



## Mid-Ohio Board of Governors February Update

Carrie Wood, Director of Literacy & Read Ohio Regional Coaching NW Coordinator

### Literacy Coaching Project Updates:

The Read Ohio Project Coordinators were trained on the “Science of Reading K-12” course for educators and leaders. Keys to Literacy, a national vendor for professional learning, secured the contract to create a module series for which the Literacy DEW team and Read Ohio Literacy Coaching Coordinators will help scale in the state in a “train the trainer” model. This “Facilitator” training is for ESC qualified literacy professionals, district designees (by invite only) and the state regional early literacy specialists, adolescent specialists and urban literacy specialists which support the state infrastructure of “science of reading” supports and professional learning in Ohio. There is an application and pre-requisite requirements to qualify to receive the “facilitation” training. The DEW is offering a series of five facilitator training dates throughout the spring of 2024. Each training option is limited to sixty participants and will be conducted by the assigned DEW and Read Ohio Literacy Coaching Coordinators.

Furthermore, the Read Ohio coaches in the project will be trained by the four coordinators at Mid-Ohio on May 13-14 to become facilitators for their assigned schools. The coaches are not required to apply for the “train the trainer” facilitator sessions. It is likely the coordinators will co-present with the coaches in their assigned schools.

Pictured below is a [Keys to Literacy January Newsletter](#): It highlights a visit from Governor DeWine and Director Dackin who visited our team during facilitator training with the lead Keys trainer for Ohio at the Department in Columbus. The Governor and Director Dackin asked us questions about our project work from the field.

### Recruit and Hire for Read Ohio Coaching Project Updates:

Mid-Ohio has started the process for hiring cohort two in Read Ohio. We anticipate an additional 7-9 hires. This will make a total team of up to thirteen remote-based coaches serving schools in the northwest quad of Ohio. Coaches are assigned to one or two schools and are based remotely on the school building site. Most of the work we have next school year is in Toledo, Ohio and in or near Marion, Ohio. Jenny Reed has been assisting me in the process to market to Toledo and Marion. The application is on our website and requires a *very specialized literacy skillset* and experience.

## Keys News



### Keys & Ohio Online Literacy

Keys is completing a PD project for the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce that recently culminated in a training session that was **visited by Ohio's Governor Mike DeWine** and state education Director Stephen Dackin. Keys developed 34 hours of customized online literacy modules and a train-the-facilitator model that will be used for thousands of K-12 educators in Ohio. The photo is of the Ohio state trainers, with Keys trainer Michelle Zampell and Director Dackin (in the back row).

**Read Ohio Newsletter:** The project leadership loves the Read Ohio Newsletter and its potential for informing the Read Ohio project around educator learning aligned to the science of reading. Candy Bores and I are meeting with DEW members to learn about other ways they want to leverage analytics. Candy Bores has worked hard to verify receipt of the newsletter in the Read Ohio schools. Currently, I design four versions of the newsletter each month on behalf of Mid-Ohio ESC having a universal level impact in the Read Ohio project.

**State Literacy Network Advisory Team:** I facilitated one session at the February meeting facilitating an alpha test group and proposal for beta testing of a state professional learning tool. The beta testing group to provide feedback on a draft professional learning tool. This tool will be released to the state to use in schools as systems check and to plan for the implementation of educator learning in the school, which is timely as legislation around mandated professional development and science of reading aligned curriculum currently are profound. I am one of eight members on the state advisory team representing Mid-Ohio ESC and the Read Ohio coaching project and meet regularly in between state network meetings to craft the agenda and/or brainstorm topics to present.

**Other state presentation work:**

- Literacy Lab breakout presenter Feb 27
- Spring OESCA – Read Ohio presenter with Stephanie Van Dyke, administrator of the project on May 6

**Thank you for your support,  
Carrie Wood, Director of Literacy and Read Ohio RLCC**