



Lee/Ogle ROE Newsletter

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H.E.A.R.T. (Homeless, Social Emotional Learning, PreSchool For All, EC 0-3)

Area II McKinney-Vento Homeless Education

As Area II Lead Liaison, Deb Foust was one of 8 people from Illinois who attended the National Homeless Conference in Pittsburgh. People from all over the nation were present. ISBE has appointed new State Coordinators -- Vicki Hodges and Sharon Neely. Trainings on Homelessness have been done throughout our Lee/Ogle school districts as well as with our ROE subgrantees.

The Prevention Initiative (Ages 0-3) Home Based Program

Birth – 3 Prevention Initiative has hired a new home educator, Zully Vock. Zully is bilingual in Spanish. Her targeted families are those most in need of her bilingual abilities. She has had to translate many of our materials and is doing community work by reaching the families with children most in need of these services. Our other two returning home educators, Cathy Hennessee and Pat Santos, are well into the year with their families.

The Preschool For All Program in Mt. Morris

Preschool For All has a full classroom with a waiting list. Teaching staff is Stephanie Morrison and Laura Bennett. We have had 3 successful Family Fun Nights and we are proud to report that 36 of our 40 children had a parent attend our Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. The Mt Morris school building continues to provide an excellent location for our classroom.

Alternative Ed Programs (Truancy, Nachusa Campus School, RSSP)

Nachusa Campus School

Holiday Break –
December 21-
January 3

Nachusa Campus School

The Options and Transition students at the Nachusa Campus School participated in the Real World Career Day at Sauk Valley College on November 4. Prior to the event, we ordered Nachusa Campus School t-shirts for everyone. The coordinators for the event said our students were very well behaved and asked very pertinent and good questions. We were very proud of them. On Tuesday, November 22, the Nachusa Campus staff cooked a very special Thanksgiving celebration. A special thank you to Mrs. Larinda Heller for organizing the meal.

Enrollment info:

- The Options classrooms (school-avoidant students) are full. We have 4 students on a waiting list.
- Transition class (support after alcohol/drug rehab) has 4 students.
- The Choices classroom (alcohol/drug residential students) has 16 students.
- Alternatives To Detention class (court-ordered residential) has 4 students.
- The FLEX program in Dixon has 8 students while the Rochelle program has 9 students. We have had 3 students receive their high school diploma while one student transferred back to their home school.

Counselor Breakfast: On November 15, representatives from LSSI, Sinnissippi Centers, Streamwood Behavioral, and a private therapist offered options and services for our school counselors. It was great to have the agencies represented. Our counselors came away with excellent resources for their students.

LODIS: The LODIS caseworkers are an added addition to the Nachusa Campus School. The caseworkers are keeping quite busy with new referrals and parent meetings.

RSSP: The Chana Challenge Program has 28 students currently enrolled.



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Common Core Standards

Contact Anji Garza agarza@leeogle.org



If your school or district would like an overview or introductory training related to the new Illinois Learning Standards, please contact Anji Garza.

PARCC update -- New content frameworks for mathematics and English Language Arts have been developed by PARCC -- <http://parconline.org/parcc-content-frameworks>

Math

- Lee/Ogle ROE sent the following trainers to the ISBE Common Core Math training in November: Anji Garza, Rock Gentry, and Patricia Kasmar.
- Initial plans for roll-out include an intensive training for teacher leaders, networking sessions, on-site training for all teachers; as well as spring and summer training "camps." Please watch for dates and further details at www.leeogle.org

English Language Arts

- Content Specialists in ELA are working with ISBE and ISU to develop new state training.
- The Lee/Ogle ROE will offer workshops in the winter and spring of 2012 to address critical elements.
- Look for more training upcoming, especially our summer ELA "training camp"!

Science

- Illinois is among six new states to join a collaborative effort to develop new science standards.
- For insight on the new science standards please review "A Framework for K-12 Science Education: Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13165

Statewide System of Support

As a reminder, the deadline for submitting School Improvement Plans on IIRC is rapidly approaching (Dec 13th). Follow-up meetings for Schools who are in year one or year two of implementing their school improvement plan are scheduled for January and April 2012.

Two of our Lee/Ogle schools have been selected to participate in a hybrid school improvement plan which incorporates elements of the traditional E-Plan and "indicators" for improvement on Rising Star.

Rtl Networking Grant

Area-Wide Instructional Leader Terry Schuster has worked with districts eligible to submit an application for intensive technical assistance and professional development as a member of the new I-RTI Network.

EVERY district is welcome to join the Rtl Coaches Round Table -- a group of professionals that meet on a monthly basis to receive additional training and support with Rtl implementation in their school or district. The round table is facilitated by Terry Schuster and held at the Woodlawn Arts Academy in Sterling. These sessions are free of charge and open to any school or district that would like to build their RTI capacity.

Coming up at the ROE:

Parapro Testing
December 14

February 24 –
Back to the Board – A
SmartBoard Refresher

Rtl Network Coaches
Roundtable – Second
Wednesday of the month at
Woodlawn Arts Academy
In Sterling – starts at 9 am

Summer Catalogue of PD will
be ready for distribution by
Feb 15th!