

J.E.S.S.E. Newsletter

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Welcome back to a new school year! We hope everyone had an excellent summer. There have been many changes at JESSE over the summer. Let's meet some of our new staff...

Rob Richards - JESSE Outreach Director

Replacing Dave Walker, Rob comes to JESSE from Union-North United School Corporation where he spent the past 15 years as a mild disabilities teacher at LaVille Elementary. Rob will be providing outreach support to all 9 school corporations within JESSE, while also supervising the Plymouth Academy and S.A.V.E. classroom.

Casey Ickes - SAVE Classroom Teacher

Casey comes to JESSE from South Bend Community School Corporation. He was a mild disabilities teacher for 15 years working in a variety of elementary and middle schools, most recently Greene Intermediate. Casey has a lot of experience working with the emotional disabilities population.

Cathy Wrigley- Occupational Therapist

Cathy comes to us from Green Sullivan Schools. She has served as an occupational therapist in the schools as well as the medical field. Upon her husband's job relocation to North Judson, we are happy to have her full time to serve Culver, Argos, and North Judson.

Kim Pahl- Interpreter

Kim served last year as an Interpreter at Culver Elementary, through an outside agency. As a graduate of Bethel College we are excited to have her join our staff full-time. In the fall she and her husband are expecting a new addition to their family.

Interested in an Intense Interventions License?

Indiana University is offering an Intense Interventions program and is currently registering for the fall semester. This is a great opportunity for staff that are licensed Mild Interventions and would like to add Intense interventions to their license. Not a lot of hours required. Additional Information is attached.

What is S.A.V.E. and Plymouth Academy?

- S.A.V.E. is an alternative classroom for students with disabilities (grades 6-8) located in Knox.
- Plymouth Academy is an alternative classroom for students with disabilities (grades 9-12) located within the JESSE office in Plymouth.
- Both alternative programs are designed for students who may be unmotivated, have some behavioral issues, and need a different type of learning environment. Neither program would not be an appropriate placement for students who are physically violent or tend to be "runners."
- For additional information on either of these programs, please refer to the attached documents. Information is also available on the JESSE website.

CPI Training

Some schools have already completed their CPI training for the year. Many school corporations are in the process of planning dates for their CPI training. Contact Rob Richards for more information.

Upcoming trainings: Culver Schools: September 18, 2015