborative Structures to Enhance Teaching and Learning: Critical Friends
 - Model Curriculum Standards/Common Core Roll-Out
 - Inquiry in the Classroom
 - STEM Center Curriculum

(see our website at: www.mcesc.org for more information and teacher tools)

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REGION 10 STATE SUPPORT TEAM

Montgomery County Educational Service Center hosts regional school improvement services from the Ohio Department of Education. These services are designed to support schools and districts designated as school improvement under the No Child Left Behind guidelines. State Support Team (SST) Consultants work collaboratively with district, building, and teacher-based teams in order to address academic instructional needs. The SST Consultants provide intensive data analysis, strategic planning, implementation and monitoring of focused goals and strategies using the Ohio Improvement Process as a framework for change. In addition, Consultants provide targeted supports and interventions to districts in the area of state and federal special education compliance requirements. SST is charged with deployment of other ODE targeted initiatives designed to improve student achievement.

STEM INITIATIVE

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) has become a national and local challenge. State policy leaders, educators, and other stakeholders must rethink the design of our schools in order to ensure that all students are outfitted with appropriate technology and create relevant learning experiences both in and out of traditional classroom settings. Dayton Regional STEM Center (DRSC) coordinates an established network of regional institutions and professionals that provides rich opportunities for STEM education by training and supporting educators, designing curriculum aligned to the workforce needs, training school leaders at the district and building level, and supporting schools and program models committed to STEM teaching and learning.



University Physics Professor, Dr. Todd Smith, aids his STEM Fellow writing team in designing a compressed air vehicle similar to the one that students will engineer in classrooms implementing Dayton Regional STEM Center lesson: Evolution of Aircraft: Propellers to Scramjets.

The DRSC has created a STEM Fellows Model which has brought together the best and the brightest professionals in the region – a mix of preschool through high school teachers, higher education faculty and researchers, and practicing STEM industry professionals – to work in teams to align academic standards, curricula and assessments with the exceptions of college and work in key regional economic clusters: Agricultural Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Human Performance/Medicine, Advanced Manufacturing/Materials, Air Vehicles/Systems, Energy/Power and Propulsion, and Sensors. Since its inception three years ago, the DRSC has trained over 210 STEM Fellows, created 70 STEM units of instruction, trained over 850 teachers in curriculum and pedagogy, and trained 64 school leaders in STEM understanding and implementation.

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

The Office of Operations assists districts, both city and local, in Montgomery County and the MDECA service area by:

1. Providing up-to-date information pertinent to education.
2. Providing accountability for MCESC services.
3. Working collaboratively with school districts for best services at the lowest cost.
4. Communicating legislative updates.
5. Providing resources for school districts.
6. Providing leadership for financial and transportation issues.
7. Monitoring home schooling requests for local school districts.
8. Providing up-to-date information from ODE.
9. Providing maintenance schedule for properties owned by the Montgomery County ESC.
10. Sponsoring representative for Mound Street Academies.

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The Office of Operations provides oversight of the regional handicapped transportation system, technology support, building operations, and serves as a liaison between MDECA and the Montgomery County Governing Board.

METROPOLITAN DAYTON EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

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Metropolitan Dayton Educational Cooperative Association (MDECA) is the primary provider of high quality, cost effective solutions to area school districts for data management, electronic connectivity, and information access using emerging technologies. Software applications supported include payroll, accounting, equipment inventory, Student Information System (DASL), Library Automation, Electronic Gradebook with Parent Access, and Educational Management Information System (EMIS).

MDECA also provides LAN/WAN connectivity and management solutions to the public schools, community schools, and non-public schools in the surrounding four counties, representing an excess of 110,000 students. MDECA serves as the host for the connectivity of the instructional buildings providing e-mail, Internet and filtering capabilities, and video conferencing.

MCESC REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

MCESC Regional Transportation provides services to challenged students in the six-county region (Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and Preble) who are placed in educational programs outside of their resident school district. In the 2010-2011 school year, eight bus routes carried 93 students. Each MCESC bus is staffed with well-qualified drivers and aides who are certified in CPR/First Aid. Drivers and bus aides are required to attend annual training seminars which cover transportation of students with special needs, CPI training pupil management, defensive driving, and many other aspects of transportation safety.

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The Montgomery County ESC Technology Department provides purchasing advice, installation, and support services for approximately six hundred pieces of computer equipment and the associated internal networks that supply them with data from the outside world. The technology department provides services to users ranging from selecting appropriate hardware and software, ensuring that daily data backups and logs are running correctly, and answering desktop user questions.

Supported sites are Special Programs Learning Center classrooms and various leased classrooms located within Montgomery County, the Administration Building, the Miami Valley Regional Center, which is also supported by Jon Elzey a software specialist, and the Regional Transportation department.

OFFICE OF STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Office of Student Programs provides a variety of educational programs to prepare students to meet academic, social, cultural, civic, and employment needs. Each student's educational program is designed to provide skills that will lead these children towards independence as adults. The program for students with multiple disabilities had 140 students in twenty classrooms. The program for students with emotional disabilities had 105 students in fifteen classrooms. Five tutors worked with students in the Youth Partial Hospitalization Program. One tutor worked with students in the Youth Empowerment Program. One tutor worked at the ARCH Program with students having issues with drugs and/or alcohol consumption. One tutor worked with students at the KBMC Mental Health Program. One teacher worked with students at the Center for Adolescent Services, a juvenile detention facility.

Student community activities included several experiences with fine art activities as well as volunteer work activities at many sites. High school MD students participated in a talent show. Such educational field trips help students to learn the proper behaviors in social settings. Highlights of the year included the annual MD prom, MD graduation, and the ED eighth grade graduation.



*Students in a class at the
Montgomery County Learning Center
on Wilmington Pike.*

Transition to Work services focused on community training locations including retail stores, restaurants, hospitals, and service companies. Emphasis was placed on developing the skills necessary for the workplace and independent living.

The Preschool Program for students with hearing impairments, located in Kettering, is unique. The program emphasizes teaching verbal communication and accepts students who demonstrate the desire and ability to develop spoken language.

This year the Autism Low Incidence Coaching Team (ACT) was initiated. It consisted of a team of three: an instructional specialist, a communication specialist, and an occupational therapist. After receiving a written referral, the team would observe a student in his/her classroom and study relevant information regarding a student. A plan was then developed to help the student be more successful. The classroom staff was trained to implement the plan. One hundred thirty students in twenty-six districts received the service this first year. There were excellent student outcomes and feedback from staff and parents.

2010-2011 COUNTY OPERATED PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Program	Total	Female	%	Male	%	White	%	Non-White	%
MD	140	36	26	104	74	87	62	53	38
ED	105	18	17	87	83	82	78	23	22
Hearing Impaired	4	0	0	4	100	2	50	2	50
Totals	249	54	22	195	78	171	69	78	31

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GIFTED SERVICES

Our two gifted coordinators work primarily with the six local districts: Brookville, Jefferson Township, Mad River, New Lebanon, Northridge, and Valley View. They provide gifted services that include the following:

- Help with testing and identification.
- Curriculum design and teaching strategies for gifted and regular education teachers.
- Professional development opportunities, including inservices with district gifted and regular education teachers as well as larger workshops open to all schools in the county.
- Consultation with gifted teachers, parents, and students.
- Provide leadership training and opportunities for students.
- Assistance with planning and attending field trips and college visits.
- Special parent workshops.
- Model lessons with gifted classes and regular classroom teachers.
- Enrichment opportunities for gifted students.
- Information about competitions and participation in special programs and summer opportunities for gifted children.
- Outdoor education camp for gifted students in grades four, five, and six.
- Informing school districts of legislation pertaining to education of gifted students in Ohio.

In addition to the above services, the gifted coordinators mentored the middle and primary gifted students at the Trotwood-Madison City School District.

If you have questions regarding gifted education and/or services provided by our gifted coordinators, please send an e-mail to Judith Mack at judy.mack@mcesc.org or call 937/225-4603, extension 3006 or 3003.

SPEECH SUPERVISION

The speech supervisor consults with speech pathologists in the Montgomery County area. The supervisor ensures that our region receives high quality, best practice service by providing compliance consultation, theory, evaluation, and diagnostic/treatment support.

If you have questions regarding speech supervision and/or services provided by our speech supervisor, please send an e-mail to Zelene Minnich at zelene.minnich@mcesc.org or call 937/225-4603, extension 3043.

MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL CENTER

The State Support Team Region 10 includes Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and Preble counties and encompasses fifty-six school districts, six county boards of MR/DD, six educational service centers, colleges/universities, four joint vocational school districts, and anyone working with individuals who have disabilities, ages birth through twenty-one.

The purpose of the Regional Center is to assist school districts in providing those programs and services to children with disabilities that can be offered more effectively and/or efficiently on a multi-district basis.

The services available at the Regional Center encompass many different areas.

The Regional Center can assist with the identification of youngsters in need of special education and the development of programs to meet these needs. After children are identified as needing services, many highly trained professional people that make up the Regional Center staff are ready to serve schools, families, and children.

The **Educational Assessment Team** assists school districts in completing multi-factored evaluations for children ages 3-22 who present unique challenges for the district's own assessment team. Professionals on the team have specialized training in audiology, low vision, augmentative communication/assistive technology, occupational/physical therapy, speech and language, school psychology, and autism spectrum disorder evaluation. The Regional Center Assessment Team also provides Independent Educational Evaluation and second opinion evaluation options to eligible districts. Additionally, the team is able to provide consultation and technical assistance to districts on a variety of topics including model policy and procedures, best practice initiatives, IDEIA standards, new assessment instruments, etc.

In the area of Early Care and Education for children three to school age, the **Early Childhood Services Coordinator** provides assistance in interpretation of preschool rules, assessment, developmentally appropriate practice, and transition activities prior to age three and into school age programs.

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Professional development for professionals, parents, and caregivers is provided in our region on a variety of topics. These range from Autism, ADA and Child Care, Curriculum Content Standards, Math Tool Kit, Language and Literacy, etc.

Coordination of regional initiatives through the State Department of Early Childhood and updated information are also an integral part of the Early Childhood Services Project.

**For additional information, contact:
Don Sheer, Assistant Superintendent, at 937/236-9965.**



Hallie Greenfield, Orientation and Mobility Specialist, providing services to a student.

Vision Intervention services are provided to school districts in a ten-county region serving children with visual/hearing impairments and students with multi-disabilities to assist them in their educational placement and program activities.

Orientation and Mobility is a service provided for schools in a ten-county region serving children with visual impairments and students with multi-disabilities to assist them in gaining skills that allow them to move independently around their schools and communities.

Hearing Intervention Services provides educational services to students with hearing loss in nine counties. They also work with IEP and teaching teams to provide appropriate educational services for deaf and hard of hearing students in a wide variety of placements.

Our **Family Consultant** provides technical assistance and information to professionals and parents in the six-county region. The Family Consultant coordinates the activities of the Parent Advisory Council and provides inservice training to professionals and parents.

For additional information, contact: Pat Gay at 937/236-9965.

The **Occupational/Physical Therapy Services Cooperative** provides educationally oriented services to more than sixty districts in five counties. The Cooperative has sixty-four fully licensed therapists providing a full range of OT/PT services to students with disabilities. All therapists utilize an integrated and school based philosophy and approach. The department provides evaluation and consultation for students that have been identified as educationally “at risk.” Staff address modifications/accommodations, assistive technology, fine and gross motor issues, educationally relevant sensory and behavioral concerns, and equipment needs. The group places a strong emphasis on teacher support to enable them to implement therapy activities into classroom learning strategies.

The Cooperative has hosted several workshops this year. These workshops serve to train teachers, therapists, or both. During this past year, we continued to fulfill the department's mission statement: As valuable members of the educational team, we facilitate each student's unique potential, thereby enhancing his or her ability to meet life's challenges.

**For additional information, contact:
Cheryl VanHoose at 937/236-9965.**



*Cheryl VanHoose, OT/PT Coordinator,
training university PT students.*

The Mentoring Collaborative of Montgomery County serves to network all agencies providing mentoring services for youth and to train and certify both the agencies and individual mentors within our partner agencies. The Mentoring Collaborative works in conjunction with the Montgomery County Educational Service Center and the Montgomery County Family and Children First Council.

The Mentoring Collaborative provides training services for agencies that connect mentors with at-risk kids. Whether you are looking to become a certified agency or looking to join one of our partners as a trained mentor, The Mentoring Collaborative provides all of the resources you will need to effectively make a difference in a child's life. We provide:


- ✓ Training of Partner Agencies, Mentors and Mentees
- ✓ Background Checks
- ✓ Enhanced Technical Support
- ✓ Marketing of "Mentoring" Brand
- ✓ Mentoring Recruitment Support Plan for Partner Agencies



**For additional information, contact:
Mark Baker or Kimberlee Gambrell at 937/236-9965.**



*Mark Baker, Jane McEwen,
Kim Gambrell*

 **ReadySetSoar** is a public/private partnership of early childhood professionals, community and business leaders who are committed to improving the quality of early care and education for all children in the Miami Valley to help make every child school ready.

Program Objectives:

- Create and sustain quality early learning environments
- Advance the early childhood profession
- Support families in their children's healthy development
- Maximize investments in quality programs



*Jenna Harmon, Graduate Student Assistant,
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Ritika Kurup, Program Manager*

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The **Regional Center Library**, sponsored by the Montgomery County Educational Service Center, operates a lending library of professional resources and instructional materials available for loan to stakeholders in our six-county region. Additionally, we offer disability awareness programs (Kids on the Block and Everybody Counts) and some instructional materials development services, such as Board Maker software and laminating services.



*Stephanie Comperry, Parent
Advisory Council Parent,
Linda Swafford, Librarian*

The 2010-2011 school year saw the creation of the **Autism and Low Incidence Coaching Team (ACT)**, a team of three specialists who are available to serve school districts in the six counties in Region 10: Greene, Darke, Clark, Miami, Montgomery, and Preble. The ACT team is coordinated by Lisa Combs, and is comprised of an instructional/behavioral specialist (Ms. Combs), a communication/assistive technology specialist (Carol Dittoe), and a sensory/motor specialist (Dr. Susan Aebker). The ACT service model takes a four-pronged approach to building the capacity of professionals to serve the needs of children with autism and other low incidence disabilities. The first prong of service available is Onsite, Intensive Coaching. This service level involves onsite observation of the student and includes comprehensive recommendations for instructional, communication and sensory supports, including resources, training, demonstration, and troubleshooting. The second prong of service is Remote Supports, including web based training, information delivery, consultation and support and includes video consultation using Flip Video Cameras, ongoing information delivery and question/answer support through wikis, online book studies for university credit, and live internet chat options. The third prong of the ACT model is the Community of Practice, which provides online learning opportunities to develop targeted skills for specific students with Autism or Low Incidence Disabilities. Sessions in the 2010-11 school year have focused on such topics as Boardmaker, Intellitools, SticKids Sensory Program, The Alert Program, the Ziggurat Model, and ProLoQuo 2 Go. The fourth prong of the ACT model is a demonstration classroom that is being developed at the Kettering Learning Center West, for the purpose of observation and demonstration of best practices and collaboration with area universities. The ACT program had a very robust 2010-2011 school year, serving the educational teams of 130 students in 26 districts among the six counties served by the MCESC.



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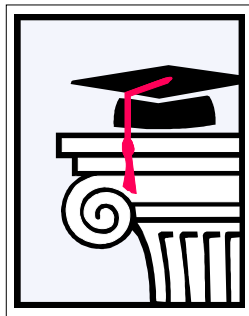
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