

2013-2014 Annual Report

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Educational Service Center
of Lorain County

Connecting to Our Community

The ESC actively connects to community organizations providing a place to gather and discuss important issues impacting our region.

- ODE State Support Team Region 2 – host site and fiscal agent
- Lake Eric Regional Consortium (health insurance) – host site and fiscal agent
- Lorain County Attendance Program
- Lorain County Health Coalition
- Fatality Review Board (law enforcement/health dept.)
- Boy Scouts of America
- North Coast Council (ITC site)
- Lorain County Superintendents Council
- TALK Network
- Middle School Health Collaborative, United Way
- Spirit of America (boating safety) – fiscal agent/sponsor
- Fill the Bus
- Boys and Girls Club of Lorain County

ESC leadership is actively involved in organizations that seek to improve children's lives.

- United Way of Greater Lorain Co., Executive Board
- Heart of Ohio Council (Boy Scouts), District Chairman and Executive Council
- Family and Children First Council
- REACHigher, P-16 Council, Chairman
- Ohio Schools Council, Executive Board
- Greater Cleveland School Superintendents Assoc., Executive Board
- Lorain County Chamber of Commerce
- Emergency Management Agency, Lorain County
- Local Boards of Education - Superintendent/Treasurer Searches
- Spirit of America (youth boating safety)
- ELA Leader Network (ODE)
- Battelle for Kids – Value Added Leader
- Westshore International Reading Assoc., Executive Board

**The ESC of Lorain County employs 120 full-time and 99 part-time individuals,
serving 45,000 students across Lorain County.**



Services & Programs Provided

The ESC is strategic in developing services that meet the needs of our customers. We provide a cost saving means to school districts in Erie, Huron and Lorain County for professional development and services. Along with professional development rolled out from the Ohio Department of Ed, we provide tailored trainings to meet the needs of our districts. Our high quality professional development opportunities meet the standards established by the state as they provide job embedded opportunities to affect change in practice. We offer the following services; Educational Audiology Consultation, Fingerprinting, Gifted and Talented Services, Speech Supervisory Services, Homeless Liaison Services, and cooperative purchasing services.

To that end, we encourage our customers to provide us with feedback after attending our trainings.

<p>Curriculum/Instruction Professional Development</p>	<p>Gifted & Talented Programs</p>	<p>Art, Music & Spelling</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eduplanet21 • Non-Violent Crisis Intervention • Student Learning Objectives (SLO) • Student Growth Measures (SGM) • Curriculum Mapping • Ohio Principal Evaluation System (OPES) • Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) • Electronic Teacher/Principal Evaluation System (ETPES) • Formative Math, Science and Social Studies • Principal Bootcamp • On-site District Coaching • Curriculum Consulting • ELA/Math Conferences • Differentiated Instruction • High School Math Topics (Stats & Probability, Ratio and Algebra) • Social Studies Trainings (grades 5 & 6 and New Assessments) • ELA (Close Reading, Evidence Based, Using Primary Sources) • Resident Educator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invention Convention • Math Mania • Mock Trial • Young Authors • Referral Testing • Summer Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Shows • Honors Choir & Band Festival • Solo & Ensemble Contest • Virtual Recital • Spelling Bees
	<p>NORT2H Tech Services</p>	<p>Special Projects</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development • Video Conference • District Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Education • Liaison/EMIS • Tutoring • Pupil Transportation • School Safety • Agency Cross-Training • Nordson Grant
	<p>Fingerprinting Services</p>	<p>Other Services</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Background Check • Federal Background Check • On-site Locations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLP Supervision • Educational Audiology • Substitute Services • Project SEARCH • The Early Learning Center • Lorain County Academy • Elyria Preschool • Extended School Year
		

Moira Erwine

Director of Professional Development & Curriculum Instruction

Our curriculum Department Initiative this year was to provide content area specialists to serve our districts as they implement Ohio's New Learning Standards in Math, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Marcia Barnhart, George Viebranz, Michael Edelman, Fred Dillon, and Dr. Katie Knapp provided regional trainings as well as onsite contracted services. The challenge for teachers and administrators this Fall was focused around student growth measures and writing student learning objectives creating a demand for regional support sessions and onsite trainings.

In order to ensure a fair and equitable review for those teachers submitting SLO's, we have offered regional overview as well as in depth onsite Calibration Sessions for the Review Committees. Teachers needed to be well versed in assessment literacy in order to submit a reliable, valid, and bias free pre and post assessment with their SLO's. This resulted in a regional session on assessment literacy hosted at our office and further supported by an ODE Assessment Literacy Consultant, hired through Raise to the Top Funds.

We continued to foster the use of formative instructional practices in Science and Math through Professional Learning Networks to assist teachers in the daily usage. With the release of PARCC and next generation assessment blueprints, we have devoted sessions for Social Studies, English Language Arts, Math and Science teachers as well as those who serve the Gifted population in order to prepare for the rigor and technology skill demands. Curriculum Directors across Northern Ohio were provided opportunities to meet monthly as well as our Lorain County Directors in more in depth support sessions with our Specialists.

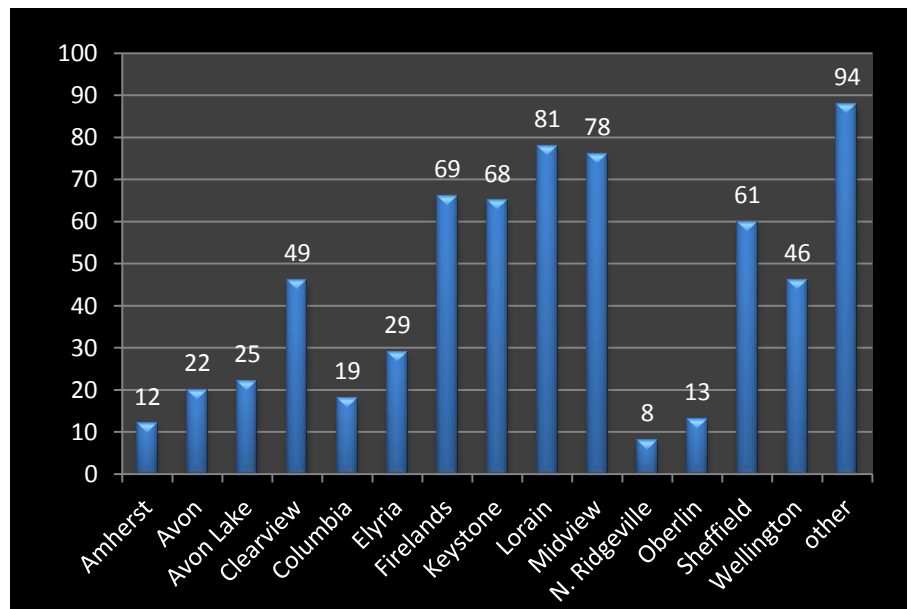
To promote alignment to the Ohio's New Learning Standards, all of our content area trainings including two large conferences for Math and ELA included the dissemination of the Quality Review Rubric. This tool was designed to support teachers and/or teams to review their lessons and units to ensure that they are aligned to the shifts in the content standards, along with the depth of knowledge (ie rigor) that is expected. It is critical that this tool is understood by administration and utilized by all teachers across our county.

Aug.2013 - May 2014

Total Number of Events:	40
Total Number of Contracted Services for Districts:	14
<u>Eduplanet21 Participants:</u>	100
OTES Trainings:	61
eTPES Trainings -	
Superintendents	10
Principals	107
District Visits:	4



**Number of Participants per District Attending PD Events
August 2013 - May 2014**



"Other" contains community schools and other counties.



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Director of Professional Development & Curriculum Instruction

Our goal this year was to ensure every public school in our district saw value in our services and was able to partake. We are proud to have served each of the districts in Lorain County:

Amherst	Keystone
Avon	Lorain City
Avon Lake	Midview
Clearview	North Ridgeville
Columbia	Oberlin
Elyria	Sheffield/Sheffield Lake
Firelands	Wellington

This year we took a small step toward blended professional development through the use of a learning management system, Eduplanet21. The Curriculum Department has created a learning pathway on Academic Vocabulary that is an interactive book study. The Science and Math Consultant utilized this platform to provide teachers in grades 3-5 and 6-8 with a vehicle to network around formative instructional practices. At both our REACH Higher ELA and Math Conferences we asked our participants to review modules on the Habits of Mind and Webb's Depth of Knowledge prior to the event and then offered a Skype session with experts during the conference. Following the conference, participants were enticed to continue networking as they completed the modules online.



Gifted & Talented Programs

Mary Lou Kaminski and Carissa Spitzer

Gifted Supervisors

In the Gifted Department, we offer contracted services to school districts in the areas of student identification and reporting, state compliance and regulations, program development and support, staff and teacher professional development, enriched student programs, data management, and EMIS reporting. Eight districts from Lorain and Erie Counties contracted for our services for the 2013-2014 school year, but our programs and services reached 17 school districts and organizations.

Event / Program / Service	Description	Grade Level of Students	Number of School Districts in Lorain, Erie, and Cuyahoga Counties Served	School Districts / Organizations Served	Number of Students (or Teachers and Administrators) Served
Academic Challenge	Question & answer competition.	4-8	1	Firelands	80
ACT Testing	6 on-site practice testing days to prepare for college entrance testing.	7-8	6	Amherst, Firelands, Keystone, Oberlin, Vermilion, Wellington	116
Data Management	Cognitive, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies scoring, recordkeeping, and analysis	3-8	8	Amherst, Clearview, Firelands, Keystone, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Vermilion, Wellington	8,500
Gifted Identification Testing	Testing for students is offered 4 times a year at the ESC, and at any time throughout the year within a district.	PS-8	9	Amherst, Clearview, Columbia, Firelands, Keystone, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Vermilion, Wellington	82
Guidance/Supervision of Teachers of Gifted	Ongoing guidance/monitoring/consulting throughout the school year.	3-8 (teachers)	8	Amherst, Clearview, Firelands, Keystone, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Vermilion, Wellington	46
Invention Convention	Two competitions - local at the ESC and Regional at the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland.	3-6	2	Amherst, North Ridgeville	68
Math Mania	Individual Math competition and district OAA competition at LCCC.	3-8	9	Amherst, Clearview, Columbia, Firelands, Keystone, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Vermilion, Wellington	402



Gifted & Talented Programs

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Mock Trial	Classroom visits from attorneys concluding with actual attorneys/judges presiding over student trials with student juries.	5-8	8	Amherst, Clearview, Firelands, Keystone, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Vermilion, Wellington	321
Professional Development	Opportunities for Teachers of Gifted and Administrators 4 times per year	3-8 (teachers, curriculum directors, principals)	17	Amherst, Clearview, Elyria, ESCLC, Firelands, Keystone, Independence, Lakewood, Maple, North Ridgeville, Olmsted Falls, Orange, Sheffield Lake, SST Region 2, Strongsville, Vermilion, Wellington	71
Summer Enrichment Camp	3-day Advanced Technology, Science and Engineering Labs at LCCC.	6-8	5	Amherst, Elyria, Firelands, Keystone, Oberlin	15
Young Authors'	Year long program where students write and illustrate books, which are evaluated by teachers. Classroom visits from local author. Program concludes with students participation in a Conference and Open House at LCCC, along with classroom workshops from authors.	3-8	15	Amherst, Avon Lake, Clearview, Elyria, Firelands, Homeschoolers, Keystone, Lorain, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Open Door Christian Schools, St Joseph School - Amherst, Sheffield-Sheffield Lake, Vermilion, Wellington	1282
Visual Arts ID	Evaluation of student portfolios by art teachers.	K-12	4	Keystone, North Ridgeville, Vermilion, Wellington	35
Written Acceleration Plans	Assisted Teachers of Gifted and Administrators in determining acceleration plans for Early Entrance, Single Subject, or Whole Grade Acceleration.	PS-8	4		8
Written Education Plans	Assist Teachers of Gifted and Administrators in recommending specialized gifted services of some kind.	4-8	8	Amherst, Clearview, Firelands, Keystone, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Vermilion, Wellington	826



Dave Miller

Director of Technology & Innovation

The Northern Ohio Research, Training and Technology Hub (NORT²H) provides training and resources to K-12 institutes and higher education partners. We help districts identify technology needs, and select products and services. Additionally, we provide professional development and use collaborative purchasing to reduce costs. NORT2H trainers are from the classroom and provide a wide variety of services to our clients.

Professional Development

NORT2H offers professional development workshops, seminars, and on-site presentations on all the latest topics within educational technology.

Everything from Google Docs to setting up a school newspaper, professional development is delivered in a unique array of methods, including cutting-edge videoconferencing right to the classroom!

Member School Districts include:

Avon Lake City, Avon Local, Bay Village, Cuyahoga County ESC, Cuyahoga Hts, Edison Local, Elyria City, Firelands Local, Independence Local, Keystone, Lorain City, LCCC, ESCLC, Lorain County JVS, Lorain County Metro Parks, Lorain County Juvenile Home, Midview, Polaris Career Center, Richmond Hts. and Sheffield/Sheffield Lake

Representing over 70 school buildings and 3 Educational Services Centers (Lorain, Cuyahoga, Lake counties).

Month	PD Sessions	Video Conf. Support	Admin/District Meetings
July	0	0	1
August	5	0	9
September	7	12	11
October	6	5	30
November	9	2	21
December	15	4	27
January	12	1	29
February	8	6	36
March	16	4	23
April	10	1	32
May	15	10	18
Totals	103	45	237



Pam Gamble

Fingerprinting Agent

Fingerprinting/background checks are completed for customers who need Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) and/or Federal Bureau Investigation (FBI). Several reasons from fingerprinting include: school employees, parent volunteers, roofing/construction companies, home health care, day cares, college students, churches, etc..

The ESC invoices 51 organizations and 18 school districts. Therefore, the customers do not pay when completing the background check.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

August 2013 - May 2014

Number of Self Paid: 670
Number of Billed: 470
Total: 1,140

The ESC offers on-site fingerprinting to districts and companies at a cost of \$125 per four hour session and \$25 for each additional hour. The customer cost for BCI & FBI is \$65.

ON-SITE ACTIVITY

August 2013 - May 2014

Number of Self Paid: 143



Art, Music and Spelling

Jim Hartline and Debbie Hunt

Project Coordinators

ART

Elementary, Middle School & High School Art Exhibits are held each year for 3 weeks at the Midway Mall. Any teacher in the Region 2 district is free to join these exhibits. This also includes non-public & charter/community schools.

Elem./Middle School Art Exhibits

Participating Students: 126

Participating Schools: 17

Held May 5-23, 2014



High School Art Exhibits

Participating Students: 153

Participating Schools: 11

Held Nov. 3-21, 2013



MUSIC

Virtual Recital is an interactive connection from the ESC Green Room to the Cleveland Institute of Music where students perform music to a CIM Teacher who will in turn critique their work and prepare them to perform better at the Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Participating Students: 11 Participating Schools: 4

Solo & Ensemble Contest is a gathering of many musicians in the Region 2 district who performs music in front of a judge and receives awards if they perform well.

Participating Students: 1026 Participating Schools: 44

Middle School Honors Choir & Band Festival is held at Keystone High School each year and brings together musicians from 14 schools in these districts: Avon, Clearview, Columbia, Firelands, Keystone, Midview, N. Ridgeville and Wellington.

Participating Students: 191 Participating Schools: 14



SPELLING

Grades 3-6 ESCLC Elementary Spelling Bee

Held at Nord Middle School in Amherst on 5/4/14

Participating Students: 113 Participating Schools: 14

Grades 7/8 ESC/Chronicle Telegram Bees

West Preliminary held at Amherst Jr. High on 3/7/14

Participating Students: 80

Participating Schools: 20

East Preliminary held at Avon Heritage North on 3/14/14



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Participation & Impact of Events & Programming					
Event & Date	Total # of Students served	Staff (teachers & support personnel) involved or served	# of schools involved (represented by students or teachers)	# of agency personnel served (including JuvCourt & law enforcement)	Notes
Delinquent Education Programs June 6, 2013 – June 6, 2014 * 650 is an unduplicated count as many students go from one facility to another and recidivism is high in this population. We ensure every student receives education even while incarcerated	650*	12 ESCLC Staff serving DH/SSPW/TP	54 different Schools served in Lorain, Erie Medina & Cuyahoga Counties in 22 different School Districts	0	All students were at sometime during the school-year, residents at DH/SSPW/TP
Homeless Education Program July 1, 2012 – July 1, 2013 • Liaison/EMIS Seminar September 26, 2013 • After-school homework-help Tutoring Sept. 9, 2013 – May 30, 2014 We ensure every child who is homeless receive the education they deserve.	758 reported by LEA's	All Region 2 Homeless Liaisons & EMIS Coord. (29 LEA s + 10 Charter)	29 LEAs + 10 Charter	17	758 students identified as Homeless & reported to ODE by 39 LEAs or charter/community schools
	0		21		
	86	67	13	0	@ 2 Boys/Girls Clubs 1 in Lorain & 1 in Elyria
		4 ESCLC Homeless Tutors			
Pupil Transportation Appreciation & PD 10/17/13	0	134	12	0	
School Safety Seminar 91 attended @ Spitzer Ctr. 01/17/14	0	62	26 school districts	29	Train-the-Trainer Seminar covering all topics of ODE & HB requirements
Agency Cross-Training Seminars @ ESCLC 166 (total) attended 01/24/13 & 04/03/14	0	32	17 school districts	134	2 Seminars each year sponsored by The Manager's Group
Nordson Grant	0	12 teachers from 9 school districts were awarded grants	12 school districts submitted a total of 24 applications		Total amount awarded was \$11,500 in various grant-amounts according to each request.

Explanation of each event described on following page.

Barb Conrad, M.A., CCC-SLP

Regional Supervisor of Speech/Language Therapy Services

SUPPORT to Speech-Language Pathologists

SIXTY SLPs from 25 districts receive a monthly e-packet of information and are provided access to a pass coded section of the ESC's website specific to the practice of speech-language pathology in the school setting. The web pages and e-packets are provided by Barb Conrad, Regional Supervisor of Speech/Language Therapy Services. In addition, professional development, quarterly meetings, clinics and labs were offered to district speech-language pathologists by Barb Conrad throughout the 2013-14 school year. A table listing topics, dates and number of attendees follows:

NAME OF EVENT	TOPIC	DATE HELD	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
Let's Get Fired Up	Ohio's New Learning Standards	September 2013	57
Fall SLP Mtg	Supporting ELA	Choice of one of 4 meeting dates in October	42
Adapted Stories		December 2013	8
Winter SLP Mtg	Continuation of ELA work	All canceled due to weather related issues	0
Artic Clinic		January 2014	13
Words: The Legos of Language-open to SLPs in surrounding areas as well	Latest research on vocabulary development	March 2014	125
What's The Buzz?	New workload process, more work on the common core.	May 2014	39
What's the Buzz re-run		June 2014	12

SUPPORT TO NEW HIRES

New speech-language pathologists must be rigorously supervised as they undergo their clinical fellowship (CF) year. Successful completion of their CF year results in obtaining Ohio Board licensure (a requirement to work in schools) and a Certificate of Clinical Competence from ASHA.

Barb provided CF supervision and mentorship to FOUR new SLPs during the 2013-14 school year totaling 69 observations. Three of the SLPs were recommended for their licensure. Since Ruth is a part-time employee, her CF year is continued for one more school year.

- Rachel Strinka, Amherst Exempted Village Schools
- Erin Heyneman, North Ridgeville City Schools
- Ruth Yarnevic, North Ridgeville City School
- Kristin Sprague, ESC assigned to Avon Local Schools

Speech-Language Pathologists new to a district receive orientation visits and on-going support throughout their first year in the region. In addition to those named as CF's above, TWO other SLPs were new to the region this year.

- Barb provided on site visits, personalized emails and packets of information to:
- Anne Marie Schwartz, Clearview Local Schools
- Jessica Thornton, Elyria City Schools

RECRUITMENT/RETENTION

Partnerships Barb has developed with the University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, University of Cincinnati, Bowling Green University, Ohio University, Miami University and The Ohio State University continued as SIX student SLPs were placed in the following districts during the school year:

- Clearview
- North Ridgeville
- ESC-Early Learning Center
- Amherst

SLPs in the region mentor area students pursuing a career in speech-language pathology. Currently, there are **fifteen** students from area high schools in pursuit of a bachelor's or master's degree from an Ohio university Barb keeps in contact with the students encouraging them to consider student teaching in the region and to seek a position in the school setting in the three county region.

Filling temporary vacancies for medical leaves, etc is always a challenge. This year Barb assisted in filling **four** short term positions mostly working with area retirees or small agencies to fill the positions in the following districts: Vermilion, Bellevue, Avon and Avon Lake.

In the fall, Barb held her annual Retiree Luncheon to keep in touch with area retirees to assist with short term openings throughout the year. **Eleven** retirees attended the event. All are welcome at many of the professional development offerings Barb provides in order to keep their licensure current.

To date several SLP vacancies have been announced for Fall 2014. Barb assisted **six** districts in advertising **seven** openings and/or participated in the interview process this spring in the following districts:

- Avon Local Schools
- ESC assigned to Avon Local School
- South Central Local Schools
- Vermilion City Schools
- Bellevue City Schools
- Perkins Local Schools
- Lorain City Schools



Carol Lepi, MA, CCC-A

Regional Educational Audiologist

During the 2013-14 school year, the Educational Audiologist provided direct audiological services to meet the needs of students in 20 participating school districts in Lorain, Erie and Huron Counties. The difference between a clinical audiologist and an educational audiologist is that the educational audiologist understands school-based issues and practices and can assist the school team in understanding the link between hearing, language and learning for their students.

During the 2013-14 school year, the educational audiologist provided the following services:

- Initial evaluation and re-evaluation of individual students' hearing ability status for determination of eligibility or continuation of specially designed services.
- Appropriately fitting (only an educational audiologist can determine the need for and fit FM systems) FM systems for students with hearing impairment so they have direct access to the teacher's voice in the educational environment. Followup services dealing with troubleshooting equipment problems during the school year when necessary.
- Group and individual instruction (training) to general educators, special educators and related service personnel on the care, maintenance and daily listening checks of hearing aids, cochlear implants and FM systems per specific students.
- Active contributing member to ETR, IEP and 504 school teams such as needed evaluations, formulate appropriate individual education goals and determine appropriate assistive hearing technology.
- Conducting a Functional Listening Evaluation (FLE) for students with hearing impairments to provide objective information about how their listening abilities are affected by noise, distance and visual input in a student's natural listening environment. These evaluation results justifying accommodations that needs to be made.
- Direct consultation about specific student needs (accommodations and modifications) to school district personnel through the school year.
- Evaluating the classroom acoustical environment to maximize all children's auditory learning potential which entails the measuring of the sound level of the classroom and the reverberation (echo) within the classroom so appropriate modifications and adaptations can be put in place.
- Group and individual instruction to general educators on how to appropriately utilize an audio distribution system (ADS also referred to as soundfield system) in their classroom.
- Coordinating and facilitating the pure-tone audiometer service contract program so participating school districts receive a substantial discount per the cost of their units.



North Coast Shared Services Alliance

Our collaboration is the first of its kind in our state; as four wide-ranging ESCs partner with the most respected, private sector substitute provider, to deliver the best of all worlds for districts in Northeast Ohio. This service is brought to you through the **North Coast Shared Services Alliance**: where you find **Shared Services – In Action**.

The priorities of **NCSSA** are to reduce costs and increase efficiencies to partners and school districts who participate in the program. With equal importance, it's also our priority to streamline the application, hiring, training and scheduling process for substitutes.

The 2013-2014 school year is the first for the ESC to work with NCSSA. The Lorain County districts participating are:

Clearview, Early Learning Center, Firelands, Lorain City, Vermilion and Wellington

Number of registered substitutes: 245

Number of substitute placements: over 8,000

NCSSA interviews conducted by ESC to hire Lorain County substitutes July, 2013 - May, 2014: 169

The following districts are not included but are using the ESC for substitute services:

Avon, Columbia, Keystone, Midview and Sheffield/Sheffield Lake

Number of registered substitutes: 441



Jody Weidrick
Director of ESC Programs & Services



The Project SEARCH program began in the 2012-2013 school year.

The goal for each student participant is competitive employment. The program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills to help youths with significant disabilities make successful transitions from school to productive adult life. The Project SEARCH model involves an extensive period of training and career exploration, innovative adaptations, long-term job coaching, and continuous feedback from teachers, job coaches, and employers. As a result, at the completion of the training program, students with significant intellectual disabilities are employed in nontraditional, complex and rewarding jobs. The presence of a Project SEARCH High School Transition Program can bring about long-term changes in business culture that have far-reaching positive effects on attitudes about hiring people with disabilities and the range of jobs in which they can be successful.

Eligibility

Project SEARCH serves students with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities. Typically, these are students who are on an Individual Education Program (IEP) and in their last year of high school eligibility. The most important criterion for acceptance into Project SEARCH is a desire to achieve competitive employment.

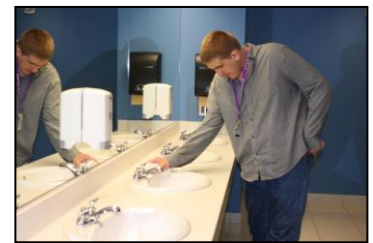
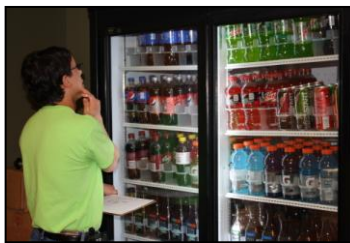
Program Overview

Students attend the program for a full school year in the host business/hospital. The business provides access to an on-site classroom that can accommodate up to 12 students. The site is staffed by a special education teacher and one to three job coaches to meet the educational and training needs of the students.

The ESC has two host sites: Lorain County Community College and Mercy Hospital, Lorain

- Six students at Lorain County Community College
- Eight students at Mercy Hospital

Project SEARCH is funded through the UCP United Cerebral Palsy, but is supported through the collaboration of United Rehabilitation Services, Developmental Disabilities of Lorain County, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, State Support Team Region 2, the students' families and the city and county school districts.



Judy Reinke**Early Learning Center Supervisor**

- Our program has served 152 children during the 2013-2014 School Year at the Lorain County Early Learning Center.
- Program is five days per week with three hours per session (A.M. and P.M.) classes.
- 86 children are from our Special Education Consortium Districts which include children from Clearview Local Schools, Columbia Local Schools, Firelands Local Schools, Keystone Local Schools, Midview Local Schools and Wellington Exempted Village Schools.
- 66 children typically developing children provide role models. Children who are typically developing are from sounding school districts which may include those listed above as well as other districts.
- Five classes are integrated classes two of which are part of our Early Childhood Education Grant.
- One class is self-contained.
- 24 children receive Itinerant Special Education Services.
- The Assessment Team has completed 97 Special Education Initial Assessments.
- The Assessment Team has completed 54 Special Education Re-Evaluations for children moving to kindergarten.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are held twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring.
- Parents receive quarterly report cards for their child.
- Staff includes: 9 classroom teachers, 1 itinerant teacher, 10 classroom aides, 2 psychologists, 3 speech language pathologist, 1 occupation therapist, 1 secretary, 1 Supervisor.
- Staff Professional Development include: Crisis Intervention Training, Child Abuse, CLASS Overview, SLO Training, Blood Borne Pathogen Training; Curriculum Alignment; Overview of Preschool Standards.
- Family Involvement includes: Meet and Greet in August, Parent Teacher Conferences, Psychologist Evening Program on Autism, Parent Volunteers in Classroom, PTO, Family Apple Orchard Field Trip, Halloween Parade, Christmas / Holiday Program, End of the Year Classroom Programs and Ice Cream Social, Family Field Trip to the Cleveland Zoo.
- Gross motor play space includes a gym as well as an outdoor playground.
- Two Grants: Special Education IDEA Early Childhood and Early Childhood Education Grant
- Two fund raisers for additional equipment through Mama Jo Pie Sale at Thanksgiving and Malley's Candy Sale at Easter Time.
- JVS Early Childhood students partner with our center for observations in our classrooms as part of their (unpaid) Work Based Learning Experiences.
- The Grafton Public Library has partnered with our school to provide story time for our children.



Graham Henderson

Program Director

The Lorain County Academy harbors 40 at-risk students from 11 school districts in Lorain County who have not been academically successful in the traditional school classroom. These students come from middle and high schools throughout Lorain County. Their placement at our alternative academy is due to low academic performance, absenteeism, along with behavioral, social and emotional issues.

GOALS:

1. Provide alternative learning experiences in a non-traditional classroom setting resulting in higher student engagement and academic achievement.
2. Provide student the opportunity to experience positive learning experiences and success. Nurture high self-esteem and an understanding of appropriate behavior and actions in a variety of social situations.
3. Provide students with unlimited moments throughout the school day to assist with social/emotional issues and time to reflect on their behavior. Discuss strategies they can implement and practice to control inappropriate social behavior which will allow them to eventually return to their home school environment with a better skill set to be academically and behaviorally successful.
4. Increase student attendance.

2013--2014 Academic Growth

	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade
Reading Growth	+ 1.7 GE	+1.5 GE	+1.4 GE
Math Growth	+2.5 GE	+1.7 GE	+ .3 GE



Attendance: Student attendance on an individual basis has increased. Many variables make it difficult to give an overall percentage.

Elyria Pre-school

Jody Weidrick

Director of ESC Programs & Services



The ESC started two pre-school classrooms for the 2013-2014 school year which are housed at the Elyria Childhood Village and each classroom contains 13 students.

Extended School Year

Judy Skoczen

The Extended School Year Program is held June through July for students with and without disabilities from age three through twenty. The 16 day academic and social enrichment program is held at the Early Learning Center. Speech and Language services and Occupational Therapy services are provided per contracts with the sending school districts. In addition to reading, writing, math and music, there are a number of assemblies.



SUPERINTENDENT

Greg Ring

TREASURER

Jill Orseno

DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION

Moira Erwine

DIRECTOR OF ESC PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Jody Weidrick

DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Dave Miller

LORAIN COUNTY ACADEMY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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EARLY LEARNING SUPERVISOR

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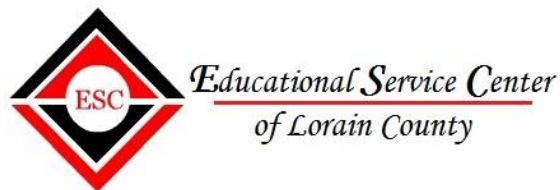
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