

Student Services Mission: Passionately serving the whole child through innovation, collaboration, and dedication.

# Student Services March Board Report 2024 Jennifer Crum, Director of Student Services

## **Client District Spring Visits and Staffing Needs:**

Speech Language Therapists:

## **Need: 3.8 FTE (without Grant Application)**

Hires and Development Program Candidates: 3 FTEs (M. H., M. C., & New Hire)

- 1. Bucyrus .4 FTE
- 2. Cardington .6 FTE
- 3. Lucas -. 6 FTE
- 4. Crestview (TBD) 1 FTE
- 5. Mansfield .2 FTE
- 6. Northmor As Needed
- 7. Madison 1 FTE

#### **Psychologist:**

#### **Need: 4.1 FTE (without Grant Application)**

Hires and Development Program Candidates: 2 FTEs (W.H. & New Hire)

- 1. Plymouth .5 FTE
- 2. Mansfield 2 FTEs
- 3. Crestline .6 FTE
- 4. Lexington 1 FTE

#### Associate to the Psychologist:

1. Madison – 1 FTE (trained as RBT)

#### Preschool Itinerant Intervention Specialist (TBD)

- 1. Mount Gilead 3 Seats
- 2. Plymouth 4 Seats
- 3. Bucyrus 2 Seats
- 4. Lucas 3 Seats
- 5. Crestview 2 Seats
- 6. Pioneer Fall Screening up to 30 hours

## Occupational Therapist:

1. Mansfield – 1 FTE

## Extended School Year Needs Requiring Service Agreement:

- ${\bf 1.} \quad {\bf Plymouth-Speech\ Language\ The rapy\ Needed\ Service\ Agreement}$
- 2. Lexington Speech Language Therapy Needed Service Agreement
  - a. Request for Carly Nelson

#### Akron Children's Hospital Mental Health and Wellness Proposed Service Agreements for 2024-2025

- 1. Lexington Light Support, 50 hours
- 2. Highland Light Support, 50 hours, plus Service Agreement for anything additional
- 3. Mount Gilead A la Carte, Service Agreement, Vet with Student Services Director
- 4. Lucas Light Support, 50 hours
- 5. Crestview Medium Support (Combination Hermes-Martin, Patrick, and Riegel)
- 6. Bucyrus Light Support/A la Carte, TBD
- 7. Mansfield TBD



## Board Certified Behavior Analyst Proposed Service Agreements for 2024-2025

- 1. Districts Requesting .1 FTE of Service: Bucyrus, Clear Fork Valley, Highland, Hillsdale, Lexington, Mount Gilead (.6 FTE).
- 2. Districts Requesting .2 FTE: Crestline (.2 FTE).
- 3. Districts Requesting Supervision Only: Lucas, Northmor, Madison

(5% of RBT Provision of Behavior Service)

## Non-Client School Districts, Private and Community, Partner, and Member School Meetings

Meetings scheduled to begin March 11, 2024, to determine non-client needs and continued contracts for MOESC service in 2024-2025.

## **Parent Mentor Program**

On February 6, 2024, Mid-Ohio ESC had a scheduled Parent Mentor Project Site Visit. The Site Visit was conducted by Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Consultant Lyndsay Havey and Dr. Gabrielle Johnson, Parent Mentor Project Lead, Ohio State University on Education and Training for Employment (CETE). The Report Summary can be found at the following link; Mid-Ohio ESC Parent Mentor Site Visit Summary.pdf

## Akron Children's Hospital Mental Health and Wellness Consultation Services Update - Lisa Riegel

Lisa Riegel has initiated consultation services in the following districts: Bucyrus, Crestview, Crestline, and Richland School for the Academic Arts. Her work is inclusive of providing administration and staff with an understanding of executive functioning and trauma informed approaches. She is also working with the Akron Children's Team to prepare a suite of 1 hour power hour presentations that will allow teacher teams to learn together within timeframes appropriate for the learner.

# March 4th Think Tank to Address Speech and Language Therapy Shortages, Recruitment, and Retention The event included representation from the following organizations:

- Multiple Educational Service Centers:
  - o Mid-Ohio ESC, Summit ESC, Fairfield ESC, ESC of Central Ohio, ESC of Lorain County, Miami County ESC
- MOESC Speech Language Therapists and MOESC District Directors:
  - o Johanna Gilland, SLP; Leslie Ried, SLP; Valeri Hairston, SLP; Carly Nelson, SLP
  - o Sara Skelton, Northmor Director; and Kristi Barker, Crestview Director
- Multiple Ohio Institutes of Higher Education:
  - Kent State
  - University of Toledo
  - Baldwin Wallace
  - o University of Akron
  - Ohio State
  - o Miami University
  - o Ohio University
  - o Mount St. Joseph
  - Case Western
  - University of Cincinnati
- Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Office of Exceptional Children
- · Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board
- Ohio School Health Services Association
- Office of Graduate Success
- Ohio Excels
- OSSPEAC
- OSLHA

Director Amy Wood opened and emceed the collaborative group. The Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board, The Department of Education and Workforce, and Mid-Ohio Student Services provided Data Presentations to support focus group conversations. Ellie Plessinger, Certified RIVA and Burke Institute Trained Moderator facilitated the Focus Groups whose participants were heterogeneously mixed according to their entity. The collaborative voice identified two significant challenges:

- 1. Defining a healthy caseload for the speech and language therapist
- 2. Developing Grow Your Own programs

Several ideas were presented as solutions to the common challenges (i.e. Professional Development for SLP's to understand the difference between qualification for services under an educational need model vs. a medical model, and how to transition students who no longer qualify off caseloads). After the close of the meeting, the core team debriefed, by reviewing the common challenges and solutions. Specific expectations and next steps were determined, with a plan to meet again to further review the Think Tank Report Summary with the Certified Moderator.

#### **Networks:**

- OT/PT/SLP Network MOESC Updates & IEP Annual Goal Progress Monitoring: Methods of Measuring Child's Progress. Presenters: Brenda George, MS, ORSPN and Bernadette Laughlin, Related Service Program Specialist, OEC
- 2. School Psychologist Network March 18, 2025, Blended

#### **March Professional Development & Trainings:**

- 1. Crisis Prevention and Intervention (Refresher) March 5, 2024
- 2. Crisis Prevention and Interventions (Initial) March 20, 2024
- 3. PBIS (In-District) Crestview, March 15, 2024

# **Assistant Student Services Director's Report, Shelly Patrick:**

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