# PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE

2022-2023 Report



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# **OUR MISSION**

The ESCEO is committed to the individualized success for all children through high-quality, shared services that are tailored, innovative, and cost effective for our partners.

# **OUR BOARD**



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# YOUR PARTNER FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

### **PUPIL SERVICES**

#### **MULTIPLE DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

13 K-12 MD classrooms

#### **EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

Academic Instruction & Behavior Intervention

#### **RELATED SERVICES**

School Psychology
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech and Language Therapy

#### TRANSITION-TO-WORK PROGRAM

Post-Secondary Job & Life Skills Services

#### **TEACHER AND STAFF SUPPORT**

Prevention & Social-Emotional Well-being Professional Development

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

#### **PRESCHOOL**

Services children age 3-5

#### **HOME VISITATION & NURSE VISITATION**

Help Me Grow services for expectant mothers and for children up to age 3 Nurse-Family Partnership visitation for mothers-to-be and for children up to age 2

## **CAREER SERVICES**

#### **CAREER COUNSELING**

Job Shadowing Experiences

Career Exploration Courses

Student Lunch and Learns

Summer Job Recruitment

Career Signing Days

Senior Giveaway Event

**Consulting Services** 

Pre-Apprenticeships

Industry-Recognized Credentials

Career Pathways

#### **BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

More than 20 Active Business Partners

Over 25 Aligned Districts

Create School/Business Collaboration

Highlight Local Career Opportunities

#### **GRANTS**

Straight A

Expanding the Opportunities for Each Child

Title II

RemotFDx

Innovative Workforce Incentive Program

Department of Youth Services Title II Continuation

Grant

Continually pursuing new grant opportunities to support our services and increase our impact

## **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Staffing for Districts

Recruitment

Retention

Pre-employment Requirements

Employee Onboarding
Substitute Management
Pre-employment Assessments

### **TEACHING & LEARNING**

#### **TEACHER AND STUDENT SUPPORTS**

Waiver Day Planning & Implementation

Curriculum Implementation Support

Customized Professional Development

Remote Learning Support

Innovation & Educational Technology Training

School Counselor Network

Value Added Support

Regional Data Lead Support

STEM Related Support

Mahoning Valley School Support Network (MVSSN)

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE NETWORKING & SUPPORT**

Administrative Impact Meetings

Assistant Principal Meetings

Gifted Contact Meetings

Graduation Roundtables

#### **ODE COMPLIANCE**

OTES, OPES, OSCES Training and Credentialing

Licensed Gifted Coordinator

Resident Educator Program and Trainer

PBIS State Training and Implementation

English Learner Program and Supports

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING SUPPORT**

Digital Marketing Strategy

**Engagement Strategy** 

Graphic Design

Media Relations and Crisis Management

Mobile App Creation and Maintenance

Newsletters and Annual Reports

Social Media Strategy, Development, and Maintenance

Video Production

Website Creation and Maintenance

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

#### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Superintendent Support Meetings

Fiscal Support Meetings

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

#### **SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEWS**

Service Plan Evaluations

Data Analysis

## **FISCAL SERVICES**

#### SUPPORT SERVICES

Interim Treasurer

Treasurer/CFO searches

Grants Management/CCIP services

## **TECHNOLOGY**

#### TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Purchasing Recommendations

Project Implementation

#### SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE

**End-User Support & Training** 





FY19 in typology group of 9









Ranking information obtained from OESCA and the State Auditor's Operational Study FY19 ESCEO was formerly MCESC. Rankings listed for MCESC.



9th
out of
DISTRICTS
SERVED

# **ESC OF EASTERN OHIO**

by the Numbers 2021-2022\*

# **SUPPORTING DISTRICT STAFF**



270+

available through ESCEO professional development sessions

7,500+
substitute positions





160+

hours of direct

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT** 

provided through ESCEO Teaching & Learning

# **SERVING LOCAL STUDENTS**



more than **500**PRE-K STUDENTS



enrolled in ESCEO preschool classrooms



73,000+
days of special education and related services provided to students

\*information from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

**GRANT FUNDING** 

& SUPPORT fueling ESCEO services and initiatives in 2022-2023

\$2,459,042 EXTENDED LEARNING GRANT

award to expand teaching and learning support, prevention initiatives, career guidance and achievement data collection

2 YEAR AWARD



to support literacy learning recovery and acceleration efforts 2 YEAR AWARD



\$39,073
ESC CAPACITY-BUILDING AND STRUCTURED LITERACY

GRANT FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

building the capacity of ESCEO to support evidence-based language and literacy instruction 3 YEAR AWARD

\$220,833 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER LIAISON GRANT to expand our prevention and wellness services | 2 YEAR AWARD



Creation and expansion of our **BUILDING TRADES PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM** is funded through

VF WORKFORCF **INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT** 

2 YEAR AWARD



Providing alternative pathways to graduation to high school students in at-risk districts in the Mahoning Valley through

AMPLIFYING OHIO'S PATHWAYS TO **GRADUATION GRANT** 

in partnership with the YSU Division of Workforce Education and Innovation 2 YEAR AWARD

Our team continually monitors available funding that is applicable to our services and can further support the missions and goals of our member districts.

We apply energy toward funding opportunities that promise to be impactful for the educators, students and districts we serve.

# TEACHING & LEARNING

### **HIGH-QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Assessment Literacy & High Quality Student Data Bridges, Everyday Math, Investigations Support Content Specific PD for Specialists
Communicating Content Knowledge K-12
CPM, Carnegie Ongoing Math Support
Design Thinking and Genius Hour for teachers
Dyslexia Guidebook Network
Engagement by Design Support
English Learner Virtual Professional Development
Google Certification Training
Google Suite Teacher, Administrator, and Secretary Support
Graduation Unpacking and Action Planning
Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Training
Innovation and EdTech Integration Support
K-12 ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies Networks

K-3 Literacy Implementation and Work Sessions
Local Literacy Plan Revision Support
Making Progress Visible for Administrators
Mahoning Valley School Support Network
Ohio Teacher Leader Network
Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement Support
OLI4 District Wide Continuous Improvement
Online and Blended Learning Support
OTES 2.0 HQSD, Rubric, Growth Plans
Prepared for Success and the ACT - ELA and Math
Problem Based Learning for Teachers
Reading Improvement Plan Writing and Monitoring
Social Emotional Learning and Collaborative Studies
Teacher Clarity Guided Training
Workshop Model Lesson Design

### **GIFTED HQPD TRAINING**

Addressing and Improving Your Gifted Indicator HQPD Best Practices for Gifted Learners HQPD District Gifted Contact Meetings Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted HQPD Online Gifted Modules for General Education Teachers Written Education Plan Goal Writing HQPD Written Education Plan Progress Reporting HQPD Workshop Model Lesson Design HQPD

# 11½ HOURS OF ASYNCHRONOUS GIFTED HQPD Available to teachers in aligned districts through Google Classroom

New gifted modules from the T&L team enable teachers to meet the HQPD requirements on their schedules. Utilizing the work of Todd Stanley, known as The Gifted Guy, modules combine video content and an application assignment to strengthen teachers' understanding.

### **GIFTED COORDINATOR SERVICES**

Ensure services, policies and plans are equitable and compliant

Manage identification process and paperwork Collect data to complete ODE Self-Report Organize and submit EMIS data to district personnel Develop and provide Gifted HQPD in district/ESCEO Facilitate acceleration & placement meetings Model and support WEP goal writing & WAP plans Conduct Visual & Performing Arts Assessment (x2/yr) Present ODE updates to teachers and administration Gifted Vendor Assessment Virtual Conference

## STATE INITIATIVE SUPPORT

Dyslexia Law Implementation and Supports OTES 2.0, OPES 2.0, OSCES State Trainers Resident Educator Programming Mentor Training Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA) Support Master Teacher Help Sessions Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS) Regional Data Lead Focused Support Value Added Analysis and Interpretation Roster Verification Work Sessions

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NETWORKING**

Assistant Principal Network Meetings Administrative Impact Meetings School Counselor Network Meetings Gifted Contact Network Meetings Literacy Coaches Network Math Coaches Network

# TEACHING & LEARNING HIGH-QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR ALL STAFF

Our team provides engaging professional development for educators, administrators, and district staff across all age levels. The extensive experience throughout all content areas brings fresh and relevant learning opportunities to educators across your district.

#### **OUR TEAM**

The Teaching & Learning team consists of twelve seasoned educators with a deep understanding of the classroom, the latest knowledge of compliance initiatives, and new, innovative approaches to best impact students.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

The Teaching & Learning team constantly provides fresh and innovative learning opportunities for our members. Each quarter we release a comprehensive book featuring dozens of professional learning experiences available at no cost to our members!

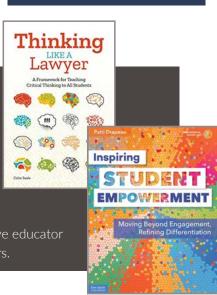
Our team has secured funding to expand upon our popular book study opportunities, providing keynote addresses from some of the most impactful individuals contributing to education theory and practice.

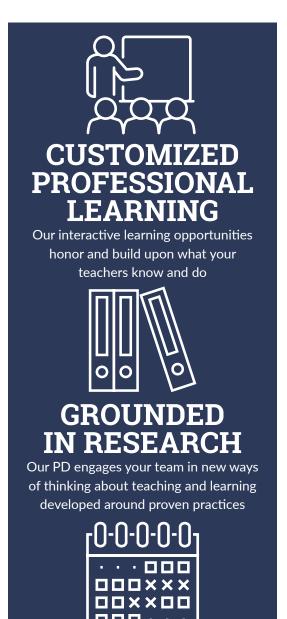
#### **BOOK STUDIES**

Our team offers in-depth explorations of texts featuring powerful tools and innovative approaches to inspire educators as they continually adapt and improve their methods.

These book studies provide extensive educator growth while obtaining contact hours.







**ON YOUR** 

**SCHEDULE** 

Our team is equipped to deliver at opening days, waiver days, early release,

late starts, grade level planning,

or staff meetings

# TEACHING & LEARNING ODE COMPLIANCE INITIATIVES

#### OTES 2.0 AND OPES 2.0 TRAINING AND CREDENTIALING

- Provide both Bridge Training and New Evaluator Training at no charge
- Offer blended delivery options for our member districts
- Facilitate on-site training sessions on OhioES (online educator evaluation system) for administrators and teachers to collect and store resources used to determine educator performance based on statedefined rubric
- Provide on-site implementation and rollout planning for OTES 2.0
- Plan and deliver OTES 2.0 Overviews for Educators to bring awareness to the shifts in OTES 2.0

#### LICENSED GIFTED COORDINATION

- Ensure district compliance per Ohio's Gifted Operating Standards
- Provide guidance and support for district gifted services
- Offers Visual and Performing Arts Assessment two times a year per ODE Gifted Operating Standards
- Provide Teacher High Quality Professional Development to general education teachers working with gifted students
- Work to collect and submit EMIS data to district EMIS contact

#### **RESIDENT EDUCATOR (RE) PROGRAM AND MENTOR TRAINING**

- Provide support and training to district Resident Educator programming
- Facilitate district program coordinator meetings, providing updates and specific training
- Develop and provide adaptable materials and resources for districts
- Assume role of facilitators for district teachers completing RESA task(s)

#### PBIS STATE TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Provide training to assist with developing building and/or district-level PBIS team(s), establishing school-wide behavior expectations, and creating a plan to teach behavior expectations to all stakeholders
- Provide on-site coaching visits to district teams
- Supports implementation of PBIS framework as required by HB 318

#### **ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM AND SUPPORTS**

- Offer a consortium to support school districts and community schools with Title III English learner (EL) allocations of less than \$10,000
- Provide member network curriculum support and professional development

#### **ROSTER VERIFICATION**

- School Set-Up training sessions for administrators to provide updates and process review
- Teacher Roster Verification sessions for administrators to provide updates and process review
- Provide on-site administrative support for review and approval



# TEACHING & LEARNING DYSLEXIA SUPPORT & RESOURCES

#### ANNUAL DYSLEXIA SCREENINGS

- Assist in the development of decisions rules for districts (create and share an example that can be adapted by districts)
- Develop timeline for districts to ensure compliance
- Support your district's curriculum selection process (utilize the curriculum evaluation from Reading League)

#### STUDENT PROGRESS MONITORING

- Assist districts in identifying at risk students and deciding on course of action (directly move to Tier 2 screener OR intervene for 6 weeks and check for growth)
- Review individual student data alongside the district's multidisciplinary team at the end of the 6 week period
- Invite districts to meet with vendors at the ESC. Provides districts the ability to learn more about the resources available for Tier 2 intervention instruction. (Fall 2022)

#### PARENT REPORTING

- Ensure districts are familiar and have access to ODE sample documents and resources
- Include reporting obligations within district decision rules

#### **TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

- Support the surveying of district staff
- Create a sample survey to determine who has training in your district as well as determining training the teachers would like to attend.
- Provide contact information and details for approved certification programs
- Develop a sample process for districts based on the Ohio Dyslexia Guidebook.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT

- Provides facilitators of ODE professional development modules
- Provide facilitator training in LETRS
- Provide Train the Facilitator training for Keys to Beginning Reading
- Support multidisciplinary teams through completion of a certification process in structured literacy



# TEACHING & LEARNING TEACHER & STUDENT SUPPORTS

#### STANDARDS ALIGNMENT & IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

- Design and implement content specific professional learning aligned to district vision and needs
- The T&L team is equipped to lead both horizontal and vertical alignment conversations in district
- Standards deconstruction, curriculum mapping, pacing guide development are just some ways we provide support

#### **DATA INTERPRETATION AND ANALYSIS**

- Allows school leaders to increase student achievement and learning
- Provide a custom analysis of your available data, capturing observations and creating data statements to present to your administrative team
- Data may include: Local Report Card data, Value-Added, local assessment data, diagnostic data, benchmark data, available perception data

#### **INNOVATION & EDTECH TRAINING**

- The T&L Innovation and EdTech team provides virtual or face-to-face learning for teachers and administrators
- Partner with districts to determine needs and develop a course of action to meet those needs
- Bring innovative practices to member districts and provide the support needed to ensure successful implementation

#### **VALUE-ADDED ANALYSIS & TRAINING**

- Help educators measure impact of schools and teachers on students' academic progress rates from year-to-year
- Provide updates on new reports
- Offer administrative support in interpreting value-added classroom, building and district level reports
- Guide teachers through analysis and reflection in professional development settings, inspiring instructional shifts

#### **REGIONAL DATA LEAD SUPPORT (RDL)**

- Provide support to districts to assist them with the analysis of data and to create goals and a plan for improvement
- RDL work helps districts pinpoint areas of strength and areas for improvement and develop district and building goals
- The T&L Department has two RDL

#### GIFTED HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Professional development for general education teachers created by our T&L team
- Aligned to Ohio's 8 Gifted Competencies



# PERSONALIZED GIFTED HQPD FOR YOUR TEAM

Teaching Gifted Students

WEP Progress Monitoring Strategies

Designing Tasks & Learning Activities that Incorporate Stretch Social & Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners

and More!

# REMOTE/ONLINE LEARNING LESSON FRAMEWORKS

Our T&L team created content-specific and frameworks for online learning lessons aligned to ODE standards. These are adaptable, easily modified, and accessible at any time for our district teachers.

#### **HQSD RESOURCES FOR DISTRICTS**

- HQSD Overview for Administrators
- HQSD for Specialists
- HQSD Approval Committees Guidance
- HQSD for Teachers without Value-Added
- HQSD Overviews for Content Area Teachers
- Activities to build an understanding around HQSD

# TEACHING & LEARNING ADMINISTRATIVE & COACHING SUPPORT

The Teaching & Learning Department's professional learning networks provide a meaningful way for administrators to network and receive information relevant to their district roles.

Regular meetings for each group are held to share best practices, provide a support network for addressing issues, and serve as a communication conduit for state initiatives and information related to the content area.



#### LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT MEETINGS

- A space for collaboration, information sharing and networking
- Provide updates from ODE and ESCEO



Our close connections with the Department of Education allow us to provide timely updates and detailed information to districts. Guest speakers provide detailed discussions about curriculum and instruction.

## SUPPORT TEAM NETWORKING

#### SCHOOL COUNSELOR NETWORK MEETINGS

- Provide updates, share resources and exchange ideas across districts
- Mahoning Valley School Support Network (MVSSN)

#### GIFTED CONTACT NETWORK MEETINGS

- Provide ODE updates
- Host policy discussions
- Explore service models and assessment selection for the identification of gifted students

# **COACHING SUPPORT**

#### LITERACY COACHES NETWORK



- Share new apps or tech tips
- Share state updates and offer professional development
- Provide guidance and support throughout the year with resources and training
- Offer solutions to areas where coaches are noticing a struggle in their district
- Connect the coaches network to Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement and share evidencebased practices that align with ODE's plan

#### MATH COACHES NETWORK



- Provide state math updates
- Develop math standards PD, (in-person and hands-on)
- Plan meetings to include book study/professional article discussions that are tailored to coaches
- Offer curriculum/program specific support (Everyday Math, CPM, etc.) for districts

# GRADUATION ROUNDTABLES

The T&L Department continues to bring districts together to collaborate and work through unpacking, clarifying and planning for implementation of legislation related to graduation.

# **CAREER SERVICES**

Resources for Career Exploration and District Staffing

### **CAREER COUNSELING**

Career Counselors are an integral part of a district's career exploration, graduation requirements and data tracking needs, providing students with tools and resources to prepare them for important decisions regarding college and career.

Our Career Counseling Services Provide

- Tracking Graduation Data
- Industry Recognized Credentials
- Job Shadowing
- Career Exploration
- Career and Trade Day Events
- Career Pathways

### **BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Our Business Advisory Council (BAC) advises, supports and empowers educators in delivering the instruction and experiences students need to develop relevant, in-demand employment skills as part of their academic and technical preparation for college, careers and/or military service.

#### **BAC INITIATIVES**

- Virtual Career Exploration Week
- Skilled Trades Expo
- Educator in the Workplace
- Career Exploration Bus Tour
- JA Inspire Virtual Career, College, and Trades Event
- Senior Giveaway
- Mock Interview Boot Camp for Seniors
- Pre-Apprenticeships
- Explore Adult Education Career Programs

25 BUSINESS PARTNERS

\*\*Careers, trades, service, education\*\*



#### PROVIDING CAREER AND TRADES EXPLORATION

is a critical component of a well-rounded education. Our Career Services offers career counselors and leads a Business Advisory Council serving more than 25 districts to provide students the resources to explore a number of career possibilities for a successful and fulfilling future.

#### **GRANTS**

Our team actively pursues grants to exponentially increase the impact of available resources and district investments in services.

The Career Counseling team has received several grants to advance career exploration, engage students in career counseling, and expand Business Advisory Council services.

Below are just a couple recent awards that benefits students across our aligned districts.

TITLE II GRANT \$55,000 prevent or reduce delinquency promote positive youth development

\$254,916
IWIP INNOVATIVE WORKFORCE
GRANT
has funded the launch and expansion of our
Building Trades
Pre-Apprenticeship Program
to increase number of students earning
industry-recognized credentials
through education and industry partnerships



Services for Student Career Exploration and Educator Supports

## **OUR SERVICES**

#### CAREER EXPLORATION

Our Career Counselors provide tools and resources for students to explore a number of opportunities for their future. We provide access to assessments that produce individualized results of career pathways based on student interests. Students and classes can join discussions with individuals from a variety of professions, or browse our library of recorded conversations as they investigate options.

#### **BUILDING LIFE SKILLS**

Success in life after high school goes far beyond education and training. Our Career Counseling team offers supports for practical skills and knowledge needed for a student to transition into an independent, self-sufficient adult.

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Career Counselors track high school students End of Course points, ACT scores and earned industry credentials to evaluate student pathway for graduation. Career Counselors work with school staff to flag students "at risk" that may need to choose an alternate pathway for graduation. Along with tracking data, Career Counselors track the school districts Prepared for Success component for the state report card.

# BEYOND YOUR BUILDING

For grades 9-12, students begin to chart their path beyond graduation by focusing on

#### THE THREE E'S -

**ENROLL** in college, technical or trade school be **EMPLOYED** in a career field or to **ENLIST** in the military



We celebrate the decisions of graduating students who are going straight into the workforce. Students "sign" to pursue skilled trades through apprenticeships or training programs.

#### **ESC OF EASTERN OHIO BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The ESCEO BAC advises, supports and empowers educators in delivering the instruction and experiences students need to develop relevant, in-demand employment skills as part of their academic and technical preparation for college, careers and/or military service.



# MOCK INTERVIEW BOOT CAMP

This workshop will show high school seniors the skills and approaches necessary to plan for and carry out an effective interview to ensure they are prepared for their next interview.



#### **BUILDING TRADES PRE-APPRENTICESHIP**

A partnership between The Builders Association, The Ohio Carpenter's Joint Apprenticeship, and the ESCEO enables students to take part in a building trades pre-apprenticeship program. Students learn construction mathematics and other skills that give them an advantage heading into an apprenticeship program after high school.



#### **SKILLED TRADES EXPO**

Over 5,000 students learned about the skilled trades this year through this event. Trade professionals provide the opportunity for students to try different skills and discuss career opportunities after high school.

# **EXPLORATION & GROWTH**

#### VIRTUAL CAREER EXPLORATION SERIES

Each month, our Career Counselors connect students with professionals to learn about their profession, organizations, and offer live Q&A in our Virtual Career Exploration Series. Can't make the digital meet-up? The recorded webinars are available on our web platform!

#### MAKE IT AND TAKE IT

Students are introduced to manufacturing, reading a blueprint, and troubleshooting as they complete a project with our partners from local manufacturing organizations.

#### STUDENT LUNCH AND LEARN

Students get a unique opportunity to have lunch with professional guest speakers to learn more about an occupation. This format provides students a personal connection with professionals to discuss work environments, career pathways, relevant coursework or activities, and goals to pursue.

#### CAREER AND TRADE DAY EVENTS

We coordinate Career and Trade Day events to provide students the opportunity to draw an understanding of the alignment of their academic pursuits and potential professional endeavors in the future.

#### STUDENT JOB FAIRS

Our partnerships with local companies gives students the chance to find opportunities to gain experience while in school at our high school job fairs.

#### JOB SHADOW EXPERIENCE

Job shadows provide high school juniors and seniors a one day observation in a field they are interested in pursuing. Career Counselors schedule job shadow sites, contacts, and prepare students for a successful experience.

#### INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

ODE graduation requirements allows students the opportunity to graduate with an industry recognized credential. Career Counselors can assist in tracking and developing credential pathways for your students. Students with a 12-point credential increases the districts overall Prepared for Success score on their state report card.

#### **CAREER AND LIFE SKILLS**

Our impactful 45-minute Career Exploration and Life Skills Courses can be implemented in any classroom. These courses help students understand a connection with education and the workplace. Our life skills trainings ensure that students have practical life skills that will help them thrive beyond the classroom.

# TAKING INVENTORY OF INTERESTS

Our partnership with Ohio Means Jobs allows a student to discover opportunities based on their strengths and interests.

Students create an Ohio Means Jobs account to complete the Career Cluster Inventory by answering personality questions. The Career Cluster Inventory returns results with career options that best relate to the student's interests and will help them to plan their future. Students can explore education requirements, daily tasks, certifications, salary, and more that relate to these career inventory results. The results are kept in the students online "backpack" for them to return to view.



Our Career and Life Skills Courses and Services include:

- Career Research on Ohio Means Jobs
- Budgeting & Cost of Living on My Own
- Credit vs. Debit & Checkbook Balance
- Soft Skills for the Workplace
- Resumes & Dressing for an Interview
- Teamwork
- Time Management
- Change Car Tire
- Money Management
- Sewing & Laundry
- Following a Recipe
- Operate Basic Tools
- Basic Home Repair

# MAHONING VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Personnel and Employment Services

# **OUR SERVICES**

Centralized staffing and pre-employment services through the MVRCOG provide cost savings and efficiencies in the employment process.

#### PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND ONBOARDING

There are certain requirements that cannot be skipped while hiring a new employee that are detailed and time consuming; we manage these responsibilities on your behalf. MVRCOG services can assist and promote a great opportunity to observe employee performance and work habits before considering them for district hire.

Pre-employment and onboarding services include:

• Job postings on Frontline® (formerly Applitrack) to fill non-union vacancies quickly



- Ability for district to set pay rate and determine any PTO provided
- Simplified the onboarding process for your scheduled candidate
- Verification of education and ODE credential per position requirements
- Payroll process, statutory benefits, and tracking ACA compliance
- Workers' compensation and unemployment insurance coverage
- FBI/BCI clearances and pre-employment drug screen
- Pre-employment assessments (see more info below!)

#### SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PROGRAM

The MVRCOG provides substitute teacher management for ten districts.

#### MVRCOG provides:

- Marketing and recruitment for substitute teachers
- Substitute teacher interviews and information sessions
- New substitute teacher orientations
- Management of compliance requirements and licensure
- Frontline administration, scheduling, and support
- Service and support to district staff, administrators, and substitutes



# STAFFING FOR YOUR NEEDS

Positions currently staffed by MVRCOG include, but are not limited to:

- Educational Aides
- Substitute Teachers
- Career Counselors
- Administrative Assistants
- Custodians
- Food Service
- School Security
- Maintenance
- Clerical



MVRCOG can find staff for many non-union positions including:

- Interim positions
- Leave of absence
- Temporary positions
- Part-time positions
- Full-time positions
- Grant-funded positions



## PRE-EMPLOYMENT ASSESSMENTS

- Confirm a person's knowledge in particular areas (such as software applications, social media apps, letter writing, email, internet knowledge, grammar, and soft skills)
- Customized to each organization's needs and for the position

# **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Services for Expectant Mothers and Young Children

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Our preschool program is designed for children ages three to five and serves children throughout Mahoning County. We offer half-day and full-day center-based classroom programs designed for all children; we serve students who are typically developing, children who are at-risk, as well as children with special needs. Our preschool classrooms are literacy-rich and utilize a developmentally appropriate curriculum that is aligned with Ohio's Early Learning Standards.

500 MAHONING COUNTY STUDENTS



OUR EDUCATORS ARE PASSIONATE
about providing the highest quality education and creating a
personal connection with every student to foster confidence and
a life-long love of learning

## **HELP ME GROW**

Help Me Grow (HMG) provides free services for expectant mothers and families of children under the age of three. Through an intensive home visiting model and early intervention services, HMG promotes child development and school readiness, encourage positive parenting, prevent child abuse and neglect, and improve maternal and child health.

400 LOCAL FAMILIES benefit from our Help Me Grow services

#### **HOME VISITATION**

Our HMG home visitation is a voluntary service offered at no cost to families. We utilize the Healthy Families America evidence-based home visiting model to promote the healthy growth and development for babies and young children. Our home visitors offer support for mothers during pregnancy to education and information offering the skills, tools and confidence in new parents.

#### **EARLY INTERVENTION**

HMG provides eligible families with coordinated early intervention services for children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. Our team establishes a plan implementing the evidence-based educational curriculum Growing Great Kids and building upon a family's support systems and resources to improve child learning and development.

## **CENTRAL COORDINATION**

As a regional subgrantee of an Ohio Department of Health grant through Bright Beginnings in Cleveland, we provide Help Me Grow outreach and central coordination for the state. All calls for Help Me Grow referrals for eleven counties in Ohio come into our office, are processed and referred to the appropriate agency in our region.

Our outreach staff promotes the program and expand knowledge of our services to increase referrals. Through these services, we impact families and practitioners in Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Portage, Stark, Summit, Holmes, Wayne, Medina, Ashland, and Richland counties.



## **NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) provides specially trained nurses to visit first-time mothers-to-be, starting early in the pregnancy and continuing through the child's second birthday. Expectant moms benefit by getting the care and support they need for a healthy pregnancy. ESCEO offers the NFP program in both Mahoning and Portage Counties to 100 first time pregnant mothers.

# **PUPIL SERVICES**

Support Services for Students and Staff

#### **MULTIPLE DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

ESCEO operates Multiple Disabilities (MD) classrooms for students with cognitive, behavioral and communication disorders. These classrooms serve kindergarten through high school students in Mahoning and Columbiana counties.



# **EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

ESCEO offers special education services for students in grades kindergarten through high school with Emotional Disabilities (ED). These classrooms are highly structured with a focus on developing students' social skills. Academic instruction and behavior interventions are implemented in a small group or one-on-one setting at Manor Elementary School in Struthers (K-6) or in classrooms operating within a local school district.

## RELATED SERVICES

#### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

School Psychologists are highly trained in mental health, learning and behavior. They work in collaboration with districts, parents and other professionals to support children and youth academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally.

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Ohio Department of Education License



Master's+30 or Educational Specialist Degree



Supervised Internship (9 months/1,200 hours) and Passing score on Praxis exam

#### PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical Therapists (PTs) work with students with disabilities to develop balance, strength, coordination and body control as it relates to their school performance in physical education, recess, classrooms, and throughout the school environment.



#### **CREDENTIALS**

Ohio Department of Education License Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board License



Doctorate Degree (or grandfathered in with Master's or Bachelor's Degree)

#### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational Therapists (OTs) help students with disabilities gain functional skills to promote independence in their daily school activities, which may include writing, organization of school supplies, sensory/movement activities, daily living skills, and prevocational activities.



#### **CREDENTIALS**

Ohio Department of Education License Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board License



Master's Degree

(or grandfathered in with Bachelors Degree)

#### SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, and social communication disorders. SLPs facilitate students' access to the academic curriculum and functional life skills by targeting the language processes of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and learning.



#### **CREDENTIALS**

Ohio Department of Education License Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals **Board License** 



Certificate of Clinical Competence required for entry-level SLPs (ESCEO staff assists in this process)



#### SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT

is the core belief of our organization. The pupil services team provides every student the tools and resources to reach for the stars, accomplish success and thrive beyond the walls of our schools. We also provide resources for educators and administrators to rally behind each student.

## **TRANSITION TO WORK PROGRAM**

ESCEO works to maximize each student's vocational potential by providing an array of services and supports to increase post secondary outcomes for students with disabilities.

Work study and transition services include post secondary training and education, community integrated employment and independent living.

Our Work Study and Transition Coordinators are liaisons between the school, vocational school. community agencies, businesses, and parents to provide appropriate transition services based on a student's strengths and needs.

#### **DISTRICT SUPPORT**

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION **COLLABORATION**

Our Special Education Advisory Council meets monthly, providing collaboration and professional development for district special education administrators.

#### PREVENTION SUPPORT

Our team also provides impactful prevention and social-emotional well-being professional development for school personnel.

# HIGHLIGHT OF PUPIL SERVICES

Support Services for Students and Staff

#### SPECIAL SERVICES SUPPORTS

School Psychology, Speech and Language, OT/PT consultation, professional development and access to library of test kits

#### **EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR SERVICES**

- Intervention Specialist \$30.30 per hour (FY23 Service Estimate)
- Related Services \$72.75 per hour (FY23 Service Estimate)

# CRISIS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION REFRESHER TRAINING FOR STAFF

• \$50.00 per person (FY23 Service Estimate)

#### **TELETHERAPY AND TELE-ASSESSMENTS**

Available in all areas of related services: School Psychology, Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy



#### Our team has extensive experience with:

- Preschool play-based assessments
- Assistive technology and AAC
- Autism
- Significant cognitive impairment
- Significant behavioral and emotional impairments
- TEACCH training
- Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Plans
- Sensory Integration Certification



Cost includes all assessment tools and therapy materials



Extended school year services available



All providers are school medicaid providers



Our entire team of School Psychologists and Therapists are **ODE licensed** and **Board certified** in the state of Ohio



21 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

with 310+ years school-based experience

20 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

with 410+ years school-based experience

6 PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

with 115+ years school-based experience

16 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

with 140+ years school-based experience



# WELLNESS & PREVENTION

Coordinating Resources, Services, and Programs for Families, Teachers, and Administrators

# SUPPORTING STUDENT AND STAFF WELLBEING

#### CONNECTION AND COLLABORATION

Our Prevention Coordinator; Family and Community Partnership Liaison operates as a vital connector for our schools. A focus on trauma and resilience, advocating for the support of educational stability for vulnerable student populations, scaffolding social and emotional supports, and working with regional peers around prevention best practices, our team leverages excellence in coordination of services to our districts.

This year, two social workers were hired through a grant to further these efforts.

#### WHOLE CHILD NETWORK

Prevention Coordinator; Family and Community Partnership Liaison serves on ODE's statewide Whole Child Network and continues work with community stakeholders to increase collaboration and connection, expanding access of resources for students through our school districts.

#### **ACT FOR YOUTH IN CARE - ADVOCATE, COLLABORATE & TRANSFORM**

The ESC of Eastern Ohio's Family and Community Partnership Liaison assists in leading a statewide group of liaisons who are creating a newsletter and Community of Practice to increase a cross-systems approach focused on furthering educational stability and trauma-invested practices for students in foster care.

#### SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Ashley Mariano, ESCEO Prevention Coordinator; Family and Community Partnership Liaison was recognized by the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, receiving the 2022 Pillar Award. This nomination stemmed from the efforts in May 2022 to support student and staff needs in Lowellville Local School District following a student tragedy.



# BRINGING K-12 PREVENTION SERVICES TO DISTRICTS

Several districts are benefiting from the PAX Partnering the ESCEO team provides to help explore, problem solve, and scaffold the PAX Good Behavior Game within elementary classrooms, with a focus on braiding this initiative into PBIS and SEL supports.



**ESCEO Prevention Team has assisted** 

# 8 DISTRICTS

in implementing
PAX Good Behavior Game
and has trained

# 11 DISTRICTS

to use Botvin Lifeskills



#### **ART THERAPY GRANT**

Through a partnership with the Ohio Department of Education, Alta, and support from the HELMS Foundation, grant funding the ESC of Eastern Ohio was awarded is supporting students at Manor Elementary with access to art therapy services during the school day for the 2022-2023 school year.

# WELLNESS & PREVENTION

Providing Resources, Supports, and Learning Opportunities for District Staff

# YOUR PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

#### **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

As a way to support professional learning in a needs-driven, flexible manner, the team bringing SEL, Wellness and Prevention PD has curated a new menu that can be customized based on school need. Sessions can be presented ondemand at districts or in a virtual space. The team is also working to increase an accessible on-demand PD library on the ESCEO website where recorded sessions can be reviewed asynchronously and a Reflection and Application form can be completed to receive contact hours. Themes like educator wellness, traumainformed and resilience-oriented classrooms, and social emotional learning are high priorities.

#### **HB 123 - SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENT TRAINING**

The ESC of Eastern Ohio is proud to provide Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) trainers to our districts. This evidence-based school threat assessment team training is available at no cost through grant funding at the state level. The trainers also offer coaching support to explore programs in place to meet House Bill requirements, tie initiatives together, and provide resources on how to fill any gaps.

#### FOCUS ON COLLABORATION - STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

The Family and Community Partnership Liaison works with State Support Team 5 and regional liaisons to provide in-demand, professional learning opportunities to our four county area, with a focused lens on the lived experience of students in foster care and building professional capacity to best meet those unique needs.

#### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

Our website provides up-to-date resources for teachers, parents, and administrators to access the latest tools, information, and advice. This information offers an understanding of the critical topics of mental health, and provides a database of resources to manage these situations.

#### **COUNSELOR SUPPORT**

The ESCEO Prevention Team has increased support to our area's school counselors by increasing regular meetings, providing curated school resource lists, leveraging area experts for collaborative opportunities, and encouraging school counselors in their areas of expertise in their buildings.

#### FUNDING OUR WELLNESS AND PREVENTION INITIATIVES

Our team is continually evaluating opportunities to expand our impact without requiring additional investments from districts. In 2021, we were awarded grants that have provided the financial support to continue the Prevention Coordinator; Family and Community Liaison position that focuses on critical social-emotional resources and training for districts, families and communities:

- \$21,000.00 from the
   Mahoning County Mental
   Health and Recovery Board to
   partner in the implementation
   of K-12 prevention services.
   Ongoing partnership with
   the Mahoning County Mental
   Health and Recovery Board
   to bolster our efforts around
   crisis response and support to
   our districts.
- \$212,000 awarded by the Ohio Department of Education for our Family and Community Liaison

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Communications and Marketing Expertise and Services to Inform and Engage Families and Community Stakeholders

## **OUR SERVICES**

#### MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Our experienced team offers guidance and expertise in selecting appropriate communication channels, creating engaging and informing content, and designing appealing materials to effectively inform and engage your audience.

#### WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP STRATEGY, CREATION, MAINTENANCE

Communicate important information, resources, and news with parents, community stakeholders, and prospective families with our assistance in designing or maintaining your website and mobile app.

#### **CUSTOMIZED VIDEOS AND PHOTOS**

Showcase educational activities, student achievements, district highlights, and more through video and professional photo galleries to share on your website, social media, or with the press.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT

Establish a relationship with families and community stakeholders through a prominent presence, appealing content, and informative posts on the social channels on which they are actively engaged.

#### **NEWSLETTERS AND ANNUAL REPORTS**

Share vital information with community members through routine formal communications. Our team can assist with curation of content, creation of appealing design, and editing these important updates for your district!

#### MEDIA RELATIONS AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Our team maintains a relationship with local media and connects to share information about events, manage media presence at district events, and provide important updates. We draft and distribute press releases covering everything from district emergency communications and critical updates to school highlights and student recognition pieces.



Continuous monitoring of quickly changing communication technologies, design trends, and ever-evolving audience behaviors and preferences allows our communications team to provide an effective engagement plan that appeals to the modern-day audience.



# MULTI-CHANNEL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Utilizing a robust communications toolkit and sharing messages across several different platforms allows you to inform several different types of stakeholders, families, and partners.

Having the buy-in from many levels of stakeholders provides the foundation for the support schools need from the community - from partnerships to votes.

# ESC OF EASTERN OHIO IN THE COMMUNITY



Each year, the ESCEO hosts band and cheerleading demonstrations at the Canfield Fair. Student artwork is also displayed in the ESCEO's Educational Hall throughout the fair week.

The ESCEO supports districts in featuring student talents and activities.



The ESCEO Teaching & Learning Team organizes an annual art show, showcasing the skills and talents students have mastered in multiple mediums. The ESCEO awards one piece a purchase award each year.



The ESCEO celebrates the success of students, honoring recipients of the J. L. Francis Award at an awards breakfast each year.





2022 Franklin B. Walter Scholarship recipient Jacqueline Palusak with ESCEO Superintendent Dr. Traci Hostetler The ESCEO Nine and Dine event engages sponsors and district staff while raising funds for the Franklin B. Walter scholarship.
One scholarship is awarded in each county serviced by ESCEO.

Help Me Grow team members organized a diaper drive to help support local families with diapering needs. Local Help Me Grow Home Visitors distribute more than 4,000 diapers each month to families in Mahoning and Portage counties.



Ashley Mariano, Prevention Coordinator;
Family and Community Partnership Liaison
at the ESCEO, was recognized as the
Support Staff of the Year by the Mahoning
County Mental Health and Recovery Board for
service to Lowellville Local Schools in response
to a district tragedy in May 2022.









The Ohio ESC Association honored
ESCEO team members Jack Zocolo and Eric Palmer
with the Teamwork Award for their role in
organizing distribution of PPE to dozens of
school districts in eastern Ohio.

LOCAL NEWS

# Kids with disabilities receive modified toy cars

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Several ESCEO physical and occupational therapists volunteer their time each year at the Go Baby Go event, outfitting ride-on cars for children with mobility impairments.