

Regional Office of Education Report

March 2024

Compliance Season

Regional Offices of Education are entrusted with assessing compliance of local school districts and recognized non-public schools in the state of Illinois. This process consists of a systematic review of district documentation and recording compliance with state and federal laws and Illinois School Code. The resulting designation is reported on the state website and as part of the Illinois Report Card.

The compliance process is seen as an opportunity to improve operations and support the programs that deliver quality educational experiences to students. Our school districts are on a 4 year evaluation cycle with compliance. This year we are conducting compliance reviews for Sterling School District, Kings School District, Eswood School District, and Creston School District.

Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership Grant/IDPH Trauma Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement
Manufacturing, Health Science & Agriculture Endorsement Programs
Elevating Special Educators
School Improvement & Strategic Planning
School Improvement Cooperative (instructional coaching, training, networking)
Social Emotional Learning/Trauma/Youth Mental Health First Aid/TRS I-A
Early Childhood Professional Learning

Family Education & Engagement

NEXUS Family Support Services

Student Attendance

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning & School Improvement

- A full schedule of Professional Learning is available on our website: www.roe47.org
- A provider survey was deployed in January 2024 in order to collect current screening and program enrollment data for early childhood programming in Lee, Ogle & Whiteside counties. This data is being used to better understand program opening and needs within each community. Data collected includes: Number of student slots, Number of students on waiting list, number of screenings completed, referrals made to Head Start, cycle of program monitoring, and feedback on how coordinated intake can help with the program waiting list. The Early Childhood Capacity Builder has also visited 2 school district Preschool for All programs to work with teachers and administrators to prepare for monitoring visits.
- ROE 47 Early Childhood team, ROE 47 Pathways team, Sauk Valley Community College and Head Start are continuing conversations related to support for incumbent workforce and future educators who may need additional support and networking to promote persistence and degree/credential completion.
- ROE 47 School Improvement team staff members are working intensively with six districts on continuous school improvement.
- The office of Professional Learning & Educational Services deployed an Educator needs assessment survey in January 2024 to assess and better understand trauma, social emotional and other professional learning needs in the Lee, Ogle, Whiteside county service area.
- Trauma 101 and Youth Mental Health First Aid Training is available for registration on our website.
- Upcoming and ongoing professional learning opportunities through our office includes: Librarians Networking, School Counselor & Social Worker Networking, Social Studies training, Targeted Improvement to Meet the Needs of Diverse Learners (Special Education), monthly networking for special education teachers, 2 cohorts of Developing Special Education Leaders, Transformational Leadership Academy, new teacher cadre, quarterly administrator meetings, quarterly pathway implementation sessions, and more!

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Parent Engagement & Community Outreach


- Approximately 100 high school freshmen have been nominated to participate in our first Student Leadership Summit at the McCormick Event Center on March 15, 2024
- Family Educators and the Coordinated Intake Specialist have attended over 36 community events and reached over 10,000 families with parent-child activities, educational materials, and links to EC programs and community services through our IRIS referral platform. In FY24, from July 1 - January 1, 2024, the office has hosted or participated in community events that facilitated parent-child interaction and heightened awareness of EC opportunities, including:
 - Back to School Bash (125 participants)
 - Paw Paw Back to School Bash (100 participants)
 - Taste of Fiesta (Sterling) (500 participants)
 - Prophetstown BlockFest (11 children)
 - Ogle County Baby Shower (75 families)
 - Lee County Baby Shower (8 families)
 - Trunk or Treat - Sterling (October 25): 500 children
 - Trunk or Treat - Dixon (October 25): 475 children
 - Build A Pet Clubhouse - November 4: 31 children
 - PLT Preschool Parent Education Event - November 6: 27 parents
 - Polo Christmas - December 2: 190 children
 - Sterling Sites & Sounds - December 1: 450 children
 - Blockfest (Sterling Public Schools Early Childhood): 18 families
 - Blockfest (Oregon) - January 20: 12 families, 25 children
 - Virtual Baby Shower - January 24: 8 expectant mothers; 9 community organizations
 - Empowered Parents Session 1 - January 22: 15 caregivers
- Our family educators have been trained in facilitating Parent Cafes. These will begin virtually in April 2024.
- Blockfest, Mindful Trails and Slumberkins resources are available for check out to schools and agencies
- Looking for volunteer opportunities? Our family educators are seeking volunteers to help in assembling approximately 1,000 community outreach bags each month. Outreach bags are distributed to ROE 47 schools and families and contain an activity, information
- A monthly digital family newsletter has been developed and deployed through Mail Chimp on a monthly basis. Newsletters include parenting information, community family events, early childhood programming and service information, and other important links. Parents/caregivers can subscribe to the ROE Family Newsletter at <https://mailchi.mp/2cde621b466f/family-sign-up>
- Over 1,000 community outreach bags have been distributed to area preschools, food banks, and shelters. Outreach bags include a personal care item, information on family events and community resources, community agencies, a parent-child activity card, and an activity for parents and children to do together.
- The Family Education & Engagement Specialist is hosting an “Empowered Parenting” series - a three-part series designed for parents of all ages and in all stages. Sessions will address behaviors, emotional regulation, and strategies parents can use at home.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Social Media

The department's social media presence continues to grow. Like our page on Facebook (Regional Office of Education #47) and download our ROE47 App for weekly teacher talks, instructional tips, news, giveaways, updates & more! Follow us on Twitter @RegionalOffice47

Want to hear from educators & students in the classroom? Check out our Teacher Talks on YouTube!

Upcoming Events



MARCH 1
8:30-1:30


Tetten's Grain
1684 Nachusa Rd
Dixon

cultivating connections in
agriculture

What to Expect
A successful secondary agriculture program requires more than a classroom. Dive in to the world of agriculture education, careers, and leadership development with high school agriculture teachers, current students, and local success stories - men and women who experienced the benefits of agriculture education and the FFA organization. Consider this a review or an introduction to Illinois' well-established agriculture education family.

Details
Check-in 8 a.m. Program begins 8:30 a.m.
Refreshments & lunch provided
CPDs offered
Open to admin, counselors, school board, FFA alumni
Questions? Contact the committee:

- John Heiser, District 1 FCAE Program Advisor: jheiser@lged.org
- Katie Pratt, Lee Co. AITC coordinator: aitc.leecfbcomcast.net
- Stacey Dinges, Pathways Navigator, ROE #47: sdinges@roe47.org
- Ashleigh Erbes, Lee Co. Farm Bureau manager: leecfbcomcast.net


RSVP & Register by Feb. 22. Scan Code 


A series designed for **ALL EDUCATORS!**


Empowered Educators

<p>WORKSHOP 1 1/17/24 What you need to know about supporting children of trauma!</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 2 2/21/24 Educating children with a trauma-focused lens. Part 1</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 3 3/20/24 Educating children with a trauma-focused lens. Part 2</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 4 4/17/24 Educating children with a trauma-focused lens and the impact of YOU.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 5 5/15/24 Classroom Wrap Up: The 10 things to take with you.</p>	

ALL WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM FROM 3:30-4:30 PM



Scan to Register 



6TH ANNUAL
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SUMMIT
Building a Community
OF BELONGING



Dr. Alonzo Kelly
Keynote Speaker

Calling all educators, counselors, administrators, and anyone passionate about empowering children and youth! Dive into a transformative Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Summit, designed to equip you with the tools and strategies to build vibrant, inclusive communities within your schools.

MARCH 14, 2024
8:30AM - 3:00PM
SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



Dr. Alonzo Kelly
Keynote Speaker

This summit isn't just about passively absorbing information—it's about actively engaging and transforming the way we perceive and articulate our thoughts.

Dr. Alonzo Kelly will ignite our minds and challenge us to break free from conventional patterns of thinking. Through an exploration of the six modalities of learning, he will empower you to embrace diverse perspectives and harness the power of our voices like never before.

MARCH 15, 2024
9:00AM - 1:00PM
McCormick Event Center
Rock Falls, IL
Lunch provided at the summit
Transportation is provided by school



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Preschool make n takes!
Upcoming Events

FEB 6 3:30-4:30 <i>Valentines Day!</i>	MARCH 4 3:30-4:30 <i>Healthy foods!</i>	APR 15 3:30-4:30 <i>Spring!</i>
MAY 6 3:30-4:30 <i>Building!</i>	JUNE 3 3:30-4:30 <i>Summer!</i>	

The Regional Office of Education is going to be hosting "make n take" zooms once a month. The purpose of these are to give our educators ideas that they can bring into the classroom! From different crafts to activities, our Early Childhood Coach will cover many different options! Each month will be a different theme. Please reach out to Ashley Teel if you have questions! ateel@roe47.org

A training for all individuals who work or engage with children

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

"Just one person can make in a young person's life by simply asking, 'Are you OK?'"

March 21 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Virtual	April 10 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sterling Township	May 2 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Ogle County TBD
June 6 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. SVCC	July 25 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. ROE 47	

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To request a training for your organization, email agarza@roe47.org

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EMPOWERED PARENT SERIES

"A 3-part series designed for parenting all ages and in all stages."

About:
The Empowered Parenting Series is a three-part series designed for parents of all ages and in all stages. We will be addressing behaviors, assisting your child with emotional regulation, and gaining a new toolbox full of strategies for your home.

Dates:
Monday, January 22 from 7-8 PM
Monday, February 12 from 7-8 PM
Monday, March 18 from 7-8 PM

Where:
Online Zoom Event
Zoom link will be sent after you register.

REGISTER TODAY!
Participants who register and participate in all sessions will have the opportunity to win a gift card.

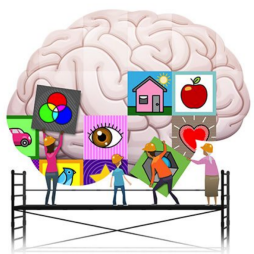
Scan to Register
or text (815) 764-1194

For more information,
Email: gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org



A Family Education & Engagement Event

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



BUILDING OUR CHILDREN'S BRAINS

"You have a superpower - the ability to have a colossal and positive impact on their child's developing brain."

ABOUT:
Dive into the wonders of brain development through the interactive Brain Architecture Game. Discover how experiences shape the brain and learn practical strategies to support your child's growth and well-being while connecting with other parents and caregivers.

Childcare available!

REGISTER TODAY!
All participants who attend this event will be entered into a raffle.

APRIL 22
5:30-7:00 PM
A meal will be served from 5:00-5:25PM

STERLING TOWNSHIP
505 W LYNN BLVD. | STERLING, IL 61081

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APRIL 23
5:30-7:00 PM
A meal will be served from 5:00-5:25PM

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY
100 S WASHINGTON ST | BYRON, IL 61010

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Sharing our stories to help take care of ourselves and our families

I AM A SUPER-PARENT STRONG & FLEXIBLE

Our Parent Cafés are FREE!

JOIN US



Register by scanning the QR code
or text 815.764.1194

APRIL 8
7:00 PM
ONLINE (ZOOM)
A LINK WILL BE SENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT

Parent Cafés are events that encourage positive community connections and empower parents.

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Free Birth to Five Developmental Screening

1st Thursday of each month!

What is a developmental screening?
A developmental screening is a tool that takes a closer look at how your child is developing.

Why is it important?

- Screenings help families understand their child's development.
- Screenings show important milestones and identify possible concerns as early as possible. Research tells us that the sooner a developmental concern is identified, the better. Early identification leads to early support and services that can improve a child's development and help them be their best.
- It's recommended! The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all children be screened at least once a year.
 - Screenings are a great way to make sure that your child is developing on track for their age. You can learn about your child's strengths and ways to support their healthy development.
 - Screenings can also help determine if your child needs extra help or further evaluation. Our staff specializes in helping families who have concerns about their child's development. They can answer your questions and connect you to local resources.

Schedule a developmental screening
Scan the QR code and complete the registration form or call (815) 625-1495 and ask for Aimee.



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1200 SOUTH WASHINGTON
AMBOY, IL 61310

A Project of the Sauk Valley STARS Early Childhood Coalition.




SATURDAY, MARCH 2
9:00 – 11:00 AM
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
960 US-52, Amboy, IL 61310

BLOCK Fest®, families have the opportunity to play with five varieties of non-interlocking blocks, designing and building structures and deconstructing what they've built!



More Information Email: gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org
Text: 815-764-1194

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

Check out ALL of our opportunities [HERE](#)
February & March 2024 Schedule of Events

3/5/2024 - 5/7/2024	<u>Developing Leadership in Special Education (Year One)</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
3/13/2024	<u>Special Educators Cohort</u>	Online (Zoom)
3/14/2024	<u>SEL Summit</u>	SVCC (In-person)
3/21/2024	<u>Youth Mental Health First Aid</u>	Online (Zoom)

February 2024 Participants - 285

Friday, February 2

Practical Strategies for Implementing UDL@ SVCC

Tuesday, February 6

Targeted Improvement to Meet the Need of Diverse Learners @ ROE #47

Ed Pathways Cohort 4 @ 3:15 p.m.

LETRS Training @ 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

Literacy Plan Roundtable @ SVCC

Thursday, February 8

Social Science Quarterly Networking Session @ ROE #47

Health Sciences (Pathways) Networking Session @ 3:15 pm

Friday, February 9

Virtual Pathways for College & Career Readiness Summit @ 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13

Ed Pathways Cohort 2 & 3 @ 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

Special Educators Cohort @ 3:30 pm

Deanery School Improvement Networking Session @ Newman Catholic High School

Thursday, February 15

Librarians & School Library Media Specialist Networking Session @ 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

New Teacher Cadre @ 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

Empowered Educators Series @ 3:30 pm

Whole Child, Whole Life (Spring Book Study) @ 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

Administrator Networking Session @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27

Developing Leadership in Special Education (Year Two) @ ROE #47

Xello Training @ 3:15 p.m.

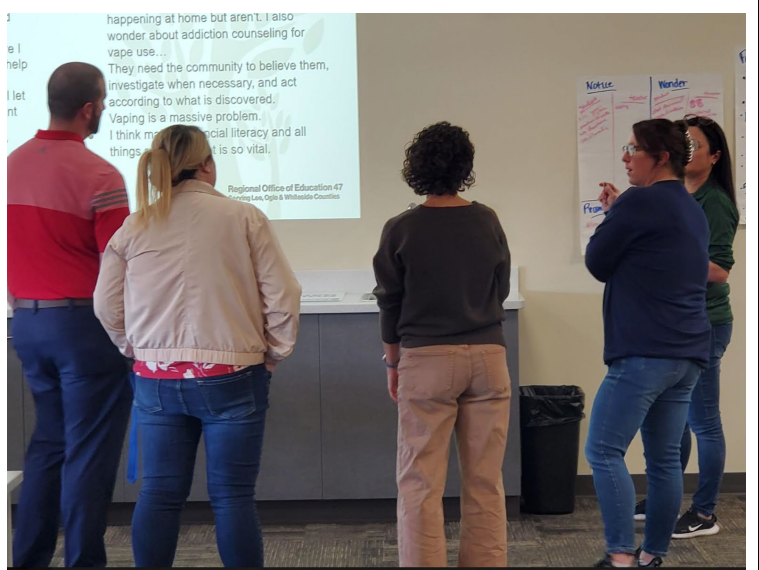
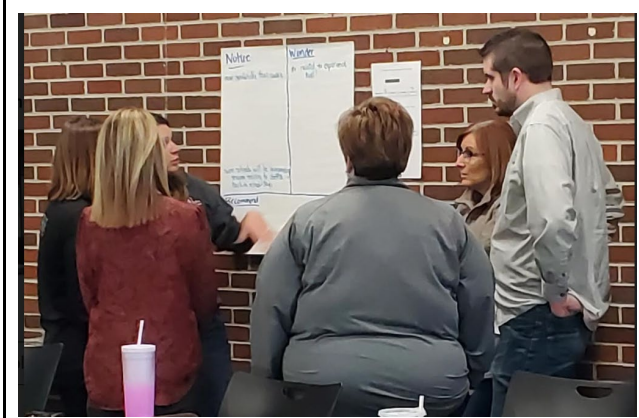
Wednesday, February 28

Preschool Family Support Specialist Networking Session @ 9:00 am

Thursday, February 29

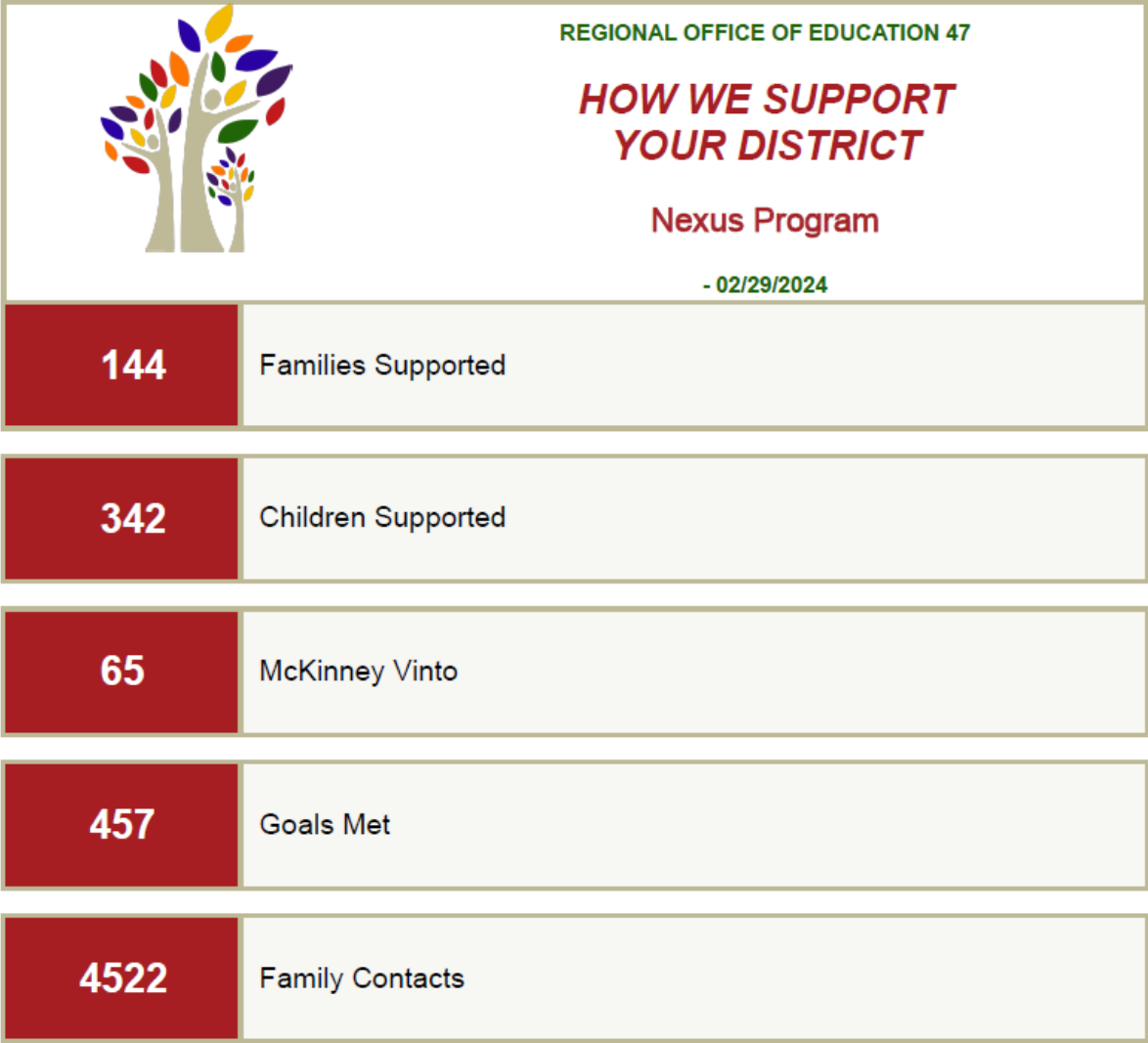
Transformational Leadership Academy Series @ SVCC

February 2024 in Photos:

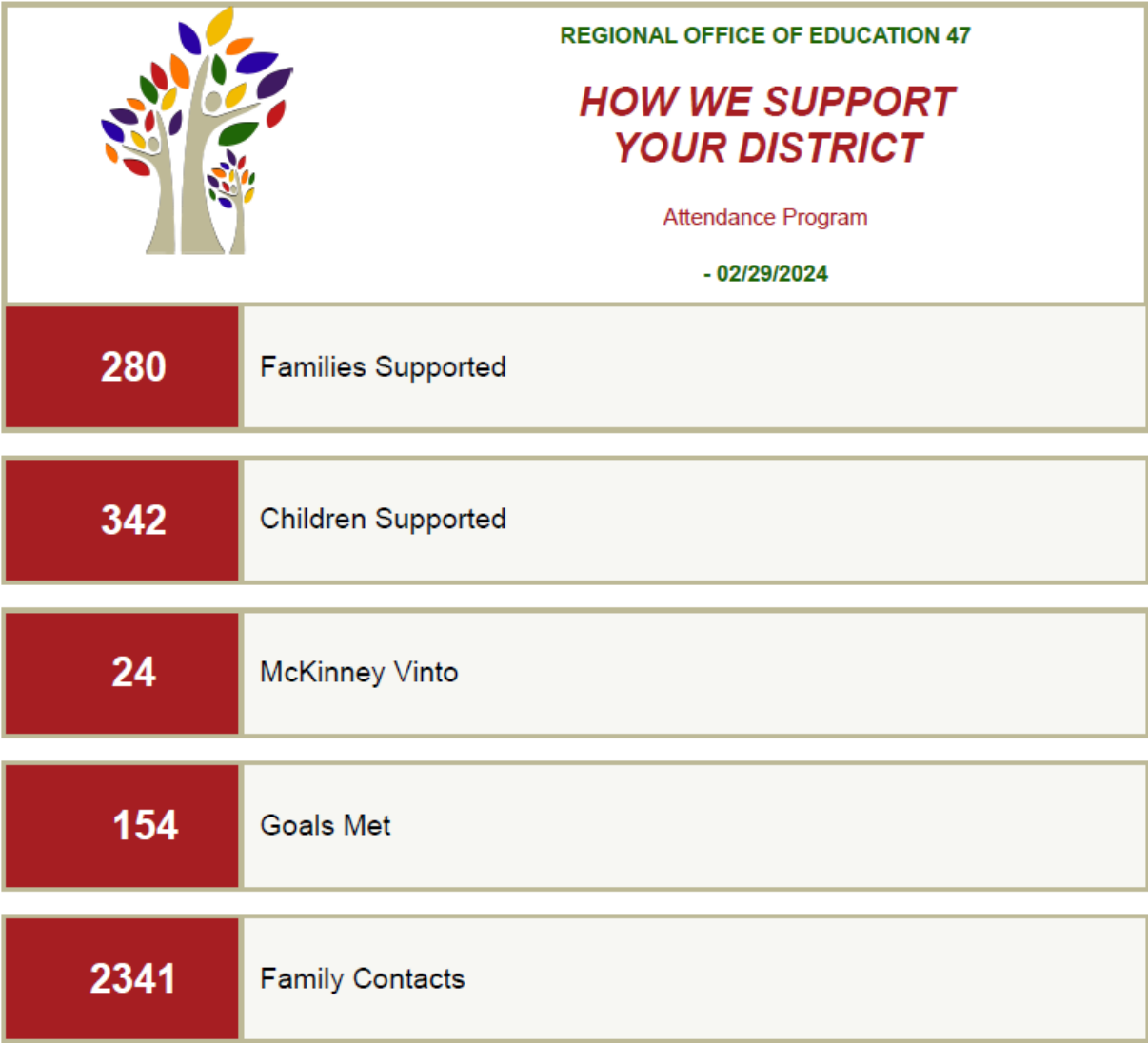


Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: NEXUS

Our team has been working hard to convert all of our data into a new custom-built data system for our entire professional development team, specifically, our student support team. With this new system, we can provide quicker data snapshots of the program. It has been a long process, but we are happy with the results and possibilities. This data snapshot is for the Nexus program. It changes often and rapidly with the work our team is doing daily.



Similar to Nexus, we have started a new system to pull data. This program has taken time to create but will allow for both programs to work more efficiently and be able to make meaningful programmatic decisions based on our local regional data.



Parents as Teachers First Years

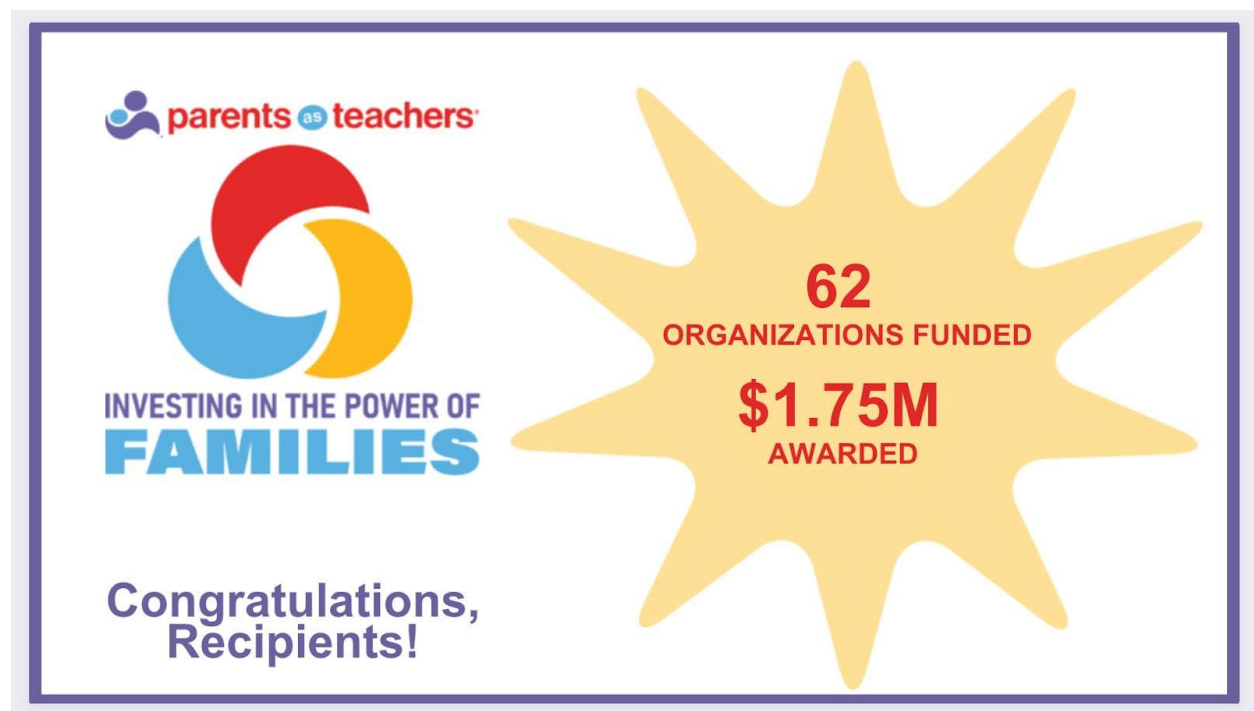
Parents as Teachers First Years is excited to announce that we have been awarded one of the seven "Investing in the Power of Families" initiative grants awarded in Illinois!

Our award focuses on workforce development. The goal is to improve employee knowledge and skills, enhance program quality, and equip home visitors with additional tools and interventions that they can use to provide more effective support to families while supporting parent educators' well-being as they address stressful topics with families. We also want to provide staff members with less than a Bachelor's level of education with an incentive to complete additional classes towards the attainment of a BA in Early Childhood Education.

Parents as Teachers National Center recently issued the following statement: "We're proud to announce the launch of our "Investing in the Power of Families" initiative with grants totaling \$1.75 million. This funding will support 62 affiliate organizations, empowering them to make a difference for families nationwide. This three-pronged initiative aims to restore family enrollments in affiliates' home visiting services, enhance mental and physical health support services, and foster systemic positive changes through engaged parent leaders. ❤️

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<https://parentsasteachers.org/investinginthepoweroffamilies/>



Education Outreach Program

February was a busy month for our EOP students. With warmer weather comes transitions in many different ways. Most of our students are working towards GED testing and earning their diplomas, while many others are fighting to find employment opportunities. EOP and BEST, Inc. have been working diligently to place our students in Job Shadows or Work Experience opportunities to help transition from education to the workforce. We currently have 6 students working with BEST. We also have 4 students enrolled in Certification programs at Sauk Valley Community College with 4 more students interested in Welding and Truck Driver Training for the next semester.

One of our students, Chase, has been recognized as an Honors student and was asked to participate in creating an Honors Project with his instructors at SVCC. Chase was also awarded the Achievement Certificate and entered on the President's List as he has held a 4.00 in all of his Multi-Craft courses for the Fall Semester.



February was Financial Literacy month for our students as well. With our program, we are always encouraging our students to reach out about assistance with anything from where to cash a check to budgeting and have noticed a need to address some basic financial information. We asked Logan from Community State Bank in Sterling to come in and meet with some of our students. Logan was able to explain how banking at a smaller, local branch can be helpful. He was also able to explain the different services offered, banking fees, loans and interest rates.

EOP also would like to recognize Jerod for earning his Illinois High School Diploma through the Alternative Credentialing method. Congratulations **Jerod!** We currently have 12 students with only 1 GED test left to pass, 14 new enrollments and 6 graduates.

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

Services continue to flow to our Districts with the hopes of keeping our students engaged and supported with their educational struggles. With the end result being, educational success. FAFSA, which is financial support for students entering and involved with Post Secondary education, is a vital key for our McKinney Vento Students. Unfortunately, this federal program continues to be delayed at the federal level. This greatly impairs and drives the success of college selection. It especially involves the financial support that is greatly needed. Work will continue as this program progresses. Support for a wide range of educational needs continues to be needed and provided to the best of our ability.

Regional Center for Change

The theme for February was "Share the Love and Black History Month." The school calendar has been updated and reflects a new end-of-third quarter date, March 19th! Twenty students achieved Phoenix Rising status in February, and we hope to see many more students achieving this amazing goal in March!

WHAT IS ONEBOX?

The ONEbox (TM) is an emergency opioid overdose reversal kit designed to promote safety by assuring that individuals have life-saving, on-demand training when and where they need it. C4C is now equipped to provide emergency opioid overdose Narcan with ONEbox. The ONEbox kit is located in the main office above the medication safe. Angie, Ashley, and Mark are trained to provide this life-saving medication.

GUEST SPEAKER!!!!

We are finalizing a guest speaker to come to C4C sometime in April after state testing. The Juvenile Justice Council is sponsoring this dynamic and motivational speaker. The theme for his presentation will focus on our motto, "we are the center for change, not center for staying the same". Check out the link below for more info.

ICEARY

We are so excited to have the opportunity to send all of our C4C staff to the ICEARY conference in Bloomington Normal on March 7th and 8th. This conference offers exceptional professional learning opportunities with uplifting keynote speakers, relevant breakout sessions, and opportunities to exchange ideas with professionals nationwide. Attendees will walk away with new learning strategies, inspiring reflections, opportunities to grow professional networks, and practical strategies.

<https://www.yogiinspires.com/>

Important Dates in February

February 19th - No School

February 29th - Doors judged for Door Decorating Contest

March 1st - Assembly Virtual 8:45 am

February Birthdays!

Staff:

February 12th Bret Tegeler

February 14th Seth Sanderson

February 23rd Shandy Adams

February 28th Mandy Smith