



IMPACT REPORT

The Region's Leading Provider of
Personalized Education Solutions and
Innovative Community Services



YOUR PARTNER FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

OUR MISSION

We deliver personalized resources and services to districts and community agencies through collaboration and engagement.

OUR VISION

By 2028, the ESCEO will be the region's leading provider of personalized, innovative educational and community services.

GOVERNING BOARD



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OUR TEAM



Dr. Traci Hostetler
Superintendent



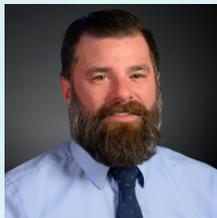
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& Early Childhood



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Team Region 5



Sandy Furano
Director of Mahoning Valley Regional
Council of Governments & Career
Counseling Services



Christine Hanysh
Director of Social Services

SUPPORTING STUDENTS

 **675+**
PRESCHOOL
STUDENTS ENROLLED

20 Full & Half
Day Programs
13 Districts

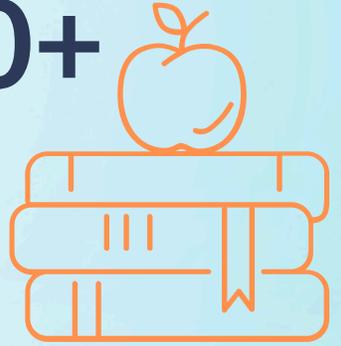
 **JOB
SHADOW
EXPERIENCE**
Students Placed **70**

73,000+
 DAYS OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND
RELATED SERVICES
PROVIDED TO
STUDENTS

SUPPORTING DISTRICTS

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**
375+ CONTACT
HOURS
OFFERED

 **1800**
PROGRAM
ATTENDEES

17,000+
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
POSITIONS
FILLED 

 **200+**
HOURS
DIRECT
ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT

GRANT FUNDING & SUPPORT FUELING ESCEO SERVICES

EXTENDED LEARNING GRANT

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

\$2,450,000



FAMILY & COMMUNITY PARTNER LIAISON GRANT

expand prevention and wellness services

\$220,000



CCP TEACHER CREDENTIALING GRANT

support teachers in obtaining the necessary
credentials to teach College Credit Plus (CCP)
courses within their high schools

\$1,200,000



DRIVE TO SUCCEED

\$270,000

provides driver education to qualifying
students



Department of
Education &
Workforce

ADOLESCENT LITERACY

support literacy
learning recovery and
acceleration efforts

\$367,000



CAPACITY BUILDING STRUCTURED LITERACY

build the capacity to support
evidence-based language and
literacy instruction

\$39,000

PUPIL SERVICES & EARLY CHILDHOOD



Staci Drenzo, Director

Pupil Services offers a comprehensive range of educational and therapeutic programs to support students with varying needs, including multiple disabilities (MD), emotional disabilities (ED), and those requiring related services like school psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy.

Early Childhood offers preschool services and related services for children ages 3-5 in 20 preschool classrooms across 13 districts. The preschool assessment team provides developmentally appropriate, play-based evaluations to children in 16 districts across Mahoning, Columbiana, and Portage counties.

The Transition-to-Work program equips students with job and life skills for post-secondary success. Additionally, teacher and staff support focuses on social-emotional well-being and professional development.



**COGNITIVE
BEHAVIORAL
& EMOTIONAL
SUPPORTS**

ESC 675+
**PRESCHOOL
STUDENTS ENROLLED**

Paint
Preschool Assessments

18 Classrooms
Mahoning &
Columbiana
Counties

20 Full & Half
Day Programs
13 Districts

16 districts
MAHONING, COLUMBIANA, & PORTAGE



TEACHING & LEARNING



John Kuzma, Director

Our team offers comprehensive professional development for educators, administrators, and district staff, bringing fresh, relevant learning experiences across all age levels. With expertise spanning all content areas, we provide tailored support to help districts implement innovative teaching strategies and technologies that enhance student engagement and learning outcomes.

The Teaching & Learning team consists of twelve seasoned educators with deep classroom experience and a solid understanding of compliance initiatives. We offer expert guidance on technology integration, curriculum enhancement, and data-driven insights to improve student performance. Through workshops and hands-on training, we equip staff with the tools and strategies they need to innovate their teaching practices. Additionally, we promote stakeholder engagement by fostering strong connections between educators, parents, and the community.



**COLLEGE CREDIT
PLUS TEACHER
CREDENTIALING
GRANT IMPACT**

53

School Districts

Educational
Service
Centers

8

Representing
50K+
Students



Ashtabula
Columbiana
Eastern Ohio
Jefferson
Lorain
Summit
Stark
Trumbull

9

Pathways Offered

- Biology
- Business
- Communications
- Computer Science
- English
- Government
- History
- Math
- Statistics

University Partners

Ashland University
Kent State University
University of Akron
Youngstown State University

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**DEDICATED
SPECIALISTS IN
MATH | ELA
GIFTED | TESOL
INNOVATION**

**LITERACY | DYSLEXIA | HQIM
RESIDENT EDUCATORS**



**EVALUATION
SYSTEMS**

3 - OPES TRAINERS

3 - OTES TRAINERS

**4 - OSCES
TRAINERS**



SOCIAL SERVICES



Christine Hanysh, Director

HELP ME GROW

Help Me Grow (HMG) provides free services for expectant mothers and families with children under five, emphasizing child development, school readiness, positive parenting, and maternal and child health. The Social Services Department administers 3 evidence-based home visiting models across four Ohio counties, while the Central Coordination team manages an average of 1,100 referrals monthly for 11 counties.

The program, funded by federal and state sources, is delivered by a dedicated team of 21 home visitors, including 7 registered nurses from Akron Children's Hospital, 3 Community Health Workers, and 7 intake and outreach workers from Central Coordination. Additional services like the Pathways HUB provide tailored care, connecting families to resources and support for healthy pregnancies and positive material & child health outcomes.



500+
Families
BENEFIT FROM
HOME VISITING



\$548,250

Received in Grant Funds from

Federal Maternal Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs

SOCIAL SERVICES



Christine Hanysh, Director

WELLNESS & PREVENTION

Social & Emotional Learning services are aligned with the growing needs of school districts, focusing on state-mandated prevention programming and safety initiatives. We provided direct support to students and families, enhanced collaboration with district staff, and expanded our role in school safety and threat assessment training. New grants and district partnerships have strengthened our capacity to meet evolving needs, ensuring continued student success and district-wide support.



Direct Support for Students and Families Our Social Work team is focused on removing barriers to success and fostering positive outcomes through:

- Linking students to necessary services
- Improving attendance
- Facilitating their overall well-being



The ESC of Eastern Ohio introduced the Ohio Handle With Care program in the Mahoning Valley, providing crucial support to children who have been exposed to adverse events. The initiative is a collaborative effort with school districts, first responders, and local agencies.



We remain committed to offering comprehensive threat assessment training across districts. As a state-certified CSTAG trainer, our team continues to lead in this area, ensuring districts are equipped with the tools and knowledge to maintain safe environments for students and staff.

MAHONING VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS & CAREER COUNSELING SERVICES



Sandy Furano, Director

The MVRCOG provides personnel and pre-employment services to its member school districts and business entities to save money and time. Using the MVRCOG simplifies the hiring process for employers enabling them to focus on their day-to-day business.

Career Services provides a wide range of opportunities for students, including career counseling, job shadowing, career exploration courses, pre-apprenticeships, and industry-recognized credentials. Additionally, Career Services secures various grants, to expand educational programs that enhance services and impact, and Career Counselors serve 24 school districts in Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull, Portage and Stark counties.



DRIVE TO SUCCEED

\$270,000

Grant Funds from
Ohio Traffic Safety Office



**DRONE PILOT
CERTIFICATION**

160 Students
Enrolled



**JOB
SHADOW**

EXPERIENCE

70 Students
Placed

**CAREER EXPLORATION 3000 STUDENTS
SERVED**



BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL



**Department of
Education &
Workforce**



- Ranked among the best BACs in Ohio
- YSU Partnership - Pre-Apprenticeships and Career Pathways in Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology, 5G and Broadband
- Over 60 active members including education, business, trades, public safety, and workforce development

[SEE THE FULL LIST](#)

5th Annual Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo

Over 6,000 students attended from Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania



VALLEY VIRTUAL



Jack Zocolo, Superintendent

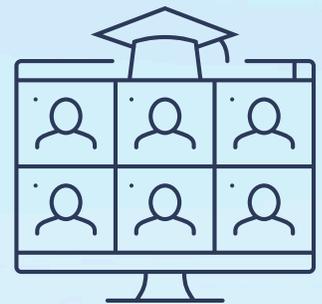
Valley Virtual Remote Learning Academy, an online public charter school for grades 6-12, provides high-quality instruction supported by licensed local teachers, tailored to meet the needs of all learners. The school meets the requirements for the dropout prevention and recovery report card designation, ensuring continued educational opportunities for students in a non-traditional setting.



**High
Performing
Community School**



\$500,000
Year End Cash
Balance Increase



308 Students
Served
67 GRADUATES

