

# Student Services

## *Student Services Mission:*

*Passionately serving the whole child through innovation, collaboration, and dedication.*

### **Student Services September Board Report 2025** **Jennifer Crum, Director of Student Services**

#### **Parent Mentor Project 2025:**

Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center is proud to announce that it has been selected as a Fiscal Year 2026 recipient of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Parent Mentor Grant. The ESC has been awarded two Parent Mentor Grants totaling \$50,000.

Our Parent Mentors, Lindsey Schonauer and Jenny Keesee—who is returning to Mid-Ohio ESC after a year's leave—will provide support to our client districts.

#### **District Assignments:**

Lindsey Schonauer will serve: Bucyrus, Highland, Northmor, Mount Gilead, Crestline, Galion, Cypress, Foundation Academy, Mansfield Christian School, St. Peter's, and Richland School of Academic Arts.

Jenny Keesee will serve: Lexington, Buckeye Central, Lucas, Clear Fork, Crestview, Plymouth-Shiloh, and Madison.

#### **Shared Responsibilities:**

Both Parent Mentors will support GOAL Digital Academy, Findlay Digital Academy, Pioneer, and Tomorrow Center.

The PM Grant has been submitted and Student Services is waiting final approval.

#### **SLP/SP Consultant Grant:**

Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center is pleased to announce its selection as a Fiscal Year 2026 recipient of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Speech-Language Therapy and School Psychology Consultant Grant. This \$400,000 award will fund full-time consultants in each discipline, support the SLP & SP High School Mentorship Coordinator, and enable the development of School Psychology High School Mentorship Modules for the Mentorship Program.

##### **Consultant Team:**

- **Johanna Gilland, SLP**
- **Kylie Dennison-Rebon, School Psychologist**

Together, they will serve the entire Central Ohio region in which Mid-Ohio ESC operates.

The SLP/SP Consultant Grant application and the IDEA State-Level Activity Impact Logic Model have been submitted through the CCIP and are awaiting final approval.

#### **CIA & SPED Director Network, September 12, 2025**

The Director Network included several presentations to kickoff the 2025-2026 Networks.

The Parent Mentors were introduced and provided an overview of their role in supporting families and schools. Jenny Keesee also introduced a representative from Richland County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). CASA, a program of the Juvenile Court system, utilizes trained volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected, or dependent children involved in court proceedings.

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Attorney Miriam Fair of Western Hurd LLP delivered a presentation on “Special Education Obligations to Nonpublic Schools and Others.”

The session concluded with the Speech-Language and School Psychology Consultants outlining their roles and reviewing the Logic Model that will guide their practices for the 2025–2026 school year.

Shelly Patrick, Assistant Director of Student Services Board Report: [Assistant Director Board Report - September 2025](#)