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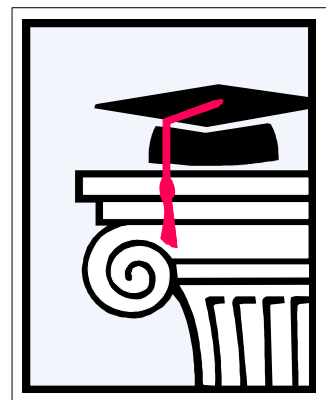


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with Ohio Revised Code 3319.94 to provide a progress report
of the Montgomery County Educational Service Center's achievements
in meeting its goals. This Annual Report covers the period
of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.*

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 2008-09 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	152
Multiple Disabilities	168
Preschool	5
Includes Individual/Group Mental Health for 160 Students	
Center for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction	46
Students are Court Placed; Schools Pay for Tutoring	
Kettering Behavioral Medicine Center	139
Kettering Hospital Based Mental Health Program; Schools Pay for Tutoring	
Youth Empowerment Program	16
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	
Occupational Therapy	1,950
Occupational Therapists Travel to Students	
Physical Therapy	835
Physical Therapists Travel to Students	

The MCESC is involved in many other Ohio Department of Education sponsored initiatives and grants. While very successful during the 2008-09 school year, the following statewide initiatives will be discontinued due to Ohio's financial crisis.

Praxis III. This program was designed to evaluate new entry level teachers who initially were awarded a two-year teaching license. During the 2008-09 school year, over 600 new teachers in six counties were assigned veteran mentor teachers and received formal classroom visitations by trained Praxis III assessors for evaluations. Entry year level teachers had to obtain a "passing" rating from the assessor as well as pass a written Praxis III exam. The Ohio Department of Education has replaced this program, and the MCESC is a partner in designing the new four-year residency teacher entry level program.

Dual Credit. Through a special grant from Ohio, the MCESC involved three higher education institutions - Clark State Community College, Sinclair Community College, and Miami University/Middletown - with sixteen different school districts to allow high school students earn both high school and college credit for math and science courses. During the 2008-09 school year, 858 students from 19 high school earned 3,779 quarter hours of college credit.

OCALP. The MCESC partnered with Wright State University and the University of Dayton to provide an alternate path for scientists and engineers to earn high school teaching licenses. Forty-eight candidates entered the accelerated program, and forty-one completed the coursework which was paid by the grant. As of this writing, eight have been employed in a very tight job market.

MCESC continued to strengthen traditional services to its member districts while exploring new initiatives to expand into other needed services. I thank the MCESC staff for their dedicated service.



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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.



Robert L. Bell



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> Robert L. Bell Gary M. Roberts Greg S. Shell Terry L. Smith Joy Weaver	<u>Home District</u> Northridge Brookville Valley View New Lebanon Jefferson Township	<u>Term Expires</u> Dec. 31, 2011 Dec. 31, 2009 Dec. 31, 2011 Dec. 31, 2009 Dec. 31, 2009
Frank DePalma, Superintendent			

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Brookville Local Schools 325 Simmons Street Brookville, Ohio 45309 Phone: 937/833-2181 Timothy L. Hopkins, Superintendent		Jefferson Township Local Schools 2625 South Union Road Dayton, Ohio 45418 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	Dr. Vilma Helms	2011
Judy Hoover	2009	Johnnie M. Kimberlin	2009
David Kindell	2009	Robin Mobley	2011
Rick Phillips	2011	Rose Slaughter	2009
Scott Rutherford	2011	Damon Woods	2009
Mad River Local Schools 801 Old Harshman Road Dayton, Ohio 45431 Phone: 937/259-6606 Michael Eaglowski, 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	Denny Blevins	2009
Kenneth Davenport	2009	David Falldorf	2009
Scott Huddle	2011	Daryl Michael	2011
Cristina Pickle	2009	Adam Pietrzak	2011
Marilyn Steiner	2009	David Woodgeard	2009
Northridge Local Schools 2011 Timber Lane Dayton, Ohio 45414 Phone: 937/278-5885 Tod M. Perez, Superintendent		Valley View Local Schools 64 Comstock 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>
Sharon Gibson	2011	Kim Dupps	2009
Margie Glock	2009	Tom Geglein	2011
Margie Lairson	2011	Fred Gehron	2009
Dallas Mitchell	2011	Jenny Michael	2011
Malia Rogers	2009	Julie Newell	2009

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Ohio Board of Education</u>	<u>Ohio Senate</u>	<u>Ohio House of Representatives</u>
Susan M. Haverkos	Tom Roberts (D-5) John Husted (R-6)	Seth Morgan (R-36) Clayton Luckie (D-39) Peggy Lehner (R-37) Roland Winburn (D-40) Terry Blair (R-38)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SOURCES OF INCOME – SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009

Federal Programs	\$ 2,475,552	6.59%	
State Funds and Other	7,293,621	19.43%	
Foundation Program	17,363,715	46.24%	
Contracted Services	8,198,808	21.83%	
Other	<u>2,217,899</u>	<u>5.91%</u>	
Total Receipts	37,549,595	100.00%	
Balance 7/1/08	<u>17,934,454</u>		
Total Receipts Plus Balance	<u>\$55,484,049</u>		

EXPENDITURES – SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009

	Federal Programs	\$2,424,976	6.78%
	State Funds and Other	8,577,531	23.99%
	General Fund		
	Administration, Special Instruction and Support Services	14,930,609	41.76%
	Fixed Charges	4,598,034	12.86%
	Supplies and Materials	216,041	.61%
	Contracted Services	3,102,615	8.68%
	Capital Outlay/Other	<u>1,902,056</u>	<u>5.32%</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$35,751,862</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 358 people in 2008-2009, with 227 of them certificated in education. Certificated staff members averaged 12.4 years of experience in education. (Reported as of October 1, 2008.)

Of those certificated employees, 70 percent had a master's degree, and an additional 3 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 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	24
Family Consultant	1
Educational Assistants	62
MDECA	19
Attendance Officers	2
Supervisor	2
Interpreters	2
Truck Driver	1
PT Assistant	1
OT Assistant	1
City/County Cooperative	1
Computer Consultant	1
Coordinator of Technology	1
Building Operations Assistant ..	1
Maintenance Supervisor	1
Food Service	2
Custodian	5
SOITA Classified Staff	1
Total	131

CERTIFICATED STAFF

Superintendent	1
Assistant Superintendents	4
Directors	2
Curriculum Supervisors	6
Attendance Officer	1
Speech Supervisors	1
Transition to Work Coords	3
CD/SLD Supervisors	1
Gifted/Talented Supervisors	2
Speech Therapists	15
Teachers ED and MD	44
Tutors	8
Occupational Therapists	39
Physical Therapists	21
Audiologists	2
Psychologists	2
Mobility Specialists	4
School Nurse	1
Vision Intervention Specialist	3
City/County Cooperative	14
Hearing Intervention Specialist ..	3
Academic Coaches	7
State Support Team	17
SOITA Certificated Staff	5
Other Certificated Staff	21
Total	227

TOTAL STAFF STATISTICS:	By Sex – Male 20%, Female 80%
	By Race – White 91%, Non-White 9%
EXPERIENCE – 12.4 average years of experience in certificated staff	

DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND PUPIL PERSONNEL



A STEM Fellow training educators on STEM curriculum.

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. With the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act, 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 270 students have been served since inception in 2005.
- The Montgomery County ESC was awarded two K-8 STEM Excellence grants totaling over \$750,000 to provide world class professional development to the following districts: Brookville, Dayton, Jefferson Township, New Lebanon, Northridge, Oakwood, and Valley View. Our partners in higher education, K-12 districts, business and industry, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB), Air Force Research Laboratories (AFRL), and the West Ohio Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education (*WeEXCEL*) provide a strong foundation for the improvement of STEM education as a critical component of economic development. **The Dayton region represents the key economic clusters in business, research, and industry and is a “proof of concept” site for economic renewal through STEM.** The Dayton Regional STEM Center (DRSC), originally funded by the National Governor’s Association and supported by MCESC, serves as the organizational interface for partners of business and industry, WPAFB, higher education, and K-12 schools to envision and enact innovations in STEM education. A shared vision of STEM education grounded in real world applications of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and aligned with areas of industry and business growth guides the partners’ proposal for establishing models of Programs of Excellence. Preparing students for a global economy requires challenging learning experiences in not only the content and processes of science, math, and engineering, but also in interdisciplinary contexts that develop the cognitive skills, social skills, and personal traits needed for work success.

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- Professional development opportunities continued in support of our teachers and administrators. Some of these included:

- Data Teams
- Hands On Algebra
- Professional Learning Communities
- Spanish for Educators
- Effective Grading Practices
- STEM Institute for School Leaders
- Inquiry in the Classroom
- Ohio Improvement Process

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



*Norma Howell,
Curriculum Coordinator,
STEM Resource Center*

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. Three regional coaches and numerous building coaches work with administrators and district leaders in order to address academic and instructional needs by providing intensive professional development, data analysis focused on the Ohio Improvement Process, and other initiatives targeted to improve student achievement.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM SUPERVISION

The special education curriculum supervisor is actively involved with curriculum initiatives, in addition to her unique role as supervisor for programs for disabled children. This supervisor provides legal support, staff development, and instructional consultation to assist teachers and administrators in meeting program requirements.

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. 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: Human Performance/Medicine, Advanced Manufacturing/Materials, Air Vehicles/Systems, Energy/Power and Propulsion, and Sensors. Since its inception two years ago, the DRSC has trained over 100 STEM Fellows, created 70 STEM units of instruction, trained over 515 teachers in curriculum and pedagogy, and trained 64 school leaders in STEM understanding and implementation.

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.

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

SPEECH SUPERVISION

The speech supervisor consults with speech pathologists in three counties. The supervisor ensures that our region receives high quality, best practice service by providing legal consultation, theory, evaluation, and diagnostic/treatment support.

*Montgomery County
administrators
at the Annual Retreat.*



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, city/county contract agreements, and serves as a liaison between MDECA and the Montgomery County Governing Board.

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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 2008-2009 school year, ten bus routes carried 133 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.

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.



*Hallie Greenfield conducting
a vision test on a student.*

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.**



One of the many training opportunities offered at the Regional Center.

Vision/Hearing Intervention services are provided to school districts in the six-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 the six-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. 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 fifty-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.

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.



EDvention, a collaborative organization dedicated to accelerating talent development throughout the education pipeline to grow the Dayton region, has brought together business, economic development, education, military, public sector, and civic leaders in a focused effort to systematically improve STEM education in the Dayton region.

As a collaborative organization, EDvention has led numerous STEM development activities in the region, helping to create an all-important STEM infrastructure that will be critical to realizing the region's vision for transforming and supporting STEM education to enhance economic development and expand economic opportunity.

In June 2007, EDvention galvanized area partners through a STEM Education Summit designed to establish a comprehensive regional action framework to develop STEM talent and build an effective P-20 education pipeline. The organization also has served as a catalyst for action by leveraging existing resources across partner institutions, helping launch the Dayton Regional STEM Center, assist in earning a designation to create the Dayton Regional STEM School, and a number of other significant strategic efforts across the region.

For additional information, contact: Margy Stevens at 937/225-4598.

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.

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



*Linda Swafford working with
a patron in the library.*

The Regional Center staff of 95 people is ready to serve the needs of our six-county region. A call to 937/236-9965 can connect anyone to the most diverse collection of highly qualified professionals to meet special education needs in the region.

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 143 students (123 F.T.E.) in twenty classrooms. The program for students with emotional disabilities had 120 students in seventeen classrooms. Five tutors worked with students in the Youth Partial Hospitalization Program/Individual Out-Patient Program. One tutor worked with adolescent students in a program for children having problems with drugs and/or alcohol consumption. One tutor worked with students in a Residential Mental Health Program entitled KBMC. One teacher worked with students at the Center for Adolescent Services, a juvenile detention facility. One tutor worked with students in the Youth Empowerment Program.

The Preschool Program for students with hearing impairments is unique. The program emphasizes teaching verbal communication and focuses on students who demonstrate the desire and ability to develop spoken language.

Student community activities included several experiences in the field of fine arts. Students also participated in a talent show and competed in basketball games. These educational field trips help students to learn the proper behaviors in social settings. Highlights of the year included the annual MD prom, the MD graduation and the annual field day.



*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.

2007-2008 COUNTY OPERATED PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Program	Total	Female	%	Male	%	White	%	Non-White	%
MD	145	35	24	110	76	101	70	44	30
ED	110	20	18	90	82	74	67	36	33
Hearing Impaired	4	2	50	2	50	4	100	0	0
Totals	259	57		202		179		80	

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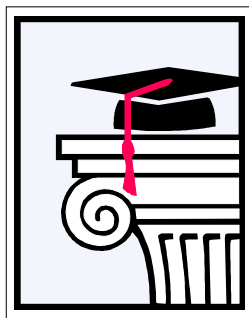
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