

## **Regional Office of Education Report**

**October 2023**

### **School Resource Officers**

Our office recently hosted the fall meeting of our School Resource Officers that serve our students and educators. We currently have 17 School Resource Officers serving our school districts and Sauk Valley Community College. Chris Tennyson had the privilege of serving as an SRO for Mundelein High School during his law enforcement career and it is important to him to provide support for the SRO's serving our schools. The group was able to meet on September 21st at Sauk Valley Community College to discuss issues that they are dealing with in their buildings. We also received a juvenile law update from ASA [Bridget Schott](#) from the Lee County State's Attorney's office. We finished up the meeting by running through some situations on the new use of force simulator that is owned by the Sauk Valley Police Academy. We are grateful to Jason LaMendola, the Director of the Sauk Valley Police Academy, for agreeing to help organize and host our meetings this year.

## Professional Learning & Educational Services

<b>Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning &amp; Educational Services</b>
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership 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: School Improvement

#### Professional Learning

- Summative designations and SPP data will soon be available to all of our schools and districts. Our team will be busy assisting with data analysis & interpretation and school improvement planning.
- A full schedule of professional Learning is available on our website: [www.roe47.org](http://www.roe47.org)

### Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Community Outreach

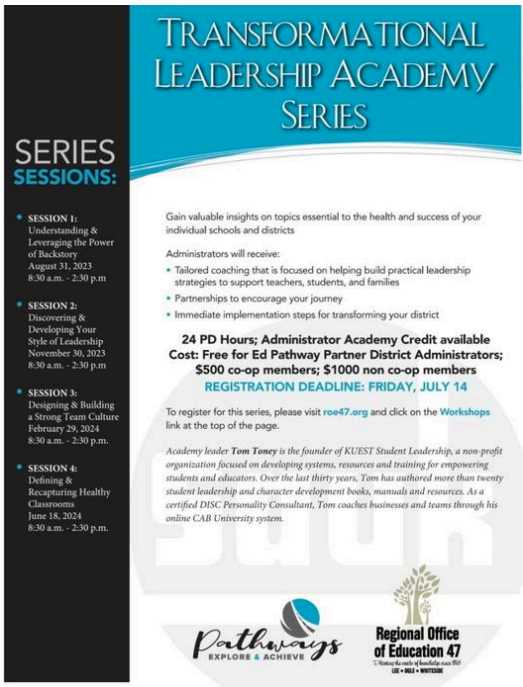
- Team members continue to facilitate 2-3 community outreach events per month. Our next scheduled event is Blockfest in Prophetstown on September 30th.
- The 2nd annual Pathway Playground will be held Friday, October 20 at Sauk Valley Community College. Our team is still looking for business, industry, and community agencies to participate!

## 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



**TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SERIES**

**SERIES SESSIONS:**

- **SESSION 1:** Understanding & Leveraging the Power of Backstory  
August 31, 2023  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 2:** Discovering & Developing Your Style of Leadership  
November 30, 2023  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 3:** Designing & Building a Strong Team Culture  
February 29, 2024  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 4:** Defining & Recapturing Healthy Classrooms  
June 18, 2024  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Gain valuable insights on topics essential to the health and success of your individual schools and districts.

Administrators will receive:

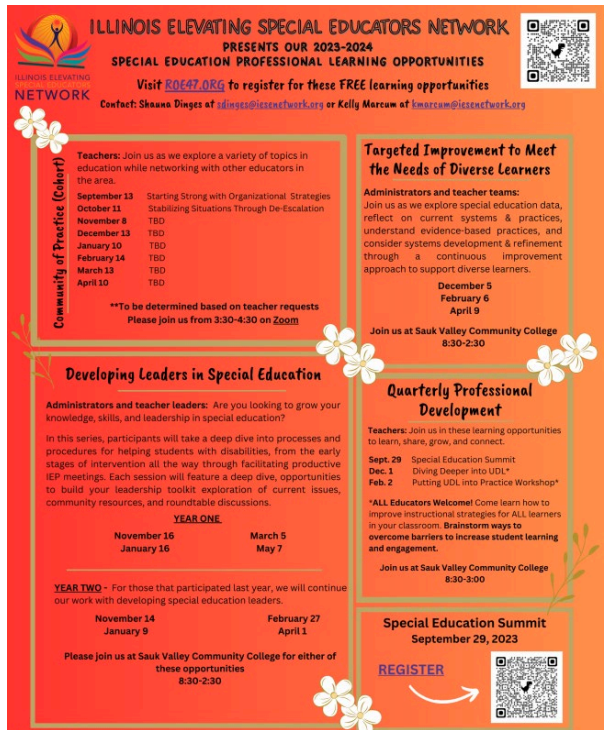
- Tailored coaching that is focused on helping build practical leadership strategies to support teachers, students, and families
- Partnerships to encourage your journey
- Immediate implementation steps for transforming your district

**24 PD Hours; Administrator Academy Credit available**  
**Cost: Free for Ed Pathway Partner District Administrators;**  
**\$500 co-op members; \$1000 non co-op members**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 14**

To register for this series, please visit [roe47.org](http://roe47.org) and click on the **Workshops** link at the top of the page.

*Academy leader Tom Toney is the founder of KUEST Student Leadership, a non-profit organization focused on developing systems, resources and training for empowering students and educators. Over the last thirty years, Tom has authored more than twenty student leadership and character development books, manuals and resources. As a certified DISC Personality Consultant, Tom coaches businesses and teams through his online CAB University system.*

**Pathways** EXPLORE & ACHIEVE  
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**ILLINOIS ELEVATING SPECIAL EDUCATORS NETWORK**  
 PRESENTS OUR 2023-2024  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**  
 Visit [ROE47.ORG](http://ROE47.ORG) to register for these **FREE** learning opportunities  
 Contact: Shauna Dinges at [sdinges@iesenetwork.org](mailto:sdinges@iesenetwork.org) or Kelly Marcum at [kmarcum@iesenetwork.org](mailto:kmarcum@iesenetwork.org)

**Teachers:** Join us as we explore a variety of topics in education while networking with other educators in the area.

September 13	Starting Strong with Organizational Strategies
October 11	Stabilizing Situations Through De-Escalation
November 8	TBD
December 13	TBD
January 10	TBD
February 14	TBD
March 13	TBD
April 10	TBD

**\*\*To be determined based on teacher requests**  
 Please join us from 3:30-4:30 on Zoom!

**Targeted Improvement to Meet the Needs of Diverse Learners**

**Administrators and teacher teams:** Join us as we explore special education data, reflect on current systems & practices, understand evidence-based practices, and consider systems development & refinement through a continuous improvement approach to support diverse learners.

December 5	February 6
February 6	April 9

Join us at Sauk Valley Community College 8:30-2:30

**Developing Leaders in Special Education**

**Administrators and teacher leaders:** Are you looking to grow your knowledge, skills, and leadership in special education?

In this series, participants will take a deep dive into processes and procedures for helping students with disabilities, from the early stages of intervention all the way through facilitating productive IEP meetings. Each session will feature a deep dive, opportunities to build your leadership toolkit exploration of current issues, community resources, and roundtable discussions.

YEAR ONE	
November 16	March 5
January 16	May 7

**YEAR TWO:** For those that participated last year, we will continue our work with developing special education leaders.

November 14	February 27
January 9	April 1

Please join us at Sauk Valley Community College for either of these opportunities 8:30-2:30

**Quarterly Professional Development**

**Teachers:** Join us in these learning opportunities to learn, share, grow, and connect.

Sept. 29	Special Education Summit
Dec. 1	Diving Deeper into UDL*
Feb. 2	Putting UDL into Practice Workshop*

\*ALL Educators Welcome! Come learn how to improve instructional strategies for ALL learners in your classroom. Brainstorm ways to overcome barriers to increase student learning and engagement.

Join us at Sauk Valley Community College 8:30-3:00

**Special Education Summit**  
 September 29, 2023

**REGISTER**

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Illinois Elevating Special Educators Presents

# SECOND ANNUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

Friday, September 29, 2023  
Sauk Valley Community College  
Registration 8-8:30 Sessions 8:30-3:00

Visit [ROE47.org](http://ROE47.org) to sign up!



Register by September 15



ILLINOIS ELEVATING SPECIAL EDUCATORS NETWORK

Cost: Free  
Lunch is included

5.5 Hours  
PD Credit

Join Illinois Elevating Special Educators Network for our second annual summit specifically designed to meet the needs of special educators in northern Illinois as we launch the 2023-2024 school year. The Summit promises to provide special education professionals opportunities to come together to learn, share, grow, and connect. Summit activities will include a keynote from Novak Education on **Universal Design for Learning** that will inspire you to help **all learners experience success!** Special educators will also choose sessions specific to their needs, gaining insight into the latest research-based strategies and tips they can apply to supporting students with disabilities in the classroom.

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Illinois Elevating Special Educators Presents

# SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMIT


Are you an enthusiastic school administrator looking to foster an inclusive and impactful learning environment for ALL students?  
Would you like help supporting your teachers?  
Join us for our annual summit featuring special sessions for administrators to build effective leadership around Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles and evidence based special education practices.

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# BUILDING IS FUN!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
PROPHETSTOWN PARK DISTRICT  
410 W RIVERSIDE DR, PROPHETSTOWN, IL 61277



You and your child(ren) will move from station to station enjoying block play together. As you play together with the blocks, your child(ren) will engage in play that builds an understanding of math and science concepts.








## REGION 47 SNAPSHOT INFOGRAPHIC

Using a Collective Impact Model, between September 2022 and June 2023, we led our Action and Family Councils through data discussions to identify gaps and needs for children and families. We coordinated focus groups, interviews, and surveys to gather input from community members across the Region.

 <p><b>8,878</b> Children Under the Age of 6 in Region 47</p>	 <p><b>3,455</b> Children 0-5 at 200% Federal Poverty Level</p>	 <p><b>2,168</b> Children 0-5 Without Publicly Funded ECEC Slots</p>
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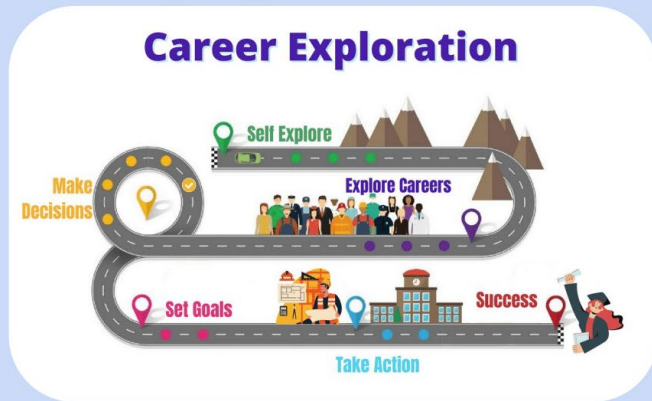
**32%** Percentage of children ages birth to five who have a slot at a licensed child care center or home

“It all comes back to the workforce. Without an Early Childhood workforce, we cannot expand the programming that families need. The Early Childhood workforce shortage is not only about the low pay, but respect, education, and support play a huge role.” - Action Council Member, Lee County

Data from the Illinois Network of Child Care Research & Referral Agencies (INCCRRA) & Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)

# Pathway Playground!!

What is a Pathway Playground you ask? It is a day for your 8th grade students to explore the 16 career clusters recognized nationally. On October 20th, 2023, ROE 47, in conjunction with Sauk Valley Community College, we will be hosting our 2nd annual Pathway Playground.



Students will have the opportunity to explore careers with local Northern Illinois employers using a hands-on approach. Come experience over 50 different businesses from around the area.

Have questions? Want to participate? Contact Heather Waninger at [hwaninger@roe47.org](mailto:hwaninger@roe47.org) or Chanda McDonnell at [cmcdonnell@roe47.org](mailto:cmcdonnell@roe47.org)

## Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

Check out ALL of our opportunities [HERE](#)

### October Schedule of Events

Tuesday	October	3	Ed Pathway Cohort 4 Meeting
Thursday	October	5	Early Childhood Monthly Dev Screening
Thursday	October	5	Superintendent's Meeting
Tuesday	October	10	STARS
Tuesday	October	10	New Teacher
Wednesday	October	11	IESE Cohort
Thursday	October	12	Health Sciences Meeting
Thursday	October	12	Social Sciences Quarterly

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Friday	October	13	Community Partnership Advisory
Monday	October	16	Early Childhood Team Meeting
Tuesday	October	17	LETRS Training (Krista)
Tuesday	October	17	Continuous School Improvement
Tuesday	October	17	LETRS Training (Kelly)
Wednesday	October	18	Librarians Networking
Thursday	October	19	SEL Bootcamp
Friday	October	20	Pathway Playground
Tuesday	October	24	Interventionists
Friday	October	27	Transitional Math
Tuesday	October	31	IESE
Tuesday	October	31	IRIS User Meeting
Tuesday	October	31	LETRS Check In

## **September Participants - 295**

Tuesday, September 5

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

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

Deanery School Improvement Networking Session @ Newman Catholic High School  
Special Educators Community of Practice Cohort @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, September 14

Librarians Networking Session @ 3:30 pm

Friday, September 15

Administrator Networking Session @ SVCC

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

LETRS Training @ 3:30 pm

Wednesday, September 20

School Counselors & Social Workers Networking Session @ SVCC

Thursday, September 21

Teacher Tools Networking Session @ 3:30 pm

Tuesday, September 26

Navigating Child & Adolescent Anxiety @ Dixon Elks Lodge

LETRS Check-In @ 3:30 pm

Wednesday, September 27

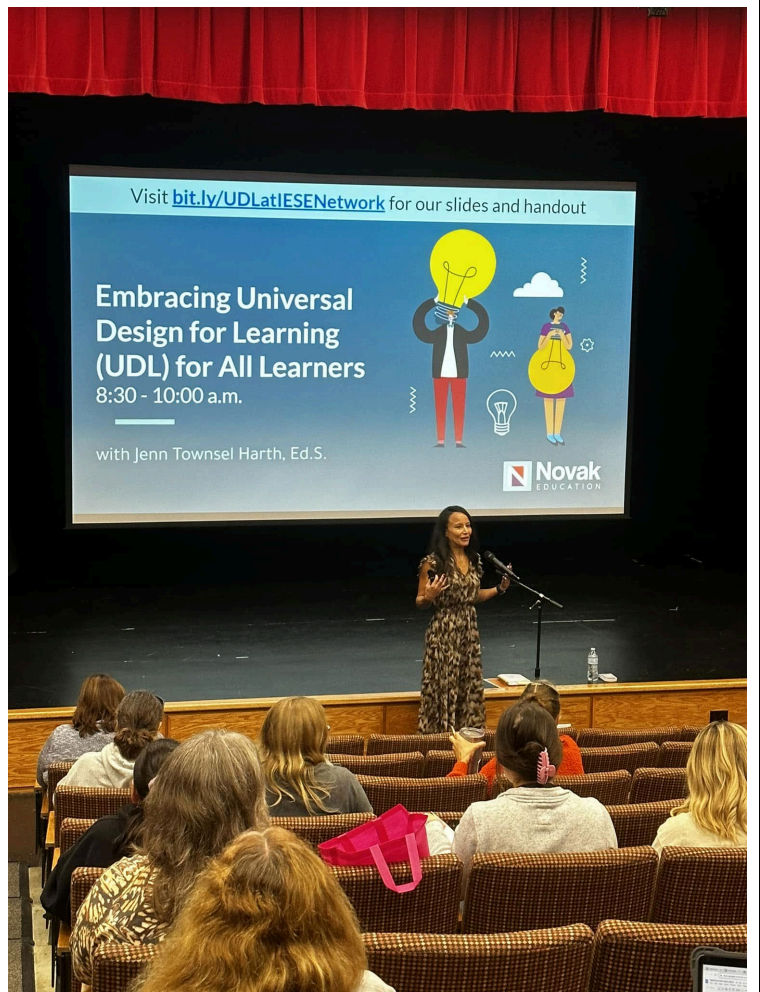
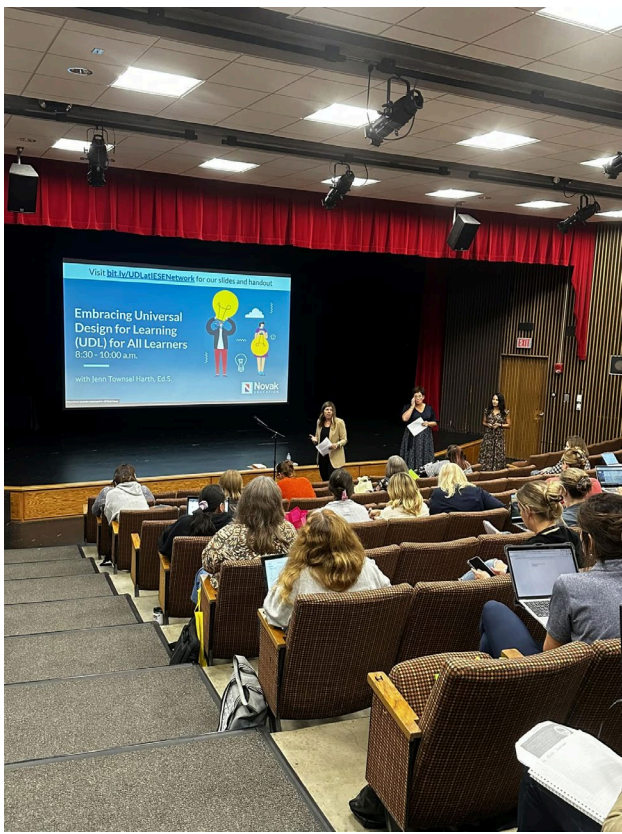
Preschool Family Support Specialist Networking Session @ 9:00 am

Friday, September 29

Special Education Summit @ SVCC

### September in Photos









### **Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: NEXUS**

Our Nexus team is currently working with 71 families within Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties. Some of the struggles have been housing, financial issues, and mental health support. We are preparing for the holiday season to see what our program may be able to help families with this year.

### **Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Student Attendance Support**

Our Attendance Team is currently working with 137 students throughout Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties. Some of the barriers that we are seeing within our program are anxiety, school avoidance, and other social issues. We are looking at possibly offering some professional development to schools about positive interventions within the school system prior to sending a referral to Truancy.

## **Parents as Teachers First Years**

September has continued to be a busy month for enrollment of families. We are almost at capacity! We have also been exploring new ways to connect our families with their communities and now have a parent educator who will be present at a community event each month. The goal is to help families engage more in their communities and take advantage of all the free activities available locally. We have noticed that since COVID, families are even more isolated and less likely to participate in activities outside of their homes. We have been thinking about how we can support families who are struggling to make social connections and want to get families more involved in their local community in order to build relationships and connectedness.

## **Education Outreach Program**

October brings us into another season and with that, accepting change. As we continue to support our students in their educational plan, we also notice the need for preparation for the months to come. Some positive changes taking place are more structured classroom environments, encouraging employability skill work and community networking opportunities.

We have a number of students actively testing with their GED coursework and even another graduate! Congratulations Izzy on earning your Illinois High School Diploma and good luck on your post-secondary path.

## **McKinney Vento Homeless Program**

The beginning of the school year brings its own unique opportunities. Identification is key. Grant funding allows for much support to help our students have the tools to allow for the best possible educational success. All district staff play a key role in making that happen. Therefore, having the entire district staff aware and informed is a vital key for the success of this program and the students we are serving.

## Regional Center for Change



### October at a Glance

- Theme for the Month of October is Spooky Halloween
- Students will take their annual fall field trip to Selmi's on October 20th
- First Quarter ends on October 17th

A True Phoenix - Bret Tegeler! Bret quietly goes about his day ensuring a learning environment where all students are engaged and learning. I can honestly say every time I have been in Mr. Tegeler's classroom this year students are quietly working on studies or quizzes on Apex. You will almost always see a student working with Mr. T at his desk. Bret has also been instrumental in our Meditation Mondays and College and Career Wednesdays at C4C. I was in Mr. Tegeler's classroom on Monday and the meditation was awesome, I think it helped bring my blood pressure down a few points! Bret went above and beyond last week and made homemade french fries with his class. Introducing students to a new skill and the fries were delicious! Whenever Bret encounters a problem he typically brings a few solutions with him! Thank you Bret for being a great teacher and mentor!

Enrollment as of 9/29/23

- Total Options = 45
- Total RSSP = 15
- TOTAL = 60