

J.E.S.S.E. Newsletter

October, 2015



JESSE Board of Directors Update

At the October 12, 2015 JESSE Board Meeting, it was unanimously passed the motion to accept Argos, Culver and Triton request to remain with JESSE effective immediately. The Service Agreement will remain the same and all schools look forward to continue a positive working relationship to serve kids with special needs.

Upcoming Workshops and Trainings

- TEACCH Autism Program workshop - October 28-29, 2015 - Indianapolis, IN (\$350 per person)

Research consistently indicates that individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) respond favorably to a structured environment. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of how and why to implement structured teaching strategies (as developed by the TEACCH® Autism Program,) such as visual schedules, work systems and deliberately designed work materials. The workshop will emphasize practical strategies that attendees can begin using immediately in their settings. <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/pages/structured-teacch-ing-strategies>

- Collaborative & Proactive Solutions: Understanding and Helping Students with Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Challenges - November 5, 2015 - Avon, IN (\$125 per person)

The workshop focuses on a significant departure from discipline-as-usual: solving problems rather than just modifying behavior, emphasizes collaborative rather than unilateral solutions, encourages proactive rather than reactive intervention, de-emphasizes diagnostic categories, and provides practical, research-based tools for assessment and intervention. Participants in this workshop will leave with an understanding of the underpinnings of the model, along with practical assessment and intervention tools that can be brought back to and used in these diverse settings. <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/pages/ross-greene-workshop>

- Just a reminder about some FREE professional development opportunities, visit Indiana IEP Resource Center <https://www.indianaieprc.org/index.php/events/ieprc-workshops>



John Glenn School Corporation will be hosting a CPI refresher course on November 19th (8:30-12:30 EST). Staff from other school corporations needing CPI recertification (refresher) are more than welcome to attend. There will be a limited number of 20 participants for the training. E-mail Rob Richards if interested: r-richards@jesse.k12.in.us

JESSE Outreach Update

Many schools working with JESSE are in the process of setting up various professional development sessions to address various special education topics, not only for special ed staff, but general ed staff as well. Some schools

have already had topics presented, such as Autism 101, Differentiation, IIEP, and FBA/BIP development. There are many options when it comes to providing professional development opportunities...

- Before, during, or after school hours
- Staff meetings
- Inservice days

Administrators and special education staff, discuss what needs you have as a school. Contact Rob Richards at the JESSE office to discuss ideas you have for professional development opportunities.

Open Positions

Job Posting: JESSE

Vocational/Transitional Coordinator: Full time position (185 days a year, non-certified) to assist teachers, parents, and students in planning all facets of transition to postsecondary services for high school students within the JESSE service district. School Corporations Include Argos, Culver, John Glenn, Knox, North Judson, Plymouth, Triton, and Union North.

Education and/or Experience:

Bachelor's Degree (BA) from an accredited college and experience in the social service/social work field or experience with adults with disabilities programming including vocational/career exploration activities.

Anticipated Start Date: Dec. 14, 2015

Please send resume to Linda Holland (lholland@jesse.k12.in.us) JESSE Executive Director by Nov. 13, 2015